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## SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER MEETINGS

Our **September 19** meeting starts the 2017-2018 philatelic season. The primary business task is the submission of the HTPS budget for member's approval.



**John Graper** is a member of the Brandywine Valley Stamp Club, the Dover (DE) Stamp Club, the APS and a life member of BNAPS. He served 10 years as General Chairman of DELPEX and is now Vice Chairman with the primary duty of producing all the published materials for that event.

John will speak on *The Beginnings of Postal Automation*. His interest in postal automation began with the first British, Canadian and U.S. issues used for that purpose. His talk is taken from his exhibit on the subject which has earned first place awards at DELPEX 2016 and the Dover Stamp Club show in 2015. He also earned an AAPE Silver Award of Honor at MERPEX 2016.

John's talk focused on the initial use of phosphorescent tagging that enabled UV scanning to identify stamp values. The 8-pence GB stamps, shown above under UV light, were an early use of this process.



Our **October 17** speaker is HTPS member **Tom DeLuca**, owner of **Trenton Stamp and Coin Co.** He has spoken at HTPS meetings and events for 37 years.

Tom's talk is titled *Philatelic Appraisals: A Primer for Estate Planning*. With his working experience and knowledge, Tom is certainly qualified for this timely topic that will help collectors **and** their spouses. If you know of someone who might have an interest, please invite them to the meeting. They can contact us via email or the HTPS website if they have any questions.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As the HTPS celebrates its 42nd year of existence, we look forward to one of the more interesting times in our history. Our primary goals remain the same – promote philately in general and our Society's activities in particular.

We have some excellent speakers and presentations scheduled for this year – a trip to the Postal Museum in Washington DC is being planned – and several community projects are in development.

To ensure that these events happen, we need more HTPS members to participate in the Society's activities. For example, we need someone to maintain the Event Calendar and another to assist in publicizing the HTPS and its programs.

This is my first message as President. On behalf of the HTPS, we offer thanks to my predecessor, **Milt Keiles**, for his service. My goals match those stated above – to maintain the HTPS structure and provide opportunities for our membership to participate in HTPS programs.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the September 19 meeting . . . Dennis.

## 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.

## MAY MEETING PROCEEDINGS ... by Ed Murtha

Our **May 16** meeting included a report from Treasurer **Dr. Ronald Gonzalez**. The Minutes from the previous month's meeting are not read unless specially requested but are posted at the meeting and are also located on our website. Both items were approved. We also had a previous visitor, **George Wagner**, join our club.

Officer elections were held with the following results:

- ⇒ **Dennis Kennedy** – President
- ⇒ **Jeff Boyarsky** – Vice President
- ⇒ **Ron Gonzalez** – Treasurer
- ⇒ Secretary – position not filled

[Editor's Note: Later on, **Joe Seliga**, pictured at right, offered to serve as Secretary and was accepted by President Kennedy.]



**Dennis Kennedy** reported on the success of the Cranbury Library Stamp Evaluation. At least 15 people had their collections evaluated. The quality was varied. Dennis evaluated an excellent Vatican album with stamps from 1929 to 1972. **Don Getzin** saw a U.S. PB collection that included a complete set of 1938 Prexies. **Andrew Boyajian** (pictured) noted that most collections that he saw were inherited and contained many damaged stamps.



HTPS members enjoyed themselves and agreed that we should repeat the event. The Cranbury Library has asked us back. They publicized the event via a mass emailing. Maybe "Garage Day" in Cranbury helped. Andrew thanked Dennis for developing this event and the HTPS members applauded Dennis Kennedy for his fine work on this endeavor.

**Jeff Boyarsky** advised all in attendance to expect information from him on the APS Ambassadorship program. He is one of the charter members of this new outreach program.

**Ken Kamholz** provided us with a presentation on the complexities of creating and printing a magazine on Japanese Philately. He also handed out a copy of the splendidly designed and beautifully printed February 2017 edition to everyone attending the meeting.



Ken was presented with a HTPS Certificate of Appreciation which was designed and printed by HTPS member **Jim Cope**. See a summary of his talk on page 3.

## JUNE MEETING PROCEEDINGS ... by Ed Murtha

The **June 2017** meeting of the HTPS had 26 members in attendance. The Treasurer's report was presented. The minutes were not read but were available at the meeting. Both items were accepted by voice vote.

Treasurer **Ron Gonzalez** made an impassioned speech asking members to volunteer their time and skills to assist in running the Society. Ron also strongly urged that every member take some HTPS calendars and drop them off at Post Offices and retail stores.



**Sid Morginstin** advised the membership that **NOJEX** was being held at the Robert Treat Hotel in Downtown Newark, NJ on September 8-10. **Ed Murtha** thought that all day parking would be half price for those attending NOJEX. Ed asked for membership volunteers to assist in setting up the frames and mounting the exhibits.

