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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's been an exciting year for the Society, certainly in the areas of exhibiting and publishing, but also in the area of "new initiatives."

Exhibiting: We won both the multi-state postal history exhibiting competition, with six states participating, at ROPEX in June and the single-frame postal history competition with Pennsylvania and New Jersey at Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition in October.

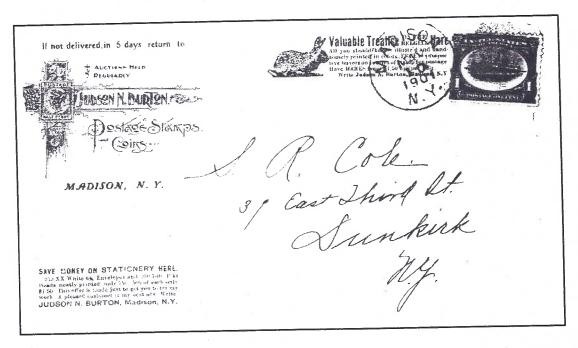
Publishing: (1) Excelsior! used color for the first time and continued successful transition to new editorship. (2) Our website not only has become more accessible but has added new pages and new features and become more useful. (3) Society director Gerry Wiley produced a CD-ROM of 782 items in his collection to show what could be done with postal history materials using a computer and scanner; each member attending the annual meeting received a copy.

New Initiatives: (1) At the suggestion of member Karl Kabalec we are seeking a wider distribution of our publications by contacting libraries already holding some in order to sell them the books they lack. Thanks to Karl's research through the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC), we are able to direct our marketing efforts at the libraries most likely to purchase. (2) We now have a regional representative for New York City and Long Island, and this has prompted a fresh look at the role of the regional representative, preparation of a written job description, and recognition of the need for smaller regions upstate and more regional representatives.

Other noteworthy new developments in the past twelve months include a proposal for a Society library (and a volunteer to run it – see article on page 5), drafting a revised membership brochure and offer by John Nunes to put the draft in final form for printing, the Society's pledge of \$5,000 to the APS/APRL Building Fund, creation of a perpetual award in memory of Charlie Sweeting to go to the winning society in the ten-state postal history exhibiting competition (see article in Sept. *Bulletin*), and ESPHS joining in the State Postal History Registry, a project of the National Postal Museum, with our webmaster, Glenn Estus, agreeing to act as the Society's contact person.

September's *Bulletin* had a full report on the ROPEX exhibiting competition in June, and you'll find an article in this issue of the *Bulletin* on the PNSE competition in October. I mention this here only because I wish to extend my personal thanks and appreciation again to the ROPEX exhibitors and now to those besides myself on the PNSE "team": Ellen Rose, Ada Prill, Ann Triggle, Tom Mazza and Bill Hart. Each made a strong contribution to a satisfying team victory!

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Life in rural, small towns often required some ingenuity, creativity and plain old hard work in order to earn a living. The above cover from Madison, N.Y. is a good example of this.

Madison is a very small farming community yet a hundred years ago Judson N. Burton ran a stamp & coin business there. The elaborate comer card in the upper left advertises that auctions were held regularly. Other covers of his business say that he filled want lists and offered approvals and also sold supplies for stamps & coins.

The printing on the lower left says "Save Money on Stationary Here." Burton evidently also was a printer as he is offering 250 envelopes & letterheads for 75c "just to get you to try my work."

Next to the picture of the rabbit is written "Valuable Treatise on the Belgian Hare. All you should know, illustrated and handsomely printed in colors. Free to prospective buyers on receipt of stamp for postage. Have HARES from \$1.50 up per pair. Write Judson N. Burton, Madison, N.Y."

So Judson must have been quite the entrepreneur. In addition to stamps, printing and rabbits, I'm pretty sure he had two or three other irons in the fire to turn a buck. Gotta run. Think I'll order up a Penny Black and a pair of Belgians. I hope he won't ship'em in the same package.

