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MAY – JUNE – JULY MEETINGS

This issue and the next (August to October) will each cover three months of activity for our group. We will then revert back to the bi-monthly publication cycle.

Our **May 17th meeting** includes the HTPS Officer nominations and voting for the 2016-2017 season. Our featured speaker, **Ed Grabowski**, visits us again with a presentation on *“Use of the French Franchise Militaire Stamps (F.M.) from the Colonies During the Era of the Group Type.”*



And who knows – we may even hear something about Professor Segno or other fraudsters who used the postal services to market Mentalism, hypnotism and other

‘cures’ for human ailments.

On **June 21st** we end the season with our semi-annual auction so get out that material that has been accumulating for years and put it in the auction for someone to buy and store away for next year’s auction.

The **July 19th meeting** is the first of our informal summer get-togethers. No HTPS business – just socializing, trading and selling – so come join us for some fun.

STAMP IDENTIFICATION

Cannot believe there was no correct response to last issue’s mystery stamp – Uruguay #4 issued in 1858. A few readers emailed that it was too easy for a response.



So this month we have a more difficult issue to identify. Since there are enough clues in the stamp design, we offer no help except to say it is obviously not a Switzerland issue.

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

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



The HTPS nominations and elections are being held late this year, but they are still important. They come at a critical time in our group’s history.

Over the past few years, the HTPS has lost a number of senior members – ‘Bobbie’ Lee, Hank, Johnnie Ranto, Sherman and Warren to name a few. In addition, some of our members have moved away. Many of those members held an Officer or Support Team position in the past or supported the group during the lean years.

No one is irreplaceable, but that does not mean much if members do not step up when needed. Year after year we say the same thing, yet few come forward and volunteer. Will this year be different? On May 11 at 5:15 pm, we have a special meeting at the Library to select nominees for HTPS Officers.

What can you do to help keep the HTPS moving forward as a viable and important part of the philatelic community? Come to the meeting and step up!

HTPS Meetings . . .

Meetings are held each month on the **3rd Tuesday** at the Hamilton Township Library, 1 Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. Way, off Whitehorse Mercerville Road, Hamilton, NJ (Mercer County). Doors open at 6:30.

MARCH MEETING PROCEEDINGS . . . by Jack Sack

Past-President **Ed Murtha** stressed the importance of getting more of our members involved in order to bring some fresh ideas into the club's activities. **John Damrau** (jadamrau@aol.com) emailed us asking if members are interested in splitting the purchase of newly issued U.S. coil rolls.

Our speaker for the evening was HTPS member **Ron González** who showed how he created his Puerto Rico FDC catalog for online publication using MS Publisher.



APRIL MEETING PROCEEDINGS

We had a large turnout for the April meeting with 48 attendees. Normal business activities were shortened due to the scheduled events.



The evening's presentation was *Postal History of the Confederate States of America* given by **Patricia "Trish" Kaufmann**. Trish provided a fascinating overview of the short-lived philatelic history of the Confederacy.

Trish's talk is summarized on pages 3-4 and can be seen at the NY2016 show (May 30, 2 pm, Room 1E19). Her show booth is #1365. For further information on Trish, visit her website at www.trishkaufmann.com.

APS MIGHTY BUCK CLUB

A few years ago, the APS started the Mighty Buck Club asking members to donate a dollar or two each month for purchase of equipment and materials for APS service programs.

Over 3,000 members have joined enabling the APS to obtain items for research and member support including:

- Computers and media equipment.
- Software for video / screen capture and editing.
- Book Scan Station (also available for visitors).
- Defibrillator – can be a life saver!

These items enable the APS to provide faster response to member requests and to lower prices on member services like scanning and rentals.

If you are not already a member of the Mighty Buck Club, why not join now? You can send a payment to: APS, 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, PA 16823 or pay online at . . . stamps.org/mighty-buck-club.



NY2016 SHOW



The World Stamp Show – NY2016 is only weeks away. It is scheduled for **May 28 – June 4** at the **Javits Center in NYC**. This F.I.P sponsored event only occurs once in a decade so make your plans now to attend.