When **Matt Visco** found out that the HTPS does not have a Facebook page, he offered to create one. Hopefully, other HTPS members will follow Matt's initiative. Thank you Matt!!! See page 4 for info on our Facebook site.



The auction was a success. FDC's and PB's were the only items that did not sell well. The HTPS earned over \$90 from the auction. Thanks to **Don Getzin** and **Andrew Boyajian** who donated materials with all proceeds given to the HTPS. If we have missed anyone, please let us know and we will update the website newsletter.

## JULY – AUGUST PROCEEDINGS

We hold informal meetings during the summer months – no HTPS business is conducted. This gives our members a chance to socialize, trade or sell some material. There were excellent bargains at the sales tables. One example was the Scott and Minkus albums that **Jack Sack** sold. Several members took advantage of the very low prices.

## 10,000 VISITORS !



Our [www.hamiltonphilatelic.com](http://www.hamiltonphilatelic.com) website reached a new milestone last month with our 10,000<sup>th</sup> visitor! We thank **Jack Sack**, our webmaster, for maintaining the site. Please contact Jack if you have any suggestions on how to improve or expand the site.

## PUBLISHING THE *JAPANESE PHILATELY* JOURNAL

**Ken Kamholz** spoke on the processing used to create and publish the bimonthly journal for the International Society for Japanese Philately (ISJP). The result is a beautifully designed publication on heavy glossy paper.



Cropped header from the cover of the February 2017 issue

Ken's talk is available on the ISJP website at: [www.isjp.org](http://www.isjp.org). Click on "SPECIAL STUDIES" – and then "Presentations and Documents" – to obtain a PDF file his talk. The file tracks the preparation of the Journal's articles in MS-Word format – to the use of Adobe Photoshop CS3 to process the images – to the submission of the journal to a local print shop – to the mailing of 750 copies around the world !!!

The ISJP journal has won many awards – the latest being a Gold in Literature Competition at StampShow 2016.



The Feb. 2017 Journal issue that Ken provided contains 52 pages of articles that run the gamut from classical stamps to modern issues. The image at the left was cropped from a telephone connection change application. It was used in an article on trisected circle postmarks. Note that the

Emperor-style postmarks show a date of Nov. 28, 1912.

Another article featured modern stamps – the Railroad Series Set #4 issued in 2016. Trains are used extensively in Japan and stamps depicting them are a popular topic.

Other articles covered classic and modern philatelic items or events. There was also an article on a Japanese forgery (my favorite topic).

This is an incredible publication and a bargain with ISJP dues at \$16.00 per year bringing you six issues. Even if you do not collect Japanese stamps, it is worth a look.



## MERPEX 2017

... by **Mac Sarreal**

The **MERPEX 2017** show was sponsored by the Merchantville Stamp Club (MSC) and held at the Marlton Middle School in Marlton, NJ on August 4-5.

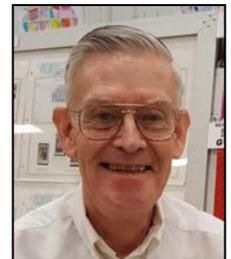
Setup for the show occurred the day before. Several HTPS / MSC members and one friend helped out. Our work crew is shown below. **Roger Randall** (HTPS & MSC member) was also there but missed the photo shoot.



LEFT: **JEFF BOYARSKY, DENNIS KENNEDY, CHARLIE MCGINLEY, ED MURTHA, BILL BARCLAY (ED'S FRIEND), JOE SELIGA, KEN STEEL AND BILL SCHNUG**

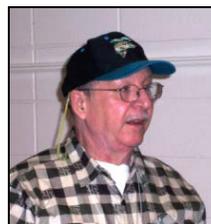
MSC member **Paul Schumacher's** seven-frame exhibit – ***Sudan to Independence*** – garnered the **GRAND AWARD / BEST IN SHOW** and the following awards:

- ⇒ MERPEX Gold
- ⇒ Best Exhibit by APS Member
- ⇒ Best Exhibit by MSC Member
- ⇒ Best in Class, Rest of the World
- ⇒ Best in Class, Postal History
- ⇒ Zanoni Award, Best Postal History Exhibit
- ⇒ Postal History Society Award



**Paul at MERPEX 2016**

Paul has earned numerous awards for his exhibits. At MERPEX 2016, he won the Grand Award for his one-frame exhibit titled ***Next in Line*** that displayed philatelic materials on individuals who were next in line to become U.S. President when there was no VP in office.



HTPS member **Ron Dobrowolski's** exhibit ***"Zeppelin Caught in a Rate Change"*** received a MERPEX Silver and the American Airmail Society Certificate.