(This page appreared in THE INSIDER and was written by Joseph Rowbottom)

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I HAVE MANY NY COVERS to sell, or trade for Michigan items. Let me now your interests, Greg Stone, 618 Wild Dunes Circle, Wilmington, NC 28411 (michcovers@ec.rr.com)

SEEKING LAUNDRY TAGS, US service women's mail, and other items relating to women in postal history. Also seeking SULLIVAN and ONONDAGA County postal history. Augusta Gelfand, 4159 Steck Av. #112, Austin, TX 78759-8512 email: augustaig@hotmail.com (4/5)

U.S. POSTAL HISTORY MAIL BID SALES. 5,000+ lots in each catalog, including many New York listings. Send \$2.00 for next catalog. Web site: http://www.postal-history.com. Jim Mehrer, 2405-30th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201, phone: (309) 786-6539

WANTED: INTERESTING 19th CENTURY content letters, autographs, printed circulars (historical), etc., Stephen A. Resnick, 4783 West Lake Road, Cazenovia, NY 13035

SCHENECTADY WANTED--Stampless through bank notes-F-VF or better for covers or markings - Please send copy with price. J. Haynes, Box 358, Allendale, NJ 07401

GLEN COVE, NY native seeks local covers, 1870-1945 to buy or trade. Glen Cove special delivery, postage due and covers from Europe are appreciated. Joseph V. Gallagher, 275 Wolf Hill Road, South Huntington, NY 11747, deantovar@aol.com

WISH TO BUY to and from Garden City, L.I., N.Y. covers, pre-1947, pay extra for enclosures. Harry G. Dow, 5 Holliswood Drive, Latham, N.Y. (518) 785-1153 (1/5)

EARLY ANCRAMDALE (COLUMBIA COUNTY) covers wanted. Please contact George Dekornfeld at either gdekornfeld@taconic.net or docgfd@verizon.net.

U.S. STAMPLESS COVERS--Large inventory of New York state. Cortland Covers, Box 371, Homer, NY. Visit us on line: http://www.cortlandcovers.com

CHAUTAUQUA CO. ITEMS WANTED: Postal History, SFL's, photographs, books, etc. Vince Martonis, 35 Monroe St., Silver Creek, NY 14136. hanhisthhc@aol.com

LOOKING FOR LIRR RPOs and Official Correspondence. Caroline Scannell, 14 Dawn Dr., Smithtown, NY 11787-1761 email: philate@ix-netcom.com

WANTED: POSTAL RECORDS, Telegraph history; family letter; and the "Flying Globes" on cover. For sale: Postal History Documents and Collateral. aGatherin', Box 477, West Sand Lake, NY 12196

WANTED: DURANT, NY covers or cancels. Also, Raquette Lake and Blue Mountain Lake PH, photos, ephemera, Eric Sullivan, 42 Patricia Street, Binghamton, NY 13905, (607) 797-4915

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NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICER & DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED AT 2005 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Empire State Postal History Society will be held Sunday, May 1, 2004. The Nominating Committee Chair for election of officer and directors at this meeting is

John A. Cali 613 W. Fourth Street Fulton, NY 13069-3104 phone 315-592-4441 email rocket@dreamscape.com.

Positions open:

President (07), incumbent: Alan Parsons

Vice President (07): incumbent: Joe Rowbottom

Directors (08), incumbents are Louis Call, Heather Sweeting, and Gerald Wiley

Nominations close on March 20, 2005. Three nominating signatures are required for each nominee. Nominations are to be sent to Mr. Cali to be received by him no later than March 20, 2004. However, it is desirable to have the nominations printed in the March *Bulletin* and this can occur only if they are received by Mr. Cali no later than Feb. 21, 2004.

