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October Meeting

We are honored to have Richard Micchelli visit us this month to talk about New Jersey Civil War Covers. Mr. Micchelli recently presented his exhibit on "Civil War Patriotic Covers Postmarked from New Jersey" at the "Court of Honor" at NOJEX this year. He was also the featured speaker at the NOJEX annual meeting.



A NJ Civil War cover from the NJPHS website

Richard has an extensive collection of NJ Civil War covers and will share a few with us explaining various aspects and use. We are pleased to have Mr. Micchelli visit Hamilton and give his talk to our group. Anyone interested in New Jersey history will be sure to enjoy this talk!

Stamp Identification

Congratulations to Bill Andersen for correctly identifying last month's stamp as Montenegro Scott #J21 issued in 1907.



This month we travel to another part of the world. Check the design components carefully and it all makes sense.

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

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President's Message



While one does not think of New Jersey as playing an important role in the American Civil War, it provided many of the troops and two of its most important generals.

Though no battles took place in our state, over 80,000 New Jersey soldiers fought during the war. New Jersey is also the home of George McClellan, the first commander of the Union army, and General Philip Kearny, who led the First New Jersey Brigade into battle at Williamsburg, Virginia shouting "I'm a one-armed Jersey son-of-a-gun, follow me!"

New Jersey was also critical to the war effort, and produced much of the clothing and ammunition used by the Union army.

We are pleased to have Richard Micchelli speak to us on New Jersey Civil War covers. I urge you to invite any of your friends that are interested in New Jersey history or in the Civil War to join us on the 18th....Ed

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.

September Proceedings . . . by Jack Sack

Our September meeting is always my favorite, as it gives everyone a chance to renew old friendships and discuss the adventures of the past summer. President Murtha welcomed everyone to our 36th year with a review of the season's program. Besides our holiday party and auctions, we will have presentations from two of our members (**Andrew Boyajian** and **Sid Morginstin**) as well as three outside speakers. We thank the officers for arranging another great series of programs.

Ron Gonzalez reported on the APS show held last August in Columbus, Ohio. **Tony Zingale** described our September exhibit at the Hamilton Library which included a display of the winning entry from HAMPEX'11 – a display of aviation stamps by **Jim Cope**.

V.P. **Jeff Boyarsky** reported on the Postal History Symposium he attended at the APS Headquarters in Bellefonte, PA on September 16-18. He also mentioned an on-line book on collecting US Stamps by Michael I. Casper and Clifford Blizard, (checkout the 'Book' tab on their website at www.casperstamp.com).

Ed thanked those who helped with MERPEX – **Tony Zingale, Joe Seliga, Bob Stolarz., Andrew Boyajian & Hank Applegate**. Ed also discussed possible carpooling to local stamp shows, as well as a group train trip to the National Postage Stamp Show in NYC. Volunteers are needed for the “Back to Basics” presentations to be held in April or May. The approval of our budget for the year completed the business portion of the meeting.



Our speaker was **Andrew Boyajian** who gave a presentation on the C.S. Anderson cachets – Air Transport Issues of WW II. C.S. Anderson was a multi-talented illustrator who created first-day-cover cachets for all the US issues for a period of 45 years – from 1932 to 1976.

During World War II, seven stamps known as the Air Transport Series (Scott #C25-C31) were issued, each with a different denomination and depicting a twin-motored transport plane. Andrew concentrated on the various cachets that Anderson used for the first day covers of this issue.



Anderson also produced a series of patriotic covers with the airmail stamps. Although the Air Transport issues represent only a fraction of the work by Anderson, it is an excellent example of his skilled workmanship.. We thank Andrew for giving us an insight into one of his collecting interests.

MERPEX XXXV

The Merchantville Stamp Club (MSC) sponsored their annual bourse and exhibition over the Labor Day weekend at Saint Cecilia Parish School in Pennsauken, NJ. The show included a 20 dealer bourse as well as 60 exhibit frames. A group from the club traveled down to the show on Thursday to help set up the exhibit and bourse space.



[Left to right: **Joe Seliga, Tony Zingale, Steve Hadjiyannis, Ed Murtha** and **Andrew Boyajian**]

On Friday, a number of HTPS members were seen wandering the floor, looking for bargains and viewing the exhibits. There were several dealers at the show who we do not normally see at local shows. There was also a US Post Office selling many of the current issues.



APS Columbus . . . by Dr. Ron Gonzalez

On Wednesday, August 11, 2011, I drove almost nine hours to Columbus Ohio for the American Philatelic Society (APS) Stamp Show. This annual event is one of the largest of its kind in the nation and the world. The drive went well, since the scenery is rewarding, specially crossing the bridges into Ohio.

I arrived in Columbus the day before the show giving me time to relax and plan the rest of the weekend. I stayed at the Defense Command Center lodge, near the center of the town. You can take two busses to the convention center, avoiding parking and traffic.

