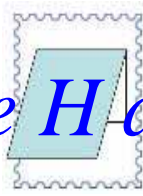




# The Hamilton Hinge



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## September Meeting

Welcome back! We start off the 2010-2011 season with renewed energy and high hopes for another successful philatelic year.

First up is a review and vote on the proposed HTPS Budget (Members received a copy with their Newsletter). Our thanks to the Executive Committee for their efforts in developing this document.

Our presentation this month is provided by Dr. Edwin Andrews on Philatelic Exhibiting. Dr. Andrews is an APS Accredited Philatelic Judge, and an award winning philatelic exhibitor. He will give us some insight into how to prepare a competitive exhibit.

See you on September 21st.

## 2010-2011 Program

Our program schedule for the season is:

- ⇒ Sept. 21 – "The ABC's of Philatelic Exhibiting" (by Dr. Edwin Andrews)
- ⇒ Oct. 19 – "The Bordentown to New York Stage" (by Robert Rose)
- ⇒ Nov. 16 – HTPS Member Presentations
- ⇒ Dec. 21 – Holiday Party / Show & Tell
- ⇒ Jan. 18 – Society Auction
- ⇒ Feb. 15 – Tom DeLuca – Always a SURPRISE!
- ⇒ Mar. 15 – "U.S. Special Handling Stamps" (by Robert Rufe)
- ⇒ Apr. 19 – "1926 Philadelphia Sesquicentennial" (by Hank Applegate)
- ⇒ May 17 – HTPS Member Presentations
- ⇒ June 21 – Society Auction

The HTPS website contains updates and details on the 2010-2011 program events.

### HTPS Meetings . . .

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

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## President's Message



I know summer has ended and fall is upon us when the leaves start falling from the trees, the school buses are seen driving through the neighborhood, and the new issue of the *Hinge* arrives!

I would like to thank our club officers and support team members for all their work last year. They are energetic people who make my job so easy. If you are interested in helping out with the club in some way, please come and see me. We are always looking for new ideas!

As you can see, we have put together another great program for the year, with five guest speakers, two auctions and our annual holiday party. We also are planning a trip to the APS headquarters sometime in the spring. There is something for everyone at the HTPS, and I hope you will plan to come to our meetings.

You will read in this newsletter that we lost one of the "Rocks" of our Society – Robert "Bobby" Lee. One reason why I always enjoyed our meetings was Bobby Lee. He always made whoever visited feel special and more than just welcomed. I think of Bob when someone new visits our meetings. I hope that, in some way, we have made that visitor feel the same way that I felt whenever I saw Bobby Lee.

So put away your surf boards and summer gear, and come to the library on the 21st!

. . . Ed.

## Summer Proceedings

... by Jack Sack

The **June** meeting concluded with our semi-annual auction. Some good bargains were on hand and \$71 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 surprisingly good and members were able to socialize and pickup some items for their collections.

HAMPEX '10 at our **August** meeting was a chance for members to display their collecting interests. A variety of exhibits was offered.

Jim Cope contributed a stock sheet of bridges on stamps. Ron Dobrowolski's German cover was posted with a Hitler-head stamp and Hitler birthday cancel.



Ed Murtha showcased General Gordon and some "Palms" issues from the Sudan. Bob Stolarz provided early Panama overprints with errors. First time visitor Irwin Math displayed the Five Mills Pictorial Issue of the Palestine Mandate.

## MERPEX XXXIV

The Merchantville Stamp Club (MSC) is sponsoring their annual bourse and exhibition on September 3-4. This year's theme is *The 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America*. Three show canceled cachets are available for purchase.



There will be 21 dealers, 60 exhibit frames and a Post Office "MERPEX STATION" for collectors to buy the latest issues.

The event will be held at Saint Cecilia Parish School located at 4810 Camden Avenue in Pennsauken, NJ. From

Route 130 South, make a right onto Merchantville Avenue – then a few blocks to Westville Avenue (a T-intersection) – turn left and proceed three blocks to 48th Street – turn left and then an immediate left into the church parking lot.

Check out the MSC website for updates and further details ([mysite.verizon.net/vzexkfun](http://mysite.verizon.net/vzexkfun)).

## HTPS Web Site

... by Jack Sack

Check out the new HTPS website at [www.HamiltonPhilatelic.org](http://www.HamiltonPhilatelic.org). It contains many features from the old site with some enhancements such as a history of the HTPS and a complete archive of all the past issues of the *Hamilton Hinge*.



It is also the source for late-breaking philatelic announcements and news. Best of all – you can read the latest issue of the *Hinge* before others get it in the mail.

If you have comments or suggestions about the site, or find a

mistake or missing link, please send an email note to me at [webmaster@HamiltonPhilatelic.org](mailto:webmaster@HamiltonPhilatelic.org).

## Transition

Long time HTPS member Robert L. "Bobby" Lee passed away in August. Born in Trenton, Bob was a lifelong Hamilton Township resident. He was a painting contractor in central New Jersey for more than 50 years, and was proprietor of R. L. Lee Co.



Bob was a member of St. Raphael's Church, and was formerly active in Painters Local No. 10, local politics, White Horse Fire Co., Hamilton Elks, Musicians Local No. 62, Boy Scout Troop No. 37, the New Jersey National Guard 696th 50th Armored Division and the American Philatelic Society. He was also an original Babe Ruth Baseball member.

His main interests were family, business, the stock market, and harness racing.

For many years, and because of his outgoing personality and perpetual smile, Bobby served as the official greeter at HTPS meetings. New attendees were immediately put at ease after spending a few minutes with Bobby.

Our condolences are extended to Bobby's family.

