

CONGRATULATIONS Alan !! One of the many hats that Alan wears is as editor of Biophilately and he has recently added another. He is one of six people who have been elected a Fellows of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada for the year 2007. Elections are announced at the annual ROYAL show, which was in Toronto, Ontario in October. Other hats Alan wears are as past president of the American Topical Association, Chairman of the Judges accreditation panel of the ATA and he also serves a number of other organizations. I'm proud to say I know him.

If you live anywhere near or can plan your vacation to be anywhere around Portland, Oregon on June 13-15 join us at the National Topical Stamp Show (NTSS). It will be held in Clackamas, a Portland suburb. These shows are an annual event where you have the opportunity to meet and compare notes with other collectors, to buy those elusive stamps you've been searching for, to visit with friends you have made in the past and to join collectors at the President's reception and Awards banquet. Everyone is welcome and if you don't happen to be a member of ATA you can get more information from the office [americantopical@msn.com](mailto:americantopical@msn.com). If you don't know Alan, now is your opportunity as he will be there.

I wish to thank all those who have been so prompt in sending in their dues it makes the treasurer's job much easier. This is also a reminder to those who still have the renewal sitting on their desk.

I mentioned in an earlier letter that I redid my collection from butterfly genera to countries. DON'T DO IT!! All of the fun is gone.

Somehow I don't feel that my letter is complete without a SW Colorado weather report: Snow clouds are covering the sky and when they get full decide to drop a flurry.

Until the next issue, Fran

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The Secretary reports one new member who collects marine mammals, parrots & puffins:

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One of our members, Robert A. Gilman, collects Parrots on stamps and sent me a list of the stamps he is currently looking for. Rather than put a copy of the list in the journal, I decided to publish the address for Robert, so that any member that has any parrot stamps for sale or trade, could contact Robert for a copy of his list to see if they have anything he needs [Ed.].

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