Thursday was the first day ceremony for the "Flags of our Nation" stamps. The latest set of 10 coil stamps depicting the flags of U.S. states and territories included the flag of Puerto Rico. The ceremony was brief and simple and included the presentation of colors, a few speeches, including Wade Saadi (President of the APS) and other dignitaries. I had my covers already prepared and canceled with first day cancellation for the Puerto Rico flag stamp. Overall it went well and after a brief lunch, I hit the dealers.



The rest of the afternoon was spent going through the dealer's tables. As my main interest is the stamps and covers related to Puerto Rico,

the material was scarce but a few dealers had items of interest. Many dealers know me and will say, "Nothing today" or "Look at what I have for you." The first day was more of a 'scouting' trip, as I wanted to see what was available; I took notes of some items of interest.

Later, I met with my friend Howard Kristol, a collector from Delaware. He collects the Puerto Rico stationary of the Spanish American War era. It is always a pleasure to meet with him and have a small show and tell. We brag about our latest purchases like little kids. Sound familiar? I also greeted several of the APS employees that we had met previously at the APS headquarters in Bellefonte, PA. Upon returning to my room, I had a simple dinner and then to rest and sleep.



On Friday, I purchased several copies of "El Barquito" (little boat), Scott #133, since I am trying to reconstruct the 20 positions of the original pane. I also purchased several First

Day Covers of US stamps related to Puerto Rico. At noon, I attended the society membership meeting of the United Postal Stationary Society. Again, I greeted several fellow collectors.

During the afternoon I met another friend, from the Washington DC area, Jack Feldman. He also collects stamps and covers from Puerto Rico. Later, I went to



the Harmer-Schau Auction desk and placed several bids on Puerto Rico lots. In the evening, I went to dinner with the United States Possessions Philatelic Society members. In the photo, I am second from the right. We all had a good time and a good meal.

On Saturday, I went back to the show where I purchased some books and literature for my library. I attended the business meeting of the United States Possessions Philatelic Society. Afterwards, it was back to the auction desk to find that I had won one of my bids. It was the Puerto Rico U5 cut corner I had been seeking for a long time. The rest of the day was spent at the dollar boxes to relax a little bit and scavenge through looking for bargains. Overall I was able to buy a lot of stamps, covers, FDC's and literature related to Puerto Rico.

On Sunday, tired but happy, I headed home. After nine more hours of driving, I arrived safely to find several house chores that accumulated over the long weekend. I recommend you try to attend a big show, such as the APS events, so you can have as much fun as I did.

NOTICE . . .

Due to building repairs on the Temple Lutheran Church in Merchantville, the MSC stamp bourse scheduled for October 1st has been cancelled. The October MSC meetings will be held at St. Cecelia School in Pennsauken (see next page).

Upcoming Events

10/1 → MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – Temple Lutheran Church – **CANCELLED** (at Merchantville Avenue) – Pennsauken, NJ.

10/2 → Garden State Coin, Stamp & Currency Show – PAL Building – 33 Baldwin Ave. – Parsippany, NJ – 10 AM to 4 PM.

10/5 → MSC Meeting – St. Cecilia School – 4851 Camden Avenue – Pennsauken, NJ – Doors Open at 7 PM. ← **NOTE Date Change.**

10/8 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Rtes. 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ – 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

10/16 → 3rd Sunday Stamp & Coin Bourse – Fire Company #1 – 93 Parish Drive – Wayne, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM.

10/18 → HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7 PM.

10/19 → MSC Meeting (See 10/5 MSC meeting info).

10/22 → 4th Saturday Stamp Show – Sokol Hall – 301 Pine Street – Boonton, NJ.

10/21-24 → Mega-Event (ASDA) – New Yorker Hotel – 481 Eighth Avenue – NYC – Thur. to Sat. 10 AM to 6 PM – Sun. 10 AM to 4 PM.

10/22 → BuxMont Stamp Show & Bourse – Benjamin H. Wilson Center – 580 Delmont Ave – Warminster, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM.

10/23 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Holiday Inn – PA Tpke (Exit 339) & Rt. 309 – Ft. Washington, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM.

10/29-30 → Clifton Coin and Stamp Show – Community Recreation Center – 1232 Main Avenue – Clifton, NJ – 9 AM to 3 PM

11/3 → MSC Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (at Merchantville Avenue) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM.

11/5 → MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – 9 AM to 4 PM – [See 11/3 MSC meeting above for location].

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

- ⇒ Oct. 18 – "New Jersey Civil War Covers"
(by Richard Micchelli)
- ⇒ Nov. 15 – "Holy Land Philately"
(by Sid Morginstin)
- ⇒ Dec. 20 – Holiday Party / Show & Tell
- ⇒ Jan. 17 – Society Auction

We are looking for speakers for some 2012 dates.

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.