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## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL AND EXCITING MARCH PARTY



Despite the heavy hand of Old Man Winter, our March Party for 1996 came off with minimum difficulties. On set-up day Thursday and opening day Friday, the weather was anything but pleasant, with blowing snow and bitter winds off Lake Erie. It was a large cold weather system affecting most of the northeastern U.S. and we were concerned some of our dealers who drive might have trouble making it over the mountains from the east coast. But everyone arrived safely, even the big truck from Subway, and the show went on.

There were two sessions for the GP group photo during the weekend; one is shown above. We won't attempt to identify everyone this time, but if you were there for one or the other find yourself here or on page 8, where the second photo appears.

Members came from far and wide -- significantly, Jay and Denise Stotts from Houston, Don and Betsy Bianchi from Chicagoland, and many others from points in between.

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### NEWS OF MEMBERS

Our associate member from Florida, **Clyde Jennings**, was feted at SARAPEX to a royal roasting in celebration of his 80th birthday February 2. From all reports it was a splendid affair, and as one attendee put it -- well worth the trip to SARAPEX. The festivities included a 4-page edition of the *Philatelic Inquirer*, a spoof newsletter on the life and times of Jennings and a one frame exhibit entitled "Clyde" The Man/The Myth.' Belated birthday wishes, Clyde, we hope you can make it to another March Party soon.

**Dick Jones** and **Dick Treaster** stumbled into each other recently at the APS building in State College. Both, unbeknownst to each other, had travelled there to do research at the library. Jones comments that the personnel there are most helpful, almost too much so. But he highly recommends a visit if serious reference study is required.

Our only Australian member, **Robert Judd**, was in town Memorial Day weekend for a college reunion and wandered into the Holiday Inn that Friday hoping to find some G-P members. A formal meeting had not been scheduled owing to the holiday, but several regulars gathered for dinner anyway, including Tom Allen, Tony Smith, Frank Knurek and Kent Johnson. So Bob had a nice visit with some of the gang and wants to be remembered to those he missed seeing.

### NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to our Club. Their names are preceded by their assigned membership numbers and followed by their hometowns and collecting interests.

- 1565 Tom Mahon, Brecksville, OH - Ohio Postal History, U.S.
- 1566 John J. Azarkevich, Schenectady, NY - Mint U.S. <'34, postal cards, stationery
- 1568 Helen W. Mazza, Erie, PA - Friends in the hobby
- 1569 Joseph Orosz, Cleveland - U.N. and mint U.S.
- 1570 Susan A. Reshni, Easley, SC - Lindbergh, Russia, and Germany
- 1571 John W. Wright, Vandalia, OH - Postal history

## MEETING PROGRAMS

We are late again with the **Perryscope**. The following list will include, for the sake of a complete record, entertainment topics for meetings held since the last **Perryscope** as well as those scheduled for the next quarter.

- Feb 23        Bob Toth - Postal Usages of the 6 c. Fourth Bureau Issue
- Mar 1        Tom Homa - Egypt, the Classic Period
- Mar 8        Reg Morris - World Scout Jamboree, Japan
- Mar 15       Final planning for the March Party
- Mar 22 - 24 **MARCH PARTY**
- Mar 29       Bob Toth/Bob Stanger - Turkey, a Travelogue
- Apr 5        No meeting -- Easter weekend
- Apr 12       March Party Critique
- Apr 19       Bob Fredericks - On Elyria Postal History and personal philatelic experiences.
- Apr 26       All members - "What I Bought at the March Party"
- May 3        Dale Pulver - Mexico, the First Design, 1856 - 67
- May 10       Bob Stanger - Turkey -- the missing slides were found!
- May 17       Bob Toth - Postal History of Geauga County
- May 24       No meeting - Memorial Day weekend
- May 31       Clothesline Night - Members will display and discuss a favorite philatelic item.
- Jun 7        Members Bourse
- Jun 14       Kent Johnson - More Ohio Postal History
- Jun 21       A review of CAPEX by those members who attended.
- Jun 28       Tom Hirschinger - U.S. Telegraph Stamps
- Jul 5        No meeting - Fourth of July weekend
- Jul 12       Vince Lucas - "Tea Time" Finally we will hear the twice rescheduled talk on tea in philately.
- Jul 19       Gene DeSimone - "My Specialty - Souvenir Sheets"
- Jul 26       APS Slide Program - Subject to be announced
- Aug 2        Dick Parker - Postal History of Oberlin, OH
- Aug 4        ANNUAL GP PICNIC - Will be held at Dick and Loretta Parkers home, 1526 Marview Drive, Westlake, OH. See elsewhere for a map on how to get there.

