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June Meeting

This is our last Newsletter for the 2011-2012 season as we take a break for the summer months. Our thanks to all those who contributed articles, photos and the like. Special thanks to the editors who corrected our mistakes before we went to press.

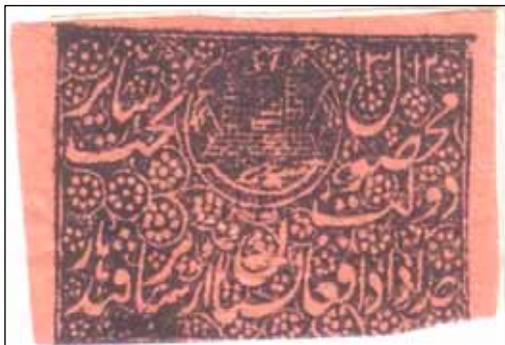
Of note in this issue is the summer philatelic event schedule. We have identified over twenty-five philatelic events in the tri-state area during the next three months. In addition, we have provided internet links to show sites for updated information. Check it out and try to attend some of those gatherings over the summer.

June 19 is our last formal meeting of the season (July and August are trading and social gatherings). As usual, we end up with an auction. Indications are that there will be a variety of philatelic material for sale.

Stamp Identification

Last month's stamp was correctly identified by Bill McCarroll as Thailand, Scott #05, issued in 1963.

Our entry this month is a bit more challenging as there are few recognizable markings. So put your thinking caps on and check out those catalogs and stamp identifier publications.



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

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President's Message

This will be my last President's message. I want to thank you for allowing me to be the President of the Hamilton Township Philatelic Society these past six years.



While many other philatelic organizations and clubs have shrunk in size, our Society has thankfully grown and truly prospered. That has happened because of your continual support and active participation.

You have helped attract other like-minded individuals to our group. I cannot thank you enough for making all of this possible and ask that you continue to do so.

I wish our new President, Jeff Boyarsky, much success in furthering the development of our Society and also ask all of you to show Jeff the same kindness, understanding and generosity as you have shown me.

I look forward to September and being able to sit with you on the other side of the officers table!

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.

May Proceedings

by **Tony Zingale**

Our May meeting was well attended and highlighted by HTPS elections and member mini-presentations.

Ed Murtha quickly moved through the business portion of the meeting. He asked for help in setting up the NOJEX stamp show in Secaucus on Memorial Day weekend.

The meeting ended with the **election of new officers** for 2012-2013 (they take office after the June meeting):

- ⇒ President: **Jeff Boyarsky**
- ⇒ Vice-President: **Andrew Boyajian**
- ⇒ Treasurer: **Ron Gonzalez**
- ⇒ Secretary: **Bob Stolarz**

The program for the evening was a series of “Mini-Presentations” by HTPS members. **Tony Zingale** started off with a review of some stamp basics including identification of flat plate and rotary plate issues, verification of coils and identifying US watermarks.

Andrew Boyajian showed part of his Olympic Torch cover collection. He traced the history of torch stamps / cancels from a simple 1936 cover (shown at the right) to the large variety that is produced today.

Bob Stolarz finished up the evening with a eclectic display of covers and other philatelic items including the bicycle advertising cover shown below.

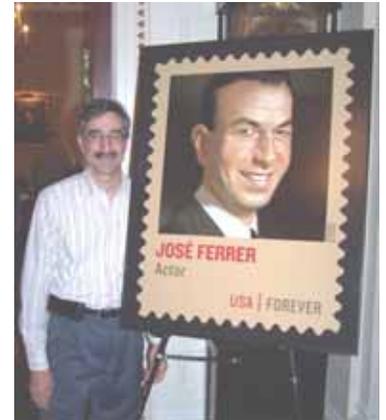


We thank all of the speakers for their presentations and ask our members to consider preparing a 10-15 minute talk for our next round of “mini” talks.

José Ferrer FDC

by **Ron Gonzalez**

On April 26, 2012, I went to New York City for the José Ferrer stamp First Day of Issue ceremony. It was held at the Players Club, founded in 1888 by Edwin Booth, brother of John Wilkes Booth. The club was formed to benefit actors and artists. First stop was the James A. Farley Post Office on 8th Ave and 34th street to purchase the Ferrer stamps early and affix them to the cards and covers I had prepared.



The postal clerks did not want to sell the stamps before 3:00 PM. After some pleading, I did get them. The next hurdle was obtaining a “hand back” postmark from the clerk. After more pleading and reciting post office regulations, I was able to obtain an unofficial first day cancellation. At the same time, I mailed several covers to obtain unofficial first day spray cancels as well.

