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June's Program

HTPS' last regular business meeting, before our summer break, is scheduled for June 16. The highlight is our semi-annual auction. Page 3 contains some suggestions on preparing your auction lots and completing the Auction List sheet.

The formal meeting starts at 7:30 PM, but come earlier to look over the auction lots, pick up some free publications, check out the APS circuit books, and chat with your fellow philatelists.

Summer Programs

Informal meetings are held during the summer with no HTPS business being conducted. The July 21st meeting is a good chance to relax and catch up with fellow members. You can also trade or sell your excess philatelic material.

The August 18th meeting is another opportunity to buy and sell philatelic items. The meeting also includes our annual HTPS exhibit, HAMPEX '09, where members prepare a one or two page example of their collecting interests. Standard sized 8½ x 11 sheets are preferred, but we accommodate all sizes. Items are mounted on poster boards for viewing.

Prizes are awarded for best displays. We may ask to borrow your exhibit pages for display in the Hamilton Library during the month of September.

HTPS Meetings . . .

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Hamilton Township Library, 1 Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. Way (off Whitehorse Mercerville Road) in Hamilton, NJ.

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President's Message



It's hard to believe another year has past, and what a year it was! The combination of speakers, presentations, special events and the addition of the document camera for our show & tell segment all helped to create this extraordinary year.

As with all successful team activities, nothing happens without the support of team members. The Hamilton Township Philatelic Society story for 2008-2009 is no exception. My thanks to those members who make our group an exciting and vibrant organization. Hopefully other HTPS members will volunteer next year and help maintain the level of excellence so evident in this year's activities.

As usual, we end the year with an auction. This is your chance to sell or buy a variety of philatelic items, so join us on June 16th. Our July and August meetings are informal, but still offer opportunities for the philatelist. Stop by and check them out.

Have a carefree summer. Recharge your batteries and get ready for another fantastic year starting with our September 15th meeting . . . Ed

May HTPS Proceedings . . . by Jack Sack

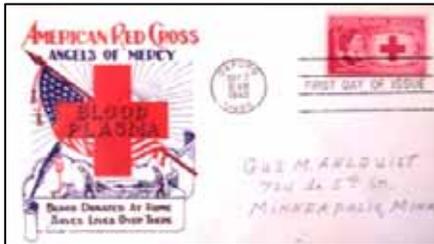
HTPS **Officer elections** for the 2009-2010 year were completed. Their term starts on June 16.

- President Ed Murtha
- Vice President..... Jeff Boyarsky
- Treasurer Ron Gonzalez
- Secretary Bob Stolarz

Members discussed a possible day trip to the National Postal Museum in Washington, D.C.

Member **Show and Tell** items included:

- John Ranto's unique first day covers for the Lincoln bicentennial issues.
- Jeff Boyarsky's recent purchase of several Dorothy Knapp "Fleetwood" cachets. These mass produced FDC's were designed by Ms. Knapp (see above) and are available at a fraction of her hand-painted covers cost.
- Ron Dobrowolski's 1941 cover from Egypt that was censored by both the Egyptians and the British.
- Herman Berenson's German stamp with an oval SON 1872 postmark cancel.
- Andy Boyajian's first day program of the 10¢ NY Public Library Lion, issued in 2000, and signed by Nancy Stahl, the stamp illustrator.



The highlight of the night was Ron González's lecture on **Puerto Rico Postal History**. He gave the philatelic history of Puerto Rico and related it to political events over the same time period.

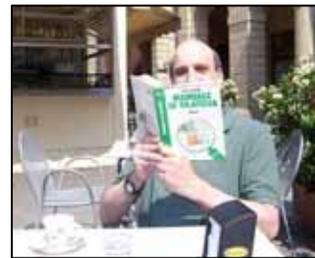


Ron included images of many early Puerto Rico stamp issues and covers. Among them is the 1893 stamp (pictured here on a cover)

commemorating the 400th Anniversary of Columbus' discovery of the island on his second voyage to the new world. This is the only Puerto Rico commemorative.

Other issues Ron described included the 1869 Clara Rothe Steamship Company unofficial stamps, British Postal Agency postmarks and French mail. We thank Ron for taking the time to share his knowledge.

NOJEX 2009 . . . by Frank O. Bollo



I was busy researching the stamp scene in Bologna Italy when I received a wire from my editor. This seemed appropriate since Guglielmo Marconi grew up near Bologna and did his early work on the

development of the telegraph at the University of Bologna. The telegram assigned me to cover the NOJEX show in Secaucus, New Jersey over the Memorial Day weekend.