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OLD POSTCARDS BOUGHT AND SOLD. Agnes Cavalari, 89 Bethlehem Rd., New Windsor, NY 12553, (845) 564-6775, oldpcard@aol.com

ITHACA! ITHACA! Postal history items wanted - stampless to 1978, esp. unusual & scarcer rates and uses. Have Tompkins County to trade. Contact Stefan Jaronski, PO Box 232, Sidney, MT 59270, bug@midrivers.com

NEW YORK AND VERMONT Postmaster / County cancels wanted. If you don't want to sell, how about sending me the dates of use? Glenn A. Estus, PO Box 451, Westport, NY 12993 gestus@esphs.org



"I've got to get to the Postal History Auction"

2 Great Shows!

Clarion (Formerly Quality) Inn
3 Watervliet Avenue, Albany. N.Y.
Just off Exit 5 of I-90
mi. east from Exit 24 NYS Thruway)

Dec. 19, 2004, Jan 16, 2005 Cover Mania: March 19-20, 2005

RS Shows, Eagles Club 1200 Buffalo Rd., Rte. 33 NYS Thruway, I-490 Exit 7A (Rte. 33 east), 1.7 miles Feb. 6, May 1, Aug. 7, 2005



Dr. John & Alice M. Nunes 80 Fredericks Road, Scotia, NY 12302 (518) 399-8395, NUNESNOOK@AOL.COM

WANTED: SARATOGA COUNTY, NY

Better grade stampless covers wanted for exhibition purposes from these towns:

Ballston, Ballston Centre, Ballston Spa, Ballston Springs, Barkersville, Batchellerville, Bemus Heights, Birchton, Burnt Hills, Charlton, Clifton Park, Concord, Conklingville, Corinth, Coveville, Crescent, Day, Deans Corners, Dry Dock, Dunning Street, East Day, East Galway, East Line, Edgecombs Corner, Edinburgh, Elnora, Fortville, Galway, Gansevoort, Grangerville, Greenfield, Grooms Corners, Hadley, Hagedorns Mills, Half Moon, Jonesville, Ketchums Corners, Malta, Maltaville, Mechanicsville, Middle Grove, Milton Center, Moreau, Mosherville, North Galway, North Greenfield, Northumberland, Pope's Corners, Porters Corners, Providence, Quaker Springs, Rexford Flats, Round Lake, Saratoga, Saratoga Springs, Schuylersville, South Ballston, South Galway, South Glens Falls, South Greenfield, Stillwater, Victory Mills, Vishcers Ferry, Waterford, Wayville, West Charlton, West Day, West Greenfield, West Milton, West Providence, Wilton

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Send on approval or a photocopy with price to:

John A. Lange Jr. 373 Root Road Ballston Spa, NY 12020 (518) 882-6373







Membership Options

1. Regular Membership: \$11.00 for applications dated March through August and \$16.00 for applications dated September through February (approx. 18 months).

2. Life Membership: Age 65 and over \$100.00

Age 51-64 \$150.00 Age 40-50 \$200.00

Age 39 and under \$250.00

Have you been to the ESPHS webpage lately? http://users.westelcom.com/gestus/esphs/esphs1.html

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Raugh, Stanley, W., 4217 Eighth Av., Temple, PA 19560-1805

Interests: Stampless covers with interesting contents, NY Civil War covers

References: APS 178730

Reinstated:

Kendall, John W., Box 878, Ithaca, NY 14851 Interests: Tomkins and Jefferson Counties

Purcell, Leonard P., PO Box 60326-150

Houston, TX 77205-0326

Interests: US Covers with #11, 26, 65

Dropped for non-payment of dues:

Bertha Coulas, Rev. Gary Ellis, Robert Fay, Betty Fitzpatrick, Stephen Matte, Charles Moore, Larry Sell

Membership and Complimentary Copies:

183 (170 regular and 13 life), an increase from the (162 regular and 11 life) members reported in the December 2003 *Bulletin* Complimentary copies: 9

Donations: We are grateful for Harry Dow's donation of \$8.20, Joseph Gallaagher's of \$10.00 and Robert Juceam's of \$5.00



Have You.....

-found a new Doane cancel? Send the information to Maris Tirums.
- discovered a new star cancel? Send the information to David Williams
- a new early or late manuscript cancel? Send the information to Doug Penwell
- a new RFD cancel? Send the information to Bill Hart



POSTAL HISTORY EXHIBITS NEEDED FOR 2005 SHOWS

New York postal history exhibitors can take advantage of the Society's exhibiting awards program by entering their exhibits in New York shows. During the first six months of 2005, the following shows are eligible for ESPHS awards if at least two NY postal history exhibits are entered and the best of these receives at least silver (non-WSP show) or vermeil (WSP show):

Spring Postage Stamp Mega Event (WSP), March 3-6, Madison Square Garden, 4 Pennsylvania Plaza, New York; contact ASDA, 3 School St., Glen Cove, NY 11542, email asdashows@erols.com, phone (516) 759-7000.

