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March - April Meetings

The **March** meeting includes a discussion on the responsibilities of the HTPS officer positions. We will 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.



HTPS member **Gary Loew** is back with a new presentation titled *“The Bathurst Connection: The Centrality of Gambia to the Development of Transatlantic Air Mail.”* Last year, Gary presented a paper on this subject

at a Postal History Symposium which was held at the APS Center in Bellefonte, PA.

In **April** we accept nominations for the officer positions. HTPS elections are held in May. HTPS members will offer **mini-presentations** on their collecting interests or items of fancy.

Remember that the business meeting now starts at **7:15pm**, but come early to check out the displays, free publications and items for trade / sale. Or just come to chat with your fellow philatelists.

Stamp Identification

Surprise – no correct responses to identify last issue’s stamp. It has been a while since that happened so we will save that stamp for a future date.

Meanwhile, here is a more recent stamp to test your skills. Why is the cute youngster on this issue? Get out those stamp catalogs and find out.

\$1.00 in mint U.S. stamps for the first correct responder.



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President’s Message



March is coming and winter is ending so it is time to talk about HTPS nominations and elections. At the March meeting, we will discuss the duties of the Officers and supporting positions.

The past three years went by fast for me and serving as President has been a rewarding experience. We were able to continue out mix of presentations by outside speakers and HTPS members. Our meetings have been educational and stimulating and we want to continue with this approach.

As satisfying as it has been for me, it is important that we bring “new blood” into the HTPS leadership to keep the meetings fresh and the ideas flowing. So consider running for one of the Officer positions. You will not regret it. Nominations are put forth in April and elections are held in May.

HTPS Meetings . . .

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday each month starting at 7:15pm 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

Our **January** gathering was the first meeting that started at 7:15pm to accommodate the library's earlier closing time. The minutes were not read for the same reason, but are posted during the meeting and are also available on our website.

The primary business discussion was the proposal for an exhibition at the Princeton High School. Given that our group had never organized such an event and the amount of work that would need to be done in a short time, it was decided to postpone the exhibition.

We were pleased to learn that our Secretary, **Bob Stolarz**, is recovering from his recent surgery. We wish Bob a speedy recovery.

The formal meeting was followed by a short video presentation of a segment from CBS's Sunday Morning television program on stamp collecting which included a cameo appearance by two of our members – **Tony Zingale** and **Jack Sack** shown below!



The other highlight of the meeting was the semi-annual auction. Auctioneer **Tony Zingale** did a great job of adding a bit of humor while keeping the proceedings moving along. There were a wide range of items on the auction block – individual and packets of stamps, post cards, catalogs, supplies, stock books and albums. A number of items sold above their minimum bid.

A good time was had by all while adding a bit to our treasury. We look forward to our next auction, in June, for another chance to pick up philatelic bargains.

Our thanks to **Andrew Boyajian**, **Milt Keiles** and **Ed Murtha** for donating their auction earnings to the HTPS treasury.

The inclement weather did not deter a good crowd at our **February** meeting. One of the main topics of the business meeting was the NOJEX stamp show to be held in Secaucus from May 29-31. We are looking for volunteers to help with the set-up of the exhibits on Thursday, May 28th. Please contact **Ed Murtha** if you are interested in helping out. **Sid Morginstin** has offered a 10% discount to HTPS members (with their HTPS membership card) at his booth at the show.

We are also planning on doing a mailing to philatelists in the area inviting them to attend one of our regular meetings. **Jim Cope** passed around the Linn's US Stamp Popularity Poll. He collected the ballots and will send them to Linn's.

Our featured speaker of the evening was long-time HTPS member **Tom Deluca** who gave a presentation on Mickey Mouse post cards. Tom is the owner of **Trenton Stamp and Coin** located on Route 33 in Hamilton Square, NJ. Tom always surprises us with a wonderful presentation on a philatelic related topic. Not surprisingly, his 35th consecutive yearly appearance delivered the goods.



