

Can You Believe It: The 35th Anniversary of the Hamilton Township Philatelic Society!

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HTPS group photo at the October 2010 meeting; Herman Berenson is holding the cake.
(Photo by Suzette J. Lucas of the Hamilton Post.)

To celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Hamilton Township Philatelic Society (HTPS), this short history of the organization's activities was prepared. It includes recognition of the individuals and organizations that have helped to make it the active group it is today.

This document and additional Society historical information, photos and supplemental material are available on our web site at www.hamiltonphilatelic.org. If you have any comments or suggestions about this document, please contact us at info@hamiltonphilatelic.org.

FORMATION

The Hamilton Township Philatelic Society was formally organized in October of 1975 at the Hamilton Township Library on Whitehorse-Mercerville Road. Attendees at this meeting included members from several of the other local clubs in the area, including the Trenton Philatelic Society, the Coryell's Ferry Club, and the Princeton Stamp Club.

Many of the initial members resided in the Hamilton Township area, and felt that a local club was needed and could be supported by that community. Thirty-five years later the HTPS is stronger and better than ever before, due to the hard work and dedication of many current and former members – a testament to the early group of collectors who started the concept of this local club.

An article in the December 1975 issue of the Trenton Times newspaper announced that 35 people attended the first meeting of the HTPS in October 1975 at the Hamilton Library. This first meeting had a Graf Zeppelin exhibit presentation, probably given by HTPS member **Walter Dobrowolski**, who had one of the finest Zeppelin cover collections in New Jersey.

The earliest meetings were held on the third Friday of the month, so as not to overlap with other area club meeting dates. Since the Trenton Club met on the first Friday of each month, Friday seemed a convenient choice for club members with a routine already established for that day.

Within the first few years this meeting night changed to the third Tuesday, as the Society requested a regular dedicated meeting space at the Hamilton Library, and in order to secure this space the third Tuesday at 7:30 PM was the best choice. The Society has met there on this day ever since. Originally the Society did not meet during July and August, but that changed in 2005.

HTPS developed a constitution in its formation year to regulate its operations. It has changed twice over the years – in 1993 and most recently in 2010.



The first president of the HTPS was **Art Reed**, a local First Day Cover collector. **Sid Morginstin**, who specializes in Israeli philately, followed later, and was then replaced by **Tom De Luca** (pictured at the left), whose interests included US and duck stamps. All three were also part-time dealers who supported the HTPS in its infancy and helped the society in both nurturing as well as obtaining new members.

Some of the early financial support came from the HTPS sponsoring a local regular bourse for collectors. This was an important decision that laid the groundwork for recruitment of new members from those who attended the shows.

A major addition to the HTPS came in the early 1980's, although it spelled the end of an era for one of the best philatelic societies in the country. The **Trenton Philatelic Society**, whose origins date back to the Depression era, had regularly met on the first Friday at the Mercer County Administration Building in Trenton.

Dwindling and older membership, combined with poor parking and safety concerns, were major factors in the decision to close down this honorable society, and merge permanently into the HTPS. Many of the active members belonged to both clubs and felt it was the best resolution to a long and proud history. They generously elected to gift their entire treasury over to the HTPS, at a very important time to the HTPS group. The additional new members provided knowledgeable philatelic experience, fresh enthusiasm and renewed direction to the HTPS.



HTPS applied to the **American Philatelic Society (APS)** for chapter membership on November 17, 1978 and was accepted on January 31, 1979 with membership number 1095-104282. The application listed **Sid Morginstin** as president, **Joe Pavelchak** as secretary, and **Richard Marolda** as the APS Representative.

APS Chapter membership entitled the club to receive APS circuit books. This gave members an opportunity to purchase material for their collections at our meetings. This was so popular with the members that, beginning Oct 19, 1993, the meeting opened at 7 PM to allow members time to look at the circuit books. **Bob Lovett** was the first HTPS member in charge of handling and processing the APS Circuit books. **Sherman Britton** took over in the late 1990's and continued until 2009. **Jon Madsen** now handles that task.

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Society Name: Hamilton Township Philatelic Society

Name of President: T. Morgan

Name of Secretary: Joseph S. Pavelchak

Name of APS Representative: Richard Marolda, K88E

Sign here: Richard Marolda (Signature of Representative) 73576 (APS No.)

