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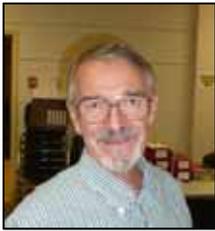
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NOVEMBER – DECEMBER MEETINGS



In November, we will have a presentation on “*Early Postal Cancels*” by HTPS member **Bill Schnug** (pictured at left).

December (the end of the year already!) brings on our annual

holiday party. Members are asked to bring a snack, drink or dessert to the meeting. We will also have some time for a Show ‘n Tell.

STAMP IDENTIFICATION

Congratulations to **Bill McCarroll** for identifying the mystery stamp as Libya #166 issued in 1955. The stamp in the newsletter was really Libya #206 issued in 1960. That issue was printed on “greenish” paper, but that can be a bit tricky to see on a scanned image in a newsletter.

We use the StampWorld.com site to find or verify entries for this column. The images are crisp and can be expanded without losing too much detail. Use the issue date for lookups since they do not use Scott numbers.



OK, here is a colorful entry. No clues as this one is not too difficult for our readers.

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

Pretty sure we owe many people some \$1.00 MNH rewards so speak up and we will get them to you.

2017 Membership Drive . . .

It is that time of the year. **Dues remain at \$10** – a bargain considering all that the HTPS offers. So send a check or cash to HTPS at the masthead address, or see **Jeff Boyarsky** at our next meeting.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

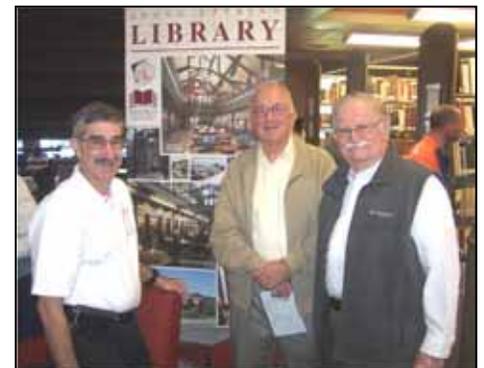


The American Philatelic Research Library (APRL) moved into its new location at the American Philatelic Center (located in Bellefonte, PA) last month. The occasion was celebrated on October 28–29 with a grand opening.

The APRL is the world’s largest philatelic library and houses over 80,000 volumes and special collections. Some of the material dates back to the 1860’s. The library is open to the public, though only members have borrowing privileges.

Every philatelist should visit this extraordinary resource at least once in their life.

Several HTPS members made the trip for the grand opening. Pictured from



the left are: **Ron Gonzalez, Ed Murtha and Joe Seliga**.

I will be away for the November meeting, but will see you in December.

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AUGUST MEETING PROCEEDINGS

Our August stamp exhibit, **HAMPEX '16**, brought out a large crowd and a diverse group of exhibits. Five gold medals were awarded this year: "German Postmarks" by **Glenn Buzzi** (example at right) – "3-cent Washington's of 1850's" by **Don Getzin** – "Eagles & US Flags Stamps" by **Bill Schnug** –



"Bicycling Stamps and Covers" by **Ed Muench** (at left) – and "Anderson Prexies FDCs" by **Andrew Boyajian**.

Everyone agreed that even without a formal meeting, it is nice to gather during the summer to chat and renew old friendships.

SEPTEMBER MEETING PROCEEDINGS

As usual, reading of the minutes was bypassed. Treasurer **Dr. Ronald Gonzalez** presented the Treasurer's report and the 2016-2017 budget which were both unanimously approved.

Attending the meeting was **Bob Girmscheid**, a visitor from Maine, who winters with his daughter in Trenton.

President **Milton Keiles** (below at right) and VP **Dennis Kennedy** (at left) presented past President **Jeff Boyarsky** with the APS Booster certificate for his contributions as President of the Hamilton Township Philatelic Society.



Jeff Boyarsky announced that he is the new HTPS Membership Chairman taking over from **Dr. Jack Sack**.

Milton Keiles stated his concern about the drop in membership. There was some discussion on how to attract new members. An expanded mailing to local APS members was approved. Talk about using free local newspapers to advertise our meeting was thought to be a good idea, but no one volunteered to handle it.

