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"...It was a real nice picnic -- and we all had a real nice time!..." The photo above shows G-Pers who found their way to Ashtabula County for the 1992 picnic at Marge and Norm Townsend's farm in Windsor. Kneeling L-R: Bobbie Jones, Peggie Egar, Marion Treaster, Larry Cohn and Negrita (the dog). Standing: Dick Jones, Joe Egar, Dick Treaster, Jay Stotts, Bob and Rosemary Toth, Dave Levey, Denise Stotts, Ed and Arlene Cutler, and our hosts, Marge and Norm Townsend. The weather was perfect, the food was outstanding, and it's just a shame that more folks couldn't have joined us. But there's always next year.

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NEWS OF MEMBERS

No new members to report this issue. The fall philatelic season is just underway and we hope some of our collector friends who might be thinking about joining Cleveland's only downtown stamp club will decide to sign on.

Last time we noted that Dick and Loretta Parker were travelling west to Stampshow and were planning a grand tour of the U.S. beyond the Mississippi River. Well, they've returned safely and it sounds like they had a great time and saw many, many sights. At his first appearance at a Friday meeting since returning, Dick reported that they had stopped at national parks a couple of dozen times and in all had logged about 9500 miles on the Buick. Quite a trip, indeed!

We were all glad to see Milt Cornman at the meeting of October 2. Milt hasn't been around much for the past couple of years, but he looks fine and his witty replies are just as quick as ever.

Jay and Denise Stotts are still with us, but probably not for long. They made a trip to Houston the first week in October to explore residential neighborhoods near Jay's new work location. They also managed to take in HOUPEX (a local stamp show) where Jay served as one of the judges. (Some of the locals heard he was moving to Texas and decided to put him to work right away.)

Norm Townsend is scheduled to serve on the jury at COLOPEX '92 which will be held the weekend of October 9 - 11.

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

Unless noted otherwise all meetings convene at 8 PM in the Holiday Inn - lakeside, Lakeside Avenue at E. 12th Street. Ask at the desk for the room number -- it is usually on the 18th floor frequently Room 1825. Most of us come early and have dinner together in the dining room around 6 PM. The food is moderately priced and very tasty. And our regular waitress Leia, often has a surprise for us in the form of a bit of home-made candy or a cheesecake square. Come join us!

- Oct 2 Dale Pulver - "The Lighter Side of Philately"
- Oct 9 Dick Jaeger - Dick will tell us something about his collection of revenue stamps, which appears to be a life long passion of his.
- Oct 16 Clothesline exhibit - Membership participation. We just had one, you say. Yes, but not everyone participated, so here's a chance to redeem yourself.
- Oct 23 Reg Morris - Reg will tell us how the British Readers Digest ripped off the British postoffice. Don't miss this one!
- Oct 30 Bob Patetta - "Inside the Stamp Auction Game" Bob, who is Herb LaTuchie's right hand man, will give us insight on how the stamp auction business works.
- Nov 6 Gordon Wean - Gordon will update us on the latest additions to his prize winning exhibit of the Trans-Mississippi Issues.
- Nov 13 Bill Harris - "The First U.S. Contract Airmail Routes - CAM 6 & 7"
- Nov 20 Bill Ullom - "Westtown Local Post" Bill will show all seven recorded varieties of these interesting items and all on cover!!
- Nov 27 No Meeting - Happy Thanksgiving Day weekend!
- Dec 4 Vince Lucas - "Tobacco" Come and enjoy Vince's latest thematic foray.
- Dec 11 Norm Townsend - "Tibet" Before China, Norm was collecting the stamps of the land of Shangri-La.
- Dec 18 Philatelic Foundation slide show - "The U.S. 1861 Issues"
- Dec 25 No Meeting - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!
- Dec 29 Garfield-Perry Annual Christmas Party. Bring your spouse or friend and something for our annual gift exchange. Refreshments will be served.
- Jan 8 Installation of Officers and Trustees for '93 and reading of the annual reports.