That will do it for this issue. Bob Toth and Dick Parker are still program co-chairmen and are always looking for new ideas and subjects to schedule for our meetings. Call them!

## **PALMARES FOR THE MARCH PARTY**

**Alfred Kugel**, of Hinsdale, IL won the Grand Award at our show with an exhibit titled "OVER THERE" - U.S. Forces Abroad in World War I and its Aftermath." It was a comprehensive postal history study of AEF mail from the first contingents dispatched to Britain and France through the final occupation of Germany. Al also won the award for the Best U.S., the Best Postal History, and the APS Medal of Excellence, 1900 - 1940. He will represent G.P. in the Champion of Champions competition at Stampshow '96 at Orlando, FL.

The Reserve Grand was won by our own member, **Jay Stotts**, for "UNITED STATES: The Fourth Bureau Issue." This beautifully mounted and annotated study of the definitive issue of 1923 - 1938 is Jay's first love and a theme he has worked on for many years and for which he is recognized as one of the country's foremost experts. Jay also took the award for the Best Exhibit by a G-P Member and the BIA award.

Other gold award winners were:

**Theodore Lockyear** - "Department of Justice U.S. Officials, 1873 - 1897"

**Wade E. Saadi** - "The United States First Issue - Varieties, Shades and Cancellations," also the Classics Society award and the APS pre-1900 Medal of Excellence

**Stanley Bednarczyk** - "The Chicago Street Railway Post Office - Postmarks and their Usage," also the U.S. Cancellation Club award

**A. G. Zulueta, Jr.** - "Afghanistan: Reign of Amir Habibullah Kahn"

**George Y. Fisher** - "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China"

**Richard F. Winter** - "U.S. - France Mails by Steamship"

**Paul Larson** - "UBANGI-SHARI, 1900 - 1939," also G-P award for Best Foreign Exhibit

Vermeil awards went to:

**James Lee** - "Domestic Usages of the United States One Cent 1861 - 67 Issue"

**Frank L. Shively, Jr. M.D.** - "N.C.R. Meter Stamps, 1931 - 1981"

**Stephen P. Kaplan** - "Postal Meters Stamps of the Palestine Mandate"

**Arthur J. Jensen** - "GERMANY: 1889 - 1900 Crown and Eagle Issue"

**K. David Steidley, Ph.D.** - "Usage of the One Cent Franklin, Series of 1902"

**Stephen L. Suffet** - "U.S. Third Class Mail: The First 100 Years, 1863 - 1963"

**Joseph F. Frasch, Jr.** - "CORPUS JURIS," also AAPE award

**Richard E. Drews** - "Lundy Island Local Issues"

**Charles V. Covell, Jr.** - "Soccer (Just for Kicks)," also G-P award for Best Thematic

Silver awards:

**Stuart Reddington** - "(CANADA) The 3 c. Small Head Queen, 1870 - 1897"

**Clinton Many** - "The 'Mols' Issue, Etat Independent du Congo and Belgian Congo, 1894 - 1925"

**Robert J. Payne** - "Joseph Sloper's Postage Stamp Perforator and Experimental Perfin Machine, 1870 - 1875"

**Leonard Kemper** - "Ship Stamps of the German Colonies"

**Bart J. Billings** - "A Zone Number System for Boston"

Silver Bronze awards:

**Susan A. Reshni** - "Charles A. Lindbergh and the Spirit of St. Louis - A Selective Study"

## MARCH PARTY PALMARES, Continued...

**Ferd Lauber** - "Returned: Alive or Dead, The adventures of Undeliverable Mail"

Bronze awards:

**Norwood Earl Worley, Jr.** - "Collecting the Presidential Issue"

In the **One-Frame** category, **Robert L. Markovits** took the First Prize with his "The Seven Cent Stanton Entires, 1871 - 1875." Second place went to **Myron Hill, Jr.** for "A Special Study of the Great Exhibition, London, 1851."