Name and Membership Number of Three or More APS Members:
Richard Marolda 73576
Art Reed 87609
Sid Morginstin 74720
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I hereby recommend Hamilton Township Philatelic Society for membership in The American Philatelic Society.
 Name of Member: Richard Marolda APS No. 74720
 Mailing Address: 272 Ward Ave. Bordentown NJ 08605

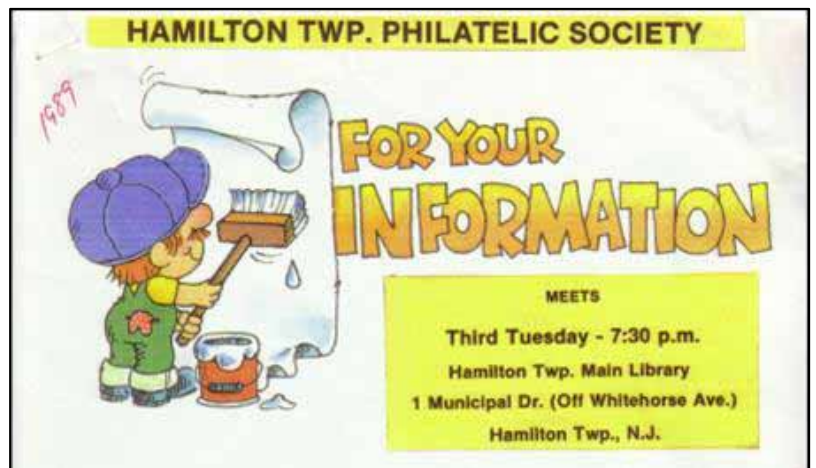
APS application form (1978)

Annual dues, which started at \$3.00, are presently \$10.00. HTPS junior members are not charged any dues.

MEETINGS

Originally, the meeting format was informal and arranged around particular topics. Talks were given on the selected topic. Members checked out the stamps in the APS circuit books and purchased what they needed for their collections. Member name tags were used so that people could become acquainted with the names of fellow members. The use of name tags continues today.

Every organization comes upon hard times and has hurdles to overcome. HTPS is no different. In early 2005, HTPS was down to about 10 active members. Reorganization for the attraction of new members was begun by **Ed Murtha**. He proposed to do this by preparing packets with information about the HTPS including a sample newsletter, a short history of the society and an invitation to visit one of our meetings.



These packets were sent to senior citizen centers and retirement villages in the Hamilton, Trenton, Bordentown, Lawrence, Pennington and Ewing areas. Local APS members and past HTPS members were also included. **Sherm Britton** contacted APS about obtaining a list of APS members with addresses in our area. The APS sent, not a list, but mailing labels. It certainly is wonderful to be a member of an organization with that kind of a helpful attitude. The informal format of HTPS meetings was changed to one with more structure on September 20, 2005.

Current meetings have a set format. Members start arriving around 6:30 PM to setup tables and displays. By 7:00, the APS Circuit books are in the member's hands. Promptly at 7:30, the meeting is called to order by the President, or in his absence, by the Vice-President. A flag salute is given. The minutes of the previous meeting are read by the Secretary and the Treasurer presents the financial reports. Guests are introduced. Old and new business items are discussed as needed.



The **Show & Tell** portion of the meeting is enjoyed by all. Members (or guests) can present a philatelic-related item to the group. These short snippets of information often include some eclectic items.

The purchase of an **Elmo document camera** (image at the left) by the HTPS in 2009 made the Show and Tell process more enjoyable. No longer were items passed from member to member. A member did not have to do anything special, just bring in the cover or stamp, place it under the camera – and Voila! – everyone can see the image in color on a large 6 by 8 foot screen.

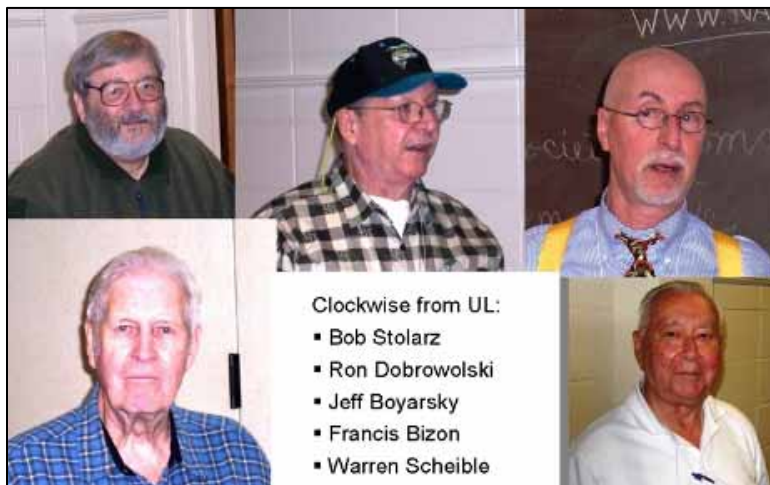
Appendix III includes a list of some of the HTPS Show and Tell presentations.

At some meetings, the Show and Tell feature has been expanded into **Mini-Presentations**, which are short 5 to 15 minute talks by HTPS members. A trial run was held in May 2010 and five members spoke about one of their collecting interests.

The program was so well received that HTPS is devoting two meetings in the 2010 – 2011 season to these mini-talks.

