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## NOVEMBER – DECEMBER MEETINGS

For our **