BUFPEX 2005, March 5-6, VFW Leonard Post, 2450 Walden Ave., Cheektowaga, NY; contact person, Robert Meegan, 8 Nye Hill Rd., East Aurora, NY 14052-2649, email bob_meegan@urs.com, phone (716) 655-5583. BUFPEX is taking applications now and will accept them on a first come, first served basis once it is known how many frames will be taken by Buffalo Stamp Club members, which will be sometime in January.

ROPEX 2005 (WSP), June 10-12, Webster Field House, 800 Five Mile Road, Webster, NY; contact ROPEX Exhibits, 130 Trafalgar St., Rochester, NY 14619-1224, email aprill@rochester.rr.com, phone (585) 328-2438.

The Society award for Best in New York State Postal History at any qualifying show will be a suitably-engraved Waterford Crystal Timepiece.

ESPHS Publications for Sale Winter, 2004

Prices for Society Publications include P&H Quantity pricing applies to each publication separately. Mail order to 373 Root Road, Ballston Spa,

parately. Mail order to 373 Root Road, Ballston Spa, NY 12020-3227	List Price	Price to ESPHS members	5 or more copies price
1. FEDERAL POST OFFICES OF NEW YORK STATE, alphabetical list referencing county, rev. & corrected to March 1, 1973, 69 pages, soft cover, 5.5" x 8.5" format	\$ 5.00	\$4.00	\$3.20 each
2. MANUSCRIPT POST OFFICES OF NEW YORK STATE, edited by Chlanda & Wilcox, 1984, 54 pages plus the 1999 Master Supplement edited by Penwell, 34 pages; both have soft covers	\$ 14.00	\$ 11.20	\$8.40 each
3. NEW YORK POSTAL HISTORY: The Postoffices and first Postmasters from 1775 to 1980 by Kay and Smith, published by the APS, 556 pages, hardcover	\$ 40.00	\$ 29.00	
4. 200 YEARS OF CAYUGA COUNTY, NY POSTAL HISTORY by Charles H. Sweeting, 1998, 346 pages, hardbound in burgandy cloth with gold stamping. Contains manuscript, straight-line, county and postmaster cancels, precancels, early Air Mail Service, local FDC's and philatelic notables. Documentation is given for postmaster appointments followed by pictures and comments about them. Site location maps are included, as well as illustrations of mail used	\$ 40.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 24.00 each
5. OSWEGO COUNTY, NY POSTAL HISTORY by Charles and Heather Sweeting, 2001, 510 pages, softbound cover with spiral plastic binding. Contains segments covering post roads, manuscript, fancy, straight line and Doane cancels, county and postmaster cancels, precancels, early Air Mail, boat and railway mail service, local FDC's and philatelic notables. The 122 individual post offices are treated in alphabetical order. All illustrations are digitally scanned and edited for clarity. Over 200 maps and 600 illustrations are shown on acid free 28 lb nearly opaque paper, the same paper as used in the Cayuga Co. book.	\$ 30.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 18.00 each
6. WAYNE COUNTY POSTAL HISTORY by Emma Koberg, 81 pages, maps, postmarks & illustrations, Plastic bound	\$ 10.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 6.00 each
7. STAR CANCELS OF NEW YORK STATE, Type 16 by David Proulx, 1987, 44 pages, illustrated, stapled, soft c.	\$ 10.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 6.00 each
8. COUNTY AND POSTMASTER CANCELS OF NEW YORK STATE by David Proulx, 1990, 44 pages, illustrated, staple bound, soft cover.	\$ 10.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 6.00 each

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Our fall meeting at Turning Stone in Verona, NY attracted only ten members and one guest; fortunately there were enough officers and directors to conduct a Board meeting beforehand and eliminate the need for voting at the membership meeting. John Lange's minutes in this *Bulletin* provide a full report on both the Board meeting and the membership meeting, including John's announcement that he wished to turn over his Secretary-Treasurer duties by the end of his present term, April 30, 2006.

