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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

As I look forward to the annual meeting in May I am pleased to report on a regional gathering at Cover Mania in Albany Feb. 17 attended by Society members Bob Davison, Greg Stone, Charlie Sweeting, John Nunes, our Secretary-Treasurer John Lange and myself. Charlie Sweeting had with him the "prototype" of his forthcoming book on Oswego County postal history, co-authored with his daughter Heather Sweeting. Charlie's sharing of this new book with the others in attendance, and showing how the authors have organized the wealth of information it contains, was clearly the highlight of the meeting.

Other Society members I visited with, or purchased covers from, or both, at Cover Mania, included Maris Tirums, Drew Nicholson, Henry Chlanda, Bill Hart, Elwyn Doubleday, John Azarkevich, Carl Blazejewski, Don Tocher, Arnie Leiter (Uncle Sam Stamp & Coin), Bill Sammis and Al Tohn (Coverman). Clearly the ESPHS was well represented. Thanks to John Nunes for all his work in staging Cover Mania and for giving the Society an opportunity to gather.

Another regional gathering will be held at ROPEX in Rochester on Saturday, March 17 (check at reception desk for time and room location). I look forward to seeing many of you who were unable to attend Cover Mania.

Bill Hart, our auction manager, received a nice tribute in Charles Moore's bi-weekly column, *Special Delivery*, published in *The Life and Times of Utica*, a weekly, last November. The writer had attended STEPEX '00 in Horseheads where Bill Hart was included among the dealers. He wrote favorably of the experience, including these words concerning the dealers:

"Most dealers are happy to give advice and guidance to a new collector or even an experienced one. A case in point is a dealer by the name of William Hart who had a large selection of postal history of New York State. He had many hundreds of covers to look over. A cover is a postally-used envelope. I mentioned to him I was just starting a collection of postmarks from the post offices of Clinton County in upstate New York. He not only had many covers to show me but took the time to give me several lessons on the postal history of New York. I made several purchases from him. However the information he passed on to me was far more valuable."

Bill not only gave lessons on postal history, but recruited a new member for the Society. Charlie Moore's application for membership was published in the December Bulletin. Thank you, Charles. Thank you, Bill.

Alan Parsons
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SOCIETY NEWS

Contributions are always welcome for this feature; please send them to:

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You may call John at (518) 882-6373. The best time is in the afternoon between 1 and 6.

Applicants for membership:

Kotek, Jerry A., 424 Corbin Road, York, PA
17403-4728

Interests: Doane PA cancels and PA RPO
cancels

References: APS #166357

Berkun, Alan, 83 Arnold Court, East Rockaway,
NY 11518-1625

Interests: First Day Covers and Earliest
recorded usages of Scott 1-610

References: APS (Life), AFDCS (Life), PF,
Arizona Philatelic Rangers, USPCS, BIA, Junior
Philatelists of America (Board member)

We welcome the following members:

Berrevoets, Adrian, 11 Mt. Salem Rd., Pittstown,
NJ 08867-5135

Interests: NYC related; space

Moore, Charles, PO Box 8135, Utica, NY
13505-8135

Interests: Postal Markings, Clinton Co. and
Syracuse/Utica

Address Change:

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ANNUAL MEETING MAY 6 AT CANASTOTA

Our 2001 annual meeting will be held Sunday, May 6, at Graziano's Casa Mia in Canastota, located just off Exit 34 of the N.Y. Thruway. As you leave the toll booth you will come to a "T" at the end of the access road. Turn left onto N. Peterborough St. and drive 100 feet. The restaurant is on the right next to the Mobil station.

Vice President Joe Rowbottom has reserved a room from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided in the morning. The business meeting is tentatively scheduled for 11:15 a.m., followed by lunch (ordered off the menu).

Tables will be provided for dealers or members bringing covers for sale or trade. Members are encouraged to bring guests as well as ideas and suggestions for helping the Society grow and prosper. Plan to attend!

STAR CANCEL BOOK UPDATE

The update to the star cancel book by David Williams is still in the works, and members' assistance is still needed. Members are encouraged to send information on any new towns, star types, colors or year of use that were not listed in the original ESPHS publication by David Proulx.

To those of you who have submitted information to David in the past, a big thank you. All contributors of information will be acknowledged in the new edition.

So far over 150 new combinations of towns, types, colors and years have been reported and cataloged. When sending information, please be very specific as to town spelling (and whether a county cancel as well), color of star, type of star using the Proulx book as a guide, and also the year of usage.

