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September-October Meetings

The HTPS 2013-2014 year starts with the **September 17th** meeting where the business portion includes a review and vote on the HTPS budget for the coming year. Thanks to the Executive Committee members for their efforts in developing the budget.



September's presentation on "U.S. Telegraph Stamps" is provided by **Roger Brody**. Roger has spoken to our group before and always provides an entertaining and informative talk. Last year he spoke to our group on the definitive series of 1902.

Roger is chairman of the United States Stamp Society, past president of The Collectors Club (in NYC) and president of the American Philatelic Research Library.

The **October 15th** meeting is highlighted by a presentation on the first International Aeronautics Show held in Frankfurt in 1909 --- usually referred to as the ILA show (from the German Internationale Luft- und Raumfahrttausstellung).

Hank Applegate will give the presentation which will include some unique and striking philatelic material on early airmail issues and covers.



Of note is the wide array of Zeppelin items and information. This is not surprising since Hank is very familiar with the Zeppelin world.

Meetings start at 7:30 PM, but come early to check out the displays and items for trade / sale, or to chat with your fellow philatelists.

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President's Message



September starts our philatelic year and we have developed an entertaining program with a mix of presentations and events for our members. The variety of talks is impressive and there is always something to learn from each of them. Check out the program schedule on the back page.

We also provide some opportunities for our members to make a mini-presentation or 'show & tell' about something that interests them. As needed, we can help members to develop their talks.

Another section to review is the wide variety of philatelic shows and events within a reasonable distance for most of us. The back of our newsletters always contains a two month chart of those upcoming events.

We are all excited about the coming months and look forward to seeing you at our meetings . . . 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).

July–August Proceedings . . . by Jack Sack

The **July meeting** was an informal gathering with no society business being conducted.

Ed Muench showed his wheel of bicycle stamps that he used for a presentation at the 2013 Wheelmen National Meet in June. Ed collects all types of bicycle memorabilia including stamps, covers and books.



Bill Andersen suggested that members consider a gift of stamps as a holiday or special occasion gift. He is pictured with a framed collection of 'Laboratory Technology' stamps that he gave to his brother.

Our **August meeting**, aka **HAMPEX'13**, included our annual member exhibit and bourse. The judges awarded prizes to four of the displays:



- **Bob Stolarz** --- Rhodesia 1890's set showing the British South Africa Company coat of arms.
- **Andrew Boyajian** --- Nolan Ryan covers with Alvin, TX pictorial cancel and hologram cachet.
- **Jack Sack** --- Stamps featuring Tomas Masaryk, first President of Czechoslovakia.
- **Jim Cope** --- CEPT / Europa stamp collection.

Each of the exhibits provided a little piece of postal history. For example, CEPT is the organization that

regulates telecommunications and postal standards in Europe. Many of the 48 member nations issue stamps to honor CEPT annually.

In the bourse area, stamp collectors were looking for bargains among the philatelic material for sale or trade.

There was also a speaker at **HAMPEX'13**. **Milt Keiles** showed some 'corner card' covers with airmail etiquettes. Shown below is a nice example sent from Australia to Canada.



September brings us back to our regular meetings with society business and a presentation.

NJ Postal History Society

"THE NEW JERSEY POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY was established in 1972, to study and explore the many aspects of New Jersey postal history. The society produces an award winning quarterly journal which publishes articles on a variety of subjects relating to this theme – and opens a door to other collectors with similar interests."

[Source: NJPHS website]

Our friend, **Bob Rose**, is president of this organization. Checkout the excellent and informative NJPHS website at <http://www.njpostalhistory.org/>



MERPEX 2013

Four HTPS members (see image below) joined MSC members on August 29 to help set up the dealer tables and exhibit frames for the annual MERPEX show.