The **May 2010 speakers** (pictured at the right) spoke about the following:

- *U.S. Buyer's Samples* by Bob Stolarz
- *Polish Government in Exile* by Ronald Dobrowolski
- *Victorian Trade Cards* by Jeff Boyarsky
- *Nature of America Series* by Francis Bizon
- *Civil War Fractional Postage Currency* by Warren Scheible



During the **summer**, regular formal meetings are suspended. However this doesn't deter HTPS members from sharing the company of one another. In July, members meet to swap stamps and in August we hold a **HAMPEX** meeting where members bring a page or two of their favorite material to show as an exhibit. The "Bridges on Stamps" page shown at the right was created by **Jim Cope** for Hampex'10.



Over the years, HTPS members have helped advertise our meetings by contacting local newspapers and other information outlets. Special thanks to **Sherm Britton** for his work in this area. Currently, that task is handled by **Glenn Buzzi** and **Ron Gonzalez**.

OFFICERS

HTPS elections are currently held in May of each year with nominations put forward in April. Results are effective for the June meeting. While records are incomplete, it is known that the first president was **Art Reed**. The names of other presidents are available, however, dates served are not accurately known. See **Appendix IV** for a list of the HTPS Officers.

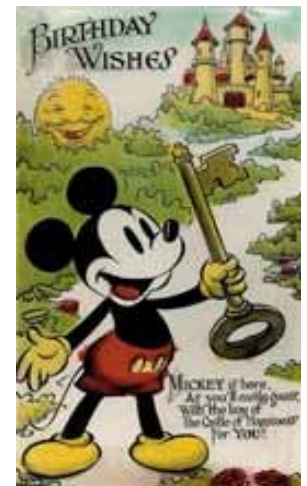
MEMBERSHIP

A complete list of all previous HTPS members is not available at this time. Perhaps we can develop one for the 40th anniversary issue. Meanwhile see **Appendix V** for a list of current members and **Appendix VI** for some past members.

PRESENTATIONS

From the first meeting to today, members and guest speakers have talked about an aspect of philately that interests them. Each month's meeting includes a presentation or special event. These may include a featured speaker, an audio-visual presentation or a club auction.

Presentations have ranged from **Walter Dobrowolski** speaking about Zeppelin covers at the very first HTPS meeting in 1975 – to **John Ranto** showing his Zip Cover collection in the 1980's – to **Jerry McNew** discussing precancels and perfins in the 1990's – to, more recently, **Tom DeLuca** showing some colorful early Mickey Mouse postcards (circa 1930-40's).

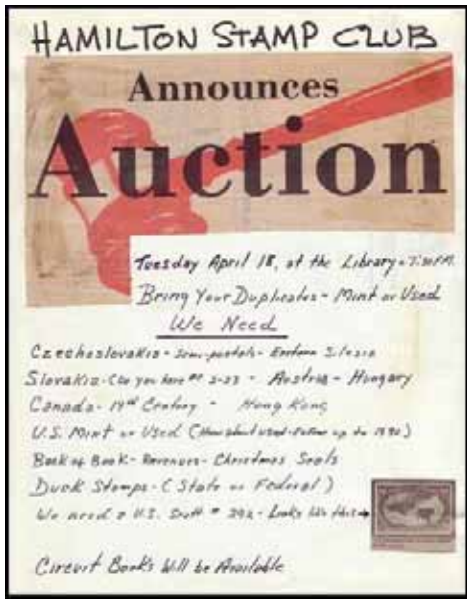


The HTPS has attracted some well known and respected philatelists to speak at meetings on philatelic topics (see **Appendix I**). HTPS members have also provided excellent talks on items from their collections (see **Appendix II**). Pictured at the left are the presentation speakers for the 2009 – 2010 season.

APS slide shows are another presentation format that offer programs on different aspects of philately. HTPS has shown the following programs:

- *British Postage Stamps (in 1976)*
- *Rarities of the World (1995)*
- *Detecting Forgeries (2006)*
- *Number Ones of the World (2007)*
- *Railroad Post Office (2008)*
- *Airships of the U.S. (2009)*
- *History of the United States through Postage Stamps (2010)*

AUCTIONS



1989 Auction Notice

In the 1970-80's, Chinese auctions were held at least once per year. By 1997, regular bidding-style auctions were in use.

Our current program includes auctions for the January and June meetings where members can sell off some of the items that they no longer need, or acquire items for their collections. These auctions are always a lot of fun, and the seller's commission adds to the Society's treasury.

Jim Cope helps in the auction process by preparing a list of HTPS member collecting interests to give everyone an idea of what to submit for auction.



Jeff Boyarsky, Jerry McNew & Ron Gonzalez looking for auction bargains.

Tom DeLuca, Sid Morginstin and Richard Marolda shared auctioneer duties for the first two decades; **Tony Zingale** took over in 2006. Currently, **Jack Sack, Jeff Boyarsky and Ron Gonzalez** track the results and handle the auction financial transactions.