After the post office, I went to the Collectors Club on East 35th street and worked in the library affixing the stamps to the remainder of my covers and cards.

Then it was off to the Players Club to cancel the covers. Only the “four bar” and “bulls eye” postmarks were available – there was no pictorial postmark. The post office was selling blank first day covers with the digital color and the regular

FDI postmark. First day programs were handed out to the attendees.

The ceremony included movie clips prepared by the Players Club in tribute to José Ferrer who was president of the club from 1983 to 1991. This was followed by some speeches. The attendees included José Ferrer's widow, Stella, two of his daughters, his son Rafael Ferrer, former NYC mayor David Dinkins and actors Frances Sternhagen, Christopher Lloyd and others. At the end of the ceremony, I was able to obtain autographs from the speakers and personalities.

After a hectic day, I returned home where I was able to organize my cards and covers. It was a great experience and worth the effort. Now I have another stamp to collect in First Day cover format!

Society Auction

It is auction time again! Why not bring some of your duplicate, excess or unwanted philatelic material and put it on our auction table?



Here are some **hints** for creating lots:

- ⇒ Put up items that fellow members collect (see list below). As always, condition is key; choice or unique items usually do very well.
- ⇒ Reference publications, especially specialized or color catalogs, are always popular.
- ⇒ Postcards, postal history and ephemera also sell.

Preparing Auction Forms

Enter your name and date (6-19-12) at the top of the **Auction List Sheet**. Enter a description of the item including Scott # (for stamps), condition, faults and catalog / retail values.

Auction List - Seller's Name: <u>JOHN DOE</u>		Date: <u>1-15-08</u>			
Item No.	Item Name or Scott Number	Item Description and/or Condition (e.g., Blue Columbian, MNH, F-VF, Gum Crease)	Minimum Bid	Sales Price	Wining Bid Number
1.	Scott 2007	US SPECIALIZED CATALOG - good cond.	1.00		
2.	Scott PD	Album, 190-1964 Commemoratives, no stamps, some mounts - ex. cond.	2.00		
3.	DENMARK	#9/126/8 Used - CV \$75+	5.00		
4.	NETHERLANDS	200 DIFF Used - CV \$45	5.00		
5.	FDC ALBUM	with 25 two-up Clear Pages	3.00		
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					

Total Sales _____
Club Commission (-10%) _____
Net to Seller _____

As for the Minimum Bid, be realistic – common items usually sell for 10-20% of catalog value. Use 2-3 lines, if needed, to describe the auction lot; then renumber the following items on the sheet.

HTPS Auction --- Lot Description	
Seller Name: _____	Item #: _____
Description: _____	
Item Value: _____	Min. Bid: _____

For each auction item, complete an **Auction Lot form**. This form is attached to (or inserted into) the

item to be auctioned. The information should match the Auction List Sheet which will enable the Auctioneer and support staff to quickly move through the lots.

If you wish to **donate** the sales proceeds for one or more lots to HTPS, please indicate on the Auction List Sheet or tell the Auctioneer.

All items are **SOLD AS IS** so check out the offerings before bidding.

Obtain a **bidder number** before the auction starts. Bidding starts with the seller's minimum bid as shown on the Lot Description form. Increments are usually 25¢ but the Auctioneer may change increments based on competitive bidding.

Payments are made by the winning bidders after all auction items are sold. The sellers are paid the sales price realized MINUS a 10% commission for HTPS. Amounts are rounded to 5¢ increments.

Member Interests

HTPS member interests include:

U.S. – Puerto Rico	Postcards – Covers
Australia – Botswana	Antarctica
British Commonwealth	Bicycle Related
Canada – Germany	Lighthouses
India & Indian States	Military Related
Poland	Olympics – Patriotic
Sudan – Surinam	Scouting – Sports
Switzerland – Vatican	SON Cancels
WW Revenues	WW II Occupations
Postcards – Covers	Zeppelin Related

Fingerprints & Stamps (source: linns.com)

One of the first warnings received by new stamp collectors is "Don't get fingerprints on your stamps." However, some stamps come with fingerprints already on them as part of their design.

A recent example is a 2006 stamp from the Netherlands (Scott #1248). The €0.39 stamp highlights Zwolle whose residents are called Bluefingers. The nickname dates back to 1682 when Zwolle sold church bells to the city of Kampen and were paid in copper pennies. As the citizens of Zwolle counted each coin, the copper turned their fingers blue.



This is just one example of fingerprints on stamps. If you thumb through your collection, perhaps you will find more. This could be a good idea for an exhibit or a "mini" presentation at a HTPS meeting.

