



# The Hamilton Hinge

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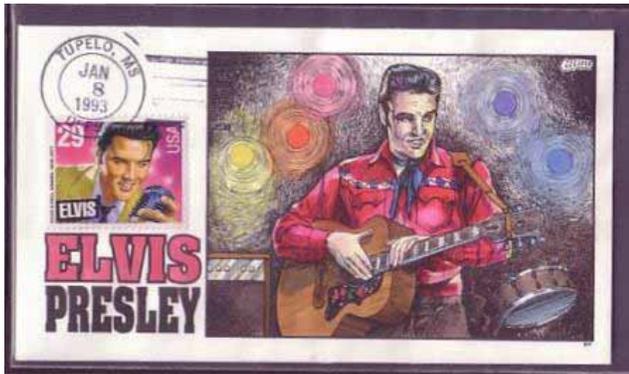


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## This Month's Program

Fred Collins, noted First Day Cover maker, has prepared a presentation for this month's meeting. Mr. Collins has produced hand-painted cachets for every U.S. stamp issue since 1978. Many of his designs use the entire face of the envelope.



Members are welcome to bring their Collins covers to the meeting. We will provide a poster board for display.



The formal meeting starts at 7:30 PM in the basement community room of the Hamilton Library. Come early if you would like to pick up some free publications, check out the APS circuit books or to chat with your fellow philatelists.

## In this Issue . . .

*April 15<sup>th</sup> Program – Fred Collins  
Philatelic Pieces  
A Stamp from Everywhere  
. . . and much more*

## President's Message



We want to thank Steven Rod for visiting us last month. Not only did he give a fascinating talk on Nassau Street (in New York not Princeton!), but also treated us to a mini-auction to help support our club. He also gave a plug for the Smithsonian National Postal Museum in Washington for which he is a member of Museum's Council of Philatelists. If you have not been to the museum, it is well worth a trip. I hope you will consider becoming a member of the museum.

This month we are honored to have another renowned philatelic name, Fred Collins, as our guest. If you haven't seen his beautiful first day covers before, you will be in for a real treat on the 15<sup>th</sup>! I look forward to seeing you all there...Ed

HTPS 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) in Hamilton, NJ 08619.

## March Meeting

The HTPS was treated to a fascinating evening with Steven Rod, noted philatelic author and exhibition chairman for the NYC2016 International Stamp Exposition being held in New York in 2016.



Mr. Rod started off with a mini-auction of ten lots donated by the North New Jersey Federated Stamp Clubs which raised \$40 for the club. He then took us for a walk down Nassau Street in lower Manhattan, and told us the stories of how it became the stamp collecting center of the New York metropolitan area.

The first stamp dealers set up shop around the turn of the century. In its heyday, there were over 200 stamp shops in the short three-block street. But alas, real estate prices forced many dealers to leave in the 1950s and 60s. The last store, Subway Stamp, moved in 1994.

Much of the history of Nassau Street revolves around Pat Hearst who set up shop at 111 Nassau Street in 1932, and remained for many years.



**Early cover from Pat Hearst noting the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the stock market crash.**

## Philatelic Pieces – Sarasota Show

. . . by Tony Zingale

On a recent vacation to Florida, I attended the Sarasota Stamp Exhibition held on Feb 1-3 of this year. I had visited this show two years ago and acquired some nice material.

The show opened with a ceremony for the UN “Remembrance and Beyond” stamp issued on Jan 27. We received a handout with a first day cancel of the stamp. However, I did not pay much attention as I headed to my favorite dealer.



**UN Stamp Presentation**

At the Suncoast Stamp Co. booth, I was again rewarded with a purchase of a box full of WW issues on 102 cards (800+) identified with Scott number and CV. The ECV was \$5,500 selling for \$550, but I got it for \$375 after talking with John. I am still sorting through this lot!

Other dealers had similar deals, but I realized there could be a problem in transporting the items home. I did buy a Minkus album and three stock books, two with US and another all early Germany, for prices ranging from \$10-25. Most of the common material from these items went into the HTPS 2-cent boxes.

My wife, Louise, helped break down and sort the material into portions to carry onto the plane. We had to dump the album and one stock book, but fit everything else into our carry-ons. Another enjoyable experience at this APS winter show.

## Web Watch – ASFE

... by Tony Zingale

Some collectors like to acquire a stamp from each country or stamp-issuing entity. This form of collecting is often called *A Stamp from Everywhere* and is usually abbreviated as **ASFE** or **ASFE Collecting**.

