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May-June Meetings

We end the 2012-2013 HTPS 'season' with our May meeting highlighted by officer elections and member presentations and the June society auction.

Nominations are still open for the officer positions and also for the HTPS 'Support Team' spots. We hope all members can attend to cast their vote. A description of the officer and support team positions is available on our website.

We have decided to continue the newsletter creation schedule in two-month increments. However, we will add a July-August issue as a bonus. In the past, we did not create issues for those months.

Stamp Identification

The entry in the last newsletter drew a number of responses. **Bill McCarroll** and **Bill Andersen** identified the stamp as Scott Cuba #1 (on blue paper). **Ron Gonzalez** thought it was Antillas (Spanish) #1, 9 or 12, and that it was NOT Cuba #1 or Puerto Rico #1.

We thought the answer was Cuba #12 which is on white paper (magnify the image and the paper is white above the top margin). We used the Scott catalog and did not find any "Antillas" issues. We will do some further research and get back to you.



This month we have an overprint to consider. It's a bit difficult to see the original design under the overprint, but that is the challenge. If you want a larger image, email me.

\$1.00 in US MNH stamps for the first correct responder.

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President's Message

It seems like only a short time ago that I was honored to be elected as President of the HTPS. Hopefully I have been able to live up to the responsibility you have entrusted in me. I want to thank the club officers and board members for all the hard work and support that they have provided.

There have been many changes this past year. We have sadly lost some members – they will be missed. But we have also added new members. I trust they will find our club both interesting and rewarding, and will share their talents and energy with the group.

Perhaps, during this past year, you have learned something more about this hobby we all love, either from one of our presentations or just from a casual conversation with a fellow member. In any event, I hope you will try to pass this knowledge on to the next generation.

I look forward to seeing you at the member presentations this month and at the June auction.

Regards . . . Jeff.

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, Hamilton, NJ (Mercer County).

March-April

... by **Jack Sack**

Another good crowd was on hand for our **MARCH meeting**, including several members we haven't seen in a while such as **Gary Loew** who is running for trustee of the American Philatelic Research Library. Welcome Back!



We began by taking a few moments to remember one of our founding members, **John Ranto**, who passed away in March (see the 'Transitions' article in this issue). Several members told stories about or showed off handmade covers given to them by John. If you have any of his unique covers, we would like to borrow and scan them. (The cover above, created by John, shows HTPS member **Sherm Britton** as part of a cachet for the 1989 Postal Service stamp.)

A number of visitors joined us for the evening, including **Milton Keiles**, treasurer of the Postal Label Study Group (see – <http://www.postal-label-study-group.info> for more information about the PLSG) Several visitors ended up joining the club! **Ed Murtha** gave a pitch for membership of the American Philatelic Society. Apart from supporting our hobby, Ed described a number of the benefits of membership. More information can be found on the APS website: <http://www.stamps.org>. Ed also mentioned that the club is planning to help at the NOJEX show over Memorial Day weekend. Every year, a car-load or two from the club goes up on the Thursday before the show to set up the exhibits and dealer booths, and again on Sunday to break down the show. Please contact Ed if you are interested in helping out.

Sherm Britton gave out a brochure he received from John Hotchner on the *Stamps for the Wounded* (SFTW) program, a service activity of the Lions Club. The pamphlet describes the history and some of the activities of the club. Besides stamps, they are also interested in catalogs, supplies and albums.

Tony Zingale used the donation from **George Amick** to purchase some philatelic items, including tongs and stock books, for the SFTW program.

The evening program was a series of mini-presentations from our members. **Andrew Boyajian** started us off with examples of postcards the Post Office Department would send out announcing new stamp issues. These cards were sent to interested collectors with information on how to obtain First Day Covers for each new issue. These mailing of these cards was terminated in 1948, to be replaced by notices in local post offices and in the philatelic press.

Ed Muench showed some "bicycle post" covers (example below) commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Coolgardie Cycle Express Service of Western Australia in 1894. The cycle express service was used to deliver mail to remote mining posts in New South Wales.

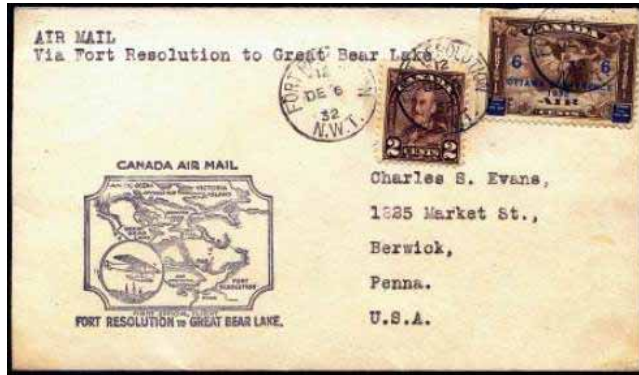


President **Jeff Boyarsky** spoke about the use of Parcel Post stamps as postage. These stamps were originally issued in 1912 to be used solely on packages but later became valid for ordinary postage. Examples of Parcel Post stamps used to pay postage on letters are rare. Jeff is looking to add more to his collection.

