



Hamilton Township Philatelic Society

APS Chapter #1095-104282



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Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Hamilton Township Public Library,
1 Municipal Drive (off of Whitehorse Mercerville Road), Hamilton, NJ 08619

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February 20th Meeting

Our meeting this month will feature a presentation by HTPS member Tom DeLuca. Tom is the owner of Trenton State and Coin on Route 33 in Hamilton Square, and has given a number of talks in the past. We look forward to another entertaining evening.

We should also have some time for "Show & Tell". If you have an interesting stamp, article, exhibit or story to tell, please bring it to the meeting.

As always, the meeting will start at 7:30pm. Please come earlier if you wish to view the APS Circuit Books or if you have stamps or philatelic material to offer for sale or trade.

The Newsletter Editor is interested in any news, items of interest, articles, suggestions or ideas you might have. Please write, call or email me – Jack Sack, 50 Merion Place, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648; hamilton@att.net; 609-896-8193

President's Message

Last month, Jack Sack gave a fascinating presentation on the Indian States and its stamps. We thank Jack for taking the time to show off his collection.

This month we are pleased to have a presentation by another of our members, Tom DeLuca. Tom has given a number of very interesting talks in the past. I am sure this month's presentation will be as fascinating.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

... Ed

Plans for Future HTPS Meetings

Here is the current schedule of activities for future HTPS meetings (subject to change):

March 20, 2007 – Presentation on New Jersey Postal History by Robert G. Rose, President of the NJ Postal History Society

April 17, 2007 – Presentation on Zeppelin Covers by Henry Applegate

May 15, 2007 – APS Slide Show (subject to be determined)

June 19, 2007 – Society Auction

We have also decided to have informal meetings over the summer on **July 17th** and **August 21st**. See the related article on page 3.

Researching a Stamp – Hutt River

One of our members, Don Bunker, told me the story of the Hutt River Province stamps pictured below. Don received a number of different Hutt River stamps in a collection he purchased.

Don had never heard of Hutt River before and was faced with the problem of trying to identify these stamps. Only a few years back, this would be a major undertaking – going to the library and searching through various reference books looking for information on Hutt River. Fortunately, times have changed, and his son was able to use the Internet to provide detailed information in a very short time.



A query of “Hutt River Province” on Google came up with over 2500 references, including <http://www.hutt-river-province.com/>, the official site of the Hutt River Province Principality, with a large picture of HRH Prince Leonard and Princess Shirley. The website includes a brief history of the principality, as an Independent Sovereign State having seceded from **Australia** in April 1970.

Wikipedia (the on-line encyclopedia) gives the history of Hutt River. It is a 18,000 acre wheat farm in Western Australia that seceded from the country over a dispute regarding wheat quotas. By 1980, the “principality” was issuing stamps that have, on occasion, found their way into the international mail stream.

For more information, visit the Hutt Island Postal Service web site at:

http://www.principality-hutt-river.com/HRP_Postal_Service.htm

Alfred Engel



It is with great sadness we report the passing of one of our good friends, Alfred Engel. Alfred was an avid stamp collector and a long time HTPS member. He was regarded as an expert in detecting stamp forgeries, particularly in the German area. Besides his stamp activities, Alfred had recently completed a German to English translation of two volumes of the collected papers of Albert Einstein.

On a personal note, I remember one of the first HTPS meetings I attended. Alfred gave a presentation on German forgeries and the reference books he used. Although I didn't know anything on the subject, Alfred spoke in such a relaxed and engrossing manner that within a few minutes I felt I understood a great deal about the topic. I enjoyed his presentation and talking with him after the meeting about my German States collection.

Alfred was always willing to take time to carefully examine your latest acquisition and give his opinion about its authenticity. His friendly demeanor and his willingness to share his knowledge was one of the reasons I decided to join the HTPS. He will be remembered by many of the club members as a good friend.

... Jack Sack

Rattlesnake Island

Joe Pavelchak will present a short Show & Tell in February on his Rattlesnake Island stamp collection.

Rattlesnake Island,

Ohio, on Lake Erie, gets

its mail service via a private plane. The carrier created his own stamps and postmarks for this local post. Joe has a nice collection of these stamps to show us.



