



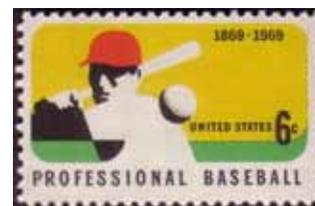
# The Hamilton Hinge

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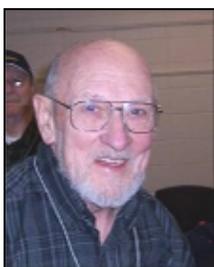


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## March-April Meetings

The **March** meeting includes a discussion on the responsibilities of the HTPS officer positions. We also review the non-elective supporting posts. Both groups are shown on the last page of this newsletter. We ask all members to consider running for office or volunteering for one of the support positions.



Our presentation for March – titled “*Small Is the Way to Go*” – is provided by **Ed Muench** who will relate philately to one of his other passions – bicycles.

In **April** we accept nominations for the officer positions. HTPS elections are held in May.

We welcome back **Ed Grabowski** for the April presentation. Ed will update last year’s presentation to show what else he has found in the world of postal mail fraud.



## Stamp Identification

Congratulations to **Bill McCarroll** for correctly identifying last issue’s stamp as Serbia 2N33 issued in 1942 under German occupation.



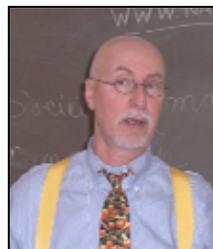
This month we show you a stamp that we acquired for 10¢ from a favorite dealer – Ryan Terlecky.

There is a prize of \$1.00 in mint stamps for the first correct responder. So get out those catalogs and give it a try!

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## President’s Message



“The iconic British Guiana 1856 1¢ Magenta last sold at auction in 1980 for a then-record \$935,000. On June 17 in New York City, Sotheby’s will gavel the stamp down to a new

owner. The London-based firm estimates that the famed stamp will sell for \$10 million to \$20 million.” [Linns.com 2/14/2014]



Stories like this and the new William H. Gross Stamp Gallery, at the National Postal Museum, help keep our hobby in the public eye.

Why not help out with this effort? Distribute our newsletters, flyers and calendar meeting cards at libraries, senior centers and other venues. You can make a difference and grow our hobby.

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## HTPS Meetings . . .

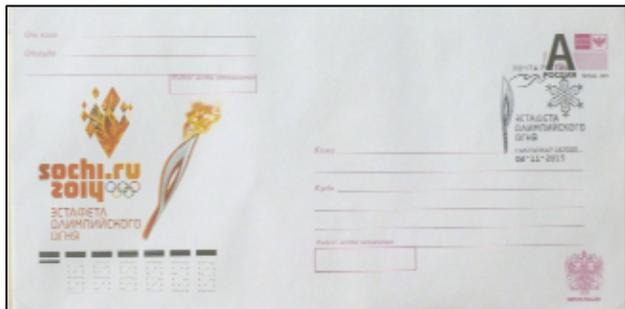
Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Hamilton Township Library, 1 Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. Way, off Whitehorse Mercerville Road, Hamilton, NJ (Mercer County).

## Meeting Proceedings

... by Jack Sack

Unfortunately, our **January** meeting and auction was cancelled due to a snowstorm. That made us all ready to get back into the swing of things with our **February** meeting.

After a brief business portion, **Andrew Boyajian** showed a Sochi Olympic cover he obtained (shown below) although he did not know what the cachet said.



Subsequent research shows the cachet reads “Olympic Torch Relay” and is postmarked in Syktyvkar Russia on November 2, 2013, the day the torch passed through the town. The city of Syktyvkar is 800 miles northeast of Moscow and 1800 miles north of Sochi.



Our speaker for the evening was **Tom DeLuca**, long time HTPS member and owner of the Trenton Stamp and Coin shop. Tom gave a presentation on U.S. Postal Stationery. He described the ways to collect stationery – cut squares, corners, or entires (the entire envelope or letter sheet). Most albums are designed to hold just the cut square (shown at right), but Tom felt that collecting the entire envelope was preferable.

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Most stationery items are more valuable in mint rather than used condition. However, there are notable exceptions such as when the domestic post card rate was 7-cents for only four months in late 1975.