HOLIDAY PARTY

The December meeting is the setting for our annual holiday party. Each member is asked to bring in an item to share with the group. Originally, this started as a dessert only event. Lately, members have brought in fresh fruit, cheese platters, Swedish meatballs and other delicious treats. The evening is taken up by friendly chatter, good cheer and a wonderful variety of foods.



Our Historian, Joe Seliga, at the 2009 party.

The smart member does not eat too much for dinner before the meeting lest he or she be unable to participate in the abundance of food. Some members take home "doggie" bags.

At the right is a 1988 flyer for the December 'Christmas' meeting. Wonder who won the door prize?



1988 Christmas Meeting Flyer

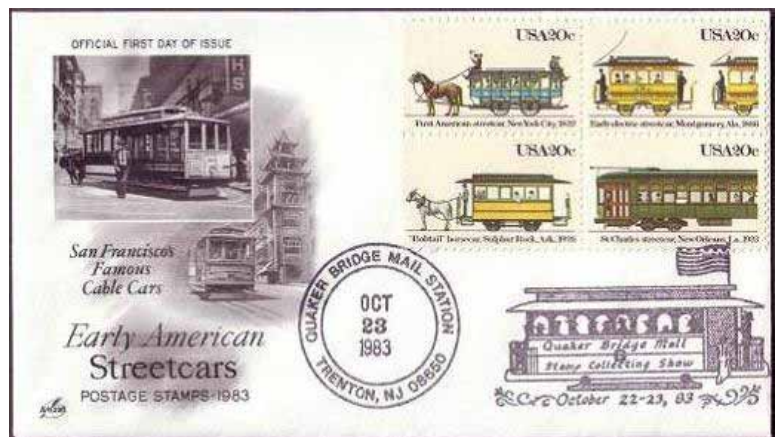
OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

One of the main functions that stamp groups provide is the promotion of philately. In the late 1970's, stamp collecting was enjoying it's heyday as one of the most popular hobbies in the world. The HTPS decided to sponsor a **local bourse** to promote the hobby locally and as a means to attract members. The first bourses were held at the **Kings Fairgrounds Mall** on Route 33 in 1979 on the first Sunday of every month, and were advertised to the public in Linn's Stamp News as well as other philatelic newspapers. Admission was free.

Shortly before the mall closed in 1983, the club moved the First Sunday bourse to the **Colonial Firehouse** on Kuser Road. Typically, there were from eight to ten regular dealers at the bourses over the years, and all participating dealers were first asked to be members of the club. **Richard Marolda**, who acted as Show Chairman, was instrumental in keeping the club involved with this major undertaking, ably assisted by **Tom De Luca** and **Sid Morginstin**.

Always eager to recruit new members, the HTPS organized a larger show at the **Quaker Bridge Mall** in 1983. The club was able to get the Trenton Post Office to set up a sub-station for new issue stamp sales and the club petitioned for a special pictorial cancellation, using the cable car/trolley designs, to create a cacheted **event cover** (image at the right).

What was hoped to be a yearly event for the club did not occur, as both the mall management and the Postal Service were less co-operative in the following years. The HTPS still got great exposure in the region and signed up several new members in the process.



It should also be noted that member and then president **Tom De Luca** wrote the weekly Sunday Stamp column for the **Trenton Times** newspaper from 1982 until 1989. This was a wonderful source of advertisement for the HTPS, as the column would promote the Club, the bourses, any special cancels and events, as well as the meeting nights and programs. Many new members attended the club meetings over the years as a result of his columns.



In April 1994, **Tom DeLuca** obtained permission and made arrangements with Mercer County for the creation of two HTPS sponsored covers. Member **John Ranto** designed the cachets – one honoring the opening of **Waterfront Park** (image at left) and the other commemorating the first **Trenton Thunder** game in the stadium as a Detroit Tigers affiliate.

A special cancel was applied by the USPS resulting in a unique piece of postal history.

This was such a success, that **John Ranto**, on his own, used the 1994 opening day cachets to celebrate the Trenton Thunder's 1995 opening day as a new Boston Red Sox affiliate. The covers (one is shown at the right) included two different stamp issues commemorating USA baseball.

Once again, John showed his artistic talent in designing these covers which have appeared in at least one auction catalog.



John was helped in this effort by **Sherman Britton**. Over 500 event covers were created.



John again used the 1994 cachet design in commemorating the **1996 Double-A All Star** baseball game which was held at Waterfront Park (the home of the Trenton Thunder).

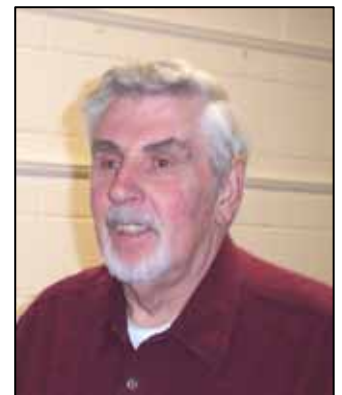
The USPS-applied "Trenton Thunder Logo" cancel tied the cachet to the first all-star game held in New Jersey. This is another nice example of a HTPS member creating a piece of philatelic history.

