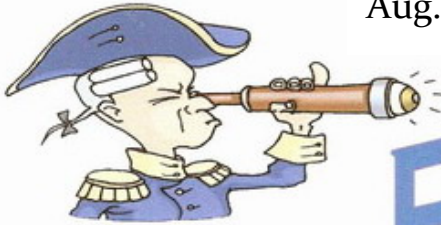


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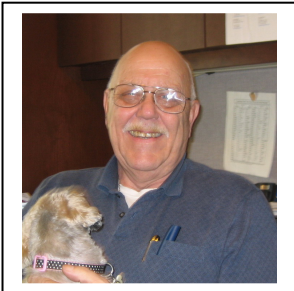
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OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE
GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB

FIRST THURSDAY each month at the DOUBLETREE HOTEL - 6200 Quarry Lane - INDEPENDENCE, at 7:00 PM

Time to get back together

For the 7:00 PM September 3 meeting Roger Rhoads will show his PowerPoint story on "Stamps and Plastics – the Good and the Bad" that he first showed at the March Party and more recently at the Pittsburgh Stampshow. We all know the possible problems with non-archival albums for our stamps, but what about the mounts we use? There has been a lot of talk that plastics, particularly PVC, are really bad and can bleach stamps. "Use only Mylar D", we hear. And then we find that DuPont no longer makes Mylar D! And if you can find the mounts, they are really expensive. What next?



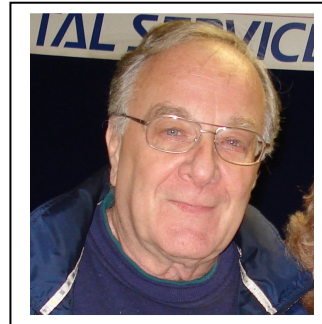
Rog tries to shed light on this subject, using his 40+ years of experience in plastics and stamps. What are the different types of plastics being used in the hobby? Who makes what? How can I tell what it is that

I've got? What can I do? Rog will give you the straight scoop.

What about October?

Then on October 1 we have Hans Pohler back to show us the second half of his Portage Co. cover collection. As stated in the January issue of the *Perryscope*, Portage Co. was part of the Connecticut Western Reserve with Ravenna, the county seat, and Kent within its borders including Kent State University with its 22,000 students. It was formed in 1807 from Trumbull Co. and is named for the continental divide be-

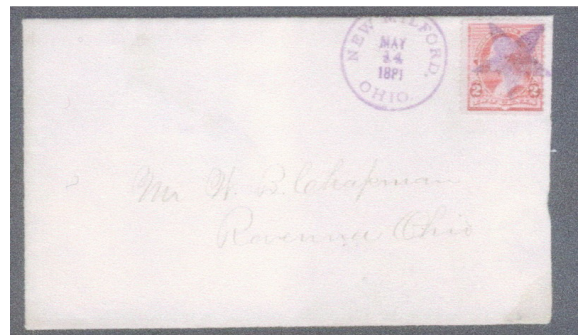
tween the Great Lakes and Mississippi watersheds.



Portage Co. has had as many as 65 post offices with only 15 or them still operating. Hans has collected specimens of most of those 65, ranging from manuscripts to the modern period. Here are a couple of those towns.



1871 Randolph, OH registered letter
(southeast of Akron)



1881 New Milford with a great purple star
(south of Ravenna)

Join us for dinner in the restaurant before the meeting. See 'ya there.

APS StampShow

There was a “gathering of the clan” in Pittsburgh on August 6-9. Garfield-Perry was well represented, not only with folks but with exhibits. In open competition, Kurt Laubinger won GOLD with his *The Politically Inspired Cachets of Bruce R. McIntyre – 1936-1960*. I finally took the time to read it all. Kurt goes after the tough



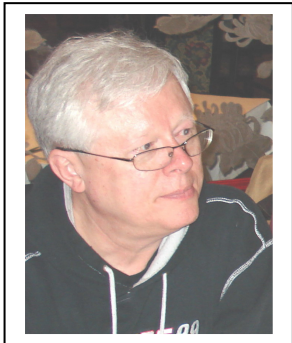
stuff, and McIntyre of Warren, OH, put out a number of hand-colored covers including events, first days, etc. Very colorful and well done. Kurt knows the number of each

was quite small, but he has no idea as to how many different ones were made or how many there are of each.

Then there was Greg Shoults exhibit on *Washington and Franklin Coils Rotary Press Issues of 1914-1922* and another gold. Yea, I know he had it at our March Party, but where does he finds five frames (80 pages) of material? Also this show should be considered a slight step up from our Party. Get a gold here and then get yet another at StampShow confirms you have something of world class.



Of course, Ken Nilsestuen was there with is *Algerian Postal History to 1876* competing in the World Series Champion of Champions. He qualified by winning the Grand at Indypex. I'm amazed at the quality of his showing. Just where the heck did he get that unusual material?