The Most Popular Exhibit award went to ***"Light Up the Sky with Fireworks and More"*** created by MSC member **Ms. Carol Anne Visalli**. HTPS member **Joe Seliga** was one of the winners of the hourly drawing during the show. He won a \$20 certificate to use at any of the dealer tables.

## EDWARD WARREN MUENCH

**Edward Warren Muench**, 89 of Monroe Township died Thursday July 27th. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Shirley Baker Muench, and many other family members.



Ed was born in Belleville, NJ in 1928 and lived in Jacksonville, FL, Norfolk, VA and Toms River, NJ before moving to the Rossmoor community in Monroe Township in 1984. Ed was employed as a teacher for the Toms River Board of Education retiring in 1990.

Previously he served in the US Navy for 22 years reaching the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer (Parachute Rigger and Naval Parachutist). Ed served aboard Atlantic Fleet aircraft carriers including the USS Randolph where he was involved in recovery operations for astronauts Gus Grissom and John Glenn. He was a member of the Centurion Club (100+ jumps.)

Ed was an avid cyclist who held many state and other race awards. He was a member of several bicycle clubs including the US Cycling Federation, Century Road Club and The Wheelmen. He owned several recreation vehicles and enjoyed traveling with his family to all 50 states.



Ed joined the HTPS in 2009 and concentrated on collecting bicycle themed philatelic items. The photo at the left shows his bicycle wheel with 'spokes' of bicycle stamps and sets.

He participated in many of our club's activities including a presentation on his bicycle stamp collection, two newsletter articles and several show 'n tells.

A memorial service for Ed Muench was held at the Nativity Lutheran Church in East Brunswick where he was an active member serving on the Church Council.

## HTPS FACEBOOK SITE

... by **Matt Visco**

HTPS enters the world of Social Media with our recently created Facebook Page. Our Page is available to all Facebook users and will increase awareness of our group and hopefully attract new members. The site also provides an opportunity for HTPS members to post philatelic pictures and narratives about their collections, projects they are working on, events they have attended and to comment on other postings.



We can post meeting information in the Events section and will look into cross-posting information on the Facebook pages of other Stamp Clubs with whom we share electronic newsletters.

The Facebook site is in its infancy so please be patient while we build it out. But keep in mind the Page is designed to be collaborative . . . so member updates are welcome. One request – please keep your posts to the topic of stamps so no personal posts or photos.

To access the HTPS Facebook Page, use the link on our website's Home page – sign onto Facebook and search for "Hamilton Township Philatelic Society" – or you can access the Page directly at:

[www.facebook.com/HamiltonTownshipPhilatelicSociety](http://www.facebook.com/HamiltonTownshipPhilatelicSociety).

Please be sure to "Like" it and to "Follow" it to help increase our visibility and provide posts from the HTPS Page to appear on your Facebook site.

## STAMP IDENTIFICATION

Well, **Ron Kane** identified the May-June mystery stamp as Transcaucasian Federated Republics #20 issued in 1923. This is Ron's third consecutive win – can anyone beat this man?

This month's stamp has a simple design and enough clues just from the text so no help given here. You are on your own!

\$1.00 in mint U.S. postage stamps is given to the first correct responder.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### September 2017 . . .

- 9/3 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – P.A.L. Building – 33 Baldwin Rd – Parsippany, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – [gscsshow.com](http://gscsshow.com).
- 9/7 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM – [merchantvillstampclub.org](http://merchantvillstampclub.org).

### **NOJEX – September 8-10, 2017**

**Best Western Robert Treat Hotel**

**50 Park Place – Newark, NJ**

**Fri-Sat. 10am – 6pm . . . Sun. 10am – 3pm**

**Stamp Exhibition – Bourse – Society Meetings**

**Postal Station – Refreshments**

[www.nojex.org](http://www.nojex.org)

- 9/9 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – Bordentown Senior Center – 3 Municipal Drive – Bordentown, NJ – 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM – Call Ryan at 215-287-9326 – [hamiltonphilatelic.org/bordentown](http://hamiltonphilatelic.org/bordentown).
- 9/17 → Wayne Stamp & Collectibles Bourse – Fire Company #1 – 93 Parrish Drive – Wayne, NJ – 9 AM - 4 PM – REW Stamps-Coins LLC – [STAMPREW@AOL.COM](mailto:STAMPREW@AOL.COM) – 973-875-3793.
- 9/19 → **HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Library – Hamilton, NJ – Opens at 6:30 PM – Meeting starts at 7:15 PM – John Graper Presentation.**
- 9/20 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 9/7 meeting for details.
- 9/24 → 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.
- 9/24 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Sheraton Bucks County Hotel – 400 Oxford Valley Road – Langhorne, PA – 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM – [www.coinzip.com/tri-state-fort-washington-coin-show](http://www.coinzip.com/tri-state-fort-washington-coin-show).
- ### October 2017 . . .
- 10/1 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – P.A.L. Building – 33 Baldwin Rd – Parsippany, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – [gscsshow.com](http://gscsshow.com).
- 10/5 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 9/7 meeting for details.