DONATIONS

The desire to foster the spark of stamp collecting seems to be ingrained in most stamp collectors and that includes HTPS members. Requests for help published in stamp magazines such as **Linn's Weekly Stamp News** and **Meekels** were generously responded to by club members who donated stamp packets and other philatelic material. Initially, these were sent to the APS to distribute to children who attended Stamp Shows.

Eventually, the HTPS expanded its charitable activities. The HTPS gave out packets of stamps to children at the Sayen School who responded with a thoughtful letter (available on our web site) thanking HTPS for its support. We estimate that we have accumulated, packed and sent out 88 packages to twenty schools, three veterans groups, three APS groups, two Boy Scout groups and eight other organizations.

The packages include U.S. and foreign stamps, both on and off paper; sometimes covers are included. **Sherman Britton** (pictured at the right), has handled this task for many years. In 1999 HTPS began participating in the Stamps for the Wounded program. The last package to Stamps for the Wounded was over four pounds.



Thank you notes and photographs received from the recipients show that the donations were very highly prized. Two of these are shown below. On the left are members of the **Valley Oak Stamp Club** in Fresno, CA (circa 2003) who received philatelic materials from the HTPS. On the right is Sister Jane Margaret of **St. Mary's School** in Hartford, NY displaying some philatelic exhibits created by her students in 2004.



Valley Oak Stamp Club students with their albums.



Sister Jane Margaret (left) with student' displays.

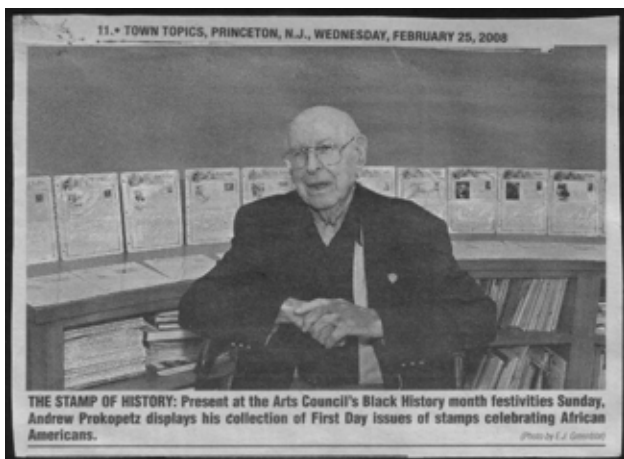
EXHIBITS

Since the early years of the Society, HTPS members have created and displayed exhibits at philatelic exhibitions. In the early 1970-80's, **John Ranto** created exhibits for the Central Jersey Shows (CENJEX) and the South Jersey Federation of Stamp Club (SOJEX) shows held annually.

The theme for many of John's exhibits was zip code covers and other postal history items. John's unique style of creating a cover used many philatelic materials including USPS postal notices and even restaurant menus! Today, John is still hard at work created his unique covers, some of which are found in auctions.



John and Millie Ranto at SOJEX (circa 1980's).



Andrew Prokopetz is another long-time HTPS member who has exhibited material at various venues for more than twenty years. His February 2008 exhibit of First Day Cover issues celebrating African Americans was a highlight at the Princeton Arts Council's Black History month festivities.

That's Andrew in the newspaper clipping at the left along with some of his covers.

Andy continues to update his postal history and world wide collections as time permits.

Ron Gonzalez has created exhibits based on various Puerto Rico postal history topics and time frames. His exhibits have earned medals at the NOJEX and AMERICOVER shows. Pictured at the right is Ron with the silver medal for his exhibit at NOJEX in 2009.



Ron has also presented talks on Puerto Rico postal history at the HTPS, Coryell's Ferry Club and other philatelic organizations.



Sid Morginstin, another long time HTPS member, pictured at the left, has exhibited both in the U.S. and abroad. Lately, he received a Silver Award at the Pittsburgh APS StampShow in August 2009 for his exhibit, in the Handbooks & Special Studies category, titled *The Maximum Cards Stamp Information Folders & Stamp Information Bulletins of Israel*.

Sid's collecting interests are varied, but he is especially involved in pre-1948 Palestine, Israel, Judaica – and Lundy Island postal history. He also has written three books including *The Postal Stationery of Israel* and another on Bordentown postal history.

In September 2010, **Ron Dobrowolski** became the latest HTPS member to display his material. His exhibit titled "**Birthdays of a Sadistic Monster**" contained postal history examples of stamps issued to commemorate Adolph Hitler's birthdays before and during WW II.



Ron's exhibit was very well received at the 2010 MERPEX show where he received multiple awards for content and presentation. That's Ron at the right standing in front of his winning exhibit.



