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### RPA Referendum

Both Constitutional amendments were passed by the membership.

#### Item 1. 6.0 RPA Officers Selection, Duties & Eligibility **Revision:**

The officers, who are elected for a two year term, serve without salaries or compensation.

**Passed: 44 Yes, 4 No**

#### Item 2. 5.1.12 Board of Governors **Revision:**

The Board of Governors shall adopt a prudent monetary policy so as not to exceed \$750 per item without the membership approval by written vote, excluding a current insurance policy premium and any ROPEX expenditures. Club funds shall be dispersed only by the treasurer as authorized by the Board of Governors. **Passed: 43 Yes, 5 No**

### Major Error Found in our Area



You may have read the front page article in the January 19 issue of Linn's Stamp News about newly reported black ink omitted 2003 37 cent snowy egret stamps. Bonnie Vrooman of Castile, NY contacted me originally by email back on August 5, 2008 for advice via the RPA web site. In her own words, here is her story.

"December 12, 2004. We purchased a roll of one hundred 37-cent stamps from the post office in Perry, NY and paid for them with a personal check. We asked for Christmas stamps, but they did not have enough, so we got the Snowy Egrets instead. When we saw them we noticed the fact that "the post office doesn't put the price on the stamp anymore". However, we believed that they had done that before, so didn't think too much of it. We did not notice that the beak of the egret was missing!

"From December through early March 2005 we used 77 of the stamps, leaving us with a partial coil of 23 stamps.

"On March 3, 2005, we mailed a small package to our granddaughter in Portageville, NY and affixed 5 of the stamps to a manila envelope that had a fairly slick finish. Seeing several of the stamps in a row like that alerted a post office worker in Castile, NY to the fact they "looked funny", and that the beak was missing. They called us and said not to use any more stamps because they might be valuable. They also said they would call the Perry Post Office to see if anyone else had reported the errors.

"We received the 5 uncanceled stamps back from the Castile post office, and also have the envelope from my granddaughter, to which the post office had affixed a postage sticker for \$1.98 when they sent it on to Portageville.

"During the next few days we emailed several stamp dealers naively asking for a quote on how much they might be worth. The two dealers that were quite interested were Jack Nalbandian and Jacques Schiff. We decided to

just wait for awhile. We have kept all the answers from the dealers.

"We retrieved one Christmas card envelope that my daughter found, and one letter mailed in January, ironically with an undeliverable address. We had been keeping that envelope, trying to find the correct address. So we have two "covers".

"In August of 2008 we decided we should really try to get this all authenticated. Luckily, I decided to contact the Rochester Philatelic Association for their advice on how to begin. Tom Fortunato was extremely helpful with his advice, and we drove down to the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, PA on October 4 to deliver everything to Mercer Bristow for expertizing. We received the four certificates back in December 2008 for the following items:

- 1) coil of 23 mint stamps
- 2) 5 uncancelled stamps removed by the Castile post office
- 3) cancelled Christmas card
- 4) cancelled undeliverable cover"

With the certificates in hand I advised Bonnie to contact Jay Bigalke of Linn's to get the word out about the find. As Jay wrote, these error stamps were indeed an original find. The news gets better, as the undeliverable letter bears a used plate number single, "211," missing the black "V" and trailing digit "1".

This major error will get a listing in the 2009 *Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue*. The value is yet to be determined, as the Vroomans have yet to sell one of their finds. I'll keep you posted, and get out there and check out your kiloware!

## Kodak Philatelia



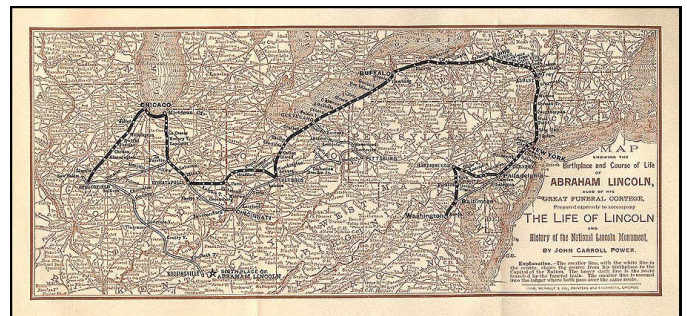
There are many Kodak related items in the philatelic world. This ad tab from New Zealand is just one!

## Rochester Roessler Lincoln Cover



By chance do any of our "more seasoned" members remember seeing a cover like this before? The cachet celebrates the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's funeral train that passed through Rochester on Thursday, April 27, 1865. It sold on eBay for \$4.13 on November 26.

A little web research turned up this fascinating web site that has details about the train's route. (<http://www.lincoln-highway-museum.org/WHMC/WHMC-LFTR-01.html>).

