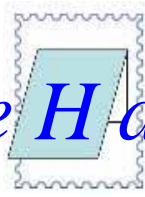




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October's Program

This month's program is a slide show from the APS library. The title is "Airships of the United States" which shows the use of Zeppelin airships in the first half of the 20th century. Both commercial and military use of the airships is identified. These topics should be of interest not only to postal history collectors but also to history buffs.



Since we eliminated the Show & Tell last month, we will allow even more time at this month's meeting. So bring in those unusual or unique items and share your interests with your fellow members. Maybe you have some Zeppelin-themed items that will relate to the slide show program.

HTPS has setup an exhibit of philatelic material at the Lawrenceville Library located at 2751 Brunswick Pike (Business Route 1 South). Make a right onto Darrah Lane.

Revised HTPS Constitution

Included with this month's Newsletter is a copy of our new Constitution. After twenty plus years, changes were needed to reflect the current status and objectives of HTPS. A big "thank you" to the Executive Board and especially Ron Gonzalez for initiating this effort.

Please review the enclosed document or view it on website. You may contact us with comments via our email address. An acceptance vote of members will be held during the October and November meetings.

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



The first meeting of the new season started off with a busy agenda. We approved the 2009-2010 budget, accepted the HTPS business card formats, and discussed the newly revised Constitution.

Thanks to Jeff Boyarsky for his report on a special Collectors Club presentation scheduled later this month. The topic is one we have discussed many times – how to attract young people to our hobby. Details on the presentation are found on page 3 of this newsletter.

Once again Steven J. Rod delivered an interesting and informative presentation – this time, the topic was philatelic literature. Steven's talks always energize our membership. Check out Jack Sack's column for details.

The growth of our Society continued during the 2008-2009 season with paid membership reaching 50 individuals! Still, we must continue to promote our group through exhibits, flyers and personal contacts. I trust that our members will continue their support of HTPS activities.

This month's presentation is an APS slide show on U.S. airships and their use in the 1920's to 1940's. It's an interesting topic with broad appeal so why not plan on attending? I know you will enjoy the experience.

I look forward to seeing you on the 20th.

September's Meeting

... by Jack Sack

We all look forward to the September HTPS meeting as it marks the start of another stamp collecting season. It's also the time to renew old friendships and learn more about the hobby we love. Last month's meeting was no exception, and the room was abuzz with good conversation and an interesting presentation.

The highlight of the meeting was a talk on Philatelic Literature by Steven J. Rod. Steven, who spoke last year on "Nassau Street", is a noted philatelic writer and Vice President of the A.P.S. He stressed the importance of learning about the stamps we collect, or as he put it, being a philatelist and not just a stamp collector. He described the different types of literature – catalogs, periodicals, books and the internet – and showed some interesting examples.



Steven Rod speaking at our September meeting.

He told the story of the first stamp catalog by J.W. Scott in 1868 and compared a copy of Linn's Stamp News from thirty years ago, which was the size of a newspaper with two large sections, with today's thin magazine size. He also showed other examples of early philatelic literature and publications.

As an added bonus, Steven brought along a very small portion of the large literature collection (nine tons!) of the late George W. Brett, a noted philatelic writer who was considered the authority on United States stamp production. Brett's literature collection is being sold to benefit his estate, the U.S. Postal Museum and the U.S. Stamp Society. Many club members were able to pick up a book or two at greatly reduced prices.

Steven also provided free auction catalogs from the 1990's including estate and specialized editions for Newfoundland, Mexico, Shanghai and Louis Grunin's Great Britain Mulready's.

We thank Steven for taking the time to come down and talk to us. Hopefully, we will heed his advice and all become better "philatelists" in the future.

Stamp Identification

We were surprised that no correct answer was submitted for last month's stamp. However, it was an unusual issue with no easily identifiable markings. The stamp was Tanna Tuva #1 issued in 1926.



This month we have a beautifully engraved issue.

No clues since the markings and text have previously appeared in this column. One dollar worth of face value stamps from the U.S. box to the first correct identification.

Library Exhibits

The exhibit items used at the Hamilton Library in September were moved to the Lawrenceville Branch for the month of October. Those who missed the Hamilton showing have another opportunity.

Again, our thanks to Jim Cope, Don Bunker, Doug Filidore, Ed Murtha, John Ranto, Jack Sack, Bob Stolarz and Tony Zingale for lending us their philatelic material for these exhibits.



First Flight Cover Exhibit at the Hamilton Library.

New Members ...

We welcome two new members to the HTPS family – Todd Tucker and Ken Steel. Todd is continuing to build on his father's Nicaragua collection. His interests also include US Mint Singles and PB's. Ken is close to retiring and now has time to work on his 1847-1964 US collection.

Collectors Club Presentation

On October 21st at 6:30 PM, the Collectors Club, located at 22 East 35th St in NYC, is offering a presentation by Mr. Alexander T. Haimann titled "On the Front Lines: Reaching Out to the Next Generation of Stamp Collectors." Pictured at the right is an image of the Club's building obtained from their website.



Attracting young collectors is a topic that should be of great interest to any philatelist looking to the future of our hobby. Mr. Haimann started selling stamps at the age of twelve. He is the creator of the Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship, and works for the Smithsonian National Postal Museum.