I immediately wired back: "A.Z.: BUSY HERE IN BOLOGNA STOP CAN'T J.S. COVER SHOW STOP F.O.B" – but it was to no avail. I was ordered to return home immediately so I caught the next flight to Newark.

NOJEX is the largest stamp show held each year in NJ. The Secaucus locale is easy to reach, only an hour from Trenton,



and draws a good crowd of dealers and collectors. I counted 36 dealers, including several that I rarely see except here. There was a good mix of low cost and high end material to make any collector happy. The room seemed crowded with buyers throughout the weekend.

The show organizers do a nice job promoting and displaying the exhibits. Unlike many shows where the frames are in the back or in a side room, here they are in the middle of the room, with the dealer tables situated around them. People walk through the exhibits to get from one dealer to another, invariably stopping and looking. There were 212 exhibit frames this year.



Among the exhibitors this year was our own Ron Gonzalez who earned a silver metal for his exhibit on the Puerto Rico First Gubernatorial Election Stamp (Scott # 983) issued in April of 1949.

A number of HTPS members – Jeff Boyarsky, Ed Murtha, Jack Sack, Joe Seliga and Tony Zingale – helped in the set-up and breakdown of the show. In all, NOJEX was well worth the trip, and I look forward to returning for next year's show.

Society Auction



Its auction time again! This is a good opportunity to dispose of some of that extra material we all have. Usually a limit of five (5) auction items per member is in effect, but exceptions abound. Here are some **considerations** for creating lots:

- Put up items that fellow members collect.
- Reference publications, especially specialized catalogs, are always popular.
- Postcards, covers, even coins do well in the sale.
- The condition of the item is key; choice and unique items do sell for more.

Preparing the Auction List Sheet

A description of each auction lot is entered onto the Auction List sheet as follows:

- Enter Seller's Name and Date at the top.
- Enter Item Name, Country or Scott # and a description of the item including condition, faults and catalog / retail values.
- Enter the minimum bid in 25¢ increments. Be realistic – common items usually go for 10-20% of catalog value.
- Use 2-3 lines as needed to describe the auction lot; then renumber the item on the sheet.

Auction List – Seller's Name: JOHN DOE		Date: 1-15-08			
Item No.	Item Name or Scott Number	Item Description and/or Condition (e.g., Blue Columbian, MNH, F-V, Gum Crease)	Minimum Bid	Sales Price	Warning Bid Number
1.	Scott 2007	US SPECIALIZED CATALOG – good cond.	1.00		
2.	Scott PPS	Album, 19d-1964 Commemoratives, no stamps, some mounts – ex. cond.	2.00		
3.	* DENMARK	#9/126 (8) Used – CV \$75+	5.00		
4.	* NETHERLANDS	200 DIFF USED – CV \$45	5.00		
5.	* FDC ALBUM	with 25 two-up Clear Pages	3.00		
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Total Sales _____
Club Commission (-10%) _____
Net to Seller _____

A copy of the Auction List sheet is included with this Newsletter and is also available on our web site.

Put a detailed description on the auction item to match that on the Auction List sheet. Use labels, glassine envelopes or post-it notes to describe larger items. The Auctioneer will review your items before the bidding and may ask for clarification.

Auction Process

Check out the auction items before the bidding starts. Remember that all items are SOLD AS IS. Plan your bidding strategy based on what you see, not necessarily what is written on the auction item. Philatelic accessories and some stamp catalogs will be available for your use.

Talk to the seller for details on larger or mixed lots. Jot down items of interest for bidding.

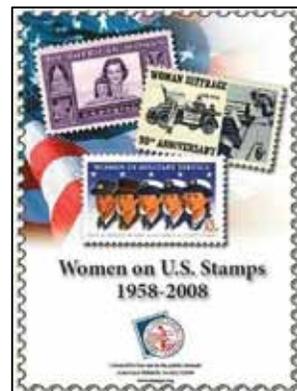
Bidding starts with the seller's minimum bid. Increments are 25-50¢ depending on the price. The Auctioneer may change increments based on competitive bidding. No bids accepted after the Auctioneer calls the item. Obtain a bidder number before the auction starts.

Payments are made after all auction items are sold. After the payments are received from the winning bidders, the sellers are paid the sales price realized MINUS a 10% commission for HTPS. Amounts are rounded to 5¢ increments.

If you wish to **donate** the sales proceeds for one or more lots to HTPS, please indicate on the Auction List sheet or tell the Auctioneer.