Tom has one of the largest known collections of "Real Photo Postcards" with images of Mickey. He treated us to a viewing of some of his rare and unique cards from the U.S. and over 60 countries.



Some of the cards featured Mickey in a prominent role as the famous rodent we know while others have only a small doll or image of Mickey in the photo often in the background. See the next page for more about Mickey Mouse postcards.

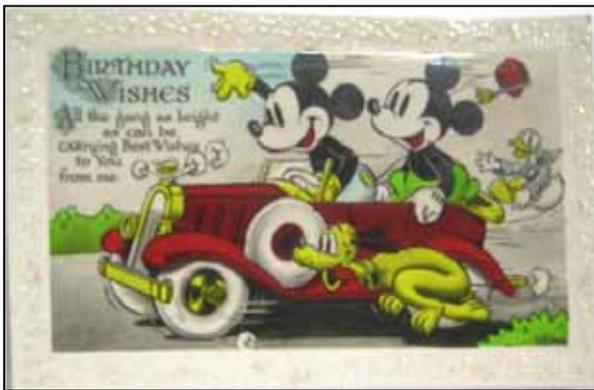
We thank Tom for taking time to share a part of his fabulous postcard collection with us and look forward to his next annual appearance and another mystery presentation.

Mickey Mouse Postcards

Note: The images on this page are all Real Photo Postcards and standard 3 ½ by 5 ½ size that have been reduced (or cropped or both) for this article.

One of the most fascinating aspects of Tom DeLuca's collection of Mickey Mouse post cards, and the presentation he made in February, is the postcard depiction of the world-wide popularity of this cartoon character and Mickey's place in our culture.

Mickey first appeared in a short film, "Steamboat Willie" in 1928, and his popularity grew rapidly not only in the US but in Europe as well. Disney actively marketed Mickey Mouse movies in Europe where the theatres were not controlled by the big US studios. By 1932, there were Mickey comic books, Mickey dolls, and, of course, post cards.



In the U.S., Mickey appeared much as we know him today (as shown above with Minnie Mouse), but in Europe and other countries, he was often drawn in a rodent-like image and depicted in different roles as shown in the two cards below (as a big-headed figure and as an usher).



Mickey sometimes appeared on postcards, not as the main attraction, but as part of everyday life. The card below shows Mickey on a drum playing a harmonica. This real photo image was taken inside a German POW camp, Stalag III-B, near Frankfurt, Germany.



Some photo cards show people dressed up as Mickey. This reduced photo card below is a mid-1930's carnival card from Belgium. Many amusement parks in Europe featured Mickey-themed attractions such as this during that era.



The "Mickey Bar" was a popular tourist place to go in Europe during the 1930's through 1950's. The food was good and often the music was American jazz. The cropped photo card below shows a "Mickey Bar" in Montmorency, France.



[Editor's Note: This article is based on Tom DeLuca's presentation at our February meeting and material from Tom's article in the Washington Crossing Card Collectors Club (WC4) newsletter #505. A copy is available at our website on the 'Presentations' panel.]

Countries Nobody Collects . . . by Jack Sack



Many collectors specialize in United States stamps, or countries in Western Europe or perhaps British Colonies. One of my current interests is collecting stamps from countries that “Nobody Collects”. It began about six months ago when a dealer offered me a set of old, empty Minkus albums from about 1985 he had obtained from a worldwide collector. Most of the albums in the collection had already been sold, leaving only a dozen or so from countries nobody else wanted. I found some more unwanted albums on-line, and now have about 50 different countries in my collection.



Many of the albums are for countries in South America (Peru, Chile, Ecuador, Uruguay, Paraguay), the Middle East (Afghanistan, Iran, Syria), or Eastern Europe (Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey). Even Asia has countries nobody collects such as Viet Nam and Mongolia.

So far, I have limited myself to spending no more than 25¢ per stamp. Even so, I have made a pretty good dent in many collections. I have found a good way to get started – buy a “beginner’s” collection to fill in many of the common stamps. That gets the country rolling usually for 2¢ or 3¢ a stamp. I can now spend the day at **Don Bunker’s** and **Ryan Terlecky’s** tables at Hightstown trying to fill in the rest of the collection.