The Year in Review

The 2011-2012 HTPS season is over and what a busy year! Below is a highlight of some activities HTPS members and guests experienced during the past twelve months at our meetings and events.

HAMPEX '11, held during our August 2011 meeting, was a chance for members and guests to display their collecting interests. A variety of exhibits were created included **Jim Cope's** sheet of topical aircraft stamps (image at right).

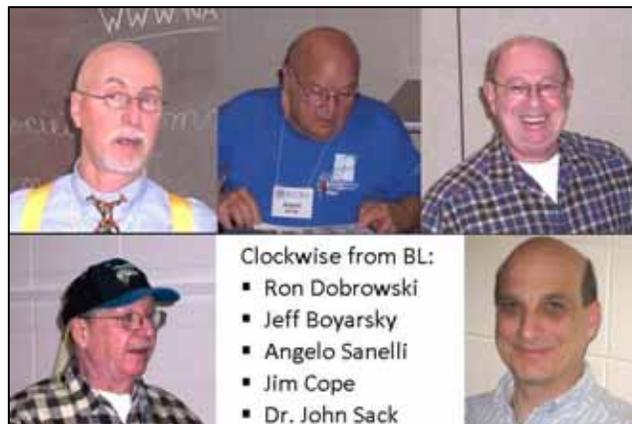


We used some of the HAMPEX entries for our philatelic exhibit at the **Hamilton library** during the month of September.

As usual, HTPS attracted a diverse group of speakers for our **Presentations** during 2011-2012. Topics were varied and included:

- ⇒ *NJ Civil War Covers . . .* by **Richard Miccheli**
- ⇒ *Hold Land Philately . . .* by **Sid Morginstin**
- ⇒ *Forgeries and Fakes . . .* by **Tom DeLuca**
- ⇒ *French Colonial Postal History: Senegal and Sudan . . .* by **Dr. Edward Grabowski**
- ⇒ *Modern U.S. Airmails . . .* by **Dr. David Steidley**

The September 2011 meeting featured some Show & Tell and a presentation on C.S. Andersen cachets by **Andrew Boyajian**. During the year, other HTPS members provided information about philately and their collecting interests – from stamp soaking to stamp trivia to exotic postcards to postal history. Our apologies to those we missed.



Another round of **"mini" Presentations** was the highlight of the May 2012 meeting. **Tony Zingale, Andrew Boyajian, and Bob Stolarz** (shown below) gave the talks. See the write-up on page two for details.



The **HTPS Party** in December is always a lot of fun with good food and social interaction. Members can relax and think back on the year's activities.



Our semi-annual **Auction** in January was a lot of fun and we end the 2011-2012 season with our June auction. So why not come to the meeting and bid on some of the exciting items for sale?

Space and time limits the inclusion of other HTPS activities, but you can check out our website for such information in our Newsletters, Articles and Presentations.

Our thanks to all who contributed and helped us complete another successful season for our Society. We welcome all philatelists to our meetings and look forward to the next twelve months of HTPS activities.

Summer Philatelic Events

The next three months offer a variety of philatelic shows and meetings. Hope you can make it to some of them.

June 2012 . . .

- 6/2 → MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – 9 AM to 4 PM – [See 6/7 MSC Meeting for location].
- 6/2 → Postcard Show & Sale – Union Fire Hall – 1396 River Rd. (Rte 29) – Titusville, NJ – 9 to 4 PM.
- 6/3 → Garden State Coin & Stamp Show – P.A.L. Building – 33 Baldwin Rd – Parsippany, NJ – 10 AM to 4 PM – 201-584-0424.
- 6/7 → MSC Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 N. Route 130 (at Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – 7 PM.
- 6/9 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Rtes. 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ – 9:30 AM to 4 PM.
- 6/17 → Money, Stamps & Postcard Show – Clifton Recreation Center – 1232 Main Avenue – Clifton, NJ – 9 AM to 5 PM.
- 6/17 → 3rd Sunday Stamp & Coin Bourse – Fire Company #1 – 93 Parish Drive – Wayne, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM.
- 6/19 → **HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7:30 PM.**
- 6/20 → MSC Meeting [See 6/7 MSC Meeting info].
- 6/24 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Holiday Inn – PA Tpke (Exit 339) & Rt. 309 – Ft. Washington, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM.

July 2012 . . .