Our hearty congratulations to all winners! We appreciate the effort it took to prepare for our exhibit and thank all the participants.



The photo above are gold medal award winners who attended the banquet. Left to right: Jay Stotts, Dick Winter, Stan Bednarczyk, Al Kugel, Paul Larson, Ted Lockyear, and Wade Saadi. Only two of the nine gold medal awardees were not present at the March Party.

## MORE MARCH PARTY NEWS

At the recap meeting April 12 we heard mostly glowing reports from the M-P committee chairmen. It appears all areas functioned smoothly in spite of some challenging moments, particularly in regards to weather conditions. This year we had plenty of student help on set-up day and an ample supply of members on hand to assist with the exhibit mounting. Social functions, i.e. wine and cheese reception, and awards banquet, were well attended. Overall, the attendance for the three days fell just short of 2500, not a record but certainly very respectable considering conditions.

Members may be interested to learn that earlier this year the board decided that G-P should purchase 200 aluminum 16-page frames from PACIFIC 97. These are the size and style frames used at most National level shows in the U.S. Several considerations figured into this decision. Our trusty wooden frames, first used in 1954 and still serviceable, are very labor intensive and our aging mounting crews find them increasingly tiresome to manipulate. Most exhibitors now organize their displays to fit ten 16-page frames and do not like to rearrange them to fit our 12-page format. We can increase page capacity by 33% in the same occupied floor space. Cost of frames will be covered by designated gifts.



## NECROLOGY

Sadly, we must report the passing of several Garfield-Perry members in this issue of the Perryscope.

**George C. Mayer** - After a long and painful battle with cancer, our good and loyal friend from Akron passed away January 30, 1996. George joined G-P as an active member in 1984, about the time he retired from Goodyear Tire and Rubber as tech service engineer. He was a active member of the Rubber City Stamp Club and the Akron Collectors Club for many, many years and rarely failed to attend our March Party which he counted on as a source of material for his collections. He was 81.

George belonged to that fast disappearing and nearly extinct group of collectors who specialized in more than one or two areas. Among his favorites topics were Central American countries, especially Nicaragua, and his exhibit of Seebeck issues was outstanding. For the past several years he had been a regular exhibitor at the March Party, each time showing a well developed study from a different country or area. In fact, his exhibit of "Celicia - the Occupation Period, 1919 -1921" had been accepted for this year's show prior to his passing.

It was an honor and pleasure for many of us to know George and appreciate his enthusiasm for the hobby and his depth of knowledge of the areas in which he specialized. He frequently spoke at G-P meetings and could always be counted on for an interesting and entertaining program. We will miss him.

**John W. Reid** - Another loyal member passed away the end of January. John had been a member of our Club since 1955 although his interest in stamps dated from childhood. He had been a member of the APS since 1937 and received the special award for 50-year members of that society at our 1987 March Party. His collecting interests seemed focused on modern U.S. issues, although he was also fascinated with contemporary postal history. He also collected stamp dealer memorabilia.

John served in the army World War II and had worked in the insurance business. During his later years, he was employed by the U.S. Postal Service. We extend our sympathies to his wife, Lorna, and the rest of the Reid family.

**Milton Evans Cornman** - We lost one of our oldest and most colorful members on May 19th. Milt was 87 at the time of his passing and had been a member of our Club for almost 60 years. He joined G-P in 1937 (membership #659) and remained very active in Club affairs until just a few years ago. For many of us, he served as the living link between contemporary times and the legendary figures of the Club's past.

Milt served on the March Party committees of the early '40s with men who knew the original founders of our Club. And he was always ready with humorous anecdotes of Club members and Club activities from those "golden days" of stamp collecting. For years he assisted the late Nelson LaGanke in the celebrated High Hat sales, and after he retired from his chosen profession in sales to the printing trade, he ran his own stamp store in the Rockport shopping center in Rocky River. His recounting of how he was the object of an armed robbery at his stamp store one day will be remembered as one of his funniest stories.

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## NECROLOGY, Continued...

Milt was involved with Dr. James Frackleton, onetime participant in Rattlesnake Island real estate, in the production of the local postage stamps issued to frank mail carried to the mainland. He assembled a comprehensive display of this material which was the subject of one of the last programs he gave to the Club.

