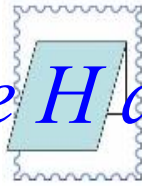


# The Hamilton Hinge



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## March Meeting

As winter ends, we are happy for the approach of warmer weather and the chance to get outside. Perhaps we will cleanup some of the debris in our yards from the harsh winter. Why not clean up some of your philatelic items and bring it to our meeting on March 15th? You can trade with your fellow collectors or perhaps donate the items to HTPS.

This month's presenter is **Robert Rufe** who will speak about U.S. Special Handling Stamps. Mr. Rufe has won several awards for his exhibit on *"U.S. Special Handling 1925-1959: The Stamps and the Service"* – the latest being a gold and a **Statue of Freedom Award** at the SARAPEX show in February 2011. We look forward to an interesting talk.



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

## Stamp Identification



Well – the second time is a charm! Last month's mystery stamp was a repeat of the January issue. This time, HTPS member **William McCarroll** identified the issue as Manchukuo #4 issued in 1932.

This month we move to a different area of the world. Lots of clues in the image, but can you be the first to contact us with the answer? **\$1.00** in mint US stamps to the first correct responder.

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## President's Message

Hopefully, over the past few winter months you have been looking through your collections and double checking your want and need lists. If so, this is a good time to visit a few shows to try and fill in those spaces and missing items in your collection.

The upcoming Philatelic shows in the Philadelphia area (**PNSE**) and in New York City (**MEGA Show**) attract a number of dealers from outside our immediate vicinity. I would like to suggest that you attend one or both of these upcoming shows. This is an opportunity to look at new and different material. Perhaps they will have some of the stamps or covers you need.

It does not always happen, but sometimes you can be lucky and find something that is both interesting and unique to add to your collection. That has happened to me twice recently and both times the items were rather inexpensive. That may not be always the case, but you will never know unless you attend a show and look around at the dealer offerings.

If you have not done so, please pay this year dues. They are still only \$10. You can mail it to the address listed on the newsletter if you are unable to attend the upcoming meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 15<sup>th</sup> Ed

## February Proceedings

by **Jack Sack**

Our February meeting was a welcome break from the recent snow storms, and gave us a chance to see many of our stamping friends again. We had one new member join us, **Bob Ramsdell**, who collects dinosaurs and fossils on stamps.

**Ed Murtha** reminded us about plans for a trip to the A.P.S. this spring, and asked us to check on the **Quad City Stamp Club** in Moline, Illinois with their Stamp Out Cancer Auction (see [www.qcstampclub.com](http://www.qcstampclub.com)). Ed also thanked Tom DeLuca for representing the club at **Andy Prokopetz's** memorial service last month.



The highlight of the evening was the annual presentation by long time HTPS member **Tom DeLuca**. During his introduction, President Murtha presented Tom with an old newspaper article about the Trenton Stamp and Coin Shop which Tom owns (pictured above). Our thanks go to **Don Bunker** for finding this article and preserving it for Tom.

This year, Tom showed off a small portion of his massive collection of Trenton postcards. His topic was cards from Trenton area businesses, department stores and restaurants. Some of the postcards pictured buildings which no longer exist, but many scenes showed buildings still in use. Tom also showed several event cards from the New Jersey State Fair.

As a lifelong Trentonian, Tom was able to add background and anecdotes about many of the places pictured in the cards.

### 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.

The best part of the evening's presentation occurred when members of the audience added their personal recollections about many of the scenes.



As Tom showed a card from one of the many Trenton businesses, someone would invariably tell how one of their relatives had once worked there. It seemed each card brought out memories of a wedding reception at a downtown hotel, a meal at one of Trenton's famous restaurants, or a day at the races at the fairgrounds.

Tom ended his talk by inviting suggestions from the group for his presentation next year. We thank Tom for his talk, and look forward to next year.

## Wayne Stamp & Coin Show by Tony Zingale

Several HTPS members traveled up to the Wayne show on Sunday, February 20. The first stop was the Park West Diner on Route 46 for a breakfast of eggs and home fries (with extra onions of course).

The monthly show is held in the community room of Fire Company #1 at 93 Parish Drive in Wayne, NJ. Hours are 9 AM to 4 PM. This is a relatively new location for this show which was originally set in Saddle Brook, NJ.

We arrived to find about a dozen dealers including a few familiar faces from the Hightstown and Merchantville shows.



The offerings included stamps, box lots, covers and other philatelic items. I purchased some covers and postcards.

Pictured at the left are Jack Sack and Tony Zingale checking out a cover. Ed Murtha was the photographer.

## HTPS Notices

**Spray-on Cancels:** 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 cancel combinations.

**On-line Newsletters:** Four years of our Newsletters are available online at [HamiltonPhilatelic.org](http://HamiltonPhilatelic.org). Take advantage of the live links to Internet sites and email addresses.

**Show 'n Tell:** Please remember to bring an item or two of interest to the monthly meetings. This is an ideal way for all of us to share information and learn more about other philatelic areas and topics.

## Upcoming Events

- 3/3 → MSC Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (at Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM.
- 3/5 → MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – 9 AM to 4 PM – [See 3/3 MSC meeting for location].
- 3/5 → Westfield Stamp Show – Westfield Municipal Center – 425 East Broad St. – Westfield, NJ – Sat: 10 AM to 4 PM.
- 3/5-6 → BuxMont Stamp Show – Benjamin H. Wilson Center – 580 Delmont Ave – Warminster, PA – Sat: 10 AM to 5 PM – Sun: 10 AM to 4 PM.

3/6 → Garden State Stamp Coin & Currency Show – PAL Building – 33 Baldwin Ave. – Parsippany, NJ – 10 AM to 4 PM.

3/12 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Rtes. 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ – 9:30 AM to 4 PM.

3/15 → **HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7 PM.**

3/17 → MSC Meeting (See 3/3 MSC meeting info).

3/20 → 3rd Sunday Stamp & Coin Bourse – Fire Company #1 – 93 Parish Drive – Wayne, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM.

3/20 → Money, Stamps & Postcard Show – Clifton Recreation Center – 1232 Main Avenue – Clifton, NJ – 9 AM to 5 PM

3/27 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Holiday Inn – PA Tpke (Exit 339) & Rt. 309 – Ft. Washington, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM.

4/2 → MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – 9 AM to 4 PM – [See 3/3 MSC meeting for location].

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

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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

- ⇒ Mar. 15 – *"U.S. Special Handling Stamps"*  
(by Robert Rufe)
- ⇒ Apr. 19 – *"The 1926 Philadelphia Sesquicentennial"* (by Hank Applegate)
- ⇒ May 17 – HTPS Member Presentations
- ⇒ June 21 – Society Auction
- ⇒ July 19 – Swap Meeting

### 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).