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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Bayside Stamp Show

Bayside, Queens, New York

Mar. 15, Apr. 19, May 17, 2020

The Best Western Queens Gold Coast, 22033 Northern Blvd., Bayside, Queens, N.Y. 11361

Hours: 10-4:30. Info: Marilyn Nowak, Email: marilynnowak@verizon.net

Fort Orange Stamp Club

Colonie, New York

Apr. 19, Oct. 18, 2020

Colonie Recreation Center, 3 Thunder Rd, Colonie, N.Y.

Hours: 10-3. Info George McGowan, (518) 479-4396, Email: geolotus2003@nycap.rr.com

Melville Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Show

Melville, New York

Mar. 8 & 22, Apr. 12 & 26, May 10 & 24, 2020

Catapano Engineering Hall, 585 Broadhallow Rd., Melville, N.Y. 11747

Hours: Sun. 8-2. Info: George Schultheis (516) 557-7096

ROPEX

Canandaigua, New York

May 15 and 16, 2020

The Greater Canandaigua Civic Center, 250 North Bloomfield Rd., Canandaigua, N.Y.

Fri. & Sat. 10-6. Admission \$2 daily. Info: Tom Fortunato (585) 752-6178

ASDA Spring Postage Stamp Show

New York City

May 29-31, 2020

Watson Hotel, 440 West 57th St., New York, N.Y. 10019.

Hours: Thu. & Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-5 Info: Dana Guyer, (800) 369-8207

Information obtained from iStampshows.com. Please verify before going.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

DEADLINE – The deadline for the June issue of the *BULLETIN* is **May 20th**. The editor is always looking for short (1/2 page, 1 page, 1 ½ page or 2 page) articles to fill spots in the *BULLETIN*. Submit to largin1@verizon.net. Larry Laliberte

Secretary's Membership Report

New Members

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PHILATELIC SHOW MAY 1-3 BOXBOROUGH, MASS.

Philatelic Show, the official show of the Northeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs, will be held May 1-3, 2020, at the Boxboro Regency Hotel, 242 Adams Place, in Boxborough, Mass.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

For hotel reservations call the Boxboro Regency at (978) 262-8701 and ask for the "stamp show" rate.

This is a very popular show with our members. Check it out.

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President's Message

Happy New Year to all! Spring is drawing near and I hope where you reside the trees are budding and the crocuses are peeking up through the last remnants of snow.



Dr. Vernon Morris

I am pleased to report since my last message we have added two new members to our rolls, award-winning exhibitor, author and postal historian **Dr. Vernon Morris** and Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship 2015 graduate and president and CEO of H.R. Harmer Fine Stamp Auctions, **Charles Epting**. As with all new members, I would be remiss if I did not ask them both to consider authoring an article or two for the *BULLETIN* and/or *Excelsior*! I am happy to report that this brings our membership to 113.



Charles Epting

It is with much appreciation that I share with our membership that after 15 years, **David E. Williams** shall be putting down his pen (or is it his keyboard) as Editor-in-Chief of our beloved postal history journal *Excelsior!* with the March 2020 issue. David became assistant editor under Drew Nicholson in September 2005, and full-time Editor in March 2007, producing 23 stellar issues with hundreds of articles from our members, many of which he authored. The publications committee, led by Drew, has begun the search. If any of our illustrious members desire to leave their mark on our award-winning journal, please contact Drew or myself.

Mark June 23, 2020 on your calendars! It is that time of the year as we prepare for our **Annual Board and Members meeting**. After much discussion, the decision has been made to hold this year's meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at the American Philatelic Center during Summer Seminar week in Bellefonte, PA – the epicenter of our hobby. It is a great opportunity to reconnect with members, make some new friends, enroll in a course or two, and experience all that the APS and APRL has to offer. Elsewhere in this issue you will find details with hotels, restaurants, and other attractions while you are visiting the area. For those Officers and Board members that cannot attend in person, I have secured a conference line in the Gung Ho Room, where both meetings shall occur.

Below is the draft agenda for our session:

Topic	Discussion Leader	Time
Administrative Matters		
1. Information: Opening Remarks	DiComo	4:00-4:03
2. Decision: Approve Board Minutes 20MAY2019 ROPEX	Przepiora	4:03-4:05
3. Information: Treasurer's Report/Budget	DeKornfeld	4:05-4:10
4. Action: Approval of Budget	DeKornfeld	4:10-4:12
5. Information: Membership Report	McGowan	4:12-4:17
6. Information: Advertising Report	McGowan	4:17-4:22
Share Information		
7. Decision: Future Meeting Locations	ALL	4:22-4:25
8. Update: <i>Excelsior!</i> Report & Search For New Editor	Williams	4:25-4:30
9. Update: <i>Bulletin</i> Report	Laliberte	4:30-4:35
10. Auction Manager Report	Branwell	4:35-4:40
Outreach & Sense of Belonging		
11. Action: Publications Committee Report & Future Plans	Nicholson	4:40-4:45
12. Action: Awards Committee Report & Future Plans	DeKornfeld	4:45-4:50
13. Action: Website Report & Future Plans	DiComo	4:50-4:55
Management Excellence		
14. Other Business/Remarks for the Good of the Hobby	ALL	4:55-5:05
15. Closing Remarks	DiComo	5:05-5:10
16. Open Session (20') for ESPHS Members	ALL	5:10-5:30

