

NEW RPO LISTING



Who says there are no more new philatelic finds? This Buffalo & Pittsburg RPO cancel is the first reported find of a magenta cancel. Previous covers all had black cancels. The cancel is 215-F-1 in the RPO catalog published by the Mobile Post Office Society.

The new find was confirmed by the MPOS and will appear in the next catalog.

Club members are encouraged to report their new discoveries so they can be shared with the Club.

MAY PRESENTATION

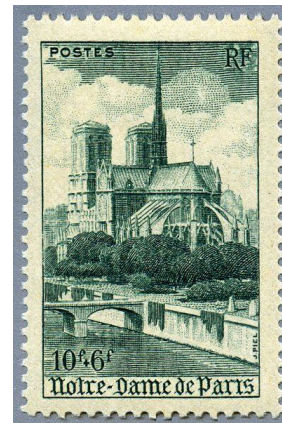
Irv Tesmer's annual presentation will deviate from Western New York Postal History. This time Irv goes to the back of the book and gives us an overview of US Revenues. Irv will open up his albums and show many spectacular examples. Do not miss this presentation.



NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL

It was sad to see the catastrophic fire engulf Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris on April 15th. If you ever had the opportunity to see it in person, it is a beautiful church. The architecture is stunning and its place in the center of Paris makes it a significant landmark. It does not even come close to the Eifel Tower!

While I do not collect France, I looked through my accumulations and did find a French stamp picturing Notre Dame Cathedral.



This 1947 French semi-postal, Scott B217, is a beautiful stamp. It is an engraved stamp, which is not used to produce stamps anymore. It depicts a view of the cathedral from across the River Seine showing the buttresses, the two bell towers and the spire. As we know, the spire was destroyed in the fire.

Perhaps France will issue another semi-postal stamp picturing Notre Dame Cathedral. It would make sense in that the additional proceeds from the sale of the stamps would help with the cost of reconstruction.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY





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MAY HIGHLIGHTS

The Club enters its final full month of activities before entering its Summer recess. The last official business on the Club calendar is the election of the 2019 class of Directors for the Club Board.

The last presentation of the year is Irv Tesmer's annual appearance. His presentation typically centers on Western New York postal history, but he also has other collecting interests.

The last two meeting dates are auctions with only one meeting date in June which again is an auction. It has been a busy year with the Club sponsoring two major events. It is nice to wind down and enjoy what we like best, philately.

April was also a relatively quiet month due to the absence of some members who went on vacations. This resulted in light attendance and smaller auctions. We expect that May will bring everyone back with the usual fervor we are accustomed to seeing at auctions. Three auctions will provide a good opportunity to build up some inventory to keep us busy through the summer.

MAY CALENDAR

May 3rd: Auction and Board Election

May 10th: Presentation by Irv Tesmer

May 17th: Auction

June 7th: Auction

July 12th: Board of Directors Meeting

Leonard Post, 2450 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga

Auctions begin immediately following any business and announcements which starts at **7:15 PM**. Get here early enough to view auction items. Seller deadline for submitting Lots is **6:45 PM**

Presentations begin at **7 PM** in the Happy Room.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The annual election for Board of Directors will be held prior to the Auction on May 3rd. As stated previously four members of the Club will be elected to serve a term of 3 years.

The following Club members will appear on the ballot:

Al Carroccia
Pam Kreuzer
Steven Licht
Dan McNess
Paul Moore

Ballots will be passed out to Club members prior to the start of the auction. It is important that only four names be chosen!

The ballots will be collected, and the results compiled by the committee. The results will be reported before the end of the auction.

It is refreshing to see new names on the ballot. This class will have three new Board members who will bring fresh, positive and innovative ideas to move the Club forward.

With that being said, the Club thanks the following Board members who chose not to run again for the Board:

Dan Sherwood
Candy Vogel
Bill Witschard

Dan, Candy and Bill were instrumental in the success of many Club activities. Thank you!