APS Stamp Album Pages

To promote the [Festival for Philatelic Women](#), which took place in May, the APS has created a *Women on U.S. Stamps 1958 – 2008* album, showcasing one stamp from each year of the last half-century.



Download the album pages using [this link](#).

Roller Coasters

The May issue of [Linn's Stamp News](#) has an



interesting article on roller coasters. Pictured here is Balder, twice voted as the world's best wooden roller coaster since its opening in 2003. The Swedish booklet stamp was issued on

May 14 of this year.

The Year in Pictures

What a busy year! Here are some thoughts and images from the past year.

HAMPEX '08, held during our August meeting, was a lot of fun. About 10 members submitted exhibits which were mounted on three poster boards.



HTPS setup **exhibits** at the Hamilton and Lawrenceville library branches during the months of September and November 2008 respectively. Thanks to those who donated material for the display cases.

Presentations for the 2008-2009 season covered U.S. Cancels, Auction House Activities, Mickey Mouse Postcards, the Prominent American's Series and Puerto Rico Postal History. Our thanks to Roger Brody, Tom DeLuca, Ron Gonzalez, Andy Kupersmit and Wade Saadi for their time and effort.

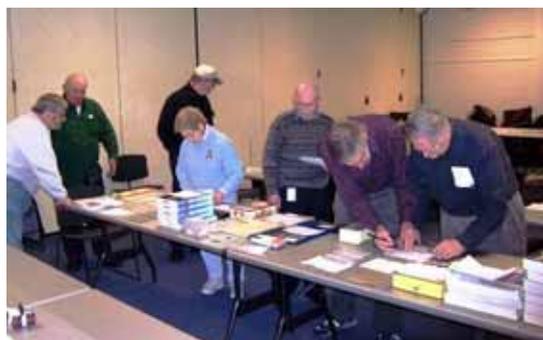


The November **APS Slide Show** on The History of Railway Mail Service (RPS) was fascinating. Some of our members now collect R.P.O. and H.P.O. covers.



The **HTPS party** in December added a few inches to the waistline, but members certainly enjoyed the food, socializing and overall holiday cheer. Thanks to all who contributed to this event.

HTPS holds **auctions** in January and June. Here, members are checking out the three tables of auction material prior to the start of bidding.



March saw the first use of our new **Document Camera**. It certainly has made the Show & Tell displays a lot more interesting.



These images show only a small part of HTPS' 2008-2009 activities. The Executive Board is working to make the upcoming 2009-2010 season full of similar fascinating and exiting events.

Summer Philatelic Events

Lots of shows on the schedule for the next three months. Hope you can make it to some of them.

June 2009 . . .

- 6/4 – MSC Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 N. Route 130 (at Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – 7 PM.
- 6/6 – MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – 9 AM to 4 PM – [See above for address].
- 6/7 – Garden State Coin & Stamp Show – P.A.L. Building – 33 Baldwin Rd – Parsippany, NJ – 10 AM to 4 PM – 201-584-0424.
- 6/13 – 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Routes 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ – 9:30 AM to 4 PM.
- 6/14 – 2nd Sunday Stamp Bourse – Holiday Inn – Rt. 70 – Cherry Hill, NJ – 10 AM to 4 PM.

6/16 – HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7 PM.

- 6/17 – MSC Meeting [See 6/4 MSC Meeting info].
- 6/21 – NESS 3rd Sunday Stamp & Coin Show – Wyndham Garden Hotel – 50 Kenney Place – Saddle Brook, NJ – 9 AM to 3 PM.
- 6/21 – Money, Stamps & Postcard Show – Clifton Recreation Center – 1232 Main Avenue – Clifton, NJ – 9 AM - 5 PM – 201-694-8991
- 6/27 – MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – 9 AM to 4 PM – [See 6/4 meeting info for address].
- 6/28 – Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sun.) – Holiday Inn – PA Tpk (Exit 339) & Rt. 309 – Ft. Washington, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM.

July 2009 . . .

- 7/2 – MSC Meeting [See 6/4 MSC Meeting info].
- 7/10-12 – MetroExpo – Holiday Inn – 440 W. 57th Street – NYC – www.metroexpos.com – Fri: 12 to 6 PM – Sat: 10 AM to 6 PM – Sun: 10 AM to 4 PM– 800-635-3351.
- 7/11 – 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion – [See 6/13 show for info].
- 7/12 – 2nd Sunday Stamp Bourse – Holiday Inn – [See 6/14 show for info].
- 7/15 – MSC Meeting [See 6/4 MSC Meeting info].