If possible, a clear Xerox copy of the cover is preferred, especially when the star is a new variety. But please remember to specify the color of the cancel on the Xerox. David has received some xeroxes where the color was not stated and therefore he can't determine whether the cover in question actually qualifies as a new discovery. Send all information to David E. Williams, 7115 Abbey Woods Dr NE, New Salisbury, IN 47161, or if you prefer E-mail send to DEWilliams@netpointe.com .. Your participation is appreciated!

Election of Officers and Directors Annual Meeting Sunday May 6, 2001

The following members have been nominated:

President (03): Alan Parsons

Vice-President (03): Joe Rowbottom

Directors (04): Steve Matte, Drew Nicholson, John Nunes

SALE #104 RESULTS

005	\$47.00	008	\$16.00	020	\$26.00	022	\$16.00	024	25.00
025	16.00	026	12.00	027	20.00	028	20.00	032	15.00
033	34.00	035	25.00	037	13.00	041	12.00	048	11.00
049	16.00	055	15.00	201	9.00	202	3.50	204	2.00
206	5.00	207	3.00	209	3.00	210	10.00	211	3.00
213	4.00	215	4.50	217	3.00	218	2.00	220	6.00
221	7.00	224	2.00	225	8.00	226	3.00	232	3.50
234	4.50	235	14.00	236	2.50	237	5.00	240	3.50
242	2.50	243	4.00	246	2.00				

Out of 103 lots 43 were sold. Lots 201 and 215 were the active lots. As of the middle of February I have material from only one member and not enough to have a March auction. The situation warrants a review at the annual meeting.

2001 Dues Notice

Dues for the Year May 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002 are now payable. It will greatly benefit your Society to pay the dues within the next 3 weeks. This will save the cost of mailing separate dues notices. Send your \$10.00 check to:

ESPHS, 373 Root Rd., Ballston Spa, NY 12020-3227.

The following members have prepaid their dues for 2001-2002 and need not respond to this notice: Azarkevich, Berkun, Berrevoets, Coco, Daisley, Dykins, Haynes, Jacobs, Kendall, Kotek, L (doesn't want name used), Moore, Resnick, and Shufelt. Also Doubleday

Trading Post



"Wanted: Broome County covers, especially smaller offices. Also photos or scans of Broome County post offices and postmasters. Send clear copies to: David E. Williams, 7115 Abbey Woods Dr NE, New Salisbury, IN 47161 (email: DEWilliams@netpointe.com)

February 2001 Regional Meeting

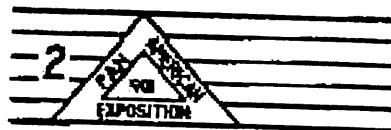
The ESPHS had a regional meeting on Saturday (held in the bar, which proved to be comfortable and quiet). My notes are:

1. Oswego Co. PH, the forthcoming book by our Cayuga Co. PH author, Charles Sweeting is almost finished. Charlie showed us a bulging book of the pages and took a brief tour through the contents. We may be able to announce a publication date in the June Bulletin; the plan is to make it a hard cover book; it will be about 400 pages and printed on 28 lb opaque paper as used for the Cayuga Co. book.
2. Nominating Committee for Pres., Vice Pres. and 3 Directors.: John Cali is the Chair, Gerald Wiley and Charles Sweeting are the other members. Charlie believes their work is completed. Other nominations will be accepted up to March 20.
3. Postal Route Maps: Four were given away to members present, one was sold for \$15 to a non-member and one was given as an inducement to join the ESPHS (Dr. Joseph Rudnick).
4. MSPO & Co-PM "Garage Sale." Very little response, as expected. It was suggested to the Secretary to make the bulk sale offer to other dealers besides Hartmann, i.e. Lee/Bansner/ Subway. This will be done in a couple of weeks.
5. Life Membership. A second person has elected the Life Membership option, this time Jerry Kotek, a new applicant.
6. LIPHS joining the ESPHS: A letter to the LIPHS president Brendan McCann was sent on Jan. 19 inviting their members to join us as a group. Since this will probably cause a poll among their members, I do not expect an immediate response.
7. ESPHS homepage site. President Parsons is following this and there is no new news except to note that he had probable server trouble in reaching the home page.
(ed. note: the current URL is <<http://www.westelcom.com/users/gestus/esphs.html>>)

