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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Big Flats, New York October 5-6, 2018

Stepex 2018. Elmira Stamp Club. American Legion Post, 45 South Olcott Rd., Big Flats.

Olean, New York October 6, 2018

Olepex 2018. Olean Stamp Club. Bethany Lutheran Church, 6 Leo Moss Drive, Olean.
Info. Ron Yeager, 814-362-4471, cry@atlanticbb.net

Brockport, New York October 7, 2018

Stamp & Coin Show and Sale. Western Monroe Philatelic Society, Brockport Firemen's Exempt, 248 West Avenue, Brockport.
Info. Dave Bombard, 585-352-6955, dbombard1@rochester.rr.com

Oneonta, New York October 13, 2018

Stamp and Postcard Show/Sale. Leatherstocking Stamp Club & Tri County Stamp Club. Oneonta Holiday Inn, 5206 State Highway 23, Oneonta.
Info. Ellen Tillapaugh, 607-547-5645. kuchtill@gmail.com

Cheektowaga, New York November 17, 2018

Autumn Stamp Festival. Buffalo Stamp Club, VFW Post, 2450 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga
Info, George Gates, 716-633-8358, gghg53@aol.com

BULLETIN DEADLINE

DEADLINE – The deadline for the December 2018 issue of the *BULLETIN* is **December 1, 2018** 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

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EXCELSIOR! DEADLINE

The deadline for the **March, 2019** issue of *EXCELSIOR!* is **January 31, 2019**.

As an incentive, submitting a one to four-page article will get you a one year extension on your membership and a five-page article will get you a two year extension. Just think – if you write regularly for *EXCELSIOR!*--you'll have the potential of earning free membership for life!...And think about how you will enrich yourself and others.

Secretary's Membership Report

New Member- Correction

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Minutes of the Empire State Postal History Society meeting at Albany, N.Y. on July 21, 2018

Those in attendance were – David Przepiora (President), George McGowan (Secretary), Drew Nicholson, Larry Laliberte, Mike Clark, J. Ogden Tyldsley and Charles DiComo by proxy.

Unfortunately we were unable to hold an annual meeting due to lack of members, but we did have enough officers and directors (with proxies) to hold a directors meeting.

Our financial report was waived until the treasurer receives a report from T. Rowe Price.

A web site report from webmaster Charles DiComo was read at the meeting, in which he states the "web site is running smoothly and is secure". He also asks for more submissions on news events and philatelic and postal history items.

While on the web site topic a discussion began on publication postings. After some discussion a motion was made and carried that only publications older than 6 months will be posted on the web site.

The other main topic discussed was the resumption of collecting dues after a suspension period while we straightened out our publications. After a discussion, a motion was made and carried that we begin collection of \$30.00 for the second half of 2018 and the next year. Drew Nicholson then volunteered to handle this with a separate correspondence to the members.

Member Michael Clark asked about life membership and it was brought to our attention that we don't advertise it enough.

It took me a while after the meeting to find the numbers which were established in 2013. But here they are, life membership rates, 65+ \$200.00, 51 -64 \$300.00, 40 -50 \$350.00, and 39 and under \$400.00.

We were unable to hold an election for Secretary and Treasurer which we had no nominations, but our current Secretary George McGowan and Treasurer George DeKornfeld agreed to remain in place.

David Przepiora

Request for information

Reply-To: sfrubin14@gmail.com

From: Stephanie Rubin-Ruquet <sfrubin14@gmail.com>

Subject: Early 1800's history

I am seeking information related to a petition from a small community in western NY named Jefferson [possibly now Watkins, Chemung Co.] to force the Jefferson in Schoharie County [which was incorporated in 1803] to change its name due to mail too often winding up in the wrong place. The latter community counter-petitioned and included a map. These documents were sent to the Legislature and to the Post Office Department in Washington, DC, and the Post Office Department decided in favor of the Jefferson in Schoharie County? Where would I find the records of this incident? I would like to know the exact date, if that map still exists, and the names on the petition. What I know comes from William E. Roscoe's History of Schoharie County (1882). Thank you for any help/information you can give me.

Editor's Note; *New York Postal History: The Post Offices and First Postmasters from 1775 to 1980* by Kay & Smith lists only four entries with names that include Jefferson. They are; Jefferson, 1819-Pre. (Schoharie); Jefferson Valley, 1850-Pre. (Westchester); Jeffersonville, 1848-Pre. (Sullivan); South Jefferson, 1866-1912 (Schoharie). In addition, I located a Jefferson Heights in Green Co. on the New York "Vacation Map".

This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Empire State Postal History Society | ESPHS (<http://www.esphs.us>)

Empire State Postal History Society receives award

Charles DiComo received an e mail on August 21, 2018, part of which is reproduced here.

Dear Charles;

Congratulations! Empire State Postal History Society, www.esphs.us, has been awarded a Gold in the 2018 APS Website Award Competition. This award recognizes website excellence. On behalf of the entire community of collectors, thank you for your great work.



Congratulations again for this award, which exemplifies the very best that is happening out in the local stamp communities. Over the years to come, we will continue building the APS and the hobby through leaders like you. Thanks again for all that you do for the hobby!