G-P honored Milt in '87 with a plaque marking his 50-year membership with the Club, and again at the Centennial celebration in 1990 as one of two longstanding, active Senior Members (the other was Fred Hibben). The Club also shared in Milt's 80th birthday celebration at the Friday night meeting April 21, 1989.

Again, we mourn the loss of a dedicated and loyal member who will be remembered for his crusty outspokenness and quick wit. Rest in peace, Uncle Miltie!

**Clyde E. Preston** - Thanks to information from Dick Yaeger we can report the passing of Clyde Preston on April 25, 1996. Clyde was not active in recent years and was probably unknown to most current members. He joined the Club in 1944 (member #828) and was also active in the now defunct Masonic Stamp Club. Specialized in the U.S. Columbian Issue.

## EDITOR'S COMMENT

I have not been timely with the *Perryscopes* for the last several months. This will be the first one issued in 1996, certainly not on the quarterly schedule you should expect. Don't really have any valid excuses -- and they shouldn't count, anyway. Situation at home is much better than a year ago when wife Christine was midway through physical rehab. Domestic responsibilities are still time consuming and I have been working again somewhat more than half time. That probably contributes some to the lack of enthusiasm I often experience for slaving over the keyboard following a long day.

Elsewhere in the *Perryscope* we note the impending purchase of new exhibition frames. We will take delivery after the close of PACIFIC 97 in June of next year, so our 1997 March Party will be the last time for our glass fitted 12-pagers. Personally, I'm sorry to see them go. In my book they had several advantages over the larger ones. But considering all angles, it's time to move on and get in step with most of the National shows, as well as Stampshow, which have adopted as standard the frames we are purchasing.

The history of our wooden frames is interesting. Originally there were about 110 frames built in time for the 1954 March Party. These replaced smaller, six-page frames and were considered state of the art at that time. In the early 70's, the Masonic Stamp Club disbanded and Spensley Daykin arranged for us to buy their frames, about 65 in number and the same size as ours. Meanwhile, G-P had opened its exhibit to non-members and the demand for frame space increased dramatically. We also decided to seek national show status, a requirement for which was space for at least 2500 album pages. So, over several years I undertook to make more frames, about 70 in all, to achieve the necessary space. We have about 240 serviceable frames and hope we may be able to sell them to local clubs.

How many of you read "The Amazing World of Kasimir Bileski" in the May issue of the *American Philatelist*? Did anyone notice in the acknowledgement the author's special thanks to Blair Stitt of Florida for contributing a 23-year file of correspondence with Bileski? Blair is a longtime member and former president of G-P, who occasionally returns to Ohio for visits and sometimes drops in on Club meetings.

### EDITOR'S COMMENT, Continued...

As I put the finishing touches on this *Perryscope*, the philatelic community is converging on Toronto for CAPEX 96. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend, but several of our local members are going and I imagine a respectable number of our out-of-town members will be there, too. These international shows are always grand affairs and fun to attend. Usually, even the most finicky collector will find exhibits of interest and dealers with material suitable for his or her collection. We hope those of you who did make it were successful in all respects. Come to a meeting and tell us about your experiences.

'Til the next issue...

DRP

### SCENES FROM THE CLUBHOUSE

As promised, here are some more photos taken at the March Party. Again, our thanks to Don Bianchi for serving as official event photographer. He did a great job!



We'll identify those members posing in this photo: Standing, L to R - Roger Gratz, Frank Shively, Vince Lucas, Grant Ricksecker, Dick Jones (in a cluster), Marie Ricksecker, Tony Smith, Tom Mahon, Reg Morris, Betsy Bianchi, Jay Stotts, Millie Underwood, David Levy, Bob Toth, Justin Underwood, Dick Parker, and Dave Wessley. Kneeling - Dale Pulver, Denise Stotts, Don Bianchi and Tom Allen.

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### JUSTIN UNDERWOOD RECEIVES NELSON P. LaGANKE AWARD

At the M-P banquet, the awarder becomes the awardee. Justin Underwood, who for many, many years has assisted awards chairman Bob Toth in the distribution of our medals, was on the receiving end of one this time. He is shown below receiving the LaGanke service award and congratulations from Club president Bob Stanger.



For the final photo in this *Perryscope*, we include one taken during the Sunday breakdown of the March Party. Here the team of Jay Stotts, Tom Mahon, and Bob Stanger are shown dismounting the last row of exhibits.



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