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## "IT WAS A REAL NICE PICNIC"



The weather was warm and humid. But a strong breeze from the northeast helped moderate the climate for our annual picnic on August 2. It was held in Avon Lake, behind Tony Smith's office building, and the location turned out to be very suitable provided you were able to find your way there. The picnic fare was plentiful and delicious — we are certain no one went home hungry. Among the twenty-odd members and significant others who attended we managed to get most to sit for the traditional picnic photo shown above. Seated are: Bob Stanger, Pat Smith, Julie Stanger, Loretta Parker, Kathryn Spearman (Tom Mahon's friend), Jeanette DeSimone. Behind them standing are: Bob and Rosemary Toth, Tony Smith, Dick Jaeger, Dick Parker, Kent Johnson, Shawn Wilson, Margaret Knurek, Tom Mahon, Tom Allen, Frank Knurek and Gene DeSimone. Dick and Bobbie Jones also attended, but left before the photo. Photo conditions were not good at that time of day, so some harsh shadows fell on some of the folks in the back row.

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## NECROLOGY

**FRED W. HIBBEN**

1923 - 1998



*Photo taken at 1998 MARCH PARTY of Fred Hibben attending to a customer in front of his bourse table.*

With genuine sadness we announce that our old friend, **Fred W. Hibben**, passed away suddenly on September 5 in South Carolina. Fred had been a member of our club since 1948 and carried membership number 941. Fred was born in Lakewood and grew up in Cleveland. He served with the U.S. Army in WWII and attended the University of Pennsylvania. He was employed as yardmaster by the NYCRR and retired in 1986. By then it was called ConRail. Fred had many amusing stories about his days with the railroads.

For most of us he was the nearest thing there was to a permanent fixture at the March Party, boasting he had been a bourse dealer since age 15 and never missed — a span of about 60 years. He operated under the business name of Ace Stamp Co. and carried a very comprehensive stock of 20th century U.S. stamps. He seemed to have an uncanny knack for finding ample sources of popular items such as the scarce plate number coils that became the rage in recent years.

He was the consummate raconteur when it came to philatelic matters. A couple of years ago Fred gave a program on his memories of our Club. Luckily, we videotaped that talk and so have a record of Fred's humorous way with our past.

We will miss seeing him in his usual spot on the corner facing the USPS sales counter.



## THE EDITOR'S CORNER

First, I want to apologize to the membership for not only the tardiness of what normally is our *Perryscope* for the fourth quarter, but also the fact there was no third quarter issue at all! I have had too many irons in the fire during this hectic summer and just kept procrastinating when it came to the Garfield-Perry newsletter.

I know some of our members rely on the program listings to decide which meetings to attend, so timely publication is important. I will try to do better next time. For the record, we have listed all the programs since the last issue (page 3), even though many of them are history. At least it gives you a chance to see what you may have missed.

On a different subject, the '99 MARCH PARTY is less than six months away and it is definitely not too early to start making plans for it. If you were thinking about exhibiting, write me for a prospectus and application. Their availability has been announced in the philatelic media, and I am already receiving applications. Plenty of space remains, but do not delay too long. We have a popular show and usually fill up before the end of the year. 'Til next time...

DRP

### FOR SALE

1997 was the last year for our 12-page glass fitted frames. Henceforth we will use the 16 page aluminum frames that have become standard with most national shows. Our old ones are available to clubs, dealers or individuals who might use them for display purposes.

\$7.50 or \$5.00 each,  
depending on condition  
(Contact Editor or Club Officer)



**G-P MEMBERS  
HAVE QUIET  
SUMMER IN  
SHOW ARENA**

Local members opted out of the competition arena for the most part during the past several months. As far as we can determine, the only members competing in Stampshow were out-of-towners, but they did so at the highest level. **Dr. John Robertson** was in the Champion of Champions competition with a relatively new exhibit "Cross Border Mail: United States and British North America to 1897" as was **Ann Trigg** with her "CYMRU (Wales)," a version of which we saw in Cleveland several years ago.

In other results we have not previously reported: **John Robertson** took the reserve grand at Plymouth Show with his U.S. Free Franks, and **Dr.**

**Frank Shively** won a gold with his Yukon Law Revenue stamp exhibit. Member **Bob Markovits** has been doing well on the circuit with his one-frame exhibits, of which he has several. At NOJEX 98 (May 23-25), his "The 5¢ New York City Airmail" won a platinum and best of show; a gold medal went to his "Garfield Stationery"; and vermeil was awarded to his "The 80¢ Hawaii Air Mail Issue."

Speaking of one-frame exhibits, your editor received a show gold and a MEPSI bronze at MEPSIRREY 98 for his "Anotado" exhibit at Monterrey, Mexico in April.

At OKPEX 98, **Bill Jones** took a vermeil medal and the topical award for his "Merit Badges for Boy Scout Eagle Award as Shown Philatelically." This exhibit was at our March Party and seems to have been under-appreciated by that jury.

Members attending AIRPEX the weekend of September 25 reported back that **Jay Stotts** took the reserve grand with his exhibit of the fourth bureau issue. Lacking the palmares for this show, we cannot list the exact title.

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**G-P AT STAMPSHOW 98**

Santa Clara, CA, August 27 - 30

In the photos below we have Don & Betsy Bianchi and Pat & Tony Smith posing in front of one of the Postal Service displays and Betsy and Pat having a good laugh with Sylvester and Tweety on the exhibition floor.



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