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FALL MEETING SCHEDULED IN VERONA

Our fall meeting, open to all those interested in New York postal history, will be Sunday, Oct. 10 at 1 p.m. in conjunction with the Central New York Stamp and Cover Show 2004 at Turning Stone Casino, Resort & Conference Center in Verona, just off Thruway exit 33. The meeting will be held in a room adjacent to the show.

In addition to reports on society activities, the meeting will include a talk on an aspect of New York postal history and balloting for the annual Kenneth R. deLisle four-page exhibit award. Four pages of New York postal history by each competing member are arranged for viewing in the meeting room and balloting is open to all those at the meeting.

ESPHS WINS ROPEX COMPETITION

Twenty-three postal history exhibits from six state societies responded to Empire State's invitation to a multi-state postal history exhibiting competition at *Ropex '04* in Webster on June 18–20.

Empire State filled 33 frames with nine exhibits; Ohio Postal History Society, 27 frames with six exhibits; Vermont Philatelic Society, 20 frames with two exhibits; New Jersey Postal History Society, 14 frames with two exhibits; Maine Philatelic Society, seven frames with two exhibits; and Massachusetts Postal Research Society, eight frames with two exhibits.

By sheer quantity (home field advantage) Empire State won the competition. In scoring based on medal levels alone, ESPHS got 65 points, Ohio 56, New Jersey and Vermont, 20 each, Maine18, and Massachusetts 15. Empire State thus becomes the first entry on the *Charles H. Sweeting Memorial Award*, a privately donated perpetual award to encourage postal history exhibiting competition between New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and the six New England States.

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Last but not least in this month's page: Visit the society's website, www.esphs.org! Webmaster Glenn Estus has done an excellent job describing the society and providing numerous links to other postal history sites. Since it's always a work in progress, he's happy to receive comments and editorial contributions from his viewers.

— Alan Parsons