Judy Johnson

Manager of Membership Administration

Congratulations and thank you for the great effort in putting our web site together.

What's an hour more or less?

By Lawrence Laliberte

Jump into your time machine. The date is Sunday, November 4, 2018. Buzzzzzzzz . I open one eye, 7 a.m. I reach over and tap the snooze button. Buzzzzzzzz—bam 7:10 a.m. I'd throw that d..m alarm clock against the wall if I wouldn't have to buy a new one. I don't know why I'm so grouchy, after all, I was able to sleep an extra hour last night. No wait I forgot to reset the d..m alarm clock back an hour at 2 a.m.

How many of us retired folk actually stay up to adjust their clocks at that hour; most of us adjust them before we retire for the night. We take the time to turn the little wheel on the back of our old fashion analog timepieces. Making the change to digital time pieces is another matter. Let's see, my alarm clock requires me to hold down the TIME button while pressing the HOUR button to advance the hours. More than once, the darn thing advances so fast that it would go past the desired setting and I would have to go through 23 hours again to hit the correct hour. The same procedure for the minute setting. Oh yes, I've gone round and round with this one too.

It's Sunday right? That means jumping into the trusty CR-V to purchase the local paper at the deli to read while I have breakfast. Resetting its clock is much easier. At least that timepiece's hour digits can be advanced or turned back as may be required.

We have lived with our semi-annual time change off and on for 100 years. Ben Franklin

first proposed it in an essay to *The Journal of Paris* in 1784. The suggestion appears to have been more of a joke than a real proposal.

The "Standard Time Act of March 19, 1918" confirmed the existing standard time zone system and set summer Daylight Saving Time (DST) to begin on March 31, 1918 reverting to Standard Time (ST) on Oct. 27. The idea was unpopular and was abolished after the World War I. At that time, it became a local option.

During this period, a battle seems to have been waged for and against daylight savings time. The illustrated

cover and enclosed letterhead are from the Empire State Anti-Daylight Saving Ass'n. which was



mailed from Poughkeepsie, N.Y on August 30, 1923 to Ava, Oneida County, N.Y. and states in part..

It has been endorsed by Pomona ^[1] and local granges in our county (Dutchess); by the Farm Bureau, the Eastern New York Holstein-Friesian Breeders Association, Fruit Growers, the Rural New Yorker, New York State Federation of Rural Mail Carriers, railroad workers, and others. At this time we have nearly 15,000 men and women enrolled as members.

It continues on, asking for donations and support for the “anti-daylight” efforts from fellow Grangers.

On February 9, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt instituted year round DLS known as “War Time” for the duration of World War II. From 1945 to 1966 there was no federal law governing daylight saving time. Localities could choose when it began and ended or drop it entirely. The 1964 *Official Railway Guide* indicates that 21 of the 48 contiguous states had no DST anywhere.

The “Uniform Time Act” of 1966 was passed because the lack of consistency caused confusion in the transportation industry. States had the option to exempt themselves: Arizona and Michigan did so. Michigan would join in 1972.

The energy crisis of 1973-75 created by the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC, later OPEC) prompted Congress to pass a trial period of year-round DLS, Jan. 6, 1974 to April 27, 1975. There was enough opposition that the Act was amended to return to Standard Time from Oct. 27, 1974 and ending Feb. 23, 1975, when DST resumed.

Many studies were conducted between 1975 and 1986 to determine the effects of establishing DST on safety and conservation. In 1986, Congress amended the “Uniform Time Act” so DST would begin on the first Sunday of April and end on the last Sunday in October. This was in effect from 1987 until 2006.

Under the “Energy Policy Act of 2005” DST was modified to begin on the second Sunday of March and end on the first Sunday of November. This is where we stand today.

One might wonder how the railroads handle DST. I can answer this from first-hand experience. In 2010, my sister (she refused to fly), sister-in-law and I were traveling back from Austin, TX to New York via Chicago on AMTRAK. At 2 a.m., the train came to a complete stop and just idled for the hour that it took for the time change to catch up. Let’s try that on an airliner.

I’m looking ahead to March when I have to “spring forward” again and lose the hour I gained in November. Or, I can join the Grange, re-establish the Anti Daylight Savings Association and get this nonsense to end. Who’s with me?

On the High Seas

By George DeKornfeld

Being retired certainly has its advantages. Aside from the obvious (you know, like sleeping in, not shaving for days, those kinds of things) one suddenly finds time for pursuits previously only presented as fleeting thoughts, hidden somewhere in the bottom of your 'bucket list.'

As collectors, a passing fancy for many of us is the thought of dabbling in the stamp dealing business, either as a professional or, as in my case, a rank amateur merely looking to make a few extra bucks as a means of helping to feed my active collections. This, along with the extra time afforded by retirement has, so far, worked out swimmingly. Not only do you need to purchase huge lots, but better yet, you get first dibs while you get the masses ready for resale. Usually, a bunch of covers immediately get pulled from amongst their compatriots to be placed into their new homes in my albums. More often than not, other covers still in the pile not only stand out for some reason or another, but actually have the audacity to beckon you over. "Start a new collection, start a new topic" these paper sirens seem to screech at you. Sure, it would be easier, not to mention, kind of enjoyable to just keep them all, but you must steel yourself, ignoring their pleas. These covers need to be researched, scanned and listed for sale, this being the entire point of the dealer experience in the first place.