**Editor's Note:** I had dinner with Bobby just two weeks before he passed. As usual, after meeting with Bobby, I left the diner with a smile on my face and good thoughts in my heart.

## APS Richmond Show

... by Les Timbres



The APS StampShow 2010 was held August 12-15 in Richmond, VA at the Richmond Convention Center. This is the largest stamp show in the U.S. this

year and the site location was an excellent venue, providing lots of space for the 130 dealers and over 10,000 exhibit pages. There were several nice hotels adjacent to the Convention Center and an English style pub located a few blocks away where I enjoyed several pints of beer.

There seemed to be a good turnout for the three days I attended with lots of activity in particular at the "Stamps in your Attic" booth where experts appraised stamp collections brought in by non-collectors. Many of the dealer booths were crowded throughout the day, and a few even had a waiting line to sit down! I particularly enjoyed John Jacobs' table, which featured many thousands of stamps, most on stock sheets, priced at 10c each.



On Thursday, the new Winslow Homer stamp, "Boys in a Pasture" was issued, and I was able to get several First Day covers actually postmarked on the first day of issue. I mailed some to my friends back in New Jersey. Did you know that this is the third Homer painting to be on a stamp? Can you name the other two (it's a little tricky)? See below for the answer.



I ran into a number of old friends and dealers at the show. Several HTPS members were able to attend the show, including Neil Wood, Jack Sack, Ron Gonzalez and Tony Zingale (pictured here). They all seemed to be having a good time searching for stamps and covers on their want lists, and meeting with dealers and philatelic acquaintances.

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One new feature at the show was a dealer booth run by fellows from the Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship program (YPLF) sponsored by the APS. See the article below for details on this program which was initiated by Alex Haimann (pictured here in the center with fellows James Chenevert and Melissa Stanton).



Along with YPLF fellow Jimmy Tian, the group took over one of the dealer booths and tried their hand at being stamp dealers for a weekend. They had a box of bargain stamps from which I was able to pick up a number of items for my collection. Tony Zingale also found some nice dollar covers at this booth.

As the dealers started to close up shop, I set my sights for the next big show, MERPEX, being held in Pennsauken, New Jersey, over the Labor Day Weekend.

I certainly look forward to returning next year for the APS Summer Show scheduled for Columbus, Ohio.

**ANSWER:** The Homer painting "Breezing Up" appeared on a 1962 stamp (Scott # 1207). In 1998 "The Fog Warning" painting was part of the "Four Centuries of American Art" pane (Scott #3236).



"Breezing Up"



"The Fog Warning"

## APS Fellowships

... by Tony Zingale

The APS has initiated a program to attract young stamp collectors into the hobby – the Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship.

Each year, three Junior Fellows, ages 13-17, are selected to spend the next year participating in various philatelic activities. Each fellow selects a track to follow: Dealer, Presenter or Author. The three Senior Fellows, ages 18-25 spend two years on their projects.

Check out this link for more information on this program <http://www.stamps.org/yplf/index.htm>.

## Stamp Identification

June's stamp was identified by Ralph Phillips. It is East Saxony #15N12, issued in 1945, and listed at the back of the GDR section of the Scott catalog. A tough one!

This month we have another difficult issue, but perhaps not for those who collect classics.

One dollar in mint U.S. postage is offered from our face value box to the member or reader with the first correct answer.



## HTPS Notices

**Mini-Presentations:** We have allocated November 2010 and May 2011 for talks by HTPS members. At those meetings, 3 or 4 members can present a 5 to 15 minute talk on some aspect of their collecting interests. Speakers can use the document camera or Power Point program. Please contact Bob Stolarz for details.

**Parliamentarian:** We need a replacement for Jerry McNew who is teaching math in Romania for the next two years. If you are interested, contact Ed Murtha.

## Upcoming Events

9/3-4 → MERPEX XXXIV – St. Cecilia School – 4851 Camden Avenue – Pennsauken, NJ –  
Fri: 10 AM to 6 PM – Sat: 9 AM to 5 PM.

9/4 → Garden State Stamp Coin & Currency Show –  
PAL Building, 33 Baldwin Ave. – Parsippany, NJ – 10 AM to 4 PM.

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

9/11 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Rtes. 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ – 9:30 AM to 4 PM.

9/19 → 3rd Sunday Stamp & Coin Bourse – Holiday Inn – 129 Pehle Avenue (at Rte 80 & Garden State Pkwy – Saddle Brook, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM.

**9/21 → HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7 PM.**

9/22 → MSC Meeting (See 9/9 MSC Meeting info).

9/24-26 → MetroExpo – Holiday Inn – 440 W. 57th St – NYC – Fri: 12 to 6 PM – Sat: 10 AM to 6 PM – Sun: 10 AM to 4 PM – [www.metroexp.com](http://www.metroexp.com).

9/26 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Holiday Inn – PA Tpke (Exit 339) & Rt. 309 – Ft. Washington, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM.

9/26 → Coin, Stamp & Postcard Show – Ramada Inn – 1083 Rte 206 N. – Bordentown, NJ – 9 to 3 PM.

10/2 → MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – 9 AM to 4 PM – [See 9/9 MSC Meeting for location].

10/7 → MSC Meeting (See 9/9 MSC Meeting info).

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**NOTE:** For updated or additional information, see [www.stampshows.com](http://www.stampshows.com), [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org) and [www.postal-history.com/showpage.html](http://www.postal-history.com/showpage.html).

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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### Newsletter Articles . . .

We are always looking for philatelic articles, ideas or suggestions. Contact Tony Zingale at P.O. Box 3443, Mercerville, NJ 08619; or call 609-890-8211; or email us at [hinge@HamiltonPhilatelic.org](mailto:hinge@HamiltonPhilatelic.org).

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