- 10/5-7 → ASDA NY Fall Show – Hilton Hotel – 1335 Avenue the Americas (6<sup>th</sup> Ave.) – NYC – Thurs. & Fri. 10 AM to 6 PM – Sat. 10 AM to 3 PM – [www.americanstampdealer.com](http://www.americanstampdealer.com).
- 10/7 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Marlton Elementary School – 190 Tomlinson Mill Road – Marlton, NJ – 9 AM to 3 PM – [merchantvillstampclub.org](http://merchantvillstampclub.org).
- 10/14 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – Bordentown Senior Center – see 9/9 bourse for details.
- 10/15 → Wayne Stamp & Collectibles Bourse – Wayne, NJ – see 9/17 bourse for details.
- 10/17 → **HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Library – Hamilton, NJ – Opens at 6:30 PM – Meeting starts at 7:15 PM – Tom DeLuca Presentation.**
- 10/18 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 9/7 meeting for details.
- 10/28 → Eastern PA Stamp Show (EPASS) – Jordan United Church of Christ – 1837 Church Road – Allentown, PA 18104 – 10 AM to 3:00 PM – [greatzvmr.wix.com/aps/#!epass](http://greatzvmr.wix.com/aps/#!epass).
- 10/22 → Old Bridge Coin & Stamp Show – Old Bridge, NJ – see 9/24 show for details.
- 10/22 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show – Langhorne, PA – see 9/24 show for details.

### November 2017 . . .

- 11/2 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 9/7 meeting for details.
- 11/3-4 → Fall 2017 Postcard Expo – The Watson (formerly the Midtown Holiday Inn) – 440 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street – NYC – Fri. 12 PM to 7:00 PM – Sat. 10 to 5:00 PM – 410-939-0999.
- 11/4 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Marlton Elementary School – see 10/7 bourse for details.
- 11/5 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – Parsippany, NJ – see 9/3 bourse for details.
- 11/11 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – Bordentown Senior Center – **NO SHOW.**
- 11/15 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 9/7 meeting for details.
- 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).

## DONATIONS

Thanks to HTPS members **Francis Bizon, Don Bunker, Jack Sack, Angelo Sanelli** and **Tony Zingale** for their stamp donations. Also thanks to **Jack Reacher** and **Pegi Stengel** for donating philatelic material.

Most of the donated material was sent to the Stamps for the Wounded (SFTW) program. Some items (especially U.S. MNH stamps) have been sold or will be auctioned with all the proceeds going to the SFTW group.

### New Members . . .

**Ryan Terlecky** is now a member of the HTPS. Most of us know Ryan as a dealer at many local stamp shows including the monthly Bordentown 2nd Saturday show which he runs.

**George Wagner** collects FDCs, Postal Stationary and postmarks.

**Scott English** is the Executive Director of the APS. His interests include Cuba, Congressional Mail and postal history items. Scott is a member of the ATA, EXPEC, AAPE and PNC3 groups.

## GREATER PHILADELPHIA STAMP & COLLECTOR'S CLUB

The **GPS&CC** has partnered with us to electronically share our newsletters. We recently emailed their August issue to our members. The cover below, copied from that issue, was provided to them by one of their previous speakers, Steven Rod, who has also spoken at our meetings several times.



The addressee is a local dealer – “G. L. Creed” (i.e., Georges Creed). The cover is postmarked May 30, 1930 and bears the 2-cent Carolina-Charleston stamp issued that year. A hand stamped cachet announces a “United Stamp Societies Convention” held by your Club on the postmarked date. A very nice piece of postal history!

The objective of our Newsletter is to promote philately, educate and inform our members and the public, and to encourage other like-minded individuals to join the Hamilton Township Philatelic Society.

### HTPS Officers

President ..... Dennis Kennedy  
Vice President ..... Jeff Boyarsky  
Treasurer / Publicity ..... Ron Gonzalez  
Secretary ..... Joe Seliga

### HTPS Support Team

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Webmaster ..... Jack Sack  
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### HTPS Meeting Program

- ⇒ Sept. 19 – “*The Beginnings of Postal Automation*” . . . by John Graper
- ⇒ Oct. 17 – “*Philatelic Appraisals: A Primer for Estate Planning*” . . . by Tom DeLuca
- ⇒ Nov. 21 – “*The History of American Coils*” . . . by Dennis Kennedy
- ⇒ Dec. 19 – Holiday Party / Show ‘n Tell
- ⇒ Jan. 16 – Society Auction

We are looking for speakers for 2018 (April and May and Sept thru Nov). Please contact us at the masthead email 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](mailto:hinge@HamiltonPhilatelic.org).