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G-P WELL REPRESENTED AT STAMPSHOW 93



In the photo above are a dozen G-P members and wives who attended **STaMpsHow 93** the weekend of August 19 - 22 in Houston, Texas. This annual event sponsored by the A.P.S., which includes the Champion of Champions competition by grand award exhibits from all national level shows of the previous year, was held at the Astroarena Expo Center. From all reports it was a good show, with a very substantial attendance in spite of extremely hot weather. The folks pictured above are, from left to right, Phil Stager, Blake Myers, Steve Kaplan, Tom Allen, Dick Parker, Denise and Jay Stotts, Pat and Tony Smith, Betsy and Don Bianchi, and Bob Toth. More on the show inside.

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NEWS OF MEMBERS

It is with great satisfaction that we report **Norm Townsend** is back attending Club meetings regularly after his recent surgery (July). Norm and wife Marge are planning another philatelic trip to China in November where Norm was invited to show and discuss his collection which deals with the North China liberation movement, i.e. conflict between communists and nationalists during the late 30's and 40's. They leave Cleveland November 10, fly to Beijing for the stamp show, CHINAPEX, after which they will visit several cities including Nanjing, Suzhou, Kinming, Guangzhou, and finally, Hong Kong. They are due to arrive back in the States December 3. At our regular meeting the following week, Norm will treat us to a report on the trip and discuss his exhibit.

Loretta and Dick Parker have been on the move again with trips to Memphis and Vermont. In between, they hosted the G-P picnic which is reported elsewhere.

Denise and Jay Stotts seem to have eased their way into the organized philatelic scene in Houston in grand style. They were both key members of the committee that staged the recent STaMpsHOW but found a few moments to visit with G-Pers who attended. Jay also served on the jury at St. Louis Stamp Expo, a new exhibition attempting to qualify as an APS national level show. And Jay is slated to be chairman of the jury for MARCH PARTY 94 so we will be seeing them in Cleveland again next spring.

After 25+ years in North Royalton, **Rosemary and Bob Toth** have sold their home there and will be moving to a condo in Medina. Unfortunately, construction of their new home is behind schedule, and they must spend a couple of months in temporary quarters. We'll publish their new address in the next **Perryscope**.

Have any personal news you wish to report to your fellow members? Drop the editor a note with particulars, and we'll publish it.

ENTERTAINMENT 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 or check the events calendar for the room number -- it is usually on the 18th floor. Most of us meet early (6PM) in the restaurant and have dinner together. The food is good, reasonably priced and there is always an abundance of comraderie and lively conversation. Why don't you join us?

- Oct 15 **Dick Parker** will show slides of **Howell Covers of Jefferson, Ohio**. Dick is aware of more varieties of these interesting covers than was reported in a recent article in *The American Philatelist*.
- Oct 22 **Reg Morris** will speak on **France, Postage Due**.
- Oct 29 **Clothesline Night** - Bring an item or two from your collection and amaze your fellow members with your philatelic knowledge. This is always a popular program and one you shouldn't skip.
- Nov 5 Member and former president **Don Bianchi** will drive in from Chicago and give us a program on **Classic U.S. Stamps**. These have been Don's "cup of tea" for many years.
- Nov 12 **Dick Graham** will speak on: **Mails of Federal Armed Forces in the Civil War**. Dick, who writes a postal history column every week in *Linn's Stamp News* is considered one of the foremost experts on postal history of the Civil War era. It will be a program you won't want to miss!
- Nov 19 **Richard Treaster** - Some thoughts on **Exhibit Design**.
- Nov 26 No meeting - Thanksgiving Day weekend.
- Dec 3 **Fred Hibben** will conduct an **Old Timer's Night**. Fred, who has had a bourse table at our annual March Party for more years than he can remember, will regale us with stories and anecdotes of G-P's glorious past. He has been in the stamp business since the 30's (most of it in Cleveland) and fondly remembers many of the characters of philately's golden era. Another program you're sure to enjoy!
- Dec 10 **Norm Townsend**, by then just recently back from his fourth philatelic junket to mainland China, will talk on **North China Liberation Area**, the title of the exhibit which he was invited to show there in November.
- Dec 17 **Bourse Night** - A final opportunity to raise a little cash or make one last purchase of a stamp item to hang on the Christmas tree (addressed to yourself, naturally!).
- Dec 24 No meeting - Christmas Eve
- Dec 28 Our traditional **Christmas Party**. Put this date on your calendar now. There will be a gift exchange and the usual "goodies" in the hospitality room on the 18th floor of the Holiday Inn.
- Dec 31 No meeting - New Years Eve
- Jan 7 Annual reports and the installation of officers for 1994.