Another way of spreading the word about the benefits of philately is via **library exhibits**. The first Stamp display at the Hamilton Township Library was in October 1997 using two large display cases.

The exhibits expanded in 2007 to include an annual exhibit at the Lawrenceville Library. At the right is one of the display cases at the Hamilton Library with a collection of philatelic materials provided by HTPS members.

AFFILIATIONS

Activities with other stamps clubs and organizations are another form of outreach and have been part of the HTPS history from the start.

Many members of the **Trenton Philatelic Society (TPS)** joined the HTPS when it was formed in 1975. As described earlier, both groups coexisted for almost a decade. When the TPS closed up, it donated its treasury to the HTPS.

The HTPS was an affiliate chapter of the **American First Day Cover Society (AFDCS)** almost from its inception. **John Ranto** was the HTPS representative for many years. In 1986, we joined the AFDCS effort by member clubs to design a FDC cachet for the Presidential set of 36 covers. HTPS designed the **John F. Kennedy cover** shown at the right.



The HTPS was also a member of the **Central Jersey Federation of Stamp Clubs (CENJEX)** from 1978 until CENJEX closed down in the mid 1980's. The HTPS participated in the activities of CENJEX in promoting philately. **Tom De Luca** was the club chapter representative for the duration. The closing down of this premier philatelic organization again provided fortuitous operating revenue to the HTPS, as CENJEX split its treasury to all member organizations.



Ed Murtha, Tony Zingale, Jon Madsen, Jeff Boyarsky, Joe Seliga and Ken Steel (at 2010 NOJEX setup).

The HTPS is an active member of the **North Jersey Federated Stamp Clubs**, the organization that sponsors the **NOJEX** show over the Memorial Day weekend. For the past several years, HTPS members have traveled to Secaucus, NJ to help set up dealer tables, install exhibits and assist with other activities as needed. It's a lot of work, but very satisfying to see a show take shape.

Our relationship with the NOJEX organization has benefited both groups. Part of the success of our revitalization in 2005 was greatly helped by speakers we enlisted from the NOJEX group and from exhibitors at the show.

We are also associated with the **Merchantville Stamp Club (MSC)**, based in Pennsauken, NJ. Many HTPS members are also members of the MSC. **Hank Applegate** is one member of both groups who has spoken at HTPS meetings.

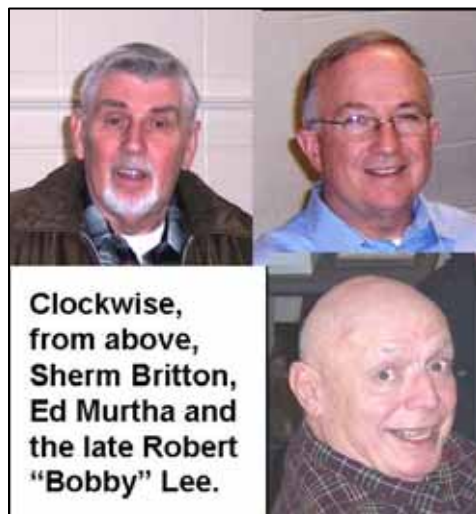
HTPS members have assisted in the preparations for the **MERPEX** show sponsored by the MSC over the Labor Day weekend. Like the NOJEX setup, it's a lot of work and again both clubs benefit from the ongoing relationship.



Ed Murtha, Ken Steel, Tony Zingale and Joe Seliga (at 2010 MERPEX setup).

THE HAMILTON HINGE

A key feature of the HTPS is our award-winning newsletter – the Hamilton Hinge. The idea for a newsletter was started by **Sherm Britton, Ed Murtha** and the late **Bobby Lee** in September 2005. The purpose was to help revitalize the HTPS which was down to less than a dozen active members. Ed was the first editor and set the tone for the newsletter's content.



Clockwise,
from above,
Sherm Britton,
Ed Murtha and
the late Robert
"Bobby" Lee.



Jack Sack (at right) receives his
APS Newsletter award from
Tony Zingale.

In 2006, **Jack Sack** became the editor, created the Hamilton Hinge name and, in two years, earned both a vermeil and a gold award from the APS for his work on the newsletter.

Our current editor, **Tony Zingale**, prepares a monthly four to six page report of the HTPS' activities and events. It is an excellent communication tool that gives recognition to each member's contributions to the Society. Copies of all the HTPS newsletters are available on our website.

WHAT MAKES THE HTPS SPECIAL?

The answer is two words – our members. The club takes the solitary hobby of stamp collecting and turns it into a group and social activity. You can usually find some HTPS members at the Golden Dawn diner for breakfast before the Hightstown show or for dinner before the monthly meeting. At many tri-state area stamp shows, HTPS members are checking out the dealer tables and examining the exhibits. Some members team together and make a day of it by having breakfast before the show and perhaps even lunch afterward.