EDITOR'S CORNER

I'm getting better, but this Perryscope will probably not arrive until at least three or four of the meetings listed above have passed into history. However, I do want to underscore the fact that we have some great programs scheduled for November and December. It would be great to see some of you who don't attend very often. Join us for dinner in the restaurant around 6 PM. Sometimes that's as much fun as the meeting.

Whenever I put one of these Perryscopes together I feel as if we are shortchanging our many out-of-town members when it comes to news about them. Again I make the plea "If you've been doing something interesting or noteworthy, send a note about it to me and I'll include it in the next issue."

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ON THE EXHIBITION CIRCUIT

We used to call this "IN THE WINNERS CIRCLE" and we may revert to that as the feature name in the future but let's try something different for one issue of the Perryscope. There weren't a whole lot of shows this summer (as usual) but we do have a few items we can pass along.

Stampshow '92 - August 27 - 30, Oakland, CA.

Three G-P members participated in the Champion of Champions competition: Tom Allen with his Cleveland (to 1868); Dr. John Robertson, who won the Grand Award at our last March Party with his "U.S. Postal Markings, Classic Period"; and Randy Neil, a previous G-P grand award winner with "The U.S. Two Cent Issue of 1883 - 87." Although none of these fine gentlemen won the C of C award, we know they competed mightily and we congratulate them nonetheless.

As far as I can determine, we had only one G-P member representing the Club in open competition at Stampshow. That was Tom Allen again, showing the other half of his Cleveland postal history, "Cleveland, Ohio Postal Markings, 1869 - 1900". This fine exhibit won a vermeil for Tom.

In the Stampshow Literature Competition, Tom Allen again scored with "19th Century Cleveland, Ohio Postal Markings". It received a vermeil award which is excellent for a book of its size and scope. Copies are still available from Tom for \$20. Write him at 730 Ohio Savings Plaza, 1801 East 9th Street, Cleveland, OH 44114.

Doug Kelsey, who is an associate G-P member, was also in the literature competition with his "Ohio Metered Mail Postal History", another book which should be of interest to local specialists. Doug's work was awarded a silver-bronze medal. We tip our hat to these authors whose works will help future generations of stamp collectors sort through the intricacies of our hobby.

BALPEX '92 - September 5 - 7, Hunt Valley Inn, MD

Member Bob Stanger was the big winner at this traditional Labor Day weekend show. His ever-improving exhibit, "New Hampshire Stampless Covers, 1743 - 1857" won a gold medal plus three other special awards; A.P.S. Medal of Excellence, pre-1900, Ed Ruckle Memorial Award, and the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society Medal. Nice going, Bob! As do many others, Bob touts this show as a fine place to spend a weekend.

One of our brand new associate members, Doug Uzakewicz, was also competing at BALPEX with his "A Study of the one cent 1902 Series Sheet Stamps". We saw his exhibit at the last March Party where it won a gold medal as it did at BALPEX. Good, show, guys!

BNAPEX - St. Charles, IL September 10 - 12.

This was the 44th annual meeting of the British North America Philatelic Society. From all reports it is a lively group and I recall wonderful stories about their meetings told by our late past president, Dick Pitschke. Bob Carr is active in this group and had two exhibits at the show, one in competition and the other non-competitive. Bob's "British Columbia Express" was in for prizes; his "Prince Edward Island" exhibit was not. Unfortunately, we do not have the results to report.

Ed. Note: Apologies to anyone we may have overlooked. We need help in covering all shows here, so if you have any local results which include G-P members, send them in. We'll be happy to print them in the next Perryscope.



With the exception of Tom Allen, the folks in the photo above are a group of regulars who did not go to Stampshow '93 and instead met for the regular Friday nite dinner and meeting. Seated: Tom Allen, Norm Townsend, Gordon Wean, and Jay Stotts. Standing: Dale Pulver, Frank Knurek, Bob Stanger, Justin Underwood, Denise Stotts, and Leia, our regular waitress.

The story about Tom A. bears repeating for those who may not be aware of all that he went through that weekend. Tom had two exhibits in Stampshow '93 so he flew to Oakland Wednesday and mounted them and spent Thursday at the show. Because Tom's law associate, Mark Kikta, was getting married on Saturday, Tom was obliged to fly back to Cleveland on Friday. He arrived in time to join us for dinner (as seen here). After the wedding (Sunday) Tom made another trip to the west coast to retrieve his exhibits and catch the last few hours of the show.