Visit the show's website for details at www.ny2016.org. A 'Quick Facts Sheet' highlighting location, hours, First Day ceremonies and other information is found at www.ny2016.org/images/factsheet-english.pdf.

Advance show registration is offered online so sign up, print out your badge and avoid the long lines (you can pick up the badge holder at the show).

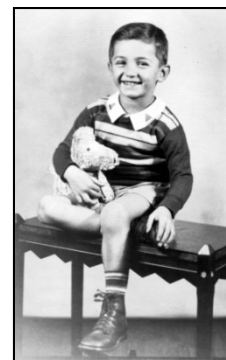
This event offers something for all philatelists with more than 150 dealers selling and buying material, and postal administrations selling the latest issues.

Walk among the 4,100 frames of competitive exhibits, visit the 125+ philatelic organizations, check out the Court of Honor display of unique stamp rarities, bid at one of the six auctions, attend a seminar or one of the first day ceremonies sponsored by the USPS, U.N. Postal Administration and other nations.



HTPS will be well represented at the show. **Sid Morginstin** is at booth #767. Sid specializes in the Turkish (Ottoman) Palestine Period, British Palestine Mandate, 1948 Interim Period, Israel, Palestinian Authority and Judaica. Sid also sells Lundy island items and France / Colonies stamps.

Milt Keiles can be found at the Postal Label Study Group (PLSG) booth #675 most days during the show. Stop by and say hello and learn about this unusual philatelic niche. [Note: Milt looks much younger in B&W photos.]



Dennis Kennedy is working as a bin room checker helping with the setup of the show. **Jack Sack** is a greeter on week day mornings. **Gary Loew** gives a June 1st talk on *Silver Jubilees of the Caribbean* and is at the Postal History booth #677 for a few hours. **Jeff Boyarsky** is working as an exhibit volunteer.

Hopefully you can visit this important philatelic event at least once. I look forward to seeing you there.

CONFEDERATE STATES POSTAL HISTORY

[Editor's Note: This article is a brief summary of the presentation that Patricia gave at our April 19th meeting. All of the information and images are taken from that talk.]

Specialized collectors agree that **Confederate Postal History** begins with the secession of South Carolina from the Union on December 20, 1860.

This **First Day of the Confederacy** cover is postmarked – 'Montgomery Ala.' – where the Confederate Government was officially formed on February 4, 1861, by the first states to secede from the Union.



The **Confederate Post Office Department** was established on February 21, 1861 and Confederate Postmaster General John Henninger Reagan was appointed March 6th.

The cover below is postmarked June 1, the **First Day of the Confederate States Postal System**, with both the U.S. postage rate of 3¢ and the postal marking for the new Confederate rate of 5¢.



Confederate postage stamps were not available until mid-October, 1861. So some postmasters simply hand-marked the mail with postal rates due.

Others prepared their own postage stamps (**Provisionals**), like this 'MEMPHIS TENN' example, which were theoretically valid only in the towns in which they were produced, although they are occasionally found used as postage for other towns.



Confederate **postage rates** included:

- **3¢** --- in 1861, the U.S. postage rate was 3¢ per half-ounce. CSA rate until June 1, 1861.
- **5¢** --- the Confederacy instituted a higher rate per half-ounce on letters traveling a distance under 500 miles. This 5¢ rate was doubled for distances over 500 miles.
- **2¢** --- local drop rate, circulars, and periodicals
- **10¢** --- on July 1, 1862, the postage rate was raised to a universal rate of 10¢ for all distances.

Three **printing processes** were used in stamp production by the Confederacy: lithography, typography, and intaglio (engraving).

The first Confederate stamp featured a portrait of **President Jefferson Davis** and used stone dies. The example at the right is **#CSA #1-1, Stone 1** (from CSA Catalog). The use of stone dies and lack of quality paper accounts for the poor impressions of many CSA issues.

