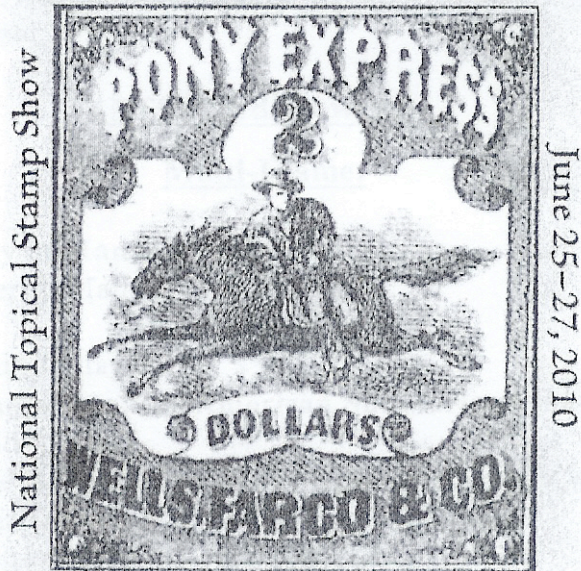


FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Greetings to all our members. Summer has really arrived here in Ontario and my wife and I are feuding about whether to have the air conditioning running all the time or just during the day. We seem to be incompatible temperature-wise. Never mind, if that is the worst difference we can come up with, then we are in good shape!

American Topical Association



Salutes the 150th Anniversary of the Pony Express

I have recently returned from the National Topical Stamp Show in Denver, which was most enjoyable, as usual, with many old friends to greet and some new friends made during the course of the show. The show theme this year was the 150th Anniversary of the Pony Express, which did run through Colorado for a short distance during the time it was in operation. The logo for show covers is shown at left and is a representation of a Wells Fargo carriage label with a \$2 value. The President's Reception was held at the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library and it was very interesting to see the progress they have made since the last time I visited. Another building next door to the original was purchased as they were very much in need of extra space. It is remarkable what the local group has accomplished with mostly volunteer staff. If you are ever in the Denver area, a visit to this outstanding library is well worth while.

This was my last time operating as the Exhibits Chair for the show and I have enjoyed doing this for the ATA over the past few years. This year was

somewhat different, as we realized after takedown on Sunday that we had all flown to Denver and no one had a vehicle to transport the mailed-in exhibits back to the Post Office. Fortunately, one of the members of the library volunteered to do this for us, for which we were truly grateful. I had never really enjoyed flying, and with all the additional problems getting through the airport in Toronto have just reinforced my dislike of the whole business. I really like to drive, but if one is travelling overseas for instance, there is no way to go other than by air. Oh well – just have to grin and bear it!!

Until next time - Alan J. Hanks

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