John's shoes will be hard to fill. Under the title Secretary-Treasurer he has worn many hats and kept the Society solvent and running through thick and thin. In addition to his duties as Secretary-Treasurer he has handled our book publishing and sales and the printing and mailing of our periodicals. He has been our membership secretary, recording secretary and corresponding secretary all in one. He's collected our dues and other funds, paid our bills, prepared our budgets, kept our books and prudently invested our reserves. Thanks to John, our financial health is excellent. Any volunteers? No single person has to do it all; our by-laws call for a combined secretary-treasurer, but, if necessary, the bylaws can be amended and the two roles split.

Congratulations to Frank Braithwaite, our newest Regional Representative attending his first Society meeting, for winning the Kenneth R. deLisle Award in our annual fall meeting exhibit competition with his four pages of "Smithtown." The award, a suitably-engraved walnut plaque in the shape of N.Y. State, will be presented to Frank at the 2005 annual meeting.

Thanks to Society member Joe Christofaro and ESPHS director John Cali for their help in arranging for and assisting with our meeting room at Turning Stone. In the minutes of our Board meeting Oct. 10 you will read that Ada Prill has resigned as our Western New York Regional Representative. I am grateful for all that Ada has done in that role and fully understand her reasons for resigning; I anticipate she will remain an ESPHS member and continue her involvement in other Society activities.

On December 1 I appeared for the Society on WSRadio's APS Stamp Talk with Nancy Clark. Nancy's subject for her program that day was "Collecting by State" and just prior to our segment she interviewed another ESPHS member, Bill Bauer, appearing for the Colorado Postal History Society. The purpose of each 20-minute interview was to bring out unique or interesting aspects of the particular state's postal history in order to encourage its study and collection. The December 1 interviews have been archived and can be accessed at www.wsradio.com/apsstamptalk/december2004.htm.

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Looking forward: During the first six months of 2005 there will be at least four regional meetings, (1) at the Spring Mega Event, Madison Square Garden, NY City, March 3-6, (2) at BUFPEX 2005, VFW Leonard Post, Cheektowaga, NY, March 5-6, (3) at Cover Mania VII, Quality Inn, Albany, NY, March 19-20, and (4) at ROPEX, Webster, NY, June 10-12. Frank Braithwaite, our Regional Representative for NY City and Long Island, will be contacting our members residing in his region to set up the day and time for a meeting at the Spring Mega Event. The meetings at BUFPEX and Cover Mania will be held on the second day of the show in late a.m.or early p.m.---check on arriving at the show for exact time and room location. Details on the meeting at ROPEX (probably on June 11) will be provided in the March Bulletin. Our regional representatives are encouraged to hold additional regional meetings, "closer to home," in their respective regions!

Between meetings (3) and (4) above, on Sunday, May 1 in Canastota, NY, we will hold our annual meeting. More on this in the March Bulletin, but save the date now! Nominations for President, Vice-President and three directors to be elected at this meeting are due no later than March 20 (see minutes herein).

If you're not completely worn out after reading this long message, plan to attend one or more of our meetings in 2005, especially the annual meeting. I'd love to see you there! In the meantime, have a happy and healthy New Year and good cover hunting in 2005!!

Alan Parsons alatholleyrd@aol.com

ESPHS WINS SINGLE-FRAME COMPETITION AT PNSE

Empire State took up the challenge from Pennsylvania and came away with all the "glory," i.e., bragging rights.

The challenge, issued to both New York and New Jersey by the Pennsylvania Postal History Society, was to see which of the three states could best show aspects of its postal history in six single-frame exhibits by six different society exhibitors.

