



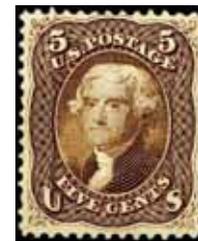
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September's Program

Our first meeting of the 2009-2010 season is set for September 15. After a lazy summer, members are eager to get back to our regular schedule of events.



We start the season off with the return of Steven J. Rod who will speak on Philatelic Literature.

Those who heard Steven's talk about Nassau Street and its huge dealer community remember what a delight that was. So visit us on September 15th for another treat.

2009-2010 Program

Our program schedule for the season includes:

- ⇒ Sept. 15 – "The Phascinating Phield of U.S. Philatelic Literature" (by Steven J. Rod)
- ⇒ Oct. 20 – "Postmarks and Cancellations" (by Tony Zingale)
- ⇒ Nov. 17 – APS Slide Show: TBD
- ⇒ Dec. 15 – Holiday Party / Show & Tell
- ⇒ Jan. 19 – HTPS Auction
- ⇒ Feb. 16 – Presentation: TBD (by Tom DeLuca)
- ⇒ Mar. 16 – "Gambian Philately" (by Gary Loew)
- ⇒ Apr. 20 – Presentation or Slide Show: TBD
- ⇒ May 18 – "The ABC's of Philatelic Exhibiting" (by Dr. Edwin Andrews)
- ⇒ June 15 – HTPS Auction

The HTPS website contains updates and details on the 2009-2010 program events.

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



Welcome to the first newsletter of our 2009-2010 season. We have some interesting events in place and our presentation plans are well under way

We are always looking for help and new ideas. Maybe you know someone who can give a talk. Perhaps you have thought about it yourself. We are available to provide guidance and help in preparing your presentation. Why not share your interests and knowledge with your fellow collectors?

This month Steven J. Rod will speak on philatelic literature. Mr. Rod is the author of several books on philately including "*An Encyclopedia of United States Stamps and Stamp Collecting*."

He is also Vice-President of the American Philatelic Society, as well as the exhibition chairman for NY2016, the next international stamp show that will be held in the United States in New York City in 2016. So come and enjoy Steven's presentation at this month's meeting.

Good News! Even in these tough economic times, we spare no expense in providing up to date and informative philatelic news. That's why we flew in our international correspondent, Frank O. Bollo, to report on the APS StampShow in Pittsburgh last month. Check out his write-up on the show.

I look forward to seeing you on the 15th.

Summer Meetings

June's meeting concluded with our semi-annual member's auction. Some good bargains were on the table and \$21 was raised for the HTPS treasury.

In **July**, we held our annual "swap meet" where members brought in material for sale or trade. Turnout was light, but members were able to socialize and pickup some items for their collections.

HAMPEX '09 at our **August** meeting was another opportunity for members to display their wide range of collecting interests.

Jim Cope prepared a stock sheet with WW Service Organization stamps. Ed Murtha's stock sheets, containing New Jersey Waterfowl issues from 1984-1995, were beautiful.



U.S. Christmas Seals from 1913 to 1969 was Doug Filidore's contribution. Jack Sack's topic was history with one sheet displaying Montenegro stamps including occupation issues. Another sheet traced the history of the State of Bahawalpur through its stamp issues.

All of these items, and more, can be found in our annual exhibits at the Hamilton and Lawrenceville libraries scheduled for September and October respectively.

APS Representative / Circuit Books

After 17 years as our APS Representative, Sherm Britton is stepping down. We are looking for a replacement who is an APS member. The primary duties involve the handling of the APS circuit books. The responsibilities for this task include:

- Verifying the books contents upon arrival.
- Providing guidance at HTPS meetings on use of the books and collecting money for purchases.
- Reconciling contents/status of books after meeting.
- Determining the amount owed to the APS.
- Mailing books back to the APS or to the next group.

One thought is for two individuals to handle this effort thus providing some backup. After September, we will suspend ordering new circuit books until we have a replacement for this position.

Stamp Identification

Congratulations to Andy Kupersmit for correctly identifying June's mystery stamp as Scott PRC #6L40.

This month we have a beautifully designed issue that will pose a good challenge to our readers.

Five FDC's from the HTPS box for the first correct answer.



JHSC Stamp Collector Bourse

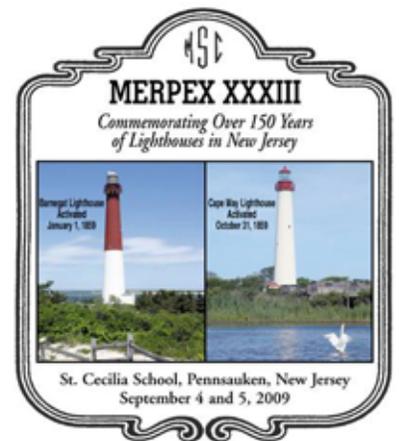
On Saturday, September 12, from 10 AM to 3 PM, the Jockey Hollow Stamp Club is sponsoring a bourse with tables run by APS or NJFSC collector members. Five prize drawings will be held during the show.

The location is the Montville United Methodist Church, 29 Whitehall Road (Rte 202N) in Towaco, NJ. Approximately 10 bourse tables will be setup and most items are "heavily discounted" from Scott catalog prices.

MERPEX XXXIII

The Merchantville Stamp Club (MSC) is sponsoring their annual bourse and exhibition on September 4-5. This year's theme is *150 Years of Lighthouses in New Jersey*. Three show-canceled cachets are available for purchase.

There will be 15 dealers on hand and 60 exhibit frames. The USPS will have a special "MERPEX STATION" and the NJ Postal History Society will be represented.



