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G-P MEMBERS HAVE MINI-REUNION AT STAMPSHOW 96



For many years it has been a custom for G-P members attending the annual APS convention to gather for a group photo and often a dinner together. This year was no exception. In the picture above, taken near the APS registration desk for Stampshow 96, we have: Standing - Tom Allen, Jay & Denise Stotts, Steve Kaplan, Betsy Bianchi and Tony Smith. Phil Stager and Don Bianchi are kneeling. Dick and Loretta Parker also attended but were not available for the picture.

From all reports, it was a very good show, but owing to the immensity of the Orange County Convention Center, in Orlando, Florida, venue for the 110th annual convention, it was difficult to gauge the attendance. Details will be found elsewhere in this *Perryscope*, on four of our members who competed in the Champion of Champions competition, and on Jay Stotts, who did rather well in the open exhibit.

Back home, we had a regular meeting with a "show and tell" session on some of the other collectibles our members hoard. 'Twas an interesting, and revealing, program.

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NEWS OF MEMBERS

Dick and Loretta Parker have been travelling a lot lately. After the Club picnic Aug 4 they were off on a long circuit that culminated in a visit to Stampshow 96 in Orlando, Florida. They eventually made it back to Ohio for a couple of weeks, only to leave again for more travel during which they will visit INDYPEX (Indianapolis), MILCOPEX (Milwaukee), and AIRPEX (Dayton). We await Dick's reports on these various stamp shows.

Dave Wessely reports that **Bob Frederick** is cleaning house and Bob gave Dave an accumulation of slides taken of the philatelic treasures of our late member **Kenneth Keister**. Ken passed away in about 1974 and most of our current members never met him. But he was a good collector and had some wonderful material. We believe he won a Grand Award (then the Lagerloef Cup) at a March Party. Dave promises to go through the slides and see if we can extract a program or two for our Friday meetings. While there were no write-ups, Dave says, "the material captured on film speaks for itself!"

NEW MEMBERS

We have to make some corrections to the list of new members published in the last *Perryscope*. John J. Azarkevich was erroneously listed as member number 1566. He is really member number 1567. Inadvertently omitted from that list was **Gayland Stehle**, who is member number 1566. We apologize for the mix-up.

This month we do have two new members to report:

- 1572 Anthony M. Mazany, an Akron collector who concentrates on errors, Zepps, 19th century U.S. and Canada
- 1573 Leonard Kortekaas, from Illinois who collects U.S.

MEETING PROGRAMS

This **Perryscope** is a bit late again, so we'll pick up with the meetings following the list in the last issue.

- Aug 9 **Joe Egar** - A travelogue tour through the Yucatan Peninsula and the monuments of the ancient Mexican civilizations that lived there.
- Aug 16 **Gayland Stehle** - "My Other Hobby -- Coin Collecting"
- Aug 23 Members' Show and Tell, not necessarily stamps.
- Aug 30 No Meeting - Labor Day weekend
- Sep 6 A review of Stampshow 96 by members who attended.
- Sep 13 **Gayland Stehle** - "My Other Hobby, Part II (Paper Currency)"
- Sep 20 All members - "An Album Page or Two from My Favorite Collection"
- Sep 27 APS Slide Show - "Classic U.S. Airmail Covers"
- Oct 4 G-P History Night - Bring your favorite mementos of our Club's past.
- Oct 11 **Bob Toth** - "Military Mail with the 20¢ Prexie"
- Oct 18 **Dale Pulver** - "Some of the Useful Old, and New Tools of Philately"
- Oct 25 **Bob Terry** - "British Columbia Law Stamps"
- Nov 1 **Reg Morris** - "French Postal History" Always informative and entertaining, Reg will lead us through an area he has never presented at GP. Don't miss this one!
- Nov 8 **Robert V.C. Carr** - One of our Akron Collectors Club colleagues will tell us how he won the Grand Award at the recent BNAPS convention with his "Express Covers of British Columbia."
- Nov 15 **Fred Hibben** - Fred and a local panel will attempt to answer the question: "Is Scott's Catalogue the Worst or the Best?"
- Nov 22 The Collectors Club of Akron joins us for this meeting. Various topics.
- Nov 29 No Meeting - Thanksgiving
- Dec 6 APS Slide Show - "The Tale of the Kicking Mule Cancel"
- Dec 13 Members "Show and Tell" - **Stamps Only!** Covers will have the night off.
- Dec 20 APS Slide Show - "The Cape Triangles" The inside story on one of the world's favorite stamp issues. You won't want to miss it.
- Dec 27 G-P CHRISTMAS PARTY - Join us for dinner at the HI restaurant, bring a gift for the traditional party and gift exchange afterwards.
- Jan 3,'97 Annual Reports and Induction of new officers.

Dick Parker and Bob Toth still welcome suggestions and offers for entertainment at our regular Friday nite meetings.

NECROLOGY

It is our sad duty to report the passing of two long time and loyal members of our Club. Both had given noteworthy service to G-P in their active years and we will miss them.