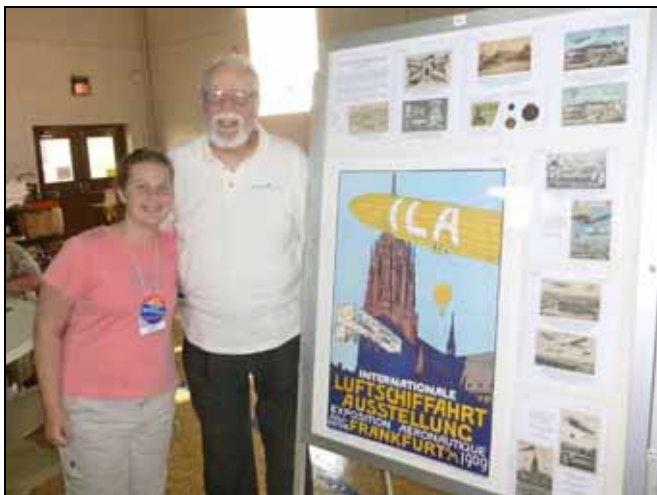


Ed Murtha, Joe Seliga, Ken Steel and Jeff Boyarsky

MERPEX ran two days this year – August 30-31. The show featured a variety of dealers ranging from Harry Tong’s five table spread to single table “boutique” offerings. The U.S. Postal Service’s table offered current commemorative issues for sale. Early reports indicate a very good attendance during the show especially on Friday.

The 60 frame exhibit included some unusual entries including three from HTPS club members **Hank Applegate** and **Ron Dobrowolski**.

Pictured below is **Hank Applegate**, with his granddaughter Lauren, and his exhibit on the first International Aeronautics Show (ILA) in 1909.



Of note were three entries from young philatelists shown in the column to the right. All earned judges awards and multiple organization citations



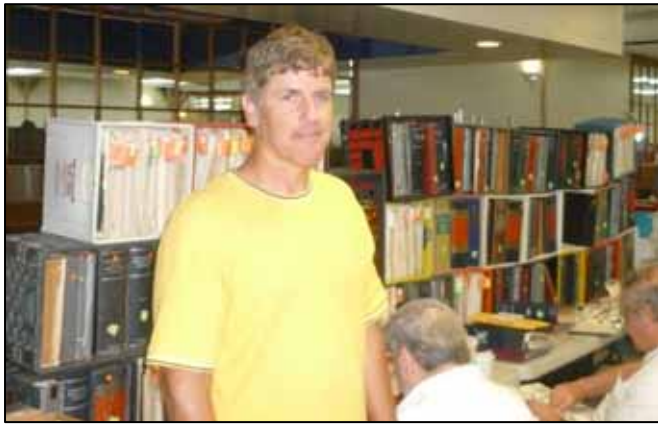
Space Through the Ages by Manny Quinones



Tea to Freedom by Lauren Applegate



US Stamps & the Statue of Liberty by Matthew Applegate



One of our dealer friends, **Ryan Terlecky** – pictured above next to his bourse tables – has taken over as manager for the Hightstown Stamp Bourse held on the second Saturday of each month.

Ryan is a teacher in the Philadelphia school system. On weekends and vacation periods, he can be seen at the Hightstown show as well as the Merchantville bourse and the Columbus flea market.

As a dealer, Ryan is best known for his HUGE stock of stamp albums, pages and other material where stamps prices are either 10¢ or 25¢ regardless of the stamp’s value. He also has better material for sale at reasonable prices and is always willing to negotiate.

So stop by Ryan’s booth and check out his material – you will not be disappointed!

Stamp Identification

Congratulations to **Ron Kane** for correctly identifying last issue’s stamp as Siberia #9 issued in Omsk in 1919 and used for mail on the Trans-Siberian railway route to Vladivostok.



Some responders guessed #3 thinking it was the perforated issue of the series.

This month’s stamp has perfs as clearly shown.

25 free stamps from our 10¢ boxes or albums for the first correct responder.

US Flag Stamps – 2012 Issue



In 2012, the USPS issued a set of four flag stamps. The flag designs were identical, except for a single word positioned beneath the flag: Freedom, Liberty, Equality or Justice.

As often happens with issues destined for wide usage, the stamps were printed by multiple manufacturers and created in different formats. U.S. postage stamp collectors will need to identify the types and varieties included in this issue. A brief overview is provided below.

- Avery Dennison Coil (Scott #4629–4632) – die cut perf 8.5.
- Ashton-Potter Coil (Scott #4633–4636) – die cut perf 9.5.
- Sennett Security Products Coil (Scott #4637–4640) – die cut perf 11.
- Ashton-Potter Booklet of 20 (Scott #4641–4644) – 18.5mm from LL to LR corners of flag.
- Sennett Security Booklet of 20 (Scott #4645–4648) – 19.0mm from LL to LR corners of flag.
- Avery Dennison Booklet of 10 (Scott #4673–4676) – 18.25mm from LL to LR corners with larger/ less bold microprinting than other booklets.
- Ashton-Potter ATM Booklet of 18 (Scott #4706-4709) – thinner paper than the other booklets.

