

# EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY



UNIT 28

BULLETIN

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer in spite of prolonged heat, blackouts, water shortages etc. Shortly the fall season will be here and our first undertaking will be our auction in conjunction with our next meeting. This will be held on Sunday, Oct. 30th at KARRAT'S in Utica, N. Y.

George Bernadt has set the deadline for material as of Sept. 20th. Please send your lots as soon as possible to make his job easier.

The auction will start at 11:00 A.M. with lunch at 12:30 P.M. and trading at 1:30 P.M. until closing.

Many thanks to Nick Todaro and associates for the Syracuse regional meeting and Cal Hahn for his national publicity releases to help increase our membership.

Our library has been enriched by a gift from Bob Harris, namely a reprint of an 1858 work by Thomas Rainey, Ocean Steam Navigations and Ocean Post.

We still need short articles for the Bulletin.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

It is with deep sorrow we advise the death of W. Ray Staplin, on May 31st. Ray was a charter member of the Society and worked actively in its initial success. He was a sincere booster of all phases of philately during the many years he was active in Upstate New York. When he moved to Florida he still retained his membership in the Utica Stamp Club, Chenango Valley Stamp Club, Community Stamp Club, Copper City Stamp Club and our Society, as well as the major national societies, with over 50 years in the APS. We use an Indian phrase commonly heard in the Mohawk Valley under similar circumstances - happy hunting, Ray.

Applications for Membership:

FITZPATRICK, ARTHUR 263 Cushing Avenue, Williston Park, N.Y. 11596

References: Long Island Trust Company, Williston Park; Nort Sampson (member)  
Interests: Suffolk County stampless; LIRK markings on cover; Stampless covers of New York City to Boston, Providence and Newport.

MINSKER, JOHN H. 104 Maple Road, East Aurora, N.Y. 14052

References: None required (APS #31202)  
Interests: Covers; French & Napoleonic Covers; Japan; Postal History.

PECKHAM, LAWRENCE M. 29 Legion Drive, Cobleskill, N.Y. 12043

References: Mechanics Exchange Bank and National Commercial Bank, Cobleskill.  
Interests: Schoharie County Stampless Covers; Cancellations of Schoharie Co. Discontinued Post Offices and related material.

ROBINSON, WILLIAM B. 1641 Bruce Lane, Green Bay, Wisc. 54303

References: None required (APS #62229)  
Interests: Wisconsin Postal History and will exchange items from other states.

TOWLE, CHARLES L. 4621 E. Don Jose Drive, Tucson, AZ 85718

References: None required (APS #31577)  
Interests: Postal History, incl. railroads, waterways, street car, seapost, and Canadian railroads.

VICKERS, EDWARD MOORE, PJA P.O. Box 2303, Station A., Meridan, CT. 06450

References: None required (APS #89407)  
Interests: Any and all postal materials of Western N.Y., Western Pa., Eastern Ohio, West Virginia, Lower Province of Ontario, Airmails, U.S. Terr. & Canada.

PEIRCE, E. CONVERSE II, M.D. 616 Wolf's Lane, Pelham Manor, N.Y. 10803

References: None required (APS #33922)  
Interests: Postal History, primarily State of Maine.

SPITZER, CLARENCE E. JR. 430 Washington Highway, Amherst, N.Y. 14226

References: Local Amherst businessmen. Interests: Netherlands, Canada, U.S.A., especially postal stationery.