The competition was held at the 2004 Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition, Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia, PA October 1-3. The judges for the postal history affair, Irv Weinberg, Bob Lana and Alan Warren, were picked by the host society, and, of course, Pennsylvania had "home field" advantage! The three judges decided only first, second and third place in the single-frame postal history competition, did not award medals or points to the individual exhibits, and offered no oral or written critique. The exhibits entered by the three societies were as follows:

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ESPHS(First Place): Thomas Mazza, New York City—Colonial and Early Statehood Mail; Ellen Rose, Utica's Handstamped Postal Markings, 1798-1855; Alan Parsons, 19th Century Railroad Postal Markings Related to Steuben, Schuyler, Chemung and Tioga Counties, NY; Ada Prill, Star Cancels of Delaware County, New York; William Hart, New York Rural Free Delivery Hand Cancels; and Ann Triggle, Clarence Postal History.

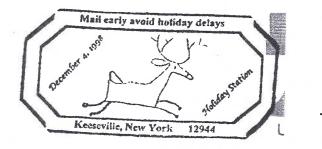
Paphs (Second Place): Harvey Mirsky, How the Mail Moved in Philadelphia: 1847-1851; Joseph Wilford, Sesquicentennial Exhibition; Ronald Summers, Philadelphia's Iron Age; Richard Colberg, Litiz, Pennsylvania; James Boyles, Postal Markings of Columbia, Pennsylvania, 1818-1900; and Donald Smith, Johnstown.

NJPHS(Third Place): Jean Walton, The Correspondence of Samuel L. Southard 1787-1842, a New Jersey Politician; Robert Rose, Morris County Manuscript Cancels, 1811-1849; Donald Chafetz, Development of Morristown Mail Service, 1760-1857; James Mason, Atlantic City, NJ Postal History; Arne Englund, New Jersey Doane Cancels; and Andrew Kupersmit, Metuchen, N.J. (1837-1957).

Alan Parsons attended PNSE 2004 on behalf of Empire State and received a warm welcome from Rick Leiby, PaPHS President and Norm Shachat, its Secretary and Editor of Pennsylvania Postal Historian. ESPHS was able to place its informational brochure/membership application on the PaPHS table as well as at the show entrance.

Alan was present at the PaPHS annual meeting during the show, where he reported on the multi-state postal history exhibiting competition held at ROPEX '04, displayed the Charles H. Sweeting Memorial Award, and urged PaPHS to take advantage of its eligibility to compete for this award.

The winner of the tri-state single-frame competition at PNSE '04 was announced at the banquet Saturday evening and awarded "bragging rights."



REGIONAL MEETING AND SOCIETY TABLE PLANNED FOR SPRING MEGA EVENT SHOW MARCH 3-6

Our newest Regional Representative, Frank Braithwaite of Smithtown, Long Island, is off to a running start! He's looking for volunteers to assist him with a Society table at the Spring Postage Stamp Mega Event, a four-day WSP show sponsored by the ASDA at Madison Square Garden, March 3-6, 2005. He also wants to hold a Society regional meeting at this event, and plans to send a letter to our members in the five boroughs of New York City plus Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester and Rockland Counties to ask their help in planning the meeting.

Frank, age 40, was born and raised in Levittown and has lived in Smithtown for the past ten years. He's been a stamp collector since age 13 but dropped out for a while and then got serious again while attending the 1992 World Columbian Stamp Expo. Although his first love is stamps, postal history is now his passion, concentrating on Nassau and Suffolk Counties. With stamps, it's the Second Bureau issue of 1902.

Frank is a partner in Installations Unlimited, a Smithtown company installing window treatments for Home Depot, Lowe's, Fortunoff and several local designers. Previously with the Long Island Postal History Society, he became a member of Empire State when the Long Island group joined with ESPHS in 2001.

To get better acquainted with ESPHS, Frank attended our fall meeting at Turning Stone, took an active part in the discussions, and won the four-page exhibit competition at the conclusion of the membership meeting. From his comments during discussions it was apparent he was anxious to have our metropolitan New York City and Long Island areas play a more active role in the Society.

If you reside within the nine counties of Frank's region and you haven't received or responded yet to his letter, Frank would like to hear from you. His mailing address is 56 Morewood Dr., Smithtown, NY 11718, email, fbraith@optonline.net, and business phone (24 hours), 631-265-4307.