Over the years, HTPS members have traveled to philatelic sites either solely or as a group. In 2009, several members drove down to Washington, DC to visit the National Postal Museum. HTPS members have also visited the Spellman Museum in Boston, and the Collectors Club and Philatelic Foundation in New York City.

THE FUTURE

What does the future hold? Many people say that Philately, the hobby we all love, is dying out. Few young people are interested in the hobby. There are many reasons for this including the demise of local stamp shops and the many other distractions from the internet age. It is a continual effort to maintain our membership and develop interesting programs, but we move forward with optimism.

Special thanks to all members over the past 35 years who have helped keep our Society active and stimulating. We trust that the Hamilton Township Philatelic Society will continue as dynamic for the next 35 years.

Appendix I: Outside Speakers (Partial List)

- George Amick (2006) – Linn’s Stamp Yearbooks
- Dr. Edwin Andrews (2010) – Philatelic Exhibiting
- Hank Applegate (2007) – History of Lakehurst, NJ (now a member) → → →
- Raymond Asy – Estate Liquidation and Planning
- Roger Brody (2009) – 1965 Prominent American Series
- Fred Collins – Hand-painted Cachet Making
- Betty Davis – Post Card Collecting
- Tom Faust – First Day Covers
- Barbara Harrison – On Exhibiting
- Andy Kupersmit (2009) – Stamp Auction Houses
- Gary Loew (2010) – Gambia Postal History
- Steven Rod (2008) – History of Nassau Street
- Bob Rose – New Jersey Postal History (2007) → → → →
- Wade Saadi (2008) – Struck on Stamps – 1851 to 1868



Appendix II: Member Presentations (Partial List)

- Francis Bizon (2009) – Nature of America Series
- Andrew Boyajian (2007) – C. S. Anderson Cachets → →
- Jeff Boyarsky (2009) – Victorian Trade Cards
- Sherman Britton - Souvenir Card Posters
- Ronald Dobrowolski - Polish Government in Exile
- Walter Dobrowolski – Zeppelin Covers
- Ron Gonzalez (2009) – Puerto Rico's Philatelic History → → →
- Ed Muench (2009) – Bicycle Philately
- Frank Raciti - Rarities of the world
- John Ranto – Postmark Collection → → → →
- Jack Sack (2007) – Indian States Stamps
- Bob Stolarz – U.S. Buyer’s Samples
- Warren Scheible (2010) – Civil War Fractional Postage Currency
- Tony Zingale (2009) – Postmarks and Cancellations
and
- Tom DeLuca – Over 25 Presentations including George Washington on Stamps, Duck Stamps,
and Early Mickey Mouse Postcards



Andy's book, *The Cachets of C. S. Anderson*, illustrates all of Anderson's U.S. and U.N. cachets.



Ron presents a copy of his book, *First Day Cover Catalogue of US Stamps Related to Puerto Rico*, to Paul McCutcheon of the National Postal Museum.



Appendix III: Show and Tell Presentations (Partial List)

- *Merchantville Stamp Club School Project*, Hank Applegate;
- *German Stamp with an 1872 Cancel*, Herman Berenson;
- *POW Card dated 1947, long after the war than expected*, **Don Bunker**; → → →
- *State Quarters Collection*, Francis Bizon;
- *Booklet of Covers from all Olympiads of the Modern Era*, Andy Boyajian;
- *First Day Cover Addressed to Don Bunker*, Sherm Britton;
- *Account of the Hindenburg Disaster as reported in the Bucks County Courier Times*, Bill Case; → → → → →
- *Win the War Covers*, Jeff Boyarsky;
- *Stamp Collecting Refresher – Taking Stamps Safely off Paper, and the Use of Drying Books*, Dennis Buss;
- *Postmasters Unexpectedly Willing to Stamp Her Travel Journal as a Memento of her Trip*, **Rita Cleary**; → → → → →
- *U.S.S. Akron Display with Cover Commemorating the 5th Anniversary of the 1933 Crash in which Rear Admiral Moffet Perished*, Ron Dobrowolski;
- *Letters Mailed to Someone’s Great-grand-parents Years Ago and Subsequent Family Member Contact to Return the Material*, Bob Filidore;
- *Tin Can Mail Cover to Puerto Rico*, Ron Gonzalez;
- *Priority Mail Envelope with \$4.05 stamp and Protective Covering so it could be Saved*, **Jim Cope**; → → → → →
- *Stamp Collecting Refresher – Advice on How to Safely Store Stamps and Albums*, Ed Murtha;
- *Iditarod Trail Covers*, Ed Muench;
- *Venezuela Cover*, Ed Murray;
- *Presentation Card in Regards to the Bordentown Stage Route*, Sid Morginstin;
- *Rattlesnake Island*, Joe Pavelchak;
- *Postage Stamps he could not Identify*, **Gerald McNew**; → → → → →
- *Post Cards from the WWII Days at Ft. Dix, NJ.*, John Ranto;
- *Video – How to Repair Damaged Covers*, Jack Sack;
- *German Cover Sent by a Civilian and Handled through a German Army “Feldpost”*, Joe Seliga;
- *1868 Cover Cancelled in Washington D.C., sent by S. M. Arnell, Congressman from TN asking for Civil War Reparations for his Constituents*, Bob Stolarz;
- *Bicentennial \$2.00 Bills as First Day Covers*, Warren Scheible;
- *The Stamp Atlas*, Klaus Wagner;
- *Searching for Full Sheet of the Canadian-rate Elk Issue*, **Neil Wood**; → → →
- *Framed copy of his Favorite Stamp: the 1955 3c Blue Soo Lock Issue*, Neil Wood;
- and
- *Advertising Cancels from Germany*, Tony Zingale.