All agenda items are annotated as: **Decision** - those requiring a Board motion and action. **Action** - those requiring follow-up action but not a Board decision per se. **Information** - those that are for information only.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the APC this summer - I am honored to have been invited to give a postal history lecture on June 24, thus will be on site that week. Do find some time in your schedule to attend, especially if you have not visited the APC before – you will not be disappointed!



Finally, as I wrote in our last issue, we have a great Society with several volunteers who contribute to our success. A number of you have already reached out to assist in our efforts. Let us all ensure that our Society continues to grow, attract new members, and advance the knowledge of NYS postal history. If you have any suggestions or want to volunteer, please call (914-450-3791) or e-mail (charlesdico@gmail.com). I'd be most pleased to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Charles J. DiComo, PhD | *President, ESPHS*

Accommodation Info for ESPHS Annual Board and Members Meeting on June 23 at the APC

For hotels/lodging when visiting the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, PA please visit <https://stamps.org/lodging>.

The Best Western is the most used hotel with a good combination of value \$82 which includes breakfast and convenience (a six mile straight shot). It has been used as the primary hotel for nearly all events held at the American Philatelic Center such as Summer Seminar, the Civil War, United Nations, Classics and Aerophilately Shows.

The EconoLodge is the least expensive nearby option (usually in the \$50 range, but with prepayment sometimes in the 40's). It is within walking distance from the APC for some guests.

Others prefer Bed and Breakfasts which can also be within walking distance. Most other hotel options are selected because of individual's preference to use properties in a specific loyalty program such as Marriott or Hilton.

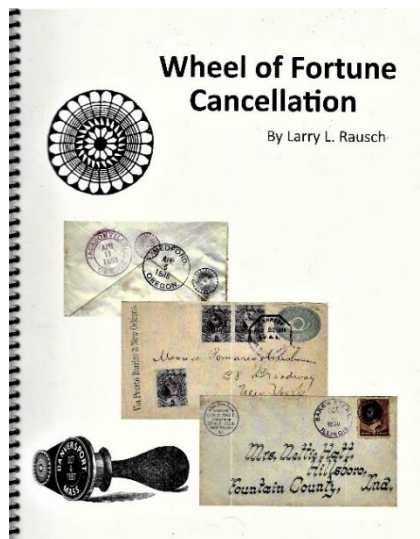
Treasurer's Tidbits

By George DeKornfeld

Dues notices will soon be on their way to you so please continue to support our society and remit promptly if possible. Note that dues have now returned to our normal \$20 per annum.

Included will be a form for you to vote for the best article published in *Excelsior!* during 2019. The winning author will be awarded the first award for what will continue as a yearly competition and hopefully will help to stimulate some of you into sharing your New York State Postal History knowledge with the rest of us. The winner will be announced in the next issue of *The Bulletin* along with a picture of the award. Please do vote so we can get this competition off the ground! A self-addressed stamped envelope will be included for your convenience in returning your dues payments and the voting ballot.

Member Larry L. Rausch has published a new book entitled the *Wheel of Fortune Cancellation*. This terrific work comes spiral bound with a clear plastic cover, its 136-pages starting off with an introduction to, and the history of, this mesmerizing cancellation. The book then takes the reader state by state, detailing all the recorded examples, many of which are beautifully illustrated on its 8-1/2 x 11" pages. A nice plus, found in a pocket affixed to the inside back cover, is a checklist suitably sized for taking along to shows and is an extremely helpful adjunct for keeping track of your Wheel of Fortune collection.



I'm torn between the benefits of this book being spiral bound, which allows it to lay flat and makes it possible to add to, and it being perfect bound as its clearly coffee table worthy. Publications Chair Drew Nicholson has been known to remove the plastic spiral from these types of books, punching the pages and placing them into a binder, which is certainly another viable option for your philatelic library.

Ordering information for Larry's book can be found on the Rochester Philatelic Association's web site (www.rpastamps.org/wof.html). The book is also available gratis as a download in pdf format and includes the checklist, both of which can be printed out for your use. Updates will also be available over time.

