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POLPEX 86 HAS POLISH HIGHLANDERS' THEME

POLPEX is a Polish-American cultural event held yearly in Chicago during the Lenten season. A historical or cultural theme is usually selected which is depicted on the souvenir sheet, souvenir card, cacheted envelopes and cancellation issued for the event. This year a dual theme is honored, one of which is the 140th anniversary of the Polish Uprising at Chocholow. In 1846 Polish Highlanders living in Chocholow and surrounding villages, participated in the 1846 Krakow Revolution with their own outbreak against feudalism and the Austrian oppressor. The other theme is a "Salute to AMERIPEX 86". This international exhibition is the greatest once in a lifetime philatelic event in Chicagoland which we will be fortunate enough to participate in.

POLPEX 86 will take place on March 15-16, at the Polish Highlanders Community Center on Chicago's southwest side at 4808 So. Archer Avenue. Last year's show was held at this location and the response was very favorable. Bourse Chairman, Romuald Odrowski, reports that bourse tables are already just about sold out. We expect a good turnout because of AMERI-



Special U.S. Postal Cancellation

PEX, other local philatelic shows have been cancelled and POLPEX is the only exhibition in the Chicagoland area this time of the year.

We still need exhibits to fill up the show. Get in on the fun. There are plenty of awards to be gotten. Send for your entry application immediately to Art Walinski 7353 W. Estes St., Chicago, IL 60631.

As with every Polpex, we are offering the following mementoes which will be available March 15th.

Set of two cacheted covers . . .	\$1.50
Souvenir sheets (pair)	1.00
Souvenir card mint	1.50
Souvenir card cancelled	2.00
Program catalog	1.00
Plus postage	1.00

For mail orders write: Walenty Poniecki, 6020 N. Mason Avenue, Chicago, IL 60646.

Awards will be presented on Saturday night at the Beeba-Banquet in the adjoining hall. The Highlanders' Center is known for its delicious Polish style food, so you won't be disappointed. Entertainment will be provided. Don't miss out on this one!

Gems of Polish Philately

By early 1860's there were three rail lines operating in Poland. The first to open was the Warsaw-Vienna Line which was followed by the Warsaw-Bydgoszcz Line and the Warsaw-St. Petersburg Line. Each line had railroad postcars which sorted mail in route, and which would directly accept mail at stops along the way.

The Warsaw-Bydgoszcz Line had four railroad postcars numbered 5, 6, 7 and 8. The letter pictured here was posted on a Mail Car #5 in 1864 during a stop at Wloclawek. The postal clerk was directed to

write the name of the town in which the letter was posted and the date at the top of the letter. He then applied the circular "Expedyeya Pocz. w Wagonie #5" (Railroad Post Office Car #5) and cancelled the stamp, a Poland #1. with the four ring "D.B." canceler (Droga Bydgoska).

The letter is addressed in German to Mr. Hass, the Director of the W. W. & W.B. (Warschau-Wien and Warschau-Bremberg) Railroad.

Only two other letters from Postcar #5 have been recorded during the period of Poland #1.

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MORE ABOUT UNISSUED 1945 KRAKOW OVERPRINTS AND THEIR FORGERIES.

By STANLEY KRONENBERG

After the publication of my article on the above topic in the *Polonus Bulletin* Jan.-Feb., 1985, p. 408-14/15, numerous collectors sent me their stamps for examination. Thus I had an opportunity to see many of these elusive items, both originals and forgeries, and as result my previous observations must be amended.



The details and dimensions of the genuine overprints vary depending on the position in the sheet and thus often resemble previously described characteristics of the forgeries. The figure shows an example of an authentic block of four. In the south-east stamp "50 gr." is 11.8 mm. long, and its period is a square. In the south-west stamp "50 gr." is 12.5 mm. long and its period is round.

The one characteristic which distinguishes all authentic overprints from forgeries is the "0" in "50 gr." which is always of uniform thickness in authentic overprints but is of vari-

able line thickness in all forgeries which I have seen.

AMERIPEX '86 IS GROWING BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS

The joint design booklet that was issued in cooperation with Sweden is selling at an incredible pace. It promises to bring out thousands of people who collect but have never been to a show. Thousands more will begin collecting for the first time. The free pass to the show is the largest promotion ever undertaken for any show. Collectors that have already booked rooms are planning on making AMERIPEX '86 a full 11 day event or more. Many of you have already written in offering to come early and stay late to help with set-up and take-down. Thanks!! There are over 50 Society tables on order, 141 Society meetings for 93 groups scheduled, and about 150 public programs planned. There will be the largest bourse ever held with over 135 dealers, 22 super booths and 65 governments.

Rooms are going faster than the Housing Bureau ever believed possible. Reservations must be made through:

Rosemont Housing Bureau
9291 W. Bryn Mawr
Rosemont, IL 60018, U.S.A.

If you have not made your room reservation yet, please do so as soon as possible, but do not phone. They have been swamped with calls and can process written requests much more efficiently.

CHICAGO CLUB MEMBERSHIPS OPEN

Memberships in the exclusive Chicago Club, the private restaurant and lounge at AMERIPEX are still open. The Chicago Club will offer a dining area with fine food and a maitre d' to attend to every need. The lounge area will have a bar with refreshments, beer, liquors, sandwich service and plenty of comfortable chairs.

Each member will receive a distinctive Chicago Club pin for immediate admittance, two season passes (value \$40), a catalog, (value 20), and a choice of an elegant AMERIPEX tie or scarf (value \$15). The tie and scarf are only available to Chicago Club members and will not be sold or offered to anyone who is not a member.

In addition, the Organizing Committee is planning several other pleasant surprises for members of the Chicago Club which will be announced later to the members.

All of these benefits cost \$100. Membership is limited to the first 500 who send in their money. Make checks out to AMERIPEX & mail to Chicago Club, c/o AMERIPEX, 5944 W. Montrose Ave., Chicago, IL 60634.

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