7/19 – NESS 3rd Sunday Stamp & Coin Show – [See 6/21 show for address and time].

7/21 – HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Sell & Swap Meet.

7/26 – Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sun.) – [See 6/28 show for address and time].

August 2009 . . .

- 8/1 – MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – 9 AM to 4 PM – [See 6/4 meeting info for address].
- 8/6 – MSC Meeting [See 6/4 MSC Meeting info].
- 8/6-9 – APS StampShow 2009– David L. Lawrence Convention Center – Pittsburgh, PA – www.stamps.org/Stampshow/index.htm.
- 8/8 – 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion – [See 6/13 show for info].
- 8/9 – 2nd Sunday Stamp Bourse – Holiday Inn – [See 6/14 show info].
- 8/16 – NESS 3rd Sunday Stamp & Coin Show – [See 6/21 show for info].
- 8/18 – HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – HAMPEX 2009.**
- 8/19 – MSC Meeting [See 6/4 MSC Meeting info].
- 8/21-23 – East Coast Coin, Stamp, Postcard Show – Convention Center – Wildwood, NJ – Fri: 2 to 9 PM (\$10 fee for entry at 2-4 PM) – Sat: 10 AM - 9 PM – Sun: 10 AM - 5 PM – www.rksportspromotions.com.
- 8/23 – Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sun.) – [See 6/28 show for info].
- 9/4-5 – MERPEX XXXIII – St. Cecilia School – 4851 Camden Avenue – Pennsauken, NJ – Fri: 10 AM to 6 PM, Sat: 9 AM to 5 PM.

NOTE: See www.stampshows.com for additional or updated information on shows.

Newsletter Articles . . .

We are always looking for interesting items, articles, ideas or suggestions you might have. Contact Tony Zingale at P.O. Box 3443, Mercerville, NJ 08619; call us at 609-890-8211; email to hamilton@att.net.

Setting up an Exhibition . . . by Joe Seliga

The largest New Jersey annual exhibition, NOJEX, is sponsored by the North Jersey Federation of Stamp Clubs. It is held at the Crowne Plaza Meadowlands Exhibition Center in Secaucus, NJ on Memorial Day weekend. HTPS is a member of the organization and has helped setup this show for several years.

On May 21, at 8:30 AM, Ed Murtha, Tony Zingale and myself drove up to Secaucus. The NOJEX setup starts with a bare room filled with stacks of six and eight foot tables, mountains of chairs and the exhibit frames. We got to work laying out the floor. By 12:30, the space was ready for dealers and exhibitors.



Then it was time for a wonderful repast of cold cuts, hard rolls, salads, kosher pickles and sodas from Krauszers delicatessen just across the street from the parking lot. What a feast!

Jeff Boyarsky joined us at lunch just in time to help hang the signs over the dealer tables. Naturally, Tony and Jeff, the tallest, got to stand on the chairs, while Ed and I helped get the hanging chains together.

After lunch, we began the installation of exhibit pages. It's not complicated, but it is exacting work. You fill each of the 212 frames with up to 16 display pages and then secure the frames with four special hex head screws which can be difficult to align.

The biggest treat is talking to exhibitors. You get background on why they selected the items for their exhibits as well as the history of the items on display. Some will tell why they picked the topic, how it was developed into an exhibit, the search required for elusive items, and how they changed it after getting judges comments at their last exhibit.

How could you have a more pleasant and more rewarding day then by spending a couple of hours riding with like minded HTPS friends and talking to fellow philatelists while helping them mount their exhibits? Days just don't get any better than that.

Won't you consider helping at NOJEX next year? Help is needed, not only in the setup process, but also in manning the entrance table, and taking down exhibits on Sunday after the show closes.

New Members . . .

HTPS welcomes Kristina E. Kaye and George Stevenson as new members. Kristina collects U.S. issues. George is new to the philatelic community.

HTPS History

We are looking for information on the startup of the Society including original member names, photos, events sponsored by the Society, meeting notices, etc. Any type of material is acceptable including stone tablets, papyrus and scrolls. Our editors will scan the items and return them to you.

We also are looking for a volunteer to coordinate this effort. Again, our editorial staff will handle all the setup and print details.

Stamp Identification

OK, we are back in action with our unidentified stamp quiz. Here's one from the Eastern hemisphere. Examine the design carefully for clues as to the issuing country.



\$1.00 in mint U.S. postage from the face value box to the first correct answer.

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

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