- 7/5 → MSC Meeting [See 6/7 MSC Meeting info].
- 7/7 → MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – 9 AM to 4 PM – [See 6/7 meeting info for address].
- 7/14 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – [See 6/9 show for address and time].
- 7/15 → 3rd Sunday Stamp & Coin Bourse (Wayne) – [See 6/17 show for address and time].
- 7/17 → **HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Sell & Swap Meet. 7:30 PM.**

- 7/18 → MSC Meeting [See 6/7 MSC Meeting info].
- 7/20-22 → 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.metroexpos.com.
- 7/22 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – [See 6/24 show for address and time].

August – September 2012 . . .

- 8/2 → MSC Meeting [See 6/7 MSC Meeting info].
- 8/4 → MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – 9 AM to 4 PM – [See 6/7 meeting info for address].
- 8/16-19 → APS StampShow 2012 – Convention Center – 1400 J Street – Sacramento, CA – Thurs. thru Sat. 10 AM to 6 PM – Sun. 10 AM to 4 PM – www.stamps.org/Stampshow-ss.
- 8/11 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – [See 6/9 show for address and time].
- 8/21 → **HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – HAMPEX 2012 – 7:30 PM.**
- 8/15 → MSC Meeting [See 6/7 MSC Meeting info].
- 8/19 → 3rd Sunday Stamp & Coin Bourse (Wayne) – [See 6/17 show for address and time].
- 8/26 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – [See 6/24 show for address and time].
- 8/31 – 9/1 → MERPEX XXXVI – St. Cecilia School – 4851 Camden Avenue – Pennsauken, NJ – Fri: 10 AM to 6 PM, Sat: 9 AM to 5 PM.
- 9/6 → MSC Meeting [See 6/7 MSC Meeting info].
- 9/8 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – [See 6/9 show for address and time].

NOTE: For updated or additional information, see www.stampshows.com, www.stamps.org and www.postal-history.com/showpage.html

New Member . . . HTPS welcomes **Ronald S. Kane** as the newest member of our group. Ron collects worldwide stamps up to 1963 (MNH / used) and US Stamps and postal stationary to (MNH to 2003 and used to 1940).

Frank Wheeler Jr. (source: obits.nj.com)



Long-time HTPS member Frank A. Wheeler Jr., 91, passed away, peacefully, on Friday, May 11, 2012. Born in Pittsfield, MA, Frank lived in Schenectady, NY, until he entered the Army in 1940. Frank was married to his childhood sweetheart, the late Olive Shufelt Wheeler, for 56 years.

He was a WW II veteran serving in the China and Burma Theatres. After the war, he served two tours of duty in Germany and later was stationed at Fort Dix making his home in Mercer County, NJ.

In 1960, after retiring from the Army, Frank worked at Fort Dix as a property book officer. He retired in 1978 and worked for the Bank of Mid Jersey.

Frank was an avid stamp collector. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Hamilton Square for 57 years serving as a deacon, elder and treasurer. He also was a life member of VFW Post 3525 and belonged to the Nottingham Squares Seniors Club.

On behalf of the HTPS membership, we extend our condolences to the Wheeler family.

NOJEX 2012 . . . by **Joseph Seliga**

On Thursday, May 24th, six HTPS members traveled up to the Meadowlands Crowne Plaza Hotel in Secaucus, NJ. Our goal – to transform a bare exhibition hall into a philatelic bourse and exhibit for the NOJEX 2012 event.



From the left: HTPS members Jeff Boyarsky, Klaus Wagner, Joe Seliga, Jon Madsen, Ed Murtha and Ken Steel.

The HTPS team helped setup and position dealer tables. After a lunch provided by the NOJEX group, the team finished the setup and assisted exhibitors in mounting their material in the exhibit frames.

On Sunday, after NOJEX closes, the exhibits are dismantled and the dealer tables are broken down. Joe Seliga returned to help with this effort.

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.

----- HTPS Officers -----

- President Ed Murtha
- Vice President Jeff Boyarsky
- Treasurer / Publicity Ron Gonzalez
- Secretary Bob Stolarz

----- HTPS Support Team -----

- APS Representative Jon Madsen
- Historian Joe Seliga
- Membership Chairman Jack Sack
- Newsletter Editor Tony Zingale
- NOJEX Contact Andrew Boyajian
- Philatelic Donations Sherm Britton
- Webmaster Jack Sack
- 50 / 50 Handlers Jim Cope, Ken Steel

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

- ⇒ June 19 – Society Auction
- ⇒ July 17 – Sell and Swap Meeting
- ⇒ Aug. 21 – HAMPEX '12
- ⇒ Sept. 18 – 1902 Series Issues by Roger Brody

We are looking for speakers for our 2012-2013 meeting program. Please contact us for details.

Newsletter Articles . . .

We always welcome 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.