Appendix IV: HTPS Officers & Support Team

President: Art Reed was elected the first president in 1975.

Other presidents have included

Sid Morginstin, Tom DeLuca,

John Ranto and **Glenn Buzzi**. → → →

Ed Murtha has served since 2006.



Vice President: Records in hand do not show the first vice president,
nor who followed.

Sherman Britton was elected and served until 2006.

Tony Zingale followed (2006 – 2007).

Jeffrey Boyarsky has held the position since 2007.

Secretary: Joe Pavelchak served as the first secretary.

Other secretaries included Sherman Britton, Clare Candelori,

Tom DeAngelo and **Klaus Wagner** (? – 2007). → → → → → →

Robert Stolarz has served since 2007.



Treasurer: **Joe Pavelchak** was the first treasurer and served until 2007. → → →

Ron Gonzalez took over in 2007.



APS Representative: Richard Marolda is listed as the first representative.

He was succeeded by Bob Lovett and Sherman Britton.

Jon Madsen has served since 2010.

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Appendix V: HTPS Current Members

Twenty-six of HTPS' present fifty-four members are also members of the APS. Their names are in a **bold** font. Current membership is at its highest with the following distinguished local philatelists:

Hank Applegate	Jerry Davis	Gary E. Machunze	Angelo Sanelli
Mary Ellen Applegate	Leonard de Groot	Jon Madsen	Bill Sargeant
Francis Bizon	Thomas DeLuca	William H. McCarroll	Warren E. Scheible
Andrew Boyajian	Ron Dobrowolski	Gerald McNew	Joseph F. Seliga
Jeffrey Boyarsky	Eileen M. Dobrowolski	Sid Morginstin	Kenneth J. Steel
Sherman Britton	James Eckert	Ed Muench	Robert Stolarz
Don Bunker	Doug Filidore	Edward Murray	Robert N. Stutz
Glenn Buzzi	Dr. Ronald H. Gonzalez	Edward J. Murtha	Todd Tucker
Bill Case	Robert C. Holmes	Edward Naylor	Frank Wheeler
Rita Cleary	Dr. Bob Kahrman	Joseph Pavelchak	Neilson Wood, Jr.
Leonard B. Coleman	Kristina E. Kaye	Andrew J. Prokopetz	Tony Zingale
Dick Cooper	Denne Keller	John Quinn	
James A. Cope	Herb Kropnick	John Ranto	
Cathy Daniels	Don Luecke	Jack Sack	

Appendix VI: HTPS Past Members (Partial List)

Bert Alpaugh	Adam DiClaudio	Walter Mallery	John G. Swidinsky
Sam Altobelli	Walter Dobrowolski	Michael Marinelli	Bud Umberger
W. Ball	Roger Enfreike	Richard Marolda	John Watrous
Norman Batho	Stanley Fedesko	Edward McCarthy	A. T. Terry Welborn
Anita Blatt	Al Field	Vicki Moser	Kevin Wright
Robin Brown	Lawrence Fish	Constantine Pankevich	
MaryAnn Brownback	Dorothy F. Fisher	Edward Petrus	
Fred Burkhardt	Robert Fitch	Jodi Pisarek	
Doris Burkhardt	Cathy Genbtile	Rudy Potenzzone	
Dr. Dennis Buss	Harry Graz	R. Prive	
Alex Candelori	Jerry Green	Frank Raciti	
Clare E. Candelori	Sy Henenberg	John Rusnak	
Phylliss Chudoff	Joseph Kaytus	T. Ruyan	
Roy Clevenger	Richard Kirkham	Philip A. Scherer	
Judy Clevenger	George N. Kook	Carl Schmelz	
Wayne Cooke	Steve Kovacs	Vince Sgro	
David Conrad	Jim Lanning	Art Smith	
Peter Crandall	Robert "Bobby" Lee	George E. Stevenson	
J. Danchak	John Leikam	Sam Stia	
Edward H. Devlin III	Bob Lovett	Stanley Surowiec	
Thomas DeAngelo	R. Lipman	Leonard Swec	