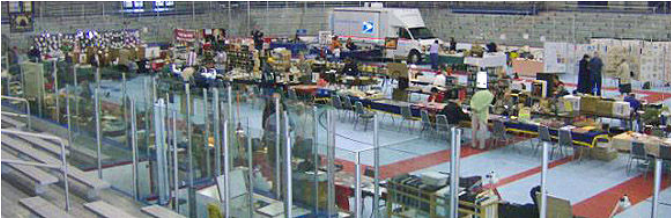


It took 20 days to get Lincoln's body from Washington, DC to its final resting place in Springfield, IL, April 15-May 4, 1865 passing by 445 cities and towns along the way.

Locally it made brief early morning stops/pass-bys April 27 at the following train depots: Palmyra (2:15 AM), Meridian, Fairport (2:50 AM), Brighton, Rochester (3:20 AM), Coldwater, Chili, Churchville, Bergen, West Bergen, Batavia (5:18 AM).

A. C. Roessler, creator of this item, was a famous philatelic pioneer in early first day, airmail and commemorative covers.

## ROPEX Update



ROPEX is drawing near! Mark your calendar to attend Friday through Sunday, May 15-17, hours 11-6, 10-5, 10-4 respectively, of course with free admission and parking at the ESL Sports Centre!

As this is being written in late January the following dealers are now confirmed as attending, with more contracts and deposits pending: 1840-1950 Mostly Stamps, Dave Allego, Britannia Enterprises, Christopher/Richard Covers, The Cover Connection, Al Greco Stamps, William H. Hatton, Lakewood Stamps, Linder Publications, McCloud Stamps, John Nunes, Plateblocketc, Les Rosen, Rosen Dollar Table, Tom's Stamps, Al "Doc" Turner, Doug Weisz US Covers, S J Willis Stamps, Laurence L. Winum, Fred Zaganiacz Stamps

We anticipate at least 30 dealers by show time along with the US Postal Service and UN Postal Administration. A Cachet Makers' Bourse will take place Saturday between 12 noon and 5 PM.

About ¼ of our 240 exhibit frames are now filled, and we can always use more! Not to worry, as the majority are reserved 1-2 months before the show. The awards dinner will be a Dutch treat affair at Domenico's Ristorante on East Henrietta Road.

The following meetings are scheduled so far:

### Friday

1-2 PM- Ace Cover Exchange

### Saturday

1-2 PM- NY State Postal History Society

2-3 PM- AAPE Seminar

### Sunday

1-2 PM- Federation of New York Philatelic Societies

Yes, the popular "You Choose" Raffle will be back and better than ever! Buy tickets and win the prize of your choice. If you know of local businesses that might want to contribute goods or services to our raffle, please contact Dave Bombard at any RPA meeting.

ROPEX remains a group effort and we count on your support to make it possible. Monies raised at ROPEX helps to defray our yearly RPA operational deficit, paying for meeting rooms, newsletter production, mailings and other expenses. Volunteers are needed at setup and take down as well as throughout the show to man the club table.

Be sure to sign up for the ROPEX assignment at the time of your choice during upcoming RPA meetings or when you get a call from an RPA representative.

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## National Postal Museum Philatelic History Quiz

We had a lightly attended meeting on January 8, primarily due to the rather bone-chilling weather that night. So in case you missed it, here is one of two quizzes we had that evening from the National Postal Museum.

1. These founding fathers appear on the first U.S. postage stamps.  
A. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson  
B. George Washington and Benjamin Franklin  
C. George Washington and John Adams
2. The 24-cent inverted airmail stamp, commonly known as the "Inverted Jenny" is among the most valuable stamps to stamp collectors. What was the name of the collector who first purchased the sheet of 100 stamps from the postal service?  
A. Colonel Green    B. J.W. Scott  
C. William Robey
3. Another famous inverted stamp appeared in 1986. The sheet of stamps was discovered by the employees of which federal agency?  
A. The CIA    B. The FBI    C. The NSA

4. On May 1, 1901, a series of stamps went on sale that celebrated modes of transportation and the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, New York. Which of the following modes of transportation did NOT appear in that series?

A. Electric Car B. Train C. Stagecoach

5. While attempting to land at the U.S. Naval Air Station at Lakehurst, N.J. on May 6, 1937, the German zeppelin Hindenburg struck a mooring mast, burst into flames, and crumpled to the ground. How many pieces of mail were rescued from the disaster?

A. 257 B. 357 C. 457

6. The first philatelic item in the Smithsonian Institution was donated in 1886. What was it?

A. The first U.S. stamps B. A Penny Black  
C. A pane of 10-cent Confederate stamps

7. The first piece of mail that was flown across the Atlantic was carried on the NC-4, a Navy aircraft that flew from Halifax, Canada to Lisbon, Portugal. The craft and its crew landed twice on their journey, first in Newfoundland and later in the Azores. What year was this flight?

A. 1919 B. 1924 C. 1929

8. Who has been featured on more U.S. stamps than any other individual?

A. George Washington B. Abraham Lincoln  
C. Benjamin Franklin

9. In 1934 the Post Office Department issued a stamp celebrating the mothers of America. Whose mother is pictured on the stamp?