Hank Applegate showed some covers from the first International Aeronautics exhibition held in Frankfurt Germany in 1909. The show, still in existence today, is considered to be the first air show. Hank is developing his latest interest into an exhibit and presentation which he will provide at a HTPS meeting later in the year.



Bob Stolarz made two presentations. One showed airmail covers (example below) from mining posts in the Canadian Northwest Territories in December 1932. Flying in this region was dangerous, as bad weather could appear at any time. The heroics of these pilots were immortalized in the James Cagney movie “Captain of the Clouds.”



Bob also showed a letter he found at a flea market. The letter, written by Tennessee congressman Samuel Mayes Arnell, was sent to one of his constituents in February 1868 who is asking for payment of a Civil War claim. The letter clearly indicates that Arnell was a Union supporter and talks about the “debt forced upon the country by rebels & traitors.”

The mini-presentations are always a hit at our meetings, and we look forward to more of the same at our next session in May.

The **APRIL meeting** included a call for nominees for officer and support staff positions. NOJEX dues and payment for the show ad have been handled.

For show and tell, **Milton Keiles** displayed covers he creates for cancellation in locations named “Milton” around the country. He visits them with hopes of getting local Post Office cancels (see below). Milt has some happy experiences. At one P.O, he was given a tour of the facility by the Postmaster.



Neil Wood collects stamps and covers. But, for the meeting, he showed us the train magazine ads he collects. They are large full page artist-prepared advertisements that are very beautiful when mounted or put into a protective holder.

Bob Stolarz gave the key presentation for the evening – *Freaks, Errors or Just Plain Interesting*. It was an excellent and informative talk that elicited many questions from the attendees. The group below is a sampling of items from Bob’s talk. Check out the HTPS website for Bob’s full presentation.



US #PR3 – most newspaper stamps were destroyed by vendor handling.



Odd shaped misperfed piece with discolored gum over the stamps and selvage.

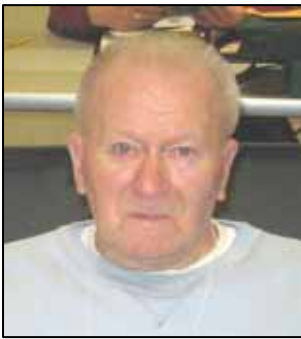


Coil pair variety from a Commercial dispenser – “Mail-O-Meter” stamps.



This Trenton Merchants’ Bank \$3.00 bill (“Demand Note”) was a local currency printed on one side.

Transitions – John Ranto



One of HTPS' founding members – John Ranto – passed away on March 8.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred (Millie) and other family members. Millie usually accompanied John to our meetings.

John served in the U.S. Army during WW II and saw much action including the Battle of the Bulge. He received various medals for his service including two Purple Hearts.

At home, John was a member of St. John Lutheran Church and a member of the church bowling league.

Of course, we remember John at our meetings and events. In fact, the HTPS name includes the word 'Philatelic' at John's insistence. He was not only a stamp collector, especially of Mr. Zip material, but was also interested in other philatelic items.



In the 1980's, John exhibited some of his material at meetings and other events. The photo at the left shows John, with his wife Millie, at a SOJEX show.

John is especially remembered for the unique covers he created for first day issues and other events (shown below and at the right). Sometimes John would create an envelope from USPS notices, magazine pages and even diner placemats.



NOJEX 2013

The 50th annual stamp exhibition of the **North New Jersey Federated Stamp Clubs** is scheduled for **May 24-26** at the Empire Meadowlands Hotel by Clarion (formerly the Meadowlands Crowne Plaza Hotel) in Secaucus, NJ just off Exit 16W on the New Jersey Turnpike.

HTPS is a member of NOJEX and has worked with the organizing committee for several years on the setup of the dealer tables and exhibits (Thursday before the show). We also help with the dismantling on Sunday.



Anyone interested in helping out, please contact Ed or Tony. See the Upcoming Events section on the last page for show hours. For further details on NOJEX, check their website at www.nojex.org.



HTPS Website

We have added a new philatelic link to our website.

<http://coupons.answers.com/guide/18158694/Coupons%2C-Stamps-and-other-Collecting-Hobbies.html>

It is titled, *Coupons, Stamps and Other Collecting Hobbies*, and describes the art of collecting. It provides links to some collecting interests including stamps.