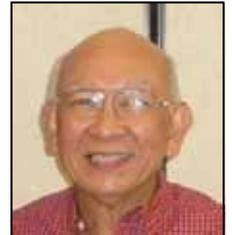
Bob Girmscheid advised us that his stamp club in Maine offered an Adult Education class on evaluating (not appraising which requires a license) stamp collections. **Dr. Jess Rosenberg** offered to look into this idea.

After a brief discussion, the free membership to any HTPS member who brings in a new member or joins the APS was eliminated.

Don Getzin donated a 2013 Scott US Specialized Catalogue to the Society for auction. **Ron Dobrowolski** won it for \$15.

Members were asked to verify their collecting interests and email addresses on a list that was circulated during the meeting.

Mac Sarreal, President of the Merchantville Stamp Club (MSC) and a member of the International Philippine Philatelic Society (IPPS), spoke on the "Japanese Occupation of the Philippines" (see page 3).



OCTOBER MEETING PROCEEDINGS

Milton Keiles noted that he had mailed 61 personalized and individually addressed letters to APS members who live in the local area. Disappointingly, none of the 61 showed at this month's meeting.

Ed Murtha proposed two amendments to our bylaws. The first requires that annual HTPS Executive Board meetings be held in August & March. The other amendment stipulates that an annual budget be submitted for final review to the membership every September by the HTPS Treasurer. These amendments will be voted on by the membership at our next meeting.

There were several Show 'n Tell items. **Ron Gonzalez** displayed a catalog on Puerto Rico Stationary that he has created. **Jim Cope** received a first day cover in the mail only to find that the Trenton post office added a second cancellation to the stamp. **Andrew Boyajian** continues to expand his collection of Christmas postal items.

The evening's presentation was provided by **Jeff Boyarsky** who spoke on "Vintage Halloween Postcards" (see page 4 for a summary).

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.

JAPANESE OCCUPATION OF THE PHILIPPINES

[This article summarizes **Mac Sarreal's** talk at our September meeting. His complete presentation is on the [HTPS website](https://www.htps.com). Mac's talk included an overview of key events during the occupation including philatelic materials relating to that time.]

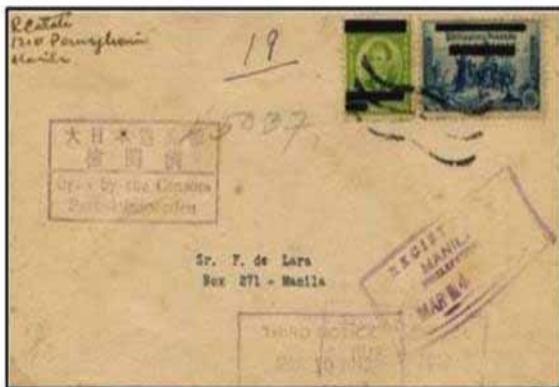
On December 7, 1941, ten hours after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, Manila was attacked. More bombings occurred the next day including Nichols Field outside of Manila. The Japanese landed at the northern part of Luzon on December 10.



More bombings and landings occurred throughout December. General Douglas MacArthur, head of the Allied Forces, withdrew from Manila, relocated to Bataan and eventually left the Philippines in March.

On January 2, 1942, the Japanese captured Manila. The Japanese Military Administration was established, postal service was suspended, then re-opened under Japanese control on March 4.

Existing stamps were invalidated and two values were issued – 2 centavos for ordinary mail and 16 centavos for registered. Black bars covered all references to U.S. postal administration use as shown on the cover below.



By May 1942, Japanese forces conquered Bataan, Corregidor and Mindanao. It took until September 1944 for American forces to start bombing Japanese held areas in the Philippines.

One month later, the battle of Leyte Gulf (Oct. 23-26, 1944) changed the course of fighting to regain the Philippines.



In January 1945, the U.S. Sixth Army landed at Lingayen Gulf marking the beginning of the liberation of Manila by American and Filipino soldiers. Over the next two months, U.S. forces free Manila and re-capture Bataan and Corregidor.



On Feb. 3, 1945, U.S. forces entered Manila resulting in the last day of postal service under Japanese occupation. The cover below marks the occasion with a "Feb 3" postmark, a slogan cancel and a purple victory cachet commemorating the event.