A. George Washington's B. James Whistler's  
C. Franklin D. Roosevelt's

10. Who is the first American woman to have been depicted on a U.S. stamp?

A. Martha Washington B. Betsy Ross  
C. Molly Pitcher

11. Hundreds of topics have been featured on U.S. stamps. Which of the following has not (yet) been the subject of a stamp?

A. The poultry industry  
B. The American Bar Association  
C. Moby Dick

12. When were the first federal U.S. postage stamps issued?

A. 1837 B. 1847 C. 1857

13. Who was the first African American to appear on a U.S. stamp?

A. George Washington Carver  
B. W.E.B. DuBois C. Booker T. Washington

14. What year did the first U.S. Christmas stamp appear?

A. 1952 B. 1962 C. 1972

15. Which U.S. President, a stamp collector, so enjoyed the hobby that he provided the Post Office Department with his own sketches for stamp designs?

A. Theodore Roosevelt  
B. Franklin D. Roosevelt C. Lyndon Johnson

16. In 1978, the U.S. Postal Service began its popular Black Heritage stamp series. Who was the first individual honored in this series?

A. Dr. Martin Luther King  
B. Benjamin Banneker C. Harriet Tubman

17. The 1990 Classic Films stamp series was very popular. Which film was NOT included in the series?

A. Beau Geste B. The Wizard of Oz  
C. Citizen Kane

18. Stamps celebrating the Olympics continue to be popular with the American public. The first U.S. stamp to honor the Olympics was issued for the 3rd Winter Games. Where were they held?

A. Chamonix, France B. Lake Placid, NY  
C. Squaw Valley, CA

19. Individual American sports heroes did not find their way onto U.S. stamps until 1981. Which two champions were celebrated on U.S. stamps that year?

A. Babe Zaharias and Bobby Jones  
B. Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig  
C. Knute Rockne and Francis Oulmet

20. What was the highest denomination of the three Graf Zeppelin air mail issues of 1930?

A. \$2.60 B. \$2.00 C. \$1.30

Find the answers at the bottom of the page.  
 Ready for another? Check out more here:  
[http://www.postalmuseum.si.edu/activity/8b\\_quizzes.html](http://www.postalmuseum.si.edu/activity/8b_quizzes.html)

### Unique Worldwide Issues



If you ever see a cover with this “0” stamp on it, buy it at almost any price. Why?

Between January 12-13, 1998 residents of the Netherlands received a mailing announcing the privatization of their post office. It included a note saying, “This stamp is worth 80 cents on the day PTT Post will be introduced on the stock market. This jewel is valid as postage for letters and cards up to 20 grams for destinations in the Netherlands.”

Exactly how many households kept the stamp, which was valid only one day, June 29, is unknown, but it surely wasn’t many!

### U.S. Stamp Program: March-May



April 9- Richard Wright (will be 62 cents)



April/May- King and Queen of Hearts



May 29- Bob Hope



unknown release dates

Another rate increase is planned for May, possibly to 44 cents. Denominations shown may change.



Another Rochester seal on eBay- sold for \$18

### Quiz Answers

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|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. B | 6. C  | 11. C | 16. C |
| 2. C | 7. A  | 12. B | 17. C |
| 3. A | 8. A  | 13. C | 18. B |
| 4. C | 9. C  | 14. B | 19. A |
| 5. B | 10. A | 15. B | 20. A |

## Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

### Mar 7-9 Buffalo BUFPEX

Sponsored by the Buffalo Stamp Club. Leonard VFW Post, 2450 Walden Ave. Hours 10-5, 10-3. Bourse. Email: r.meegan@worldnet.att.net

**Mar 22 Buffalo West Seneca Coin, Stamp, Postcard & Collectibles Show** Harvey D. Morin VFW Post 2940, 965 Center Rd. 10-4. Bourse. Contact: (716)656-8080.

**Apr 19 Syracuse Syracuse Stamp, Coin & Collectibles Show** Holiday Inn- Carrier Circle, exit 35. Hours: 10-5. Bourse. Contact: Ed Bailey, (315)452-0593.

**Apr 26 Buffalo West Seneca Coin, Stamp, Postcard & Collectibles Show** Harvey D. Morin VFW Post 2940, 965 Center Rd. 10-4. Bourse. Contact: (716)656-8080.

**May 15-17 Rochester ROPEX 2009**

**May 24 Buffalo West Seneca Coin, Stamp, Postcard & Collectibles Show** Harvey D. Morin VFW Post 2940, 965 Center Rd. 10-4. Bourse. Contact: Victor Drajem, (716)656-8080.

## Next RPA Meetings

Thursday, [March 12](#).... ATA DVD presentation  
Thursday, [March 26](#).... ATA DVD presentation  
Thursday, [April 9](#)..... ROPEX Prep Night  
Thursday, [April 23](#)..... Everyone-A-Dealer  
Thursday, [May 14](#)..... Meeting at ROPEX!  
Thursday, [May 28](#)..... ATA DVD presentation

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Next RPA Board Meeting: TBA  
ROPEX Meetings: March 11, April 8, May 6  
(members may always attend any of these)

**Article submissions always welcomed!**

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