Nicholas J. Johnson, MD - "Doc," as he was known to most of the G-P regulars, died June 15, at his home in Charlottesville, VA after a long bout with cancer. He was 79. Professionally, Johnson was a well known ophthalmologist in the Cleveland area and maintained an office in Parma for many years.

His philatelic interests were, for the most part, focused on postal history. He assembled a number of prize-winning exhibits, notably in the Confederate and Transatlantic fields. Doc was an expert on the complex rules and treaties dealing with 19th century pre-UPU mail between the U.S. and Europe and occasionally gave programs at our meetings on this interesting but confusing subject. Longtime members will recall Dr. Johnson's famous postal history quiz of the mid-1970s. Members expecting entertainment instead found themselves faced with a very difficult written examination as the evening's program. After a few minutes the audience rose up in open revolt and even the well-informed Charlie Ball pronounced it beyond solution in one sitting. Doc then said it could be taken home as an open book quiz!?

Doc joined G-P in 1963 (member #826), served in all the offices and was elected president for 1970 & 71. It was during his second term that he invited the Club to his farm in Richfield for a summer picnic. The Johnsons hosted the Club again in 1977 together with the Collectors Club of Akron, of which Doc also served a term as president.

In 1991, the Johnsons left Ohio and moved to Charlottesville, VA. He would occasionally drop in at the Club when visiting the Cleveland area. Those of us who knew him were especially happy to see him again at the 1996 March Party. It turned out to be his last visit to a Club event. He was in the group photo on the front page of the last *Perryscope* (front standing row, fourth from left).

John S. Whittlesey - Only two days after Doc Johnson's passing (June 17) another loyal G-P member died. We all knew him as Jack, and when he left us he was only a week short of his 92nd birthday. He enjoyed remarkably good health most of his long life but also succumbed to cancer which ran its course rather quickly.

Jack joined G-P a second time in 1944 (he was a member from '34-36) and continued uninterrupted membership until he died. He was very active in Club affairs for many years and served his term at the helm of G-P in 1957. In the later years of his active participation he often did the publicity for the March Parties.

Jack's collecting interests spanned a broad spectrum. Early on, he formed a prize-winning collection of Brazil. This he later sold and began concentrating on postal history. His favorite topic was cancellations and markings connected to the industrial growth of the U.S. -- town marks with the words: factory, forge, foundry, furnace, mill(s), and so forth. He became so absorbed in this specialty that he would write the various postmasters of extant postoffices seeking current cancellations and historical details of the locations. He and his first wife Mary often visited the small towns represented in his postmark collection.

Jack was a member of a number of other philatelic organizations, APS, CC of NY, Postal History Society, Pennsylvania P.H. Society, and Empire State P.H.S. He was one of the founding members of the Ohio P.H. Society and designed the logo adopted by this group. Jack was very proud of his philatelic and historical society associations and in his will provided bequests for many of them. He left \$4,000 to Garfield-Perry to be used as the Club saw fit.

MARCH PARTY NEWS

Our 1997 107th anniversary March Party will take place the weekend of March 21 - 23. As all members should know by now, it is one of the great national level stamp shows of the U.S. and brings to Cleveland some of the nation's most renowned stamp dealers and some of the country's most outstanding collectors and exhibits. The venue is the same as it has been for several years -- Masonic Auditorium at E. 36th and Euclid. The Holiday Inn, Lakeside at 1111 Lakeside Avenue, will be headquarters hotel and site of some of the social events.

For those of you who might be contemplating an exhibit, do not delay your decision. We generally fill up by the end of the year and that's not too far away. The prospectus and application forms are now ready, and can be had by dropping a card or note to Dale Pulver, 7725 Beaver Creek Drive, Mentor, OH 44060-7121. He will see that you get one by return mail.

In the last *Perryscope*, we mentioned that this would be the last year for the Club's glass fitted, 12-page frames. So, if you want to be an exhibitor who showed your really good stuff under glass this is your last opportunity. Starting 1998, we will use the aluminum 16-page frames that have become more or less standard at the major shows. These frames contain lightweight, clear plastic, not glass. For those interested, we have what we believe to be a first class judging panel: **Ann Trigg** (chair), **Paul A. Larson**, **Roger G. Schnell, MD**, **Phillip J. Stager**, and **Jay B. Stotts**. Our apprentice this year will be **Diane D. Bohret**.

Additionally, the Postal History Society and the Ohio Postal History Society will hold annual meetings at the show. There will be seminars for those thirsting for philatelic knowledge, and the usual Friday evening wine and cheese party for those thirsting for a good time. Check the next *Perryscope* with further announcements. But do act now if you wish to exhibit!

IN THE WINNERS CIRCLE

There hasn't been too much action in the exhibition arena since the last issue, but we can report a few results from **CAPEX 96** and **Stampshow**.