IN THE WINNERS CIRCLE

STAmPsHOW 93 - **Tom Allen** was a winner at this A.P.S. annual event in two categories. His exhibit, "Civil War POW Mail: To, From and Between Northern Prison Camps", won a gold medal in the open competition, and also the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society Award. In the literature competition, *The Chronicle of the U.S. Classic Postal Issues*, of which Tom served as Acting Editor-in-Chief following Susan McDonald's death in March 1992, won a gold medal, too. A well deserved recognition for Tom's efforts during a difficult period of transition for the Classics Society.

Also at STAmPsHOW, associate member **Dr. Peter McCann** competed in the Champion of Champions competition with "Turks and Caicos Islands Postal History" which received the Prix d'Honneur award. **Doug Kelsey**, another associate member, exhibited in the open competition and won a gold award for "U.S. Meter Stamps and Postal History".

INDEPEX - Former G-P president **Don Bianchi** was, as far as your editor knows, the only G-P member competing in this show. But he did very well with his newish exhibit, "1909 Hudson-Fulton, the Stamp and the Exposition", winning a vermeil medal and the B.I.A. Award. Nice going, Don!

AIRPEX XVIII - This Dayton show, staged the last weekend in September, saw two G-P members with exhibits: **Tom Allen** entered his "Civil War POW Mail: To, From and Between Northern Prison Camps", and **Dale Pulver** showed "Mexico: Pre-Stamp Postal Markings". Both exhibits won gold awards. Tom's was also given the A.P.S. pre-1900 Medal of Excellence.

NEARBY STAMP SHOWS THIS FALL

While we're on the subject of shows and exhibitions, there are a number of fine events scheduled for the final quarter of '93 which are easily accessible from Cleveland and suburbs. Attend them if you can; most are put on by friends of G-P and could use our support.

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| Oct 23 - 24 | CUY-LORPEX '93 To be held at their usual venue... Lutheran West High School, Linden Road, Rocky River. |
| Oct 30 - 31 | WOOPEX '93 Sponsored by the Wooster, OH Stamp Club and held at the Wooster Community Center, Wooster, OH.
PITTPEX '93 Charles L. Sewell Center, Robert Morris College, Narrows Run Rd., Coraopolis, PA. |
| Nov 13 - 14 | Rubber City Stamp Club Show - Gardiner Student Center, U. Of Akron Campus, Akron, OH. |
| Nov 20 - 21 | Black River Stamp Club Show - St. Jude's School, Poplar Street, Elyria, OH. |

ACHESON'S RULE OF THE BUREAUCRACY - A memorandum is written not to inform the recipient but to protect the writer.

(Courtesy Joe Eggar's PROVERBS)

SCENES FROM THE CLUBHOUSE

Here are snapshots from the Club picnic at the Parkers and one of Don Bianchi and Tony Smith comparing purchases they made at STaMpsHOW 93.



Picnickers above are - seated: Julie Stanger, Chris Pulver, Loretta (with Wags) and Dick Parker, and Tony Smith. Standing: Marion and Dick Treaster, Bob Stanger, Dick Jones, Tom Allen, Bob Toth, Norm Townsend, Dave Levey and girlfriend, Rosemary Toth, Gene DeSimone, Margaret Knurek, Frances Reid, Pat Smith, Jeanette DeSimone, John Reid, and Frank Knurek.



MARCH PARTY NEWS

Garfield-Perry's 104th anniversary March Party will happen the weekend of March 18 - 20, 1994. Planning has been underway for several months and here's where we stand at the moment.

The Bureau Issues Association will join us for their annual meeting. This should not only attract some fine exhibits from their members but also add to our attendance substantially. This is a good group; there were here several years ago (1991) and we are glad to have them back. Complimenting the B.I.A., meeting we hope to arrange a visit to our show by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. This, too, will be a second visit. They participated in the 1986 March Party and produced a souvenir card especially for that show. Hopefully, we can look forward to something equally exciting this time.