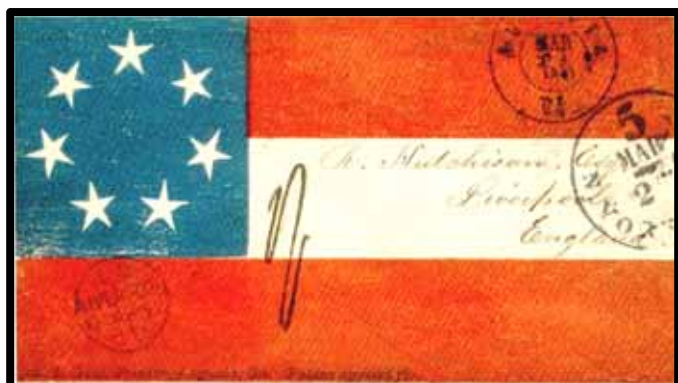


CSA #6 (at right) was designed and engraved on steel master dies by Jean Ferdinand Joubert De La Ferté and **printed by Thomas De La Rue & Co.** in London, England. Ships ran the blockade and the stamps were delivered to Richmond, VA. The difference in quality from the first Confederate States issue is obvious.



The Civil War period was one of high emotion, which was clearly displayed on the colorful covers known as **Patriotics**. The South was consistently short of supplies, so Confederate Patriotic covers are scarcer and are highly valued by collectors.

The cover below, addressed to Liverpool, England, is one of only two known trans-Atlantic Confederate Patriotics.



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CONFEDERATE STATES POSTAL HISTORY (CONTINUED)

Patriotic Stickers were very popular throughout the Confederacy. The cover below includes a Star Flag Sticker with "Our Flag" Slogan. The CSA #1 stamp is postmarked Corinth, Miss. As shown by the advertising cover, "SC" on the label stood for **Southern Congress**, not South Carolina. [Ex Art Groten, Richard Warren.]



Adversity covers are one of the most popular categories of collecting and it is not hard to see why. Some collectors focus on collecting covers fashioned from colorful maps or marine charts. The example below, franked with two CSA #6 stamps, is fashioned from an advertising broadside. Gum from peach trees was used to hold the envelope together.



Adversity-Turned covers resulted from the blockade of ports cutting off sources of paper from the industrialized North and Europe. Envelopes were used two or more times by turning them inside out.



Confederate advertising covers come in a wide range of designs and topics. The most often seen designs, like the one below, are identified in the CSA Catalog.



College covers come from most every state and range from simple to elaborate designs. Below are a Univ. of Georgia cover and three college logos from other covers.



Prisoner of War Covers are a favorite of all postal history collectors. The cover below from was mailed from Fort Delaware Prison to Fluvanna County, VA and illegally bears the postage of both sides.

The regulations called for two envelopes respectively franked with the each country's appropriate postage stamps. The outer envelope was supposed to be discarded at the exchange point. Sometimes this was overlooked, to the delight of collectors.



[Editor's Note: To see Patricia's complete presentation, visit the HTTPS website at www.hamiltonphilatelic.org/]

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2016 . . .

- 5/1 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – P.A.L. Building – 33 Baldwin Rd – Parsippany, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – 973-335-0555.
- 5/5 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM – merchantvillestampclub.org.
- 5/7 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Marlton Elementary School – 190 Tomlinson Mill Road – Marlton, NJ – 9 AM to 3 PM – merchantvillestampclub.org.
- 5/14 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – Bordentown Senior Center – 3 Municipal Drive – Bordentown, NJ – 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM – Call Ryan at 215-287-9327 – hamiltonphilatelic.org/bordentown.
- 5/15 → Wayne Stamp & Collectibles Bourse – Fire Company #1 – 93 Parrish Drive – Wayne, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM.
- 5/15 → Old Bridge Coin & Stamp Show – First Aid and Rescue Squad Building – 200 Marlboro Road – Old Bridge, NJ – 8 AM to 1 PM – 732-740-4604.
- 5/17 → HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – Opens at 6:30 PM – Ed Grabowski Presentations.**
- 5/18 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – See 5/5 meeting for details.
- 5/22 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Williamson’s Restaurant – 500 Blair Mill Rd – Horsham, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM – 305-852-7678.
- 5/28 to 6/4 → NY2016 – Jacob Javits Convention Center – 655 West 34th Street (at 11th Avenue) – New York City – Hours vary – See page 2 for details – Visit the website at . . . www.ny2016.org/.**

June 2016 . . .