Our thanks to **Jessica**, from the Laramie Public Library, who is gathering information on collecting hobbies. Actually, it was her assistant, **Trey**, a philatelic enthusiast, who found the site.

So check out the site link!

New HTPS Members

We added three members at the March meeting.

Milt Keives collects registration labels and airmail etiquettes. He is a member, and Treasurer, of the Postal Label Study Group.

Dennis Kennedy collects U.S. material. **Jess Rosenberg** is a beginner collector and is organizing his philatelic holdings.

Dealer Doings

The philatelic world welcomed a new dealer on April 6. HTPS member **Tony Zingale** had a table at the monthly Merchantville Stamp Club bourse held at the Temple Lutheran Church in Pennsauken, NJ.

Tony had a good experience and looks forward to trying it again in the near future once he organizes more of his material.



The MSC bourse has grown into a premier event in our area. Check out the Upcoming Events section for the next bourse and other philatelic shows.

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 Jeff Boyarsky
Vice President Andrew Boyajian
Treasurer / Publicity Ron Gonzalez
Secretary Bob Stolarz

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

APS Representative Jon Madsen
Advertising and PR Bill Andersen
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 -----

- ⇒ May 21 – Member Mini-Presentations
- ⇒ June 18 – Society Auction
- ⇒ July 16 – Swap Meeting
- ⇒ Aug. 20 – HAMPEX' 13
- ⇒ Sept. 17 – “U.S. Telegraph Stamps”
(by Roger Brody)

We are looking for speakers for the 2014 meeting programs. 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.

Upcoming Events

- 5/2 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM – <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzexkfun/>.
- 5/4 → POCA 2013 – Double Tree Guest Suites – 515 Fellowship Road North (near I-295 & Tpke Exits) – Mount Laurel, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM.
- 5/5 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – P.A.L. Building – 33 Baldwin Rd – Parsippany, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – 973-335-0555.
- 5/11 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Rtes. 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ – 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.
- 5/15 → MSC Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM – [see 5/2 meeting for details].
- 5/17/19 → Spring Postcard Show – New Yorker Hotel – 8th Ave. & 34th St. – NYC – Fri. 12 to 7 PM – Sat. 10 to 6 PM – Sun. 11 to 4:30 PM – \$7.00 Admission – www.metropostcard.com.
- 5/19 → Clifton Money, Stamp and Postcard Show – Community Recreation Center – 1232 Main Avenue – Clifton, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM.
- 5/21 → HTTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7 PM – Presentation.**
- 5/24-26 → NOJEX 2013 – Empire Meadowlands Hotel by Clarion – Two Harmon Plaza – Secaucus, NJ – Fri. / Sat. 10 to 6 PM – Sun. 10 to 3 PM – Admission \$2.00 Fri. / Sat. (Sun. is Free) – www.nojex.org/.
- 5/26 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Holiday Inn – PA Tpke (Exit 339) & Rt. 309 – Ft. Washington, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM.
- 6/1 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (at Merchantville Avenue) – Pennsauken, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzexkfun/>.
- 5/31-6/2 → NAPEX 2013 – Hilton McLean at Tyson's Corner – 7920 Jones Branch Dr – McLean, VA – Fri. and Sat. 10 to 6 PM – Sun. 10 to 4 PM – 80 dealers – to www.napex.org.

- 6/1 → Washington Crossing Club Postcard Show & Sale – Union Fire Hall – 1396 River Road (Route 29) – Titusville, NJ – 9 to 4 PM – Donation \$3.00.
- 6/2 → Garden State Coin & Stamp Show – Parsippany, NJ – [see 5/5 show for details].
- 6/6 → MSC Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM – [see 5/2 meeting for details].
- 6/8 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Hightstown, NJ – [see 5/11 show for details].
- 6/18 → HTTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7 PM. – Member Auction.**
- 6/16 → Clifton Money, Stamp and Postcard Show – Clifton, NJ – [see 5/19 show for details].
- 6/19 → MSC Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM – [see 5/2 meeting for details].
- 6/23 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Ft. Washington, NJ – [see 5/26 show for details].
- 7/3 → MSC Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM [see 5/2 meeting for details].
- 7/6 → MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – 9 AM to 4 PM – [see 6/1 bourse for details].
- 7/7 → Garden State Coin & Stamp Show – Parsippany, NJ – [see 5/5 show for details].
- 7/12-14 → 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.
- 7/13 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Hightstown, NJ – [see 5/11 show for details].
- 8/8-11 → APS StampShow 2013 – Delta Center – 400 West Wisconsin Avenue – Milwaukee, WI – 150+ dealers – 15,000 exhibit pages – Thurs. to Sat. 10 AM to 6 PM – Sun. 10 AM to 4 PM – www.stamps.org/Stampshow-ss.

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