## Proceedings (continued) ...

Other types of postal stationery collecting exist including first day and event issues. Sometimes a company or organization will use a postal stationery piece to commemorate their group. The aerogramme below combines both a first day for the postal piece and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NATO.



Thanks to Tom DeLuca for another educational and entertaining presentation. Even the longtime philatelists learned something new.

## Library Presentation

... by Jack Sack

A small but enthusiastic crowd turned out for **Ron Gonzalez's** “Stamp Collecting 101” presentation at the Hickory Corner library on January 16<sup>th</sup>.



Ron gave a very nice introduction to stamp collecting, first by describing the various types of collections such as by country or by topic. He displayed some tools used by philatelists including albums, catalogs, mounts and some of the techniques used for checking watermarks or mounting stamps using hinges.



Ron ended the talk by giving the audience a number of handouts and encouraging them to start a collection on some topic that is of personal interest. We hope some of the participants will go on to start their own stamp collections.

Hopefully, Ron will offer the lecture at other libraries in the area.

## Airmail Etiquettes

The French word "etiquette" is related to the English word "ticket," which is defined as a notice attached to something. Simple labels that indicate a requested mail service are known as etiquettes. An **airmail etiquette**, often shortened to just **etiquette**, is an adhesive label used to indicate that a letter is to be sent by airmail.

As airmail service increased, mailers wanted to be sure that their letters were sent by airmail to justify the extra cost. Initially they would add words to the face of a letter indicating that this was an airmail letter. Eventually, the use of etiquettes replaced this process.

On most airmail etiquettes the word "airmail" or "air mail" appears in the native language of the country from which the label originates (e.g., "Flugpost" on Austrian etiquettes, and sometimes also in French ("Par Avion"). Most of the airmail etiquettes do not identify the country of origin.

Although other colors are sometimes used, the basic colors of blue, red & white somehow became the standard for airmail etiquettes.



Etiquettes have no postal value, but their great variety and availability make them appealing to philatelists and other collectors. Prices for etiquettes are usually low which is also appealing. As with stamps, etiquettes can be collected mint, used, on or off cover.

Another factor that drew collectors to etiquettes was the creation of these items by businesses particularly hotels and airlines. In many cases more elaborate and attractive designs were produced by these entities as shown below.

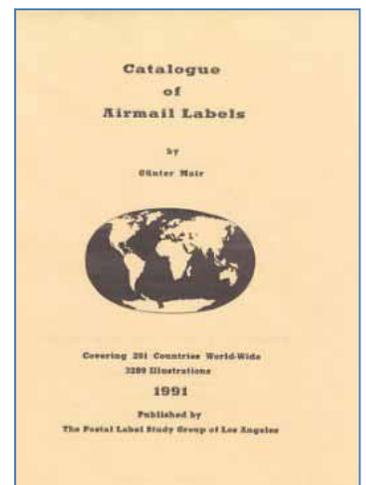


Country collectors enjoy adding their particular nation's etiquettes to a good all-around collection. Decorative, special event and topical etiquettes are other groups that attract collectors. One can collect by specific topic or event. Below are some examples.



To properly identify airmail etiquettes, you need a catalog reference. One of the first etiquette catalogs was published in 1947 by Frank Muller.

In 1991 *The Catalogue of Airmail Labels*, by Gunter Mair, was published containing 700 pages listing 201 countries with 3,289 B&W illustrations.



Check out this site for color examples of etiquettes – [www.aerodacious.com/etiquettes01.htm](http://www.aerodacious.com/etiquettes01.htm).

[Editors Note: Much of this material was obtained from the internet including the following sites below.]

[www.rvv.com/jpcohen\\_publishing/air%20labels/index.htm](http://www.rvv.com/jpcohen_publishing/air%20labels/index.htm)

[www.cinderellas.info/columns/Airmail\\_Ett/](http://www.cinderellas.info/columns/Airmail_Ett/)



## Upcoming Events

### March 2014 . . .

3/1 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (at Merchantville Avenue) – Pennsauken, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – [www.merchantvillestampclub.org](http://www.merchantvillestampclub.org).

3/1 → Westfield Stamp Show – Westfield Municipal Center – 425 East Broad St. – Westfield, NJ – Sat: 10 to 4 PM – [www.westfieldstampclub.org](http://www.westfieldstampclub.org).

3/2 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – P.A.L. Building – 33 Baldwin Rd – Parsippany, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – 973-335-0555.

