

THE WEPS NEWSLETTER

West Essex Philatelic Society, Inc...Established 1930

Verona Public Library

17 Gould St., Verona, N.J. 07044

Meets 6:30 p.m. the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month.

Mar. 12th & 26th, Apr. 9th & 23rd.

Mar 12: At this meeting we will have a regular scheduled Auction.

Mar 26: Sales Circuit Night

Apr 9: Club Donation Auction.

Apr 23: Member Bourse / Business Meeting / Elect Officers

In the next few months there will be quite a number of local shows to attend. ASDA Mega-Event at Madison Square Garden is taking place Thursday March 15 through Sunday March 18. The Clifton Stamp Club Show will be taking place April 28-29 at the Clifton Recreational Center and NOJEX will take place on Memorial Day Weekend in Secaucus.

On February 26th after overcoming a few technical glitches we had a very interesting slide show about the 1847 issues. Also on that night we added a new item to our library. The APS sent us a DVD for free of the History Channel's program "STAMPS: An American Journey". It is intended for the non-philatelist but does follow the artist who created the 2006 Motorcycle stamps from concept to final design. It also is a good promotion for stamp collecting.

The last meeting in April we will be having our business

meeting and electing our officers. If you are interested in becoming an officer and would like to throw your hat into the ring please do so. We seem to be having a changing of the guard. Until last year, the same members were serving the club in the same capacity for many, many years; they had done an outstanding job I might add. It is now time for the younger and newer members step up to the plate and volunteer to help out the club. Positions up for election are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Trustee positions.

It is also an election year for the American Philatelic Society. If you are a member of that society, your vote is very important. Member Steven Rod is running for Vice-President as a team of three along with Wade Saadi and David Straight. I would like to wish him good luck in this endeavor. Here is a link to the APS website with all the list of candidates:

<http://stamps.org/Election/Candidates.htm>

I would also like to point out a few excellent websites that I have come across on my journey through cyberspace.

The Americana Series Study Group

<http://www.theamericanas.org/index.htm>

Allen Bohart who writes articles on this series for US Stamp News runs this site and is an excellent reference for information on this series that ran from 1975-1981.

Another website run by Allen is **Philatelic Tidbits**

<http://philatelictidbits.nfshost.com/>

This is a blog (short for "web log"). It is updated almost daily and posts links and discussions about current stamp related news.

Finally, now that we are in March, if you have not paid your dues, please do so now. To avoid having to pay dues every year we do offer a Lifetime Membership. Pay once and never have to pay dues again even if they increase. Please contact me for more information if you are interested.

Your Editor: Bob Parkin