Past ESPHS President David Przepiora and Irving Tesmer have also authored a book, entitled *Postal History of Buffalo, New York 1805- 1905*. I

Postal History of Buffalo New York
1805 — 1905



David Przepiora and Irving Tesmer
Edited by the Buffalo Stamp Club

was able to see the rough draft of this effort and have to admit I was far from impressed with what I saw. All doubt immediately vanished when I received my copy of the final product, a well-written and profusely illustrated perfect bound book of 224-pages, also 8-1/2x11" in size. This effort takes the reader on a journey beginning with the early history of Buffalo and its post offices, through the Civil War and on into the early 20th Century, with chapters devoted to things such as Auxiliary Markings, Foreign Destinations, and on and on. The covers shown are truly eye-popping, the book is well-organized and well written. My only complaint (and it's a trivial one) is that the title isn't printed on the spine helping it to stand out on my shelves (but that's what label makers are for). Edited by the Buffalo Stamp Club, this terrific read and

another one for the coffee table can be ordered by contacting Dave at djprze@hotmail.com.

That's it for this episode. Please support our Society, the book authors, and until next time, happy collecting!

ELMON, N.Y.

By Glenn Estus

Elmon, NY (Herkimer County) (Figure 1) is a post office name that existed for a little more than 4 months (July 11 - November 16, 1882).



Figure 1. The cover from Elmon with enlarged cancel inset. Elmon was in the town of Winfield in Herkimer County.

However, the post office had a very ornate circular date stamp (Figure 1 inset) which I have rotated for a better view and a Iron Cross killer (Figure 2). Figure 2 is a result of using the retrorevel.org website to apply filters so that the very weak cross is more apparent. I have outlined the cross in Figure 2 so that it is more readily seen.

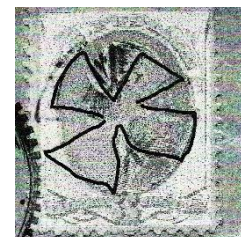


Figure 2: The highlighted cross cancel.

According to Postal Bulletin #722 (July 20, 1882) (Figure 3), Elmon on Route 6043 was “to take the place of the office of Harold, changed afterwards to Mentoria, which is to be discontinued.” Postal Bulletin 724 (July 22, 1882) announced that the postmaster for Elmon

HINGTON, D. C., THURSDAY, JULY 20, 1882		No. 722
	POST OFFICES ESTABLISHED.	STAR SERVICE CHANGES.
	MONTANA.	MARYLAND.
from	Billings, Custer Co., Route 36108, bet Coul-	Route 10297. High Point to Pleasantville
bet	son, 2 ms N. E., and Canyon, 8 ms S. W.	From July 25, 1882, to June 30, 1883, ser-
—,	(Supplement 111.)	vice 1½ ms., 6 times a week.
	NEBRASKA.	MISSOURI.
only	Delta, Otoe Co., Route 28001, bet Dunbar, 5	Route 28176. Eagle Fork to Wentzville.
. W.,	ms N., and Talmadge, 5 ms S. (Supple-	From August 1, 1882, extend service to
ment	ment 113.)	begin at Moscow Mills, end at Eagle Fork
	Re-	and omit Wentzville, decrease distance
	Matson, Platte Co., Route 34017, bet Lost	3½ ms. Reduce service to 3 times a week.
	Creek, 6 ms E., and Genoa, 6 ms W.	NEW MEXICO.
	(Supplement 114.)	Route 39148. Las Vegas to Fort Bascom.
	Re-	From August 1, 1882, supply Liberty, bet
	Mentorville, Antelope Co.—Special from	San Hilario and Fort Bascom, increase
	Neligh—bet Cumminsville, 12 ms W.,	distance 8 ms.
bet	and Neligh, 18 ms N. E. (Supplement	OHIO.
idge,	113.)	Route 21215. Osborn to New Carlisle.
	NEW YORK.	From July 25, 1882, omit Osborn, and be-
erke-	Elmon, Herkimer Co., Route 6043, to take	gin at Medway, decrease distance 3 ms.
s N.	the place of the office of Harold, changed	PENNSYLVANIA.
	afterwards to Mentoria, which is to be	
	discontinued. (Supplement 115.)	

Figure 3: Postal BULLETIN 722.

POST OFFICE NAME CHANGED.
NEW YORK.
Elmon, Herkimer Co., to Chepachet.

Figure 4. "Elmon" was changed to "Chapachet."

POSTMASTERS COMMISSIONED.
Richard Morgan.....Aurora, N Y
Roger F. Williams.....Chepachet, N Y
Sion H. Buchanan.....Jonesborough, N C

Figure 5: Roger F. Williams remained as Postmaster.

According the website NY Home Town Locator, Chepachet (and by extension Elmon) is/was a populated place within the Town of Winfield.

EXCELSIOR! DEADLINE

The Publications Committee is in a search for a new *EXCELSIOR!* editor.

As soon as one is found, hopefully soon, information on submitting articles will again appear here. In the interim, why don't you write an article and have it ready.