The Internet contains a lot of information to aid in your search for this type of material. A very comprehensive site is the “**Stamp Issuing Entities List**” maintained by David A. Wyatt at <http://home.cc.umanitoba.ca/~wyatt/stamp-list.html>.

Wyatt’s list contains **5,040 stamp-issuing entries** including separate, mostly single-line, references for occupation issues, non-listed Scott items, locals, seals and other philatelic types.

Linn’s has a site, titled “**Stamp Issuing Entities of the World**”, with fewer entries than Wyatt, but with much added detail and information about the issuing entity. Check out the site at: [http://www.linns.com/reference/entities/entity\\_a.asp?uID=](http://www.linns.com/reference/entities/entity_a.asp?uID=)



The “**Philatelic Geography**” site contains links to other ASFE sites and offers to exchange their locals and overprints for your stamps. Take a look at <http://zenius.kalnieceiai.lt/>.

Several HTPS members collect ASFE material and would appreciate any information or items you may have on this subject.

## Admiral Moffett Display



Ron Dobrowolski showed off a display frame memorializing the **U.S.S. Akron**, which crashed off the New Jersey coast on April 4, 1933, with Rear Admiral William Moffett aboard.

Moffett, along with 72 others, perished in the disaster.

The display includes a cover that commemorates the 5<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the crash, postmarked from the USS Moffett, a Navy destroyer named for the admiral. The cover is autographed by the Admiral’s son, also an Admiral.

Included in the frame is a letter from the son thanking Ron for his interest in the event. At the bottom is a letter opener, made from the same metal as the Akron’s frame, which was given to Admiral Moffett in 1931 when the ship was christened.

## Stamp Identification

Here are this month’s unidentified stamps. If you have any idea of where these issues are from, please let us know.



Jim Cope identified the deep rose stamp from last month as Turkey #425. Sid Morginstin guessed that the green stamp was from Iran. Check your catalogs against last month’s Newsletter.

## Club Notices . . .

**Election of Officers:** The **HTPS Constitution** (see the Web Site's About Us page) requires that we nominate Officers at the April meeting, hold elections in May and install Officers in June.

Joe Pavelchak has decided to step down after serving thirty years as Treasurer. The other Officers would also like to move on to other duties within the group. If you are interested in serving in any capacity, please contact one of the current Officers.

**HTPS Publicity:** Our thanks to **Ron Gonzalez** for his help in identifying newspaper venues for advertising our meetings. We look forward to his findings. We also have flyers and calendar cards that you can place at library and community centers in the Mercer county area.

**Stamps for the Wounded:** Please save your extra stamps for the Stamps for Wounded Vets program. **Sherm Britton** would like to hear about other worthwhile organizations which are looking for stamp donations.

**Spray-on Cancells:** Please remember to save those city spray-on cancellations in your everyday mail. A number of our members are attempting to collect the nearly 300 different city spray-on cancellations.

**Special Thanks:** We thank **Jacob Camins-Esakov** for his LARGE donation of stamps for our "Stamps for the Wounded" program.

Also, thanks to **Frank Duignan** for his donation of postcards and covers to the Society. We have added those items to the HTPS 25 cent boxes and future auction material.

The Newsletter Editor is interested in any news, items of interest, articles, suggestions or ideas you might have.

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## Upcoming Stamp Events - April 2008

- 4/3 – Merchantville Stamp Club – Temple Lutheran Church – Pennsauken, NJ
  - 4/5 – Masonic Temple, Cherry Hill, NJ
  - 4/11-13 – WESPNE X – Westchester County Center – White Plains, NY
  - 4/12 – Hightstown Stamp Bourse – American Legion Hall – Hightstown, NJ
  - 4/12 – DELPEX 2008 – Nur Shrine Temple – New Castle, DE
  - 4/13 – Sunday Stamp Bourse – Holiday Inn – Cherry Hill, NJ (Yes, the date is correct!)
  - 4/15 – **HTPS Meeting – Library – Hamilton, NJ**
  - 4/16 – Merchantville Stamp Club – Temple Lutheran Church – Pennsauken, NJ
  - 4/19 – JHSC Collector' Bourse – PAL Building – Parsippany, NJ
  - 4/19 – Newark Airport Show – Elizabeth, NJ
  - 4/20 – Saddle Brook Show – Wyndham Hotel – Saddle Brook, NJ
  - 4/26-27 – LANCOPEX – Farm & Garden Center – Lancaster, PA
  - 4/27 – Tri-State Stamp Show – Holiday Inn – Ft. Washington, PA
- And don't forget the Clifton Stamp Club show on May 3-4 in Clifton, NJ

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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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