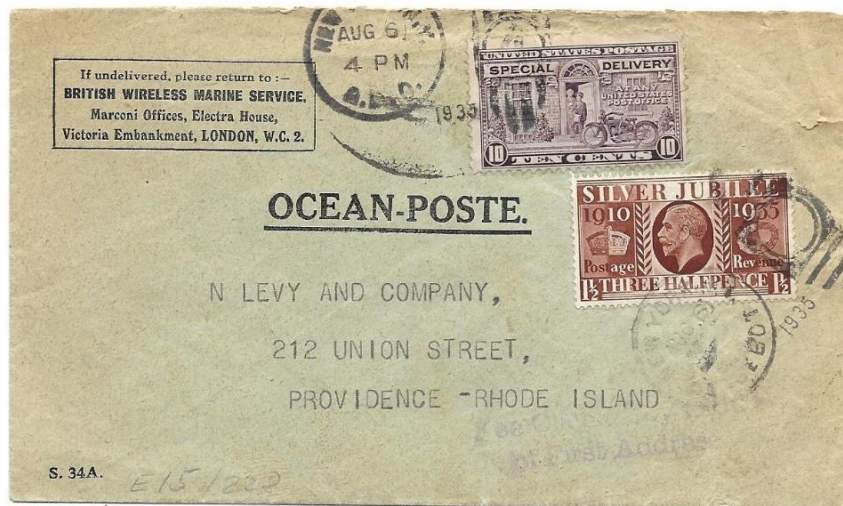


Figure 1. *The Paquebot cover as received in Providence, RI.*

Figure 1 shows the front of one such cover. The envelope, sporting a Great Britain 1-1/2d red brown Silver Jubilee issue of 1935, Scott 228, and a 10c grey violet U.S. Special Delivery issue of 1927, Scott E15 immediately caught my eye, as any mixed franking tends to. Mailed onboard ship and addressed to Providence, Rhode Island in 1935, the cover is pre-printed with 'Ocean-Poste,' has a lightly struck 'Fee claimed at the Office

of the First Address' handstamp in purple at lower right, and has a corner card for the British Wireless Marine Service of London, England. On its own, quite an attractive-looking item. But why the New York 'Paquebot' cancel tying the British stamp, and why the British stamp in the first place? After posing the question on Richard Frajola's Postal History Message Board, this is what the group came up with: The cover was given to the Purser on a British ship who, upon arrival, deposited it at the New York Post Office,

evidenced by the N. Y. Paquebot duplex handstamp. The British stamp was actually a requirement since this all began on a British-flag vessel, either the Cunard White Star liner "Majestic" or the Cunard White Star "Samaria," both of which arrived in New York on the date of the cancel, August 6th. The American Special Delivery stamp was then applied, it being cancelled by a New York Special Delivery Office duplex, and off the cover went, arriving in Providence early the next morning as seen by the arrival date stamp shown in **Figure 2**.

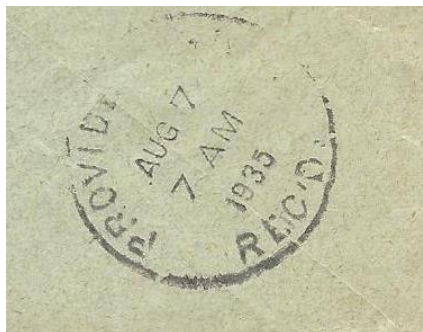


Figure 2. Providence, RI rec. mark

A nifty cover, and I have to admit to being a bit sad at letting it go, but that goes with the territory. And of course, one of the Frajola message board members scarfed it up as soon as it went on sale (insert smiley face).

Thanks to the Frajola Board members who helped piece this cover together, especially Gary Loew, who took a special interest in this item (but wasn't the buyer). <https://www.philamercury.com/board.php>

DUES

Shortly you will receive a separate communication from me regarding the 2019 dues. The purpose of this communication is to inform you of your current dues status. As I am sure you are aware a number of members pay in advance and/or write articles (this gains them free membership) for the *Bulletin* and *Excelsior!*; most of these members will already have satisfied their dues status for 2019.

It is likely that you have noted the *two digit dues code* that follows your name on the address "label" on each publication you receive; this represents your *current* dues status. In the immediate past dues collection was suspended because of irregular and untimely publication. A goal was set by the Board that when we were once again publishing on a regular, timely basis dues collection would be renewed. We have achieved that goal and we hope you have enjoyed the results.

I shall enclose for your use in my communication a stamped envelope addressed to Treasurer Dr. George DeKornfeld, along with a statement of the amount (if any) dues owed. It is hoped that you will return your 2019 dues payment to Dr. DeKornfeld as quickly as possible. If you have any questions, please email me at dan.ddn@comcast.net; I will endeavor to answer them as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Drew A. Nicholson
Publications Chair