HTPS members are invited to attend this event, as guests. If we arrive by 4 PM, we can tour the building and make use of the extensive Philatelic Library. Between 5:00 and 6:30 a member reception is planned with wine and cheese. We are also invited to attend this event. After the presentation, we can join some of the members for dinner.

Interested HTPS members should contact Jeff Boyarsky at hamilton@att.net for further details.

Web Watch

Ron Gonzalez sent us two links to philatelic sites. Stamp2.com™, at www.stamp2.com, provides access to an incredible amount of philatelic information.



The website is well designed and claims that it contains over "4200 working links that are strategically organized" for the collector. After spending an hour roaming through the site, I believe it.

The eight sections provide introduction to an array of information from basic collecting to more advanced topics. To further research an item, just click on the link to the original source.

Stamp Link™, at www.stamplink.com, is a more basic site, but still provides lots of links to philatelic information. Both sites reference each other.

New Show Review

... by Jack Sack

A new show has opened in our area. Located at the Ramada Inn on Route 206 in Bordentown, it's less than 6 miles from Hamilton (closer than the Hightstown show).

The show bills itself as a Coin, Stamp and Postcard show. There were mostly coin dealers present, and two stamp dealers: Fred Lisciandro, who has a table at Hightstown, handles mostly U.S. stamps and a variety of bulk lots. Steve Goceliak also sells at Hightstown and specializes in foreign stamps.



Steve Goceliak discussing philately with a customer.

Hopefully the number of dealers will increase at future shows, the next of which is scheduled for Sunday, October 25. While you are in the area, check out the Mastoris and Town & Country diners.

National Postal Museum

William H. Gross, a noted stamp collector, has donated \$8 million to the National Postal Museum to create a new public gallery (pictured at the right) that is expected to open in 2012.



Mr. Gross will also loan some of his rare holdings to the Museum including a block of the inverted "Jenny" airmail stamp. For more information, check out this link: www.postalmuseum.si.edu/StampGallery.

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.

HTPS Notices

Lending Library: Need a reference publication? Check out our Lending Library. To borrow a book, scan the available titles on the Poster Board or at our website. Then contact Klaus Wagner at kpwagner@comcast.net. Also note that the Hamilton Library has a complete set of Scott catalogs (Vols 1-6 and U.S. Specialized).

Dennis Buss: After a cross-country drive, HTPS member Dennis Buss and his wife arrived at their new home in Petaluma, CA. Dennis has already hooked up with the Redwood Collectors Club that meets at a local restaurant (dinner is part of the meeting).

He enjoyed meeting the members and said that they share the traits of the HTPS membership. Some had specialized collections and had won top prizes in major exhibitions. Dennis also found a well-stocked stamp shop in a nearby town and is happy to pick up where he left off with his stamp collecting interests.

Upcoming Stamp Events

- 10/1 – MSC Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 N. Route 130 (at Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – 7 PM.
- 10/2-4 – WESPNE X – Westchester County Exhibit Hall – 198 Central Avenue – White Plains, NY – Fri. 12-6 PM – Sat. 10 to 6 PM – Sun. 10 to 3 PM.
- 10/3-4 – Stamps, Coins & Postcard Show – Clifton Recreation Center – 1232 Main Avenue – Clifton, NJ – 10 AM - 4 PM – 201-694-8991

- 10/3 – MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – 9 AM to 4 PM – [See 10/1 MSC Meeting for address].
- 10/8-11 – Fall MEGA Event – New Yorker Hotel – 481 Eighth Ave. – NYC – Thur. to Sat. 10 AM to 6 PM – Sun. 10 AM to 4 PM
- 10/10 – 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Routes 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ – 9:30 AM to 4 PM.
- 10/11 – 2nd Sunday Stamp Bourse – Holiday Inn – Rt. 70 – Cherry Hill, NJ – 10 AM to 4 PM.
- 10/17 – POCAX 2009 – Double Tree Guest Suites – 515 Fellowship Road North (near I-295 & Tpke Exits) – Mount Laurel, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM.
- 10/18 – NESS 3rd Sunday Stamp & Coin Show – Wyndham Garden Hotel – 50 Kenney Place – Saddle Brook, NJ – 9 AM to 3 PM.
- 10/20 – HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7 PM.**
- 10/21 – MSC Meeting (See 10/1 MSC Meeting info).
- 10/25 – Coin, Stamp & Postcard Show – Ramada Inn – 1083 Route 206 North (NJ Tpke Exit 7) – Bordentown, NJ – 9 AM to 3 PM.
- 10/25 – 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 objective of this Newsletter is to promote philately, educate and inform our members and to encourage other like-minded individuals to join the Hamilton Township Philatelic Society.

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----- HTPS Meeting Program -----

- ⇒ Oct. 20 – "Airships of the United States"
(APS Slide Show)
- ⇒ Nov. 17 – "Postmarks and Cancellations"
(by Tony Zingale)
- ⇒ Dec. 15 – Holiday Party / Show & Tell
- ⇒ Jan. 19 – Society Auction
- ⇒ Feb. 16 – Tom DeLuca Presentation: TBA
- ⇒ Mar. 16 – "Gambian Philately" (by Gary Loew)
- ⇒ April 20 – Presentation or Slide Show: TBD
- ⇒ May 18 – "The ABC's of Philatelic Exhibiting"
(by Dr. Edwin Andrews)
- ⇒ June 15 – Society Auction