Stamp Identification

The stamp identification quiz in January newsletter was so well received, we've decided to make it a regular feature – with a twist. The stamps shown below are truly unidentified. If you have any information on these stamps, please write or email us at hamilton@att.net;



Answers from last month:

1. Argentina – Corrientes Province #4a
2. Peru – Arequipa Provisional #3N2
3. German Occupation of Belgium #N20
4. German Occupation of Alsace #N6
5. Spain #37
6. Spain Malaga Local Post #252
7. North German Confederation # 3
8. Germany - East Saxony 15N12
9. Italy – Roman States #2
10. Austria #10
11. Eastern Silesia #20
12. Yugoslavia – Slovenia #3L20
13. Epirus #15
14. Palestine – British Occupation #8
15. Saudi Arabia #100
16. Turkey #M1
17. Turkey in Asia #52
18. China – Central China #6L40
19. Montenegro #19
- 20 Austria offices in Turkey #4
21. Azad Hind (Free India movement)
(Considered labels by Scott, Listed in Michel)
22. Russia (Wrangel issue) #240
23. Nepal (1899) #10
24. Malaya – Japanese Occupation #N42
25. Indian States - Alwar (1877) #1
26. Manchukuo #4
27. Indian States - Nowanuggar #6
28. Burma - Japanese Occupation 2N29
29. Ukraine #63

Membership Dues

Club dues for 2007 are past due. If you have not yet paid, please see Joe Pavelchak or one of the club Officers.

Plans for the Summer Meetings

In response to the membership, we have decided to add club meetings to the schedule for July and August this summer. These will not be as formal as our regular meetings, but should give us an opportunity to have an extended “show and tell” and a “swap meet”.

In August, we are planning to have a Members exhibit. We will ask each member to prepare a one (or more) page exhibit of stamps from your collection to be displayed. This exhibit will be known as HAMPEX '07. If you are interested in helping plan these events, please contact Ed or Tony.

Web Watch – Machin Definitives



At our last meeting, Klauss Wagner mentioned how he uses the web to research the Machin definitives, the long running British series featuring Queen Elizabeth II. Roy Simpson's website, <http://www.gbmachins.co.uk/>, gives great details on the various printers, papers, gum, perforations, etc. used since the series first appeared in 1957.

Another good reference is the <http://www.gbstamps.com> website. However, in order to fully comprehend the number of varieties of stamps, you need to look at <http://www.adminware.ca/machin.htm> which lists all the various stamps by value, cross-referenced by year issued, type of printing, etc. By my count, there are well over 500 different varieties of Machins – Happy collecting!

HTPS News and Events ...

We welcome a new member, Francis Bizon, from Southampton. Francis collects United States stamps.

Library Display: In April, we will exhibit at the **Lawrenceville Library**. We are looking for contributors. ANY type of philatelic material is suitable including stamps, covers, postcards or publications. We are also looking for people in each community to visit their local library every month or so to restock our flyers and posters.

Newsletter via e-mail: Our Newsletter is now available via email. If you would like to receive it that way, please let us know and provide us with your email address. We will also include the newsletters on the HTPS website.

Lending Library: Klaus Wagner has organized the HTPS lending library. If you have any reference books you are willing to lend out or there is a catalog or book you are interested in reading, check out the available titles on the Poster Board listing.

Stock Pages and Binders: We are looking for contributions of binders and stock pages (preferably the black poly type). Recycled items are fine. The purpose is to supply new collectors with a "storage kit" before they decide on an album.

Save Your Extra Stamps: Remember to please save your extra stamps for Sherm Britton to send to the "Stamps for Wounded Vets" and to a number of other worthy programs.

Upcoming Stamp Events ...

February 9-11 – The MetroExpo NY Stamp Show – Holiday Inn Midtown, NYC.

February 10 – Hightstown Stamp Bourse – American Legion Post, Hightstown, NJ. 9:30 AM to 5 PM. Some members meet for breakfast at the Americana Diner before the show. If you would like to join us or need a ride to the show, please contact Tony.

February 11 – South Jersey Stamp Bourse – Holiday Inn, Rt. 70 & Sayer Ave, Cherry Hill, NJ. 10 AM to 4 PM.

February 18 – Third Sunday Stamp Bourse – Courtyard Marriott, Lyndhurst, NJ.

February 21 – Merchantville Stamp Club, Temple Lutheran Church, Pennsauken, NJ. (also March 1st). 7:30 PM to ~9:30 PM.

February 24-25 – Woodbridge Stamp Show, Hampton Inn, Woodbridge, NJ.

March 3 – West Jersey Stamp Bourse – Masonic Center, Rt. 295 Interchange, Exit 32, Cherry Hill, NJ. 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

March 3-4 – BUXMONT Stamp Show & Bourse – Benjamin Wilson Senior Center, Warminster, PA. 10 AM to 5 PM.

*Remember to tune into **Rita Cleary's** radio program, "The Faces of Life" which airs from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on alternate Mondays on WDVR-FM, 89.7 in Delaware Township and 91.9 in Lawrence, Princeton and Trenton. It can also be heard on the web at www.wdvr fm.org. Rita welcomes your questions or comments about the show. Her email is: keepitreal08628@yahoo.com.*

The purpose of this newsletter is to promote philately, inform our members and to encourage other like-minded individuals to attend the monthly meetings of the Society.

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