I have estimated that I would need around 100,000 stamps to fill the albums, with most valued at less than \$1. On a good day, I can find 300-400 stamps I need at less than 25¢. At that rate, it will take me about 250 stamp shows. That does not include a number of albums, such as West Indies (Cuba, Haiti, Dominican Republic) I haven’t even started yet!

Stamp Show Change

Starting on April 11th, the **2nd Saturday Stamp Bourse** is moving from its current location in Hightstown to Bordentown at the Bordentown Senior Center, 3 Municipal Drive, Bordentown, NJ 08505.

The location is about 10-15 minutes south of the Hightstown show. Take the Farnsworth Avenue exit off of Route 206 or Route 130. It is one minute from Route 295 (Exit 57) or Exit 7 of the NJ Turnpike.



Start time is now 8:30am as **Ryan Terlecky** needs to setup the tables. Further details and dealer information is available at our website on the ‘Useful Links’ panel.

Westfield / DELPEX Shows

The annual **Westfield Stamp Show & Exhibition** is scheduled for **March 7**. Check out their website at www.westfieldstampclub.org for more information on their group and the show.

Many of the Westfield club’s members have provided presentations at our meetings over the past decade. So let’s return the favor and attend the show.

On **April 18**, the Brandywine Valley Stamp club will hold their annual Stamp Show and Bourse (**DELPEX 2015**). This year, our favorite 10-cent dealer, Ryan Terlecky, will have tables showcasing tens of thousands of stamps. For details, check out their website at: www.brandywinevalleystampclub.com.

DELPEX 2015
STAMP SHOW & BOURSE
SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2015 • 10 AM - 5 PM
NUR SHRINE CENTER, 168 SOUTH DUPONT HIGHWAY
NEW CASTLE, DE 19720
US, Foreign & Topical Exhibits • Show Cancel • USPS Substation
20 Dealer Bourse • Free Appraisals

400-Lot Bid Board Auction
Closes at 3:30 PM (On-line
Cutting 3 Weeks Before Show)
Door Prizes on 1/2 Hour
Raffle • Free Stamps for Kids
BRING THIS CARD FOR
OUR DOOR PRIZE
DRAWINGS

**FREE
ADMISSION**
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DuPont Hwy (US 13 & 40N,
0.1 mile north of US 1340
Junction, 0.9 miles south of
Hare's Corner (Del 279)

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Upcoming Events

March 2015 . . .

- 3/1 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – P.A.L. Building – 33 Baldwin Rd – Parsippany, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – 973-335-0555.
- 3/5 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (at Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM – merchantvillestampclub.org.
- 3/7 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (at Merchantville Avenue) – Pennsauken, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – merchantvillestampclub.org.
- 3/7 → Westfield Stamp Show – Westfield Municipal Center – 425 East Broad St. – Westfield, NJ – Sat: 10 to 4 PM – www.westfieldstampclub.org.
- 3/14 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Rtes. 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ – 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM – 215-287-9327 – hamiltonphilatelic.org/hightstown.
LAST SHOW AT THIS LOCATION !!!
- 3/15 → Wayne Stamp & Collectibles Bourse – Fire Company #1 – 93 Parrish Drive – Wayne, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM.
- 3/17 → HTTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7:00 PM – Philatelic Presentation.**
- 3/19 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – see 3/5 meeting for details.
- 3/21 → BuxMont Stamp Show – Benjamin H. Wilson Senior Citizen Center – 580 Delmont Ave – Warminster, PA – Sat: 10 AM to 5 PM.
- 3/22 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Williamson’s Restaurant – 500 Blair Mill Rd – Horsham, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM – 305-852-7678.
- 3/28 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Temple Lutheran Church – see 3/7 show for details.

April 2015 . . .

- 4/2 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – see 3/5 meeting for details.
- 4/5 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – P.A.L. Building – 33 Baldwin Rd – Parsippany, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – 973-335-0555.

