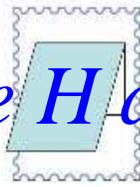


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September Meeting

Well, summer is over and that means another HTPS season begins. Our Newsletter celebrates its fifth anniversary this year, and we look forward to another year publishing articles of interest for our readers.

First order of business at the meeting 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 the budget.

Another item on the agenda is a discussion on the new APS program that offers a chance for one of our Newsletter articles to appear in the APS Philatelist.

The September meeting also includes presentations by members on their collecting interest.

Stamp Identification

The last issue's stamp was NOT identified so we are giving it another try. Hopefully this time an alert reader will send in the correct answer.



There certainly are enough markings and information in the stamp's design to make identification an easy chore. We did increase the image size a bit to help out.

\$1.00 in mint US stamps to the first correct responder.

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 has been an interesting two or three months since our last official meeting. We have had record setting heat waves, an earthquake and a hurricane. I do not know about you, but I have had enough excitement and look forward to calmer times.

September is the beginning of the philatelic year for HTPS and a return to normalcy is my hope! **Jeff Boyarsky** and **Joe Seliga** have lined up some rather interesting speakers for the upcoming meeting schedule. We are also hoping that you and your fellow HTPS members are working on some small presentation about what you collect or what interests you in philately. Believe it or not, most of your fellow members find these to be the most enjoyable presentations.

One of the primary goals of the Officers and Executive Board of HTPS is to provide an enjoyable time for all HTPS members. To date, that has been relatively easy and that is because of each and every one of you. The attendance at our monthly meetings has been great, and it continues to grow. Our common interest in philately may have been the initial draw to the monthly meetings. I would like to believe that we return because we have also found enjoyment being in each others company. I hope so.

I look forward to seeing you on September 20th . . . Ed

Summer Proceedings

... by Jack Sack

The main event at our **June** meeting was our semi-annual auction. A variety of material was sold off with some good bargains in the mix. Over \$40 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 sparse, but a good time was had by all.

HAMPEX '11 at our **August** meeting was another chance for HTPS members to display their collecting interests. A variety of exhibits was offered.



As usual, **Jim Cope** created a simple, but effective, display of topical aircraft stamps. We included his stock sheet display in our September library exhibit (see next page).

As a bonus to those who attended the August meeting, a visitor brought some stamps from a relative's collection she needed help in identifying. Among these was a Scott #47, the 10p Queen Victoria issue from 1865, which is valued at \$36,000 in the Scott catalog!



EXECUTIVE MEETING



The officers and support team held a meeting on August 23rd to work out the budget and program for the 2011-2012 season. The planned schedule of program presentations is listed in the next column.

2011-2012 Program

Our program schedule for the season is:

- ⇒ Sept. 20 – WIP / HTPS Member Presentations
- ⇒ Oct. 18 – "New Jersey Civil War Covers"
(by Richard Miccheli)
- ⇒ Nov. 15 – "Holy Land Philately"
(by Sid Morginstin)
- ⇒ Dec. 20 – Holiday Party / Show & Tell
- ⇒ Jan. 17 – Society Auction
- ⇒ Feb 21 – "Postal History of the French Colonial Allegorical Group Type: Use from Senegal and the French Sudan (by Edward Grabowski)
- ⇒ Mar. 12 – "Modern U. S. Airmails"
(by K. David Steidley)
- ⇒ Apr. 12 – WIP
- ⇒ May 15 – HTPS Member Presentations
- ⇒ June 19 – Society Auction

Check the HTPS website for updates and details.

MERPEX XXXV

The Merchantville Stamp Club (MSC) is sponsoring their annual bourse and exhibition on **September 2-3**. The event will be held at Saint Cecilia Parish School located at 4851 Camden Avenue in Pennsauken, NJ.

This year's theme is the 150th anniversary celebration of the Civil War. Three show canceled cachets were designed for the show and are available for purchase.



20 dealers will be present with 60 exhibit frames and a USPS "MERPEX STATION" for collectors.

From Route 130 South, make a right onto Merchantville Ave. – then a few blocks to Westville Ave.– 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).

HTPS Web Site

. . . by Jack Sack

Check out the recently updated HTPS website at www.HamiltonPhilatelic.org. It contains a number of new pictures, additional presentations from past meetings, and a new section on how to sell your stamp collection.



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.

Postal History Symposium

A Symposium, titled *“How Commerce and Industry Shaped the Mails”* will be held on Friday to Sunday, **September 16-18, 2011** at the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

The Symposium, sponsored by the American Philatelic Society, the American Philatelic Research Library (APRL) and the Smithsonian National Postal Museum, is held in conjunction with a philatelic exhibition hosted by the United States Stamp Society (USSS).

The seminars and panels will be interspersed with opportunities to view the 150 frames of invited stamp and postal history exhibits. Attendees can also purchase philatelic material from the dealers, visit the APRL, and converse with fellow philatelists.