During the Japanese occupation, over 50 stamps were issued including regular issues, semi-postals and officials. Only one revenue postage stamp was issued (shown at the right).

Except for a few items, most occupation issues are relatively inexpensive and would make for a nice collection or exhibit.



VINTAGE HALLOWEEN POSTCARDS

[The following article is a subset of **Jeff Boyarsky's** talk at our October meeting. The complete presentation is on the [HTPS website.](https://www.hamiltonhinge.com)]



Halloween has its roots in an ancient Celtic festival called Samhain which celebrates the change of season from summer to winter.

That is the start of the Celtic New Year and is supposedly filled with magic.

Ghosts and demons were free to roam the earth, so villagers would wear ghastly costumes to fool the spirits and make food offerings to the dead.

Those pagan rites were adopted by the Catholic

Church and "All Hallows Eve" became "Hallowe'en." The Victorians thought of Hallowe'en as a genteel holiday about romance, parlor games and child's play. Their cards featured adorable chubby-cheeked children and black cats. Witches were often depicted as pretty ladies bringing messages of love as shown in the Winsch postcard at the right.



John O. Winsch produced beautiful and collectible Halloween postcards between 1911-1915 using heavy, rich inks and embossing. He sent them to Germany to be printed.

One of Winsch's artists, Samuel L. Schmucker, often portrayed beautiful women in scenes with bright colors and signing some of his artwork with a "SLS" monogram.



Ellen H. Clapsaddle produced some of the most unusual Halloween cards for Raphael Tuck and Sons, and other publishers. Her style is distinct, particularly her postcard illustrations of young children.

Jason Frexias produced holiday cards for Winsch showing cute round-faced toddlers with starfish hands. Because Frexias did not copyright his work, his images were often copied.

Many Halloween postcards feature themes of romance, superstitions or precautions on how to avoid danger during that day.



One popular romantic theme for Halloween shows a young woman looking into a mirror at the stroke of midnight to see the face of her true love by using the light of a jack o' lantern. Sometimes she looks into a hand mirror at a larger mirror over her shoulder. Notice the cat and witch outline in the background.



Some Halloween postcards can bring good news for the day. A popular one is a witch holding a colored lantern where the color indicates your future. The blue lantern and the inscription in this postcard state that your future is bright. Other colors are not as good for your well being.



Other Halloween postcard types exist, some with only one message – to wish you a Happy Halloween!

For more information on postcards, check the website at: www.metropostcard.com/index.html.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2016 . . .

11/3 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM – merchantvillestampclub.org.

11/6 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – P.A.L. Building – 33 Baldwin Rd – Parsippany, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – 973-335-0555.

11/12 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – Bordentown Senior Center – 3 Municipal Drive – Bordentown, NJ – 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM – Call Ryan at [215-287-9326](tel:215-287-9326) – hamiltonphilatelic.org/bordentown.

11/15 → HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – Opens at 6:30 PM – “Early Postal Cancels” by Bill Schnug.

11/16 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 11/3 meeting for details.

11/20 → Wayne Stamp & Collectibles Bourse – Fire Company #1 – 93 Parrish Drive – Wayne, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM.

11/20 → 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.

11/27 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Williamson’s Restaurant – 500 Blair Mill Rd – Horsham, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM – 305-852-7678.
LAST SHOW AT THIS LOCATION !!!

December 2016 . . .

12/1 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 11/3 meeting for details.

12/3 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Marlton Elementary School – 190 Tomlinson Mill Road – Marlton, NJ – 9 AM to 3 PM – merchantvillestampclub.org.

12/4 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – Parsippany, NJ – see 11/6 show for details.

12/10 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – Bordentown, NJ – see 11/12 bourse for details.

12/14 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 11/3 meeting for details.

12/18 → Wayne Stamp & Collectibles Bourse – Wayne, NJ – see 11/20 bourse for details.

12/18 → Old Bridge Coin & Stamp Show – Old Bridge, NJ – see 11/20 show for details.

12/20 → HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – Opens at 6:30 PM – Holiday Party and Show ‘n Tell.