3/6 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM – [www.merchantvillestampclub.org](http://www.merchantvillestampclub.org).

3/8 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Rtes. 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ – 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

3/15 → BuxMont Stamp Show – Benjamin H. Wilson Center – 580 Delmont Ave – Warminster, PA – Sat: 10 AM to 5 PM.

3/16 → Wayne Stamp & Collectibles Bourse – Fire Company #1 – 93 Parrish Drive – Wayne, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM.

**3/18 → HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7:00 PM.**

3/20 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – see 3/6 meeting for details.

3/22 → HAVEX 2014 – United Methodist Church – Brookline Blvd & Allston Rd – Havertown, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM.

3/23 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Holiday Inn – PA Tpke (Exit 339) & Rt. 309 – Ft. Washington, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM.

3/27-30 → ASDA Spring Show – New Yorker Hotel – 481 Eighth Ave. – NYC – Thur. to Sat. 10-6 PM – Sun. 10-4 PM.

### April 2014 . . .

4/3 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM – [www.merchantvillestampclub.org](http://www.merchantvillestampclub.org).

4/4-6 → PNSE – Philadelphia Expo Center – Route 422 – Oaks, PA – Fri. & Sat. 10 AM to 6 PM – Sunday 10 AM to 3 PM – [www.pnse.org](http://www.pnse.org).

4/5 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (at Merchantville Avenue) – Pennsauken, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – [www.merchantvillestampclub.org](http://www.merchantvillestampclub.org).

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4/12 → DELPEX 2014 – Nur Shrine Center – 168 South Dupont Highway (U.S. Routes 13 & 40) – New Castle, DE – 10 AM to 5 PM.

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### May 2014 . . .

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5/3 → POCAX 2014 – Double Tree Guest Suites – 515 Fellowship Road North (near I-295 & Turnpike Exits) – Mount Laurel, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM.

5/10 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Rtes. 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ – 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

**NOTE:** For additional and updated information, see [www.stampshows.com](http://www.stampshows.com), [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org) and [www.postal-history.com/showpage.html](http://www.postal-history.com/showpage.html).

## National Postal Museum

The NPM's new **William H. Gross Stamp Gallery** was recently highlighted on CSPAN3 with a 30 minute show. The gallery contains a wide range of philatelic displays including exhibits, interactive panels and pull-out frames with thousands of philatelic items.

**Hank Applegate** informed us of a link to that show on the NPM website. Check out the show at:

[www.c-span.org/video/?317741-1/national-postal-museum](http://www.c-span.org/video/?317741-1/national-postal-museum)

And then make plans to visit the NPM conveniently located in Washington, DC.

## Donations

Thanks to **Bill McCarroll** for his cash donation to help defray newsletter printing and mailing costs.

Also thanks to **Rita Cleary** for her donation of philatelic items including a box of covers and a large box of stamps, supplies and stock books. We will send most of the material to the Stamps for the Wounded (SFTW) group and auction off the rest with the proceeds also going to the SFTW group.

## New Members

We welcomed two new members at the February meeting. **Gianluigi Soldati** has a variety of philatelic interests including "thematic" chemistry items, Germany World War II military censorship and U.S. 1920 commemorative 2-cent carmine issues on foreign destination covers.

Gianluigi also exhibits some of his collected material at local venues including NOJEX and MERPEX. He is a member of the APS, ATA and the Collectors Club in New York City.

**Bill Schnug** also joined our group. Bill collects mint and used issues from the US, Canada, Great Britain and Hungary.

### Membership Dues . . .

HTPS dues of \$10.00 are now well PAST DUE. It is a modest amount to spend for the benefits offered. If you are no longer interested in continuing your membership, please let us know. Otherwise, send a check (payable to HTPS), to HTPS, P.O. Box 3443, Mercerville, NJ 08619.

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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 -----

- ⇒ Mar. 18 – “*Small Is the Way to Go*”  
by Ed Muench
- ⇒ Apr. 15 – “*Philately & International Mail Order Fraud*” by Ed Grabowski
- ⇒ May 20 – Member Mini-Presentations
- ⇒ June 17 – Society Auction
- ⇒ July 15 – Swap Meeting

We are looking for speakers for the 2014-2015 season. Please contact us if interested.

### 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](mailto:hinge@HamiltonPhilatelic.org).