At **CAPEX** **Bob Markovits** and **Dick Winter** won gold medals. Bob showed his U.S. Officials and Dick had his U.S.-France mails by steamship. In the Large Vermeil category there were three G-P winners: **Doc Carr** with his British Columbia, **Jay Stotts** with his fourth Bureau issue, and **Vince Lucas** with "Coffee." **Phil Stager** won a Vermeil with his retitled topical, "Ailments of Venus." And finally, **Peter McCann** took a Large Silver with his Tristan da Cunha postal history exhibit.

At **Stampshow**, four G-Pers were represented in the C of C competition: **Peter McCann** had his "British Virgin Islands Postal History"; **Clyde Jennings** - "The Half-A Collection"; **Bob Markovits** - "U.S. Officials 1873-1884"; and **Phil Stager** with "Ailments of Venus."

In the open competition, **Jay Stotts** took Gold and two special prizes, APS Medal of Excellence, 1900-1940 and BIA Statue of Freedom Award, for his "Fourth Bureau Issue." **Ken Lawrence** had a non-competitive exhibit, "Interesting and Unusual U.S. First Days and Earlier Usages," and **Clyde Jennings** was party to a Display Class exhibit, "A B-I-I-I-I-G Bellyache" which received a bronze award.

EDITOR'S CORNER

As I begin this, the weather is definitely fall-like -- cool temperatures, overcast skies, and a bit of light rain. I'm confident we're still in for some lovely fall days, but today is reminiscent of the kind of day when I head for the stamp den. And fall is traditionally the start of a new cycle in the stamp world; the fall shows (see list), a new round of stamp auctions, and improved attendance at club meetings.

We have, I believe, a good lineup of programs for the fall/winter quarter. Starting in mid-October, we have a string of speakers on a broad spectrum of topics that should appeal to to all serious collectors. We have also reserved some of the fine, APS slide programs based on interests expressed by several members. And finally, there are a couple of audience participation nights that everyone seems to enjoy.

Last month we noted the impending purchase of new exhibition frames and the sale of our old ones. I mentioned that our 12-page wood frames were acquired for the 1954 March Party; I made a mistake -- it was for the 1953 March Party. So, some of them are one year older than reported, but none the less serviceable. In any event, we will be disposing of the old ones in one form or another and if any reader knows of a club that might be interested, please have them get in touch with us. Prices have not yet been established but they will be reasonable, and certainly far, far below replacement cost. Availability -- after the 1997 March Party. Incidentally, *Linn's* gave us a nice little write-up about the frame situation in their July 29, issue. Did you see it?

The G-P Philatelic Library was a matter of discussion at a recent board meeting. For newer members who may not know, this is a large collection of philatelic books and journals originally owned by our Club, that was turned over to the Cleveland Public Library in 1948 for safe keeping. Since that time it has grown from donations and CPL purchases. Originally housed in the fine arts section, it was moved to the business department (old Plain Dealer Building) and when that was to be razed for the new annex, it was moved again -- into storage. We assume that when the new annex is complete, it will again be available for use. Under the terms of the original donation, the collection can be accessed on site by anyone, but only G-P members can check out books. It was agreed we should endeavor to learn CPL's plans for the collection. Over the years several members have served as ex-officio Club librarians. Perhaps we should find a new one. Any volunteers out there? It is a good resource and a pity it isn't used more.

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FALL STAMP SHOWS IN OHIO

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| Sep 28-29 | AIRPEX XXI, Dayton Convention & Exhibition Center, 5th & Main, Dayton, OH |
| | MAVEX 96, National Guard Armory, Victoria Road, Austintown, OH |
| Oct 12-13 | STARPEX XXXVI, Canton Hilton Hotel, 120 Market Ave., S., Canton, OH |
| Oct 19-20 | CUY-LORPEX 96, Lutheran West H.S., 3850 Linden Rd., Rocky River, OH |
| Nov 9-10 | Rubber City Stamp Club 77th Annual Exhibition & Bourse, Gardner Student Center, U. of Akron, Carroll St., Akron, OH |

These are all good stamp shows, and we're sure the organizers would be glad to see any and all G-P members who care to attend. You might find just the stamp or cover you're looking for at the bourse.

SCENES FROM THE CLUBHOUSE

This time we are featuring photos from the annual G-P picnic. It was again held at the Parkers' in Westlake, and although the weather was touch and go, the raindrops held off.



The traditional photo (on the front step) shows: kneeling - Dick Parker, Jeannette DeSimone, Tony Smith & Frank Knurek. Standing, 1st row - Dale Pulver, Bob Stanger, Loretta Parker, Margaret Knurek, Gene DeSimone, Dick Jones, Mrs. & Dick Yeager. Behind them - Pat Smith, Bobbi Jones, Julie Stanger, Delaine and Gayland Stehle. Top row - Tom Mahon, Kent Johnson, Rosemary & Bob Toth, Tom Allen.



There is serious stamp talk on the deck as Rosemary Toth and Julie Stanger prepare the buffet tables.

All in all, it was a very pleasant afternoon and we sincerely thank Dick and Loretta Parker for their hospitality and all the work they did to made the picnic so successful.

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