4/11 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – Bordentown Senior Center – 3 Municipal Drive – Bordentown, NJ – 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM – 215-287-9327 – hamiltonphilatelic.org/bordentown.
NEW SHOW LOCATION !!!

4/15 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – see 3/5 meeting for details.

4/16-18 → ASDA Spring Stamp Show – Hilton Hotel – 1335 Avenue of the Americas, NYC – Thur. to Fri. 10 AM to 6 PM – Sat. 10 AM to 5 PM – www.americanstampdealer.com/.

4/18 → DELPEX 2014 – Nur Shrine Center – 168 South DuPont Highway (U.S. Routes 13 & 40N) – New Castle, DE – 10 AM to 5 PM.
www.brandywinevalleystampclub.com.

4/19 → Wayne Stamp & Collectibles Bourse – Fire Company #1 – 93 Parrish Drive – Wayne, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM.

4/21 → HTTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7:00 PM – Philatelic Presentation.

4/25 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (at Merchantville Avenue) – Pennsauken, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – merchantvillestampclub.org.

4/25-26 → Spring Stamp, Coin, Cover & Postcard Show – Community Recreation Center – 1232 Main Ave. – Clifton, NJ – Sat. 10 AM to 5 PM – Sun. 10 to 4 PM – www.clifton-stamp-society.org.

4/26 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Williamson’s Restaurant – 500 Blair Mill Rd – Horsham, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM – 305-852-7678.

May 2015 . . .

5/3 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – P.A.L. Building – 33 Baldwin Rd – Parsippany, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – 973-335-0555.

5/7 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM – merchantvillestampclub.org.

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

Membership Dues

Most members have paid their dues. It is only \$10 so act today – write a check payable to “HTPS” and send it to P.O. Box 3443, Mercerville, NJ 08619. You can also give your check, or cash, to the Membership Chairman, **Jack Sack**, at our next meeting.

Thanks to **Bill McCarroll** for the extra \$10 to help cover newsletter creation costs

Donations

Ken Steel sent another package to the Stamps for the Wounded (SFTW) program. It was a hefty 10+ pounds. Our thanks to **Francis Bizon, Sherman Britton, Roger Randall** and **Angelo Sanelli** for their generous donations.

We also sent checks totaling \$640 to the SFTW group. That money is from sales of **Terry McGuire's** donated material consisting of topical singles and souvenir sheets. A big thanks to Terry!

So keep those donations coming. As a former serviceman, Ken welcomes the opportunity to help this fine program.

HTPS Website

... by **Jack Sack**

Minutes from the HTPS meetings have been added to our website on the ‘HTPS Documents’ panel. To save time, we do not read the minutes at meetings, but we can discuss the content.

Also check out the ‘Useful Links’ panel for access to a wide range of philatelic information.

Stamp Out Cancer

Thanks to HTPS member **Andrew Boyajian** for updating us on the annual “Stamp Out Cancer” Auction sponsored by the Quad City Stamp Club. The auction is held on April 19 at 1:00pm at the Center for Active Seniors (CASI) in Davenport, IA.

All material is donated and is tax deductible with all proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. The donation deadline for this year’s auction is March 1, so consider next year. Both mail bids and email bids are accepted so check out the lots for some bargains.

Check out their website at www.qcstampclub.com for details on the auction including this year’s lots and prices realized for last year’s material. Quite a few bargains were obtained by stamp collectors.

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. 17 – “*The Bathurst Connection: The Centrality of Gambia to the Development of Transatlantic Air Mail*” by Gary Loew
- ⇒ Apr. 21 – Member Mini-Presentations
- ⇒ May 19 – “*Towns Named Milton*” by Milt Keiles
- ⇒ June 16 – Society Auction
- ⇒ July 21 – Sell / Swap Meeting (informal)

We are looking for speakers for the 2015-2016 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 609-586-7663; or email us at hinge@HamiltonPhilatelic.org.