MARCH PARTY NEWS

Everything is on schedule for our next big philatelic bash in March, 1993. The dates again are March 19 - 21, and let's hope we don't have another one of those late season snow storms off Lake Erie like we did this past March Party. Some of our guests will get the idea we schedule it this way to torture them!

The prospectus and application forms are available and you should not delay if you wish to enter the competition. The Linn's announcement has just appeared and we expect a good number of requests as a result of that. Remember, our show fills up very quickly, and frames are usually gone by Christmas, if not sooner. By the time the next Perryscope arrives at your mailbox, it may be too late.

A new feature this year: We have traditionally had an auction in conjunction with our show. This time the auction will be conducted by Herb LaTuchie, who over the past few years has made quite a name for himself here in northern Ohio and in Florida. Herb and his right hand man, Bob Patetta, are already setting aside some better material especially for March Party visitors. The auction will take place Saturday afternoon at the Masonic Auditorium. More details next time.

The Ohio Postal History Society will hold its annual meeting at the show.

SHOWS COMING UP

The fall season in northeast Ohio is not only remarkable for its brilliantly colored foliage but also for some wonderful local stamp shows. This is the time of year when many of us crank up our philatelic activities after a summer recess, so you might want to consider attending the following:

- CUY-LORPEX 92 - October 24 & 25 at Lutheran West High School, 3850 Linden Road, Rocky River. This show, sponsored by the Cuy-Lor Stamp Club always has an interesting exhibition and some good dealers.
- WOOPEX 92 - October 24 & 25, Wooster Community Center, Wooster, OH. Same weekend as Cuy-Lor but you can attend one Saturday and the other Sunday.
- 73rd Annual STAMP EXHIBITION of the Rubber City Stamp Club, Akron, Ohio. Scheduled for the weekend of November 14 & 15 at the Gardner Student Center, University of Akron. Another of oldtime traditional Ohio shows well worth attending.
- BLACK RIVER S.C. Annual Stamp Show - November 21 & 22 at St. Jude's school, 590 Poplar Street, Elyria, Ohio. Another small, but intimate and friendly local stamp show.

SOME THOUGHTS ON COLOPEX '93

This National show, sponsored by our sister club The Columbus Philatelic Club, Inc., was moved from its normal place in the spring of the year to the weekend of Columbus Day, October 9 - 11. The local committee went all out to stage one of the largest stamp shows, from the standpoint of exhibits and scheduled activities, that Ohio has ever seen. There were 400+ frames of exhibits, and conventions or annual meetings of six stamp societies including the likes of Germany Philatelic Society, China Stamp Society, and America Philatelic Congress. Thirty-six dealers and three postal agencies rounded out the floor.

Because of a Saturday commitment, I could spend only Friday afternoon at the show, so my impressions are based on that brief period. Had I spent the weekend, or at least Saturday, the flavor might have been different.

There were some marvellous exhibits although, as might be expected, much of the material to be seen had a distinctly Teutonic aspect to it. There were Court of Honor and Guest Exhibits (I'm not sure what the difference is) up front, including four which dealt with Columbus (city or person). Dick Graham's 12-frame postal history study of Columbus, OH was particularly impressive and represented one of the rare times Dick has put his material on display. The competitive , some 240 frames worth, was sprinkled with some very interesting displays but on balance was weighted heavily with German material. The final 100 frames were filled with non-competitive (I presume) material by members of the German Philatelic Federation, many of whom came from Germany to attend the show. There were some very fine exhibits in this last group; I only wish I had had more time to study them.

As with any stamp show I attend, it was good to see many old friends again. One of the problems of a short stay at a show is that one's viewing and shopping objectives are curtailed by encounters with seldom seen acquaintances. But that is a reason we go to these affairs.