- 6/2 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – See 5/5 meeting for details.
- 6/4 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Marlton, NJ – See 5/7 bourse for details.
- 6/4 → Washington Crossing Club Postcard Show & Sale – Union Fire Hall – 1396 River Road (Route 29) – Titusville, NJ – 9 to 4 PM – Donation \$3.00.
- 6/5 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – Parsippany, NJ – See 5/1 show for details.

- 6/11 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – Bordentown, NJ – See 5/14 bourse for details.
- 6/15 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 5/5 meeting for details.
- 6/19 → Wayne Stamp & Collectibles Bourse – Wayne, NJ – See 5/15 bourse for details.
- 6/19 → Old Bridge Coin & Stamp Show – Old Bridge, NJ – See 5/15 show for details.
- 6/21 → HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – Opens at 6:30 PM – Semi-Annual Society Auction.**
- 6/25 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Marlton, NJ – See 5/7 bourse for details.
- 6/26 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Horsham, PA – See 5/22 show for details.

July 2016 . . .

- 7/X → MSC Stamp Bourse – Marlton, NJ – NO show for JULY.
- 7/3 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – Parsippany, NJ – See 5/1 show for details.
- 7/7 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – See 5/5 meeting for details.
- 7/9 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – Bordentown, NJ – See 5/14 bourse for details.
- 7/17 → Wayne Stamp & Collectibles Bourse – Wayne, NJ – See 5/15 bourse for details.
- 7/17 → Old Bridge Coin & Stamp Show – Old Bridge, NJ – See 5/15 show for details.
- 7/19 → HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – Opens at 6:30 PM – Trade / Sell Informal Meeting.**
- 7/20 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – See 5/5 meeting for details.
- 7/24 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Horsham, PA – See 5/22 show for details.

August 2016 . . .

- 8/4 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – See 5/5 meeting for details.

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

SOCIETY AUCTION AT JUNE MEETING

Check out the HTPS website for complete details on the auction process. Meanwhile, here are a few tips to help you achieve success:



1. Fill out the Auction List Sheet with lot descriptions and the starting bids. Create a Lot Description form for each item to match the Auction List description and starting bid.
2. If you wish to donate sales proceeds to the HTPS or other organizations, indicate so on the Auction List.
3. Be reasonable with the items offered for sale. Common items usually sell for 10-15% of CV. Specialized or unique items can sell for more.
4. Items are SOLD AS IS – so carefully check the auction lots for content and quality before the auction starts.
5. Winning bidders pay for their items first. Then the sellers are paid MINUS a 10% commission for HTPS.

Auction forms were included with our mailed newsletters and are available on our website. Contact us via email or the HTPS website if you have any questions.

WEBSITE CHANGES

... by Jack Sack

Our thanks to **Courtney Phillips and her class** for recommending a philatelic Internet link for our website. Courtney's students felt it would be of interest to our readers so we added it to the website links. It is a good starting point for the beginner collector. Check it out at: www.homeadvisor.com/r/home-stamp-collecting-tips/.

DONATIONS

We continue to receive donations from our members for the Stamps for the Wounded (SFTW) group and for the Youth Outreach program sponsored by the Merchantville Stamp Club (MSC).

Our thanks for recent contributions from **Don Bunker, Doris Soldati, Jack Sack and Angelo Sanelli**. "Keep them coming folks!"

New Member . . .

We welcome **Don Getzin** to the HTPS family. Don collects U.S. classic issues, U. S. commemoratives and specializes in the 3-cent Washington issues of 1851-60. He is a member of the APS and US Philatelic Classics Society.

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

- ⇒ May 17 – "Use of the French Franchise Militaire Stamps (F.M.) from the Colonies During the Era of the Group Type" by **Ed Grabowski**
- ⇒ June 21 – Society Auction
- ⇒ July 19 – Sell / Swap Meeting (Informal)
- ⇒ Aug 16 – HAMPEX 2016 and Sell / Swap Meeting (Informal)
- ⇒ Sept 20 – Member Mini-Presentations

We are looking for speakers for the 2016-2017 season meetings. 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.