Which brings me to another subject; that of the importance to the hobby of our March Party. In talking to several dealers, they general consensus was that we were definitely in the top five shows and in the top three for

postal history. In fact, I was hard pressed to find anything new in my primary area of collecting in that with the exception of the West Coast dealers, the rest of the postal history folks had been at our show just five months before and had not been able to replenish their stocks.

To give you an idea as to our relative importance, in addition to the three guys who were representing us with their exhibits, there were a number of folks who were there that had already “cut their teeth” at our March Party. Some of them had been at our Party and did not win, but went on to gather their Grands at other venues to qualify for the Champion of Champions competition. Examples are Hugh Feldman with his *Mail Carried by Water within the USA (1814-1875)* from Westpex and *The Hidalgo Issue of Mexico - Thin & Thick Figures* by Omar Rodriquez at Texpex in addition to Richard Malmgren's *Hawaiian Postage Stamps* that won this year at our MP.

Speaking of Mr. Malmgren's exhibit, remember the Reserve Grand for John Barwis' *the Half-Lengths of Victoria, 1850-59* back in March? Well, he walked off with the Grand in the Open Competition. Again, consider the strength of our exhibition.

Other open competition golds were won by Jim Boyles for his *Postmarks of Lancaster, Pennsylvania 1757-1899*, Roger Heath for his *DeCoppet Razor Cancels of Switzerland*, Robert Pildes with *Artist's Drawings, Essays, Proofs of Isreal 1948 Do'ar Ivri Issue*, Stephen Suffet for *Rates and Usages of the U.S. 3 Cent Circular Die stamped Envelopes 1917-1960* and finally Nick Kirke for *The Progression of the New York Foreign Mail Cancellation 1870-78*. All have been here within the past two years.

Others who have exhibited with us but who did not fair as well in Pittsburgh included Norm Sachat, William Weiss, Jr. and Phil Stager (display class).

As an aside, 20+ years ago Bill Weiss exhibited his New York Foreign Mail cancellation collection at our March Party and walked off with the grand. As somewhat of an expert on NYFM markings, I can tell you that Nick Kirke's exhibit was much better than Bill's and broke new ground in their research, yet he failed to win Grand at either of the shows.

Specials Kudos to NE Ohio

The APS has inaugurated a new honor entitled the Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Recognition Awards to honor not only those who have given many years of their time but also Nick Carter (1936-2008) whose dedication to the hobby and enthusiasm for all its facets were legendary. Within NE Ohio we are honored to have a recipient of one of the National Promotion/Service awards. The following are the words of the awards.



Jay Stotts served as president of the BIA/USSS for three terms and served many more years on their Board of Governors. He also has written for the *United States Specialist*. He has

served many years on the Garfield Perry March Party committee. Jay has served several terms on the Texas Philatelic Association Board and held many officer and show committee positions for the Euclid Stamp Club and the Houston Philatelic Society. An accredited judge, he has hosted many AAPE seminars and has helped numerous exhibitors by providing critiques outside of shows.

Under the heading of Local Promotion/ Service volunteer awardees, we also have Stan Fairchild of the Cuy-Lor Club. Stan has served his local the club in almost every capacity possible, but he has not restricted his talents to the local area. He typically visits the American Philatelic Center at least a twice a year and always tries to time his visits to coincide with a meeting of the Mt. Nittany Philatelic Society, often volunteering to present a program. Stan also has offered programs in a digital format that can be shared with other APS chapters, and assists APS Circuit Sales, StampStore, and Expertizing as an examiner for Belgian and classic French stamps.

We have thanked these folks individually many times, but it's really nice to have the APS do so, and now the entire hobby knows of their unselfish work. Thanks, Jay and Stan.

More Photos from the March Party



Hugh Feldman and Matt Liebson



Dick Graham and Richard Winter



Dan Walker, Mark Marusa, Pat Walker

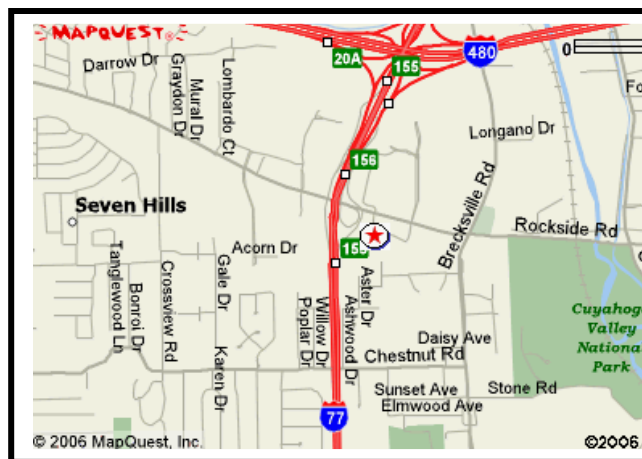


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