The usual arrangements will prevail. The exhibition and bourse will be set up in the Masonic Auditorium, Euclid Avenue at E. 36th Street. Holiday Inn - Lake side will serve as the headquarters hotel and site for the Friday evening wine and cheese reception. A block of rooms at special convention rates (\$69/\$74) is available to dealers and guests of the Club. Early bookings are recommended.

For those collectors who wish to compete in the exhibition, application forms and the prospectus are available now. Write to: Dale R. Pulver, 7725 Beaver Creek Drive, Mentor, OH 44060-7121. As this **Perryscope** goes to print, about 20% of our frame space has already been reserved by "early birds", so you might want to act quickly to be certain of getting in. With the B.I.A. group coming, there is bound to be strong demand for frames and we will probably fill up by the end of November. Remember, applications are processed and accepted on a "first come, first served" basis.

More details next time.

AKRON COLLECTORS CLUB REACHES A MILESTONE

It's always a pleasure to take note of an achievement of one of our sister stamp clubs. On Tuesday, September 21st, the Collectors Club of Akron held its 700th regular meeting at Papa Joe's Restaurant in Akron. Twenty-three of a possible 29 local members attended. In honor of the occasion a group photograph was taken and some of the members sprang for wine and special spirits so that a proper toast might be raised by all.

There was some reminiscing about the good old days by the few survivors who could remember that far back. Following the usual short business meeting George Klee from Canton gave the program on his firsthand experiences with postal fraud and postal security.

CHISHOLM'S RULES

- 1) When things just can't get any worse, they will.
- 2) When things appear to be going better, you have overlooked something.

(Egar's PROVERBS, again.)

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EDITOR'S CORNER

Last time I began with the observation that the *Perryscope* should arrive in time to make plans to attend our annual picnic. Apparently, it did. There was a very good turnout, somewhere around twenty-five, and the Parkers proved to be consummate hosts. We also touted the G-P Farewell to the Indians Night at the Stadium. That was a successful event, too, with about eight members meeting at the Holiday Inn for dinner beforehand and four more showing up at the ball park to watch the game. And we got our money's worth, but it was a somewhat bittersweet result. The game was closely contested throughout and lasted twelve innings, with the Minnesota team finally prevailing, 4 - 3.

At a Club meeting a couple of weeks ago when a scheduled bourse night fizzled because everyone brought money to buy instead of stamps or covers to sell, we started musing about the future of our Club. One of the big questions was, "How do we attract new, younger members who will assume roles of running our Club in the future?" We have been adding new members to the rolls every year but many are associates, living too far to attend regularly. Others find Friday nights in downtown Cleveland too much for their schedules. And we suspect there may be other younger collectors about who may feel the Club is too advanced, or too stuffy, for them. This may be an erroneous perception but the fact is the current core membership is aging with insufficient replacements for the normal attrition that has occurred in recent years.

Your Board has begun to address this dilemma, discussing whether different meeting formats or even another meeting night might help resolve our problem. If readers have any fresh ideas we would certainly like to hear them. Just drop a note to any of the officers or, better yet, drop in some Friday evening and make your suggestions in person.

'Til next time, good collecting!

DRP

A BACKWARD GLANCE

Robert W. Richardson

Editor's note: This is the fourth guest column by Bob on long ago G-P events.

On March Parties: Prohibition didn't keep them from really being a party. The committee always had a plentiful supply of the latest cross-Lake Erie imports from Canada to keep the long-into-the-night sessions of talk and poker well lubricated. The Sunday morning bourse had some gaps in tables until rather late as some of the dealers were a little slow in arising on Sunday morning after their Saturday night capers.

The speed trap suburbs of Cleveland also got a cut of the Party by waylaying heavy-footed attendees coming from Pennsylvania, whose license plates made them easy game. The McDaniels of Beaver Falls got heavily socked one time and it took half the Party time to get them cheered up again.

Exhibits then were mostly displays from the collections of members with a few outstanding entries from afar. Judging was not against seriously assigned rules; it was usually left to the judges to set their own rules, but a focus on what was termed "philatelic knowledge" became a feature of the 1930s. Don't recall any use of the term "vermeil" back then. Dr. Clarence Hennan had a wonderful collection of the Brazilian Dom Pedros but was stung at one exhibition to overhear a discussion to the effect "... If I had his money I could put together such a prize winner". So Hennan asked friends and associates to save him all the 6 c. orange airmail stamps on current mail, and from these he built an award winning specialized collection of that stamp. His only costs were album pages and hinges!

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