



Hamilton Township Philatelic Society

APS Chapter #1095-104282



April 2007 Newsletter

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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 Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. Way (off of Whitehorse Mercerville Road), Hamilton, NJ 08619

April 17th Meeting

Our April meeting will feature a presentation by Henry Applegate on Zeppelin covers. Mr. Applegate, a founding member of the Lakehurst Navy Historical Society, gave a very interesting talk on the Lakehurst Naval Air Station last summer at the Washington 2006 Philatelic Exposition. We are looking forward to his presentation on Zepp covers.

The meeting will start at 7:30 PM. 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.

Plans for Future HTPS Meetings

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

May 15, 2007 – APS Slide Show on “Number Ones of the World”

June 19, 2007 – Society Auction

July 17, 2007 – Swap Meet

August 21, 2007 – HAMPEX’07 Exhibit

Sept. 18, 2007 – What I Did Over the Summer

October 16, 2007 – Refresher Topics

The Newsletter Editor is interested in any 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

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President’s Message

Hopefully, you attended last month’s meeting. Bob Rose, the President of the New Jersey Postal History Society, provided a wonderful presentation. The New Jersey covers that he displayed from the stampless era to the banknotes were beautiful and fantastic to see. Of special delight were actual early Trenton covers that came from Bob Rose’s own collection. We are indebted to philatelists like Bob Rose who are willing to share their time, expertise and material to make all of us better collectors.

I would also like to thank all of you who found the time to attend. It was a great turnout. Our guest speaker was most appreciative to all who attended and for the kind words afterwards.

This month’s speaker is Henry Applegate. Henry has kindly offered to visit us and to share his knowledge on Zeppelin covers. I hope you plan to attend. If it is anything like last month’s meeting, I am sure that you will find it both interesting and informative.

Look forward to seeing you on April 17th.

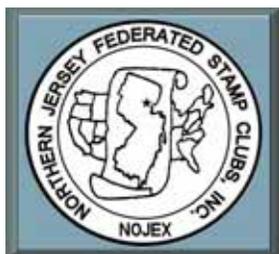
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March Presentation: Bob Rose – New Jersey Postal History



Our March presentation featured a talk by Bob Rose, president of the New Jersey Postal History Society, on "New Jersey Postal History of the Nineteenth Century". He gave a nice overview of New Jersey postal markings from the use of stampless covers through the Banknote period.

One of the most interesting aspects of covers from this period is the wide variety of cancellations, markings and location of the stamps on the envelope. It is this lack of standardization that makes each cover unique.



Mr. Rose is also the Chairperson for NOJEX, the major stamp exhibition that is held over the Memorial Day weekend in Secaucus. Mr. Rose spent a few minutes telling us the plans for this year's show. Be sure to mark your calendar now for the NOJEX show!

We thank Bob for a very interesting and thought provoking presentation to the club.

Library Display: We are set for April's exhibit at the Lawrenceville Library. We thank members who lent material for the display: Joe Pavelchak, Jim Cope, Sherman Britton, Jacob Camins-Esakov, Glenn Buzzi and John Ranto.

New Member: We welcome Gary M. as a new member. Gary collects US, Central and South American stamps. We had three visitors at last months meeting – Wayne C., Jon M. and Doug F. – We hope they will consider joining the club.

Special Thanks: We thank club members Don Luecke for passing out the high value Americana definitives and John Ranto for distributing Postal Cards honoring Mr. Zip Anniversary at last month's meeting.

Financials: Treasurer Joe Pavelchak reported the club's balance was \$877.14 as of last meeting.

Nominations for Officers: Our constitution requires that we will take nominations for officers at our April Meeting. If you would like to nominate someone, and are unable to attend the meeting please contact one of the current officers.

Stamp Identification

Here are this month's unidentified stamps. If you have any information on these stamps, please write or email hamilton@att.net.



Answers from last month: The "Correios Bateken" stamp turns out to be a bogus stamp originally reported from Lisbon in 1897. The "tank" stamp is still unidentified.

Tin Can Mail – At the March meeting, Don Bunker showed a “Tin Can Mail” cover he had purchased as part of a box lot. He gave a brief history of this cover – Niuafou’ou, one of the 170 islands of Tonga in the south Pacific, is located about 2000 miles east of Australia. In order for the islanders to have mail service, letters were sealed in large tin cans and exchanged by swimmers (and later canoers) who would meet passing ships. The island became known as “Tin Can Island”.



This type of mail service lasted until 1983 when an air strip was built on the island. Tin Can Mail covers have become a popular collecting interest, particularly those mailed in the early period of the mail service. For those who did not have a chance to see Don’s cover at the meeting, here is a copy of it.



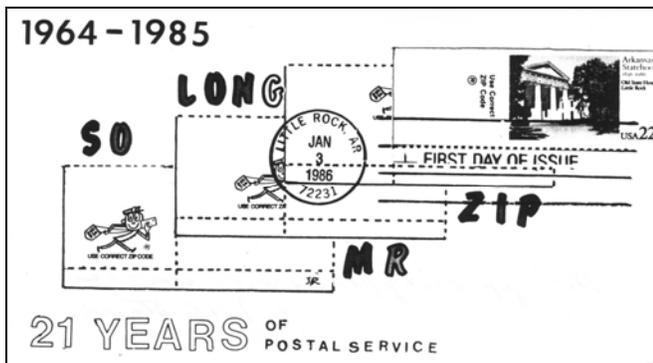
HTPS News and Events

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) 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



Cover from John Ranto

Some Upcoming Stamp Events...

April 7th – West Jersey Stamp Show, Masonic Center, Cherry Hill.

April 13-15th – Westchester Stamp, Coin & Paper Money Show "WESPNEK". Westchester County Center, White Plains, New York

April 14th – Hightstown Stamp Bourse – American Legion Hall, Rt. 130, Hightstown, NJ.

April 15th – Third Sunday Stamp Bourse – Courtyard Marriott, Lyndhurst, NJ.

April 16th – Coryell's Ferry Stamp Club 8 PM at the Washington Crossing Methodist Church, Washington Crossing, PA

April 17th – **Hamilton Township Philatelic Society Meeting – 7:30pm Hamilton Library**

April 18th – Merchantville Stamp Club – Temple Lutheran Church, Pennsauken, NJ.

April 21st – DELPEX 2007 – Nur Shrine temple, New Castle, DE.

April 28-29th – Spring Stamp Show - Clifton Community Recreation Center, Clifton, NJ

April 28-29th – LANCOPEX '07 - Farm & Home Center, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

May 2nd – Merchantville Stamp Club – Temple Lutheran Church, Pennsauken, NJ.

May 7th – Coryell's Ferry Stamp Club, 8 PM at Lambertville Baptist Church, 57 Bridge St. Lambertville, NJ 08530:

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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