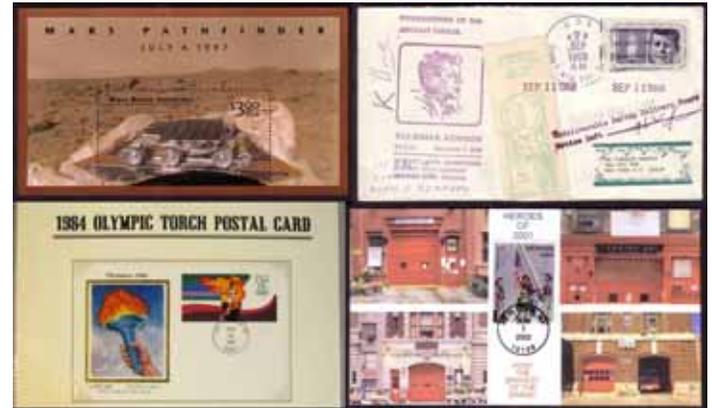
On Saturday evening September 17th, there will be a banquet celebrating the USSS's 85th anniversary and a keynote address delivered by Dr. David Hochfelder, assistant professor of history at SUNY-Albany.

HTPS member **Jeff Boyarsky** will attend and hopes that other HTPS members will take advantage of this free event. The only cost is travel and staying over. Book early as this is parent's weekend at State College.

Library Exhibit by Tony Zingale

Our annual exhibit at the **Hamilton Township Public Library** is on display during the month of September. Why not take some time this month and check it out. This year's exhibit includes:

- ⇒ Olympic Memorabilia
- ⇒ Topical Stamps
- ⇒ Naval Covers
- ⇒ An Assortment of Philatelic Items

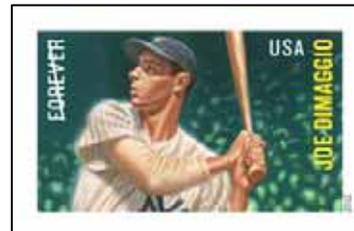


Selected items from the three display cases.

Many of the exhibited items were obtained from HTPS members. Special thanks to **Andrew Boyajian** and **Jim Cope** for their contributions.

Joe DiMaggio Stamp

The USPS announced a series of four stamps to be issued in 2012 honoring baseball greats. One of the stamps, pictured below, will feature Joe DiMaggio



(1914-1999). Joe was the leader of the New York Yankee teams that won nine World Series titles during the 1930-50's era.

He was an all-around player with superior hitting and fielding skills, and known for his above average baseball acumen. Nicknamed the **“Yankee Clipper”** he holds a major league record that will be difficult to surpass – a 56-game hitting streak.

Joe was a right-handed hitter, but the stamp image seems to show him hitting left-handed. However, the USPS states that the image shows a "follow-through on a swing" – still looks odd to a die-hard Yankee fan.

Upcoming Events

- 9/2-3 → MERPEX XXXV – St. Cecilia School – 4851 Camden Avenue – Pennsauken, NJ – Fri: 10 AM to 6 PM, Sat: 9 AM to 5 PM.
- 9/4 → Garden State Coin, Stamp & Currency Show – PAL Building – 33 Baldwin Ave. – Parsippany, NJ – 10 AM to 4 PM.
- 9/8 → MSC Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (at Merchantville Avenue) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM.
- 9/10 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Rtes. 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ – 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.
- 9/16-18 → MetroExpo – Holiday Inn – 440 W. 57th St – NYC – Fri: 12 to 6 PM – Sat: 10 AM to 5 PM – Sun: 10 AM to 4 PM – www.metroexpos.com.
- 9/18 → World Money, Stamps & Postcard Show – Community Recreation Center – 1232 Main Avenue – Clifton, NJ – 9 AM to 5 PM
- 9/18 → 3rd Sunday Stamp & Coin Bourse – Fire Company #1 – 93 Parish Drive – Wayne, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM.
- 9/20 → **HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7 PM.**

- 9/21 → MSC Meeting (See 9/8 MSC meeting info).
- 9/24-25 → Fall Stamp, Coin, Cover & Postcard Show – Community Recreation Center – 1232 Main Avenue – Clifton, NJ – Sat. 10 AM to 5 PM – Sun. 10 to 4 PM – www.cliftonnj.org/stamp.
- 9/24 → 4th Saturday Stamp Show – Sokol Hall – 310 Pine Street – Boonton, NJ
**** NEW Show ****
- 9/25 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Holiday Inn – PA Tpke (Exit 339) & Rt. 309 – Ft. Washington, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM.
- 9/23-25 → WESPNEK – Westchester County Center – 198 Central Avenue – White Plains, NY – Fri. 12 – 6 PM – Sat. 10 - 6 PM – Sun. 10 - 4 PM.
- 10/1 → MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – 9 AM to 4 PM – [See 9/8 MSC meeting for location].
- 10/2 → Garden State Coin, Stamp & Currency Show – PAL Building – 33 Baldwin Ave. – Parsippany, NJ – 10 AM to 4 PM.

NOTE: For updated or additional information, see: www.stampshows.com – www.stamps.org 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 . . .

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