The event is being held at a NEW LOCATION: Saint Cecilia Parish School located at 4810 Camden Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ (just 3 blocks down 48th Street off Route 130 South).

Anyone interested in helping with the setup or breakdown, please contact Steve Hadjiyannis at 856-795-5929 or email sshadji@msn.com. Check out the MSC website for updates and directions (mysite.verizon.net/vzexkfun).

APS Pittsburgh StampShow

... by Frank O. Bollo



Photo of Stampshow '09 floor by Hinge Photo Editor (AZ)

I had the pleasure of attending the APS "StampShow 2009" held August 6-9 at the Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh. This was the largest philatelic event in the U.S. this year.

There were over 150 dealers present including one who was selling stamps at 10c each. One lucky soul found a New Zealand #197 (2s Cook Landing at Poverty Bay) worth \$30! Another dealer was selling US mint stamps and stationery at face value dating back to the 1940's, and a number of booths were selling covers for \$1 each and some even less.



The show drew a large attendance, particularly on Saturday. But given the large venue, the hall never seemed very crowded.

Several First Day ceremonies were held during the show, including one for the new set of "Flags of Our Nation" commemorative coil stamps. I took the opportunity to send First Day covers to friends here in the U.S. and in Italy.



Cover corner cropped from a FDC

The USPS had a large booth selling almost everything in their catalog, including my favorite current stamp, the 98c Grand Teton issue which is good for First Class Mail postage to my home in Italy.



There was an active youth program during the show with large groups of youngsters roaming the hall. The "Bucket of Stamps" table was swarming with kids looking for topical issues or perhaps a stamp rarity.

Two public auctions were held during the show. The philatelic exhibits included over 14,000 pages. Among the Court of Honor exhibits were "C3a: The Story of the Inverted Jenny" and the original sheet of the 1962 4-cent Dag Hammarskjold *invert* color error. There were also numerous lectures and presentations. In short, there were enough activities to keep anyone busy for the four days of the show.



I was impressed by the city of Pittsburgh. There were numerous restaurants near the Convention Center, and I had several excellent meals that rivaled my native land. I also had the pleasure of attending a Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game at their new stadium, just across the river from downtown. You might not be aware that my hero, "Vince" DiMaggio, the older brother of Dom and Joe, was the All-Star center fielder for the Pirates in the mid 1940's. Although the team is not doing very well this year, I enjoyed the game immensely.



HTPS members Ron G., Tony Z. and Jack S. at the show. (Photo courtesy of Ron Gonzalez)

The show was well worth the long trip to Pittsburgh. I met with several fellow HTPS members for an enjoyable discussion on the upcoming philatelic season. Next year's APS StampShow is scheduled for Richmond, VA in mid August 2010 and I plan on attending.

HTPS Notices

Library Exhibit: Take a look at the HTPS exhibit at the Hamilton Township Library during September. It includes a variety of philatelic items and collecting interests including Topical collections, U.S. Christmas Seals, Trenton postcards and U.S. Naval covers.

Thanks to Jim Cope, Don Bunker, Doug Filidore, Ed Murtha, Jack Sack and Bob Stolarz for lending us their philatelic material for this exhibit.

Group Trips: HTPS is looking into two philatelic-related trips. First up is a two-day trip, via automobile, to the APS Center in Bellefonte, PA sometime this fall. A one-day trip, by auto or train, to the National Postal Museum in Washington, DC is also planned.

If anyone is interested, please contact Ed Murtha or Jeff Boyarsky via email at hamilton@att.net.

New Member: HTPS welcomes Angelo Sanelli to our group. Angelo primarily collects U.S. used issues.

HTPS Flyers: Pick up some advertising flyers at the next meeting. These can be posted on library and community center bulletin boards throughout the local area. Copies are also available on our web site in the About Us section.

Rudy Potenzone: Long time HTPS member, Rudy Potenzone, passed away this past July. Rudy was a World War II veteran and worked for 20 years at Maguire Air Force Base as an Electrician. HTPS extends its condolences to Rudy's family and friends.

Newsletter Articles . . .

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

Upcoming Stamp Events

9/3 – MSC Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 N. Route 130 (at Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – 7 PM.

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.

9/12 – 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Routes 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ – 9:30 AM to 4 PM.

9/12 – Stamp Bourse (Jockey Hollow Stamp Club) – Montville United Methodist Church – 29 Whitehall Road – Towaco, NJ – 10 to 3 PM.

9/13 – 2nd Sunday Stamp Bourse – Holiday Inn – Rt. 70 – Cherry Hill, NJ – 10 AM to 4 PM.

9/15 – HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7 PM.

9/16 – MSC Meeting (See 9/3 MSC Meeting info).

9/18-20 – SEPAD.TWO – Park Ridge Hotel – 480 N. Gulph Road – King of Prussia, PA – Fri: 12 AM to 6 PM – Sat: 10 AM to 6 PM – Sun: 10 AM to 4 PM – www.metroexpos.com

9/20 – NESS 3rd Sunday Stamp & Coin Show – Wyndham Garden Hotel – 50 Kenney Place – Saddle Brook, NJ – 9 AM to 3 PM.

9/26-27 – Garden State Postcard Show – PAL Center – 33 Baldwin Road (off Rt. 46) – Parsippany, NJ – \$3 Donation – Sat: 10 AM to 6 PM – Sun: 10 AM to 4 PM.

9/27 – NEW SHOW – Coin, Stamp & Postcard Show – Ramada Inn – 1083 Route 206 North (NJ Tpke Exit 7) – Bordentown, NJ – 9 AM to 3 PM.

9/27 – Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sun.) – Holiday Inn – PA Tpke (Exit 339) & Rt. 309 – Ft. Washington, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM.

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

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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