January 2017 . . .

1/5 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM – merchantvillestampclub.org.

1/5-7 → Garden State Stamp & Cover Show – Bethwood Manor – 38 Lackawanna Avenue – Totowa, NJ – Thurs. 10 AM to 6 PM – Fri. 10 AM to 5 PM – Sat. 10 AM to 3 PM – tjacks@verizon.net.

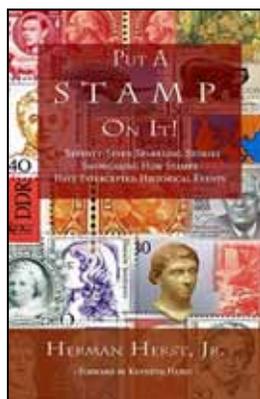
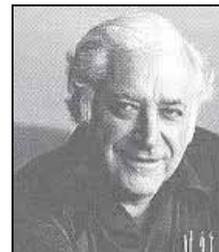
*** NOTE: Thursday to Saturday ***

1/7 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Marlton Elementary School – 190 Tomlinson Mill Road – Marlton, NJ – 9 AM to 3 PM – merchantvillestampclub.org.

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

HERMAN HERST BOOK

A new book, produced by Kenneth Herst and titled *Put a Stamp on It!*, offers 77 stories that, according to the subtitle, showcase “how stamps have intercepted historical events.” The book was developed from a manuscript written by Kenneth’s father – the legendary Herman “Pat” Herst, Jr. (pictured).



What do the Charlie Ross kidnapping, the Dunning sale, Britain’s female mason, Sherlock Holmes and the Littlewood’s pool, the founding of the YMCA, George Sloane, and the Madeline Smith Postcard all have in common? Stamps were an important part of these historical events.

The 364-page book is an interesting read in true Pat Herst style. It is available on Amazon.com for \$16.99 or \$3.99 for a Kindle edition.

MERPEX 2016

After a one-year hiatus, the Merchantville Stamp Club (MSC) restarted its annual MERPEX event on August 5-6 at the Marlton Middle School in Marlton, NJ. Setup took place on August 4 with a good turnout to help. Several HTPS members provided support (pictured at right).

The theme this year was the 150th anniversary of the ASPCA. The bourse attracted over twenty dealers both local and from other states.



Pictured at the left is MERPEX 2016 Grand Award winner **Paul Schumacher** standing next to his one-frame exhibit titled *Next in Line*.

The exhibit presents philatelic materials on individuals who were next in line to become

U.S. President at times when there was no VP in office. Those included: Samuel Southard (of NJ), Charles Evans Hughes, George C. Marshall and Sam Rayburn.

New Members . . .

Over the summer, we welcomed **Joseph Manger** and **Bob Girmscheid** to the HTPS family. Joe collects U.S. issues. Bob collects U.S. and Canada.



From left . . . Roger Randall, Ken Steel, Ed Murtha, Bill Andersen, Jeff Boyarsky, Bill Schnug, Dennis Kennedy

DONATIONS

The HTPS offers many thanks to members and friends for their donations of philatelic material. We usually send the items to the Stamps for the Wounded (SFTW) group or to the Youth Outreach program sponsored by the Merchantville Stamp Club. In some cases, we sell the items and donate the money to the two groups.

Recent contributions were received from **Don Bunker, Jim Cope, Jack Sack, Angelo Sanelli** and **Pat Ware**. Don donated a large box with thousands of U.S. and WW stamps (and about 70 manila stock pages) weighing almost ten pounds.

----- HTPS Officers -----

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 Webmaster Jack Sack
 50 / 50 Handlers Jim Cope, Ken Steel

----- HTPS Meeting Program -----

- ⇒ Nov. 15 – **“Early Postal Cancels”**
by Bill Schnug
- ⇒ Dec. 20 – Holiday Party / Show ‘n Tell
- ⇒ Jan. 17 – Society Auction
- ⇒ Feb. 21 – **Tom DeLuca** – Always a surprise!
- ⇒ Mar. 21 – **“The Old Fashioned Veterinarian”**
by Barbara Harrison
- ⇒ Apr. 18 – TBD

We are looking for speakers for the remainder of the 2017 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.