John Lange
Secretary/Treasurer

Feb. 22, 2001

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<i>FEDERAL POST OFFICES OF NEW YORK STATE</i> , alphabetical list, rev. and corrected to March 1, 1973, 69 pages, soft cover, 5.5" x 8.5"	\$5.00 pp	\$4.00 pp	\$3.50 ea. pp	\$3.00 ea. pp
<i>MANUSCRIPT POST OFFICES OF NEW YORK STATE</i> , edited by Chlanda & Wilcox, 1984, 54 pages plus the 1999 Master Supplement edited by Penwell, 34 pages, soft covers	\$14.00 pp	\$11.20 pp	\$8.40 ea. pp	\$7.70 ea. pp
<i>200 YEARS OF CAYUGA COUNTY POSTAL HISTORY</i> by Charles H. Sweeting, 1998, 346 pages, hardbound in burgundy cloth with gold stamping. Contains manuscript, straight-line, county and postmaster cancels, precancels, early Air Mail Service, local first day covers, and philatelic notables. Documentation is given for postmaster appointments, followed by pictures and comments about them. State location maps are included, as well as illustrations of mail used.	\$40.00 pp	\$32.00 pp	\$24.00 ea. pp	\$22.00 ea. pp
<i>NEW YORK POSTAL HISTORY: THE POST OFFICES AND FIRST POSTMASTERS FROM 1775 TO 1980</i> by Smith & Kay, published by the APS, hardcover, 556 pages.	\$40.00 pp	\$29.00 pp	-----	-----
Master Supplement to MSPO (second item above), 34 pages, edited by Douglas Penwell, 1999, soft cover	\$5.00 pp	\$4.00 pp	\$3.50 ea. pp	\$3.00 ea. pp
<i>WAYNE COUNTY POSTAL HISTORY</i> by Emma Koberg. 81 pages, maps, postmarks & illustrations. Plastic bound	\$10.00 pp	\$8.00 pp	\$6.00 ea. pp	\$5.50 ea. pp



Information Needed

New member, Alan Berkun, is searching for information concerning the cover pictured below.

Quoting his recent letter of inquiry:

"Enclosed is a copy of my Scott 114 (3c 1869 Locomotive stamp) on cover. As you can see it has an ALBANY postmark dated March 22, (year date not on the cover). My inquiry is quite simple: **To determine if the year date is 1869.** The cover would be the earliest recorded usage of the 114 on cover and the second earliest of the series. I already own the 2 cent on a March 20th, 1869 from NYC.

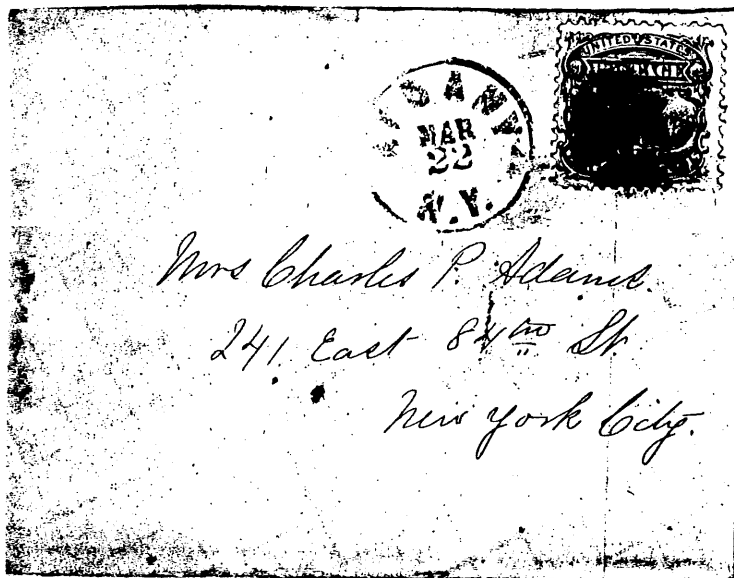
"My inquiry is as follows:

"Have any of the society members collected Albany postmarks? If so maybe they know if the postmark or obliterating mark changed from 1869 to 1870? If so this could date my cover by comparison.

"Also the addressee may be from a known correspondence that a collector is aware of, has several others written in the period.,

"I would gladly credit the society with help, and can assure you a front page mention in Linn's Stamp News if we prove it is an 1869 usage!!"

(ed. note: Mr. Berkun is well known in the philatelic world for his earliest usages. I just finished reading his latest article in FIRST DAYS about "The FDC of the First U.S. Stamp." It's not US #1 or US #2, but US #6LB1, the US City Dispatch Post stamp used on August 16, 1842 in New York City.)



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