## New England Chapter Gets a Lesson on Cancelling Machines

A few members of the New England Chapter toured the Hartford, CT Processing and Distribution Center in December. In addition to seeing giant robots that sort trays of mail and other sorting machines, they received a first hand look at an Advanced Facer Canceler machine. USPS electronic technician John Aberg opened the cover of the machine and explained how the mail ran through it and where the ink jet printer applies the spray-on postmark.





Nope, not Georgetown either.

Collecting old checks from 1800s to 1920s.

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**Above:** Aberg, a USPS electronic technician, shows postage cancellation equipment at the Hartford, CT, Processing and Distribution Center to John Flint (back to the camera) and Joe Eaton and the rest of the New England Chapter in attendance.

**Both Left:** The inner workings of the Facer Canceller Machine.

*Below:* The spray on device that puts on the postmark.



## **Colo. Chapter Joint Meeting**

PMCC's Colorado Chapter held its winter meeting in February with a sister group, the Colorado Postal History Society. Several people are members of both groups. Both societies meet three to four times a year. At least one, if not two, of those are on the same day at the same location at different times separated by lunch. At their respective fall meetings the two groups decided to hold a combined meeting. Membership applications were handed out at the joint session.