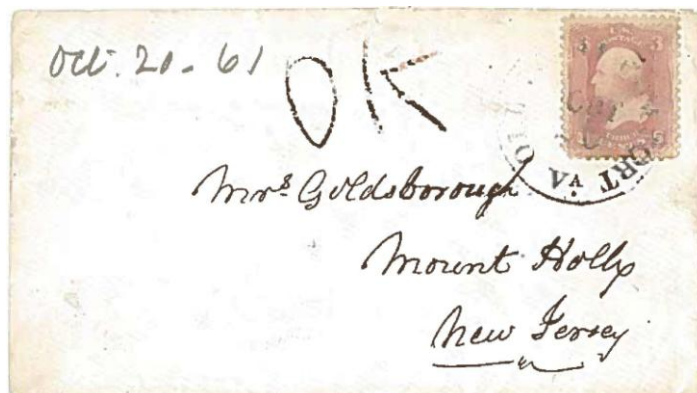
INTERESTING DISCOVERY

By Bob Meegan

When I had my *U.S. Domestic Letter Rates* exhibit in the Garfield Perry show a while ago, an interesting discovery came to light:

One of the covers in the exhibit was mailed during the Civil War and has the mark "O K" on the cover. It didn't impact the Rate of the cover, so I never investigated this marking on a cover that I got for about \$25.

A specialist on Civil War covers and Civil War history saw it in the exhibit and advised me that it is a very scarce marking. It is from a Union Officer who used that marking rather than the standard "Approved by Censor" mark. He said that Stanley Priller - one of the dealers at the show - has one of these scarce covers for sale. I went to Stan and he showed me a nearly identical cover with the same marking from the same Officer to the same person - and it was priced at \$1,750.00. The one in my exhibit is franked with a certified #64 (the scarce pink shade) and Stan said it would probably sell for about "three grand or so in a Siegel Auction" because it is probably the only known "O K" cover franked with the pink shade!



WOW!!! That's the advantage of exhibiting and collaborating with other collectors!

SHOW ANNOUNCEMENT

The Clifton Stamp Society wishes to announce:

CLIFTON 2019 SPRING STAMP, COIN, COVER, CURRENCY, POSTCARD & COLLECTABLES SHOW

**SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019 – 9:30AM to 4:00PM
COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER
1232 MAIN AVENUE @ WASHINGTON AVENUE
CLIFTON, NJ 07011**

- UP to 15 DEALERS and the US Postal Service
- UNOFFICIAL FDC OR 2nd DAY COVER
- Free Admission - DESIGNATED YOUTH AREA - DOOR PRIZE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO OUR WEB SITE AT www.clifton-stamp-society.org or contact Tom Stidl (President) at 973-471-7872.

PAN AM CINDERELLAS

Some updated news - Rick Barrett's book, "*Buffalo Cinderellas*" won a Large Vermeil Literature Award at Chicagopex 2018 in November.

Rick and his wife will be in New England on a 4-week road trip later this month. He'll be speaking about his book at the Lancaster (PA) Stamp Club on May 23rd and at the Hubbardston (MA) Historical Society on June 6th.

In addition, due to the article that was recently in the WNY Heritage Magazine, the Historical Association of **Lewiston (NY)** asked him to speak. If anyone is interested in hearing his talk, it will be **June 11th at 7 PM** at the Messiah Lutheran Church, 915 Oneida Street in Lewiston. Even if you heard him before, there will be new content. So, you'll hear and see new information, according to Rick. So, take advantage of the opportunity.

He may drop off an auction lot or two of his cinderellas – look forward to that also!

HIGH DENOMINATION STAMPS

The April 13th auction had several lots with high denomination US stamps. These stamps paid various rates of the priority and express mail USPS products. They are nice additions to any US collection.



Scott 5257 issued in 2018 paid the Priority Mail rate



Scott 2122 issued in 1985 paid the Express Mail rate

The catalog value for a mint Scott 2122 is \$19 while a MNH Scott 5257 is \$11.90. Besides being nice additions, Scott typically values these stamps high not only because of the high face value but because of their scarcity.

APS TRIP



The APS field trip was held on Friday, April 27. A full report will appear in the June newsletter, perhaps with some photographs. Thanks to Tim Carey who organized the trip.