The Aladdin Temple in Columbus is a marvellous venue for a stamp show with one minor exception; the lighting over the exhibit area is barely adequate, at least for these aging eyes. There is plenty of free parking, the food obtainable at

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the show is good and reasonably priced, and soft chairs are available for those with weary feet. This year COLOPEX charged a \$2 entrance fee, no doubt to try to offset some heavy costs of staging this show. I do not know what, if any, effect this may have had on attendance. But it was my observation that the Friday afternoon attendance that I saw was not overwhelming. Several dealers I spoke with reported only low to modest sales. Hopefully Saturday and Sunday were better.

As far as I know, no G-P members were in competition at COLOPEX. In any event, the Columbus group is to be commended for their hours of hard work in organizing this major philatelic event.

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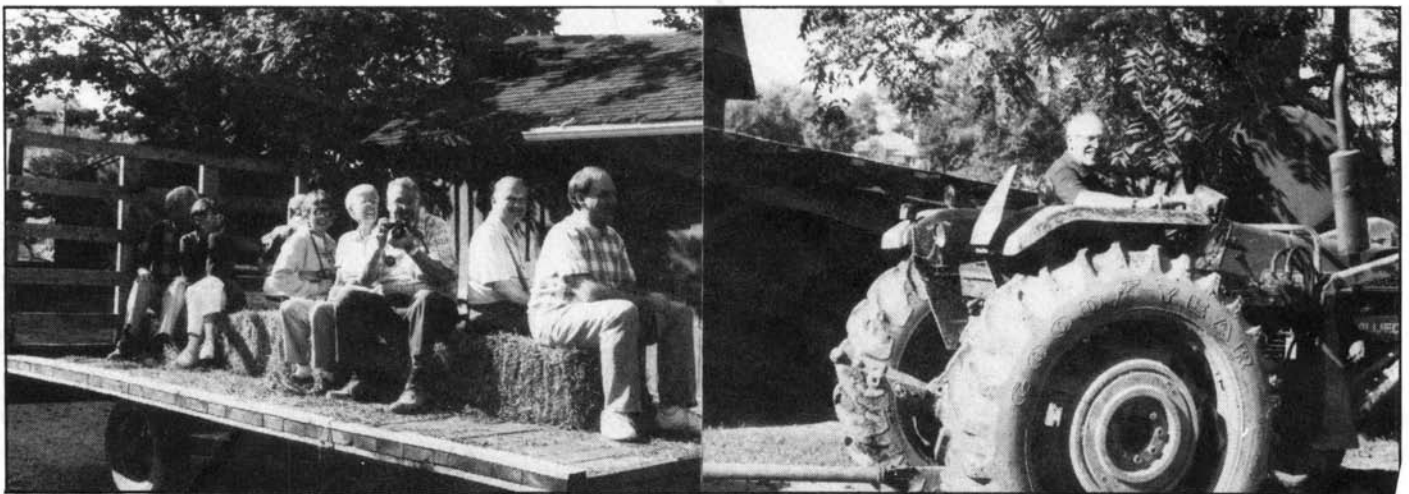
TOPEX '93 TOLEDO STAMP CLUB INVITES G-P TO SHARE EXHIBIT

The Toledo Stamp Club has invited Garfield-Perry to join them in their annual show and exhibition TOPEX '93 which is scheduled for the weekend of February 27 & 28, 1993. The show will be held in Yorkshire Hall, LaGrange Street, Toledo, OH.

TOPEX show organizers traditionally invite a neighboring stamp club to enter exhibits, along with their own members, to provide a diversified offering to the viewing public. The exhibition will be judged by two APS qualified judges and prizes awarded on three levels. The grand award will be a distinctive piece of cut glass by a local artist.

Any G-P member wishing to exhibit in Toledo is urged to contact your editor, Dale Pulver, for the proper forms. We are looking for something like 60 - 70 frames (16 pgs. each) of material. Let's have a good response to this generous offer by one of our sister Ohio stamp clubs!

G-P PICNIC SCENES



A tradition of our annual picnics (providing the weather is fair) is an old-fashioned hayride through the "back 40" by our host, Norm Townsend. In the photos here he is shown at the wheel of his tractor which towed a wagon-load of happy G-Pers. Doesn't that look like fun?! Come next year and experience it.

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