There are other differences in the stamps which can be used for identification. Check out this site for details: <http://www.philosateleia.com/blog/entries/how-to-identify-the-2012-four-flags-stamps> 459.php.

HTPS Board Meeting . . .

President Boyarsky has setup a HTPS board meeting for Tuesday, September 10th at 5PM, at the library to discuss the future activities of the club, team responsibilities and the 2013-2014 budget.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Jeff via our website. Dinner to follow at the Dawn.

Upcoming Events

September 2013 . . .

- 9/1 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – P.A.L. Building – 33 Baldwin Rd – Parsippany, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – 973-335-0555.
- 9/5 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM – <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzexkfun/>.
- 9/14 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Rtes. 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ – 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.
- 9/15 → Wayne Stamp & Collectibles Bourse – Fire Company #1 – 93 Parrish Drive – Wayne, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM.
- 9/15 → World Money, Stamps & Postcard Show – Community Recreation Center – 1232 Main Avenue – Clifton, NJ – 9 AM to 5 PM.
- 9/17 → HTTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7 PM.**
- 9/18 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM – <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzexkfun/>.
- 9/20-22 → MetroExpo – Holiday Inn – 440 W. 57th St – NYC – Fri: 10 to 6 PM – Sat: 10 AM to 5 PM – Sun: 10 AM to 3 PM – www.metroexpos.com.
- 9/22 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Holiday Inn – PA Tpke (Exit 339) & Rt. 309 – Ft. Washington, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM.
- 9/28-29 → 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.

October 2013 . . .

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10/10-13 → Mega-Event (ASDA) – New Yorker Hotel – 481 Eighth Avenue – NYC – Thur. to Sat. 10 AM to 6 PM – Sun. 10 AM to 4 PM – <http://www.americanstampdealer.com/>.

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November 2013 . . .

11/2 → 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/>.

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

Society Happenings

⇒ We received a “thank you” note from **John Hotchner** for the supplies and stamps we recently donated to the **Stamps for the Wounded** program.

The thanks belong to our members and friends who continue to support this group. In fact, we offer belated thanks to **Joe Pavelchak** and **Don Bunker** for their donations over the years.

Why not look around to see what you can donate to this worthwhile organization?

⇒ Congratulations to long time HTPS member **Sherm Britton** who received his 25th anniversary pin from the APS.

⇒ We are looking for a HTPS **Program Director** to coordinate the events for the upcoming year and to communicate with outside presenters. Please contact Jeff for additional information.

⇒ We also need someone to organize our annual **Holiday party**. Responsibilities include coordinating the food and drink donations and decorating the room for the party.

Websites

Recently we were asked where to find **Scott catalog numbers** for recently issued U.S. stamps. We found two excellent sources:

- The **APS website** provides information, including issue date, printer and soakability, for stamps issued during the past few years. Check it out at stamps.org/US-New-Issues.
- **Mystic Stamp Company's** site covers U.S. #1 up to last year's stamp issues. Go to www.mysticstamp.com/product_summary_usa.asp.

Let us know if you find other sites that provide current Scott numbers for foreign issues. Meanwhile, we will add the above links to our website 'Link' section.

The **HTPS website** recently passed the 2500 visitor level. The webmaster is updating the site this fall. Among the changes are new images, an expanded presentation section and more links providing access to philatelic information.

If you have any member information, photographs or other philatelic material for our website, please contact us at webmaster@hamiltonphilatelic.org.

The objective of our 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 -----

- ⇒ Sept. 17 – “*U.S. Telegraph Stamps*”
by Roger Brody
- ⇒ Oct. 15 – “*ILA*” (International Aeronautics)
by Hank Applegate
- ⇒ Nov. 19 – “*And Now What?*” by Ron Gonzalez
- ⇒ Dec. 17 – Holiday Party / Show & Tell

We are looking for two speakers for the February and April 2014 meetings. Please contact us if interested in making a presentation.

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.