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SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER MEETINGS

We open the 2015-2016 philatelic season with the **September** meeting. The business portion of the meeting includes the presentation of the 2015-2016 budget. If there are no significant changes identified during the meeting, the budget can be approved by the members in attendance.

Our speakers for the month come from the HTPS membership who will provide another group of mini presentations on philatelic or related topics. We will also have time for Show & Tell so get out those unusual items to share with our members.



October's meeting is highlighted by another presentation by **Milt Keiles**. This time Milt will show us how to format and create album and exhibit pages using free computer software.

This is a good opportunity for those who have a specialized collection that is not handled by the standard albums.

STAMP IDENTIFICATION

Ron Kane “scored” a double. He correctly identified our last newsletter stamp as China NE #25 issued in 1946 and also identified the May-June mystery stamp as Georgia 144i, issued in 1996, as part of a 16-stamp sheet commemorating insects.

This month's stamp issue shows a rustic hilltop town. Not too many clues there, but check out the design details.



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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



September starts our philatelic year and we look forward to an exciting mix of presentations, auctions, special events and interaction with our fellow members. Each year I learn something new from our meetings as I am sure most of us do.

The program schedule on page 4 provides details. Also be sure to check out page 5 for the many shows and events in our local area.

The philatelic highlight of 2016 will definitely be the **World Stamp Show NY 2016** – the once a decade international event that highlights the best aspects of our hobby. The eight day event starts over the Memorial Day weekend.

We will certainly have details as the date approaches, but check out the website at www.ny2016.org/ for the current status of this unique event.

Meanwhile, I look forward to seeing all of you at the September meeting.

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

The **July meeting** was the first of our two informal (i.e., no Society business) summer gatherings. It was well attended with our members socializing, showing off recent acquisitions, trading and selling philatelic material. It was a nice change of pace for the attendees.

A good sized group attended our **August meeting** that featured the **HAMPEX '15** stamp exhibition and bourse. In the bourse area, a wide range of philatelic material was for sale, ranging from 10-cent topical stamps to WW stamps, covers and postcards. The vendors reported brisk business with a steady stream of customers.

The competitive exhibition drew a large number of entries filling all the allotted space. The exhibitors included **Andrew Boyajian** who brought a number of items including a First Flight cover (Allentown, PA to Chicago) shown below that was postmarked on Sep 14, 1935. The 6-cent Winged Globe stamp had been issued the year before.



Jeff Boyarsky exhibited several items including a beautiful advertising cover (below) from the Buffalo Forge Company. The cachet shows children working at the forge. The one-cent Pan-American stamp is cancelled with a Barry-type machine cancel.



In 1902, one of Buffalo Forge's young engineers, **Willis Carrier**, designed the first commercial air conditioning system. The company later became Howden and is still making industrial HVAC equipment. Carrier went on to create the Carrier Corporation.

Jack Sack's entries covered a wide range of philatelic material. Below is a cropped image from Jack's "Dictators on Stamps" stock sheet entry.



Jack also entered a BOB India stock sheet that included official, military and revenue stamps. Below are two India stamps that were used abroad in Aden and Nepal.



After a long discussion, the judges awarded gold ribbons to all of the exhibits. The grand award went to the exhibit on "Milton Precancels" by **Milton Keiles**, who denied that he had attempted to influence the judges in any way, including wearing a foot cast boot to gain their sympathy. Below is a cropped image of the top rows.



Milt also entered other items including a stock sheet of airmail etiquettes (no surprise there).

After the awards ceremony, there was another flurry of stamp buying activity, mainly by the judges who appeared to have somehow obtained additional funds. In all, everyone had a great time. We thank all who participated in the event and hope there will be even more exhibits, dealers and customers next year.

BISECTS AND SPLITS

... by Tony Zingale

[Note: Most of the narrative and images were obtained from the Alphabetilately and Wikipedia websites]

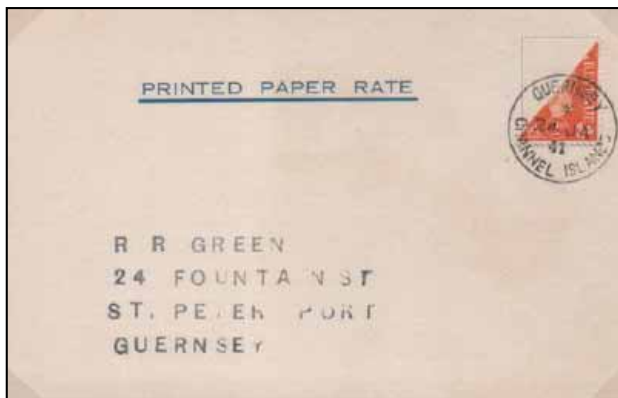
Bisects and splits are created from postage stamps that have been cut in part, most commonly in half, and postally used for the proportionate value of the entire stamp, such as a two cent stamp cut in half and used as a one cent stamp.

The stamp to the right is a Uruguay 10 centimos issue from 1883 that was bisected for use as 5 centimos.



When stocks of stamps ran out, postmasters sometimes cut higher denominated stamps in half, vertically or diagonally, obtaining two stamps each representing half of the original face value of the uncut stamp.

Many of these instances are well documented in postal history. The 1941 bisect example below is from the Island of Guernsey during the German military occupation during WW II.



Source: <http://bills-bunker.de/122401.html>

Here is an unusual bisect I found in a box lot – Guatemala # 300 (the bisect) and 300a (the original stamp). Note that you did not need a scissor to cut the original stamp diagonally – it is perforated diagonally!



The U.S. allowed bisected stamps until 1879 when they were banned by postal regulations. One reason for the ban is that it was too easy to cut apart a stamp with a cancellation that did not cover the entire stamp and then reuse the uncanceled portion as valid postage on a new envelope.

Bisects “on piece” are not as valuable as on a cover, but still command a premium over the original issue. Vertical bisects are scarcer, hence more valuable than diagonals. Here is a nice example at the right.

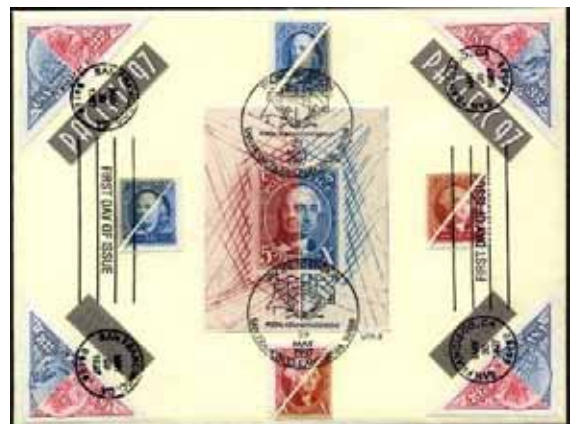


The folded letter below is considered one of the Gems of philately. Elements that enhance its value are the use of handstamps rather than a pen for postal markings, the clear "ROXBURY" postmark, the fact that both the grid cancel and the "5" postage mark tie the stamp to the cover, and the red ink markings.



Bisects and splits are more valuable than the original stamps when the cut portion is still affixed to the envelope or a piece showing the postmarks, as otherwise it cannot be confirmed that the stamp was in fact postally used as a split.

Finally, here is the “Ultimate Bisect Cover” as shown on the Alphabetilately website. Check it out for the story of its creation.



IT'S WHAT I (USUALLY ALONE) THINK

by Sid Morginstin



NOTE: By way of introduction, I am the owner and President of the NEGEV HOLYLAND AUCTION (www.negev.stampcircuit.com) a part of BUTTON STAMP COMPANY. This is the first in a series of columns voicing some views. They may not necessarily be my opinion, but offered to get a discussion started.

EXPERTISING

Authenticating philatelic material is a complicated and challenging process. Requirements include an understanding of stamp design and usage periods, printing methods, paper types and counterfeiting techniques to name a few. Reference material and specialized equipment is often needed.

For example, the NEGEV HOLYLAND AUCTION deals in the stamps and postal history of pre-1948 Palestine, Israel, some Arabic issues and selected Judaica. This is a vast area requiring an in depth knowledge of different philatelic issues and time periods. I am somewhat knowledgeable about selected areas and considered the "expert" in others.

Though I will offer an opinion about the authenticity of an item, I will not issue a certificate. As a case in point, I wrote the book (and am way behind in updating it) on the Postal Stationery of Israel. In the last auction, I had an item that I felt was a good FDC (shown below).



The description and note was --- "60 SHEKEL PLUS 50 AIR LETTER (BI-13 AS 58) postmarked TEL AVIV 8.10.84 (the date, per Bale, that the 60 + 35 was withdrawn); only two stamps tied.

NOTE: In the 1998 BALE this is AL60 with a new issue date of 5.2.85, which I do not recall ever seeing. So no warranty that this is a real First Day. AS IS."

As the auction item was unsold, I bought it for my collection.

There are some dealers who will issue certificates in their area of expertise. On the surface, I have no real problem with this. However, I do feel that it is a conflict of interest (for lack of a better phrase) if the same dealer then offers the item for sale.

For example, Joe B is a recognized expert in the postal history of Upper Slobovia. He is active in its society. There are not many dealers who handle Upper Slobovia. I have no problem with Joe B issuing a certificate on a postal item from Upper Slobovia for another person. However, I do object to Joe B issuing certificates for items in his stock and then offering those items for sale.

Ancillary to this, I am also afraid that if one of Joe B's competitors sends him a very rare item for a certificate, Joe B may state that it is "not good" so that the competition does not get the publicity or business.

Now the question arises: what if Joe B is the only recognized expert in Upper Slobovia? Do we have to trust him? What can be done?

Your thoughts are welcomed.

HTPS 2015-2016 PROGRAM

We are finalizing one speaker date – for February or March 2016. Here is the current schedule.

- ⇒ Sept. 15 – HTPS Member Mini-Presentations
- ⇒ Oct. 20 – "Make Your Own Album Pages Using Free Software and Excel" by Milt Keiles
- ⇒ Nov. 17 – "Lundy Island Commercial Mail" by Sid Morginstin
- ⇒ Dec. 15 – Holiday Party / Show & Tell
- ⇒ Jan. 19 – Society Auction
- ⇒ Feb. 16 – WIP *
- ⇒ Mar. 15 – WIP *
- ⇒ April 19 – "Introduction to Confederate States Postal History" by Patricia Kaufmann
- ⇒ May 17 – HTPS Member Mini-Presentations
- ⇒ June 21 – Society Auction
- ⇒ July 19 – Sell & Swap Meeting
- ⇒ Aug. 16 – HAMPEX'16

* HTPS member Tom DeLuca is available for either date.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2015 . . .

- 9/3 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM – merchantvillestampclub.org.
- 9/5 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (at Merchantville Avenue) – Pennsauken, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – merchantvillestampclub.org.
- 9/6 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – P.A.L. Building – 33 Baldwin Rd – Parsippany, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – 973-335-0555.
- 9/12 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – Bordentown Senior Center – 3 Municipal Drive – Bordentown, NJ – 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM – 215-287-9327 – hamiltonphilatelic.org/bordentown.
- 9/15 → HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7:15 PM – Member Mini-Presentations.**
- 9/16 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – see 9/3 meeting for details.
- 9/20 → Wayne Stamp & Collectibles Bourse – Fire Company #1 – 93 Parrish Drive – Wayne, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM.
- 9/20 → Old Bridge Coin & Stamp Show – First Aid and Rescue Squad Building – 200 Marlboro Road – Old Bridge, NJ – 8 AM to 1 PM.
- 9/26-27 → Fall Stamp, Coin, Cover & Postcard Show – Community Recreation Center – 1232 Main Avenue – Clifton, NJ – Sat. 10 to 5 PM – Sun. 10 AM to 4 PM – www.clifton-stamp-society.org.
- 9/27 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Williamson's Restaurant – 500 Blair Mill Rd – Horsham, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM – 305-852-7678.
- ### October 2015 . . .
- 10/1 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM – merchantvillestampclub.org.
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- 10/4 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – P.A.L. Building – 33 Baldwin Rd – Parsippany, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – 973-335-0555.

10/10 --- NO Bordentown Show !!!

- 10/10 → BuxMont Stamp Show – Benjamin H. Wilson Senior Citizen Center – 580 Delmont Ave – Warminster, PA – 10 AM to 5 PM.
- 10/18 → Wayne Stamp & Collectibles Bourse – Fire Company #1 – 93 Parrish Drive – Wayne, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM.
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- 10/20 → HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7:15 PM – Milt Keiles Presentation.**
- 10/21 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – see 10/1 meeting for details.
- 10/23-25 → Mega-Event (ASDA) – Hilton Hotel – 1335 Avenue of the Americas – NYC – Fri. and Sat. 10AM to 6 PM – Sun. 10 AM to 3 PM – www.americanstampdealer.com.
- 10/25 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Williamson's Restaurant – 500 Blair Mill Rd – Horsham, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM – 305-852-7678.
- 10/31 → Eastern PA Stamp Show (EPASS) – Jordan United Church of Christ – 1837 Church Road – Allentown, PA – 10 AM to 3:30 PM – greatzvmr.wix.com/aps#!epass

November 2015 . . .

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

Columbus Farmers Market

On August 30, Jack Sack and I headed over to the Columbus Farmers Market – really a combination of indoor and flea market stalls.

Our first stop was at location P38 to visit with one of our favorite stamp dealers – Ryan Terlecky (below). At his spot, Ryan sells mostly comic books and other items, but does bring some of his many stamp boxes.



We checked out other vendors, but the market is huge and it was hot so we called it a day after a few hours.

For more information, check out the market's website at www.columbusfarmersmarket.com/.

DONATIONS

Thanks to **Roger Randall**, **Francis Bizon** and **Larry** for their donations of stamps which **Ken Steel** forwarded to the Stamps for the Wounded program as part of a twenty pound package.

Also thanks to **Mr. & Mrs. Robert O'Dwyer, Sr.** for their donation of a stamp album and collection of FDCs in a PCS binder. We donated the material to the **Youth Outreach** program sponsored by the Merchantville Stamp Club.

NEWSLETTER FONT

Did you notice that we are using a new font for our newsletter? It is called **Calibri**. The major difference from the Times New Roman (TNR) font that we previously used is the absence of serifs. It is also smaller in height.

Below is the same sentence in each font to display the differences. So let us know how you like it.

Calibri: Peculiar philatelists pursue perfect perfs.

TNR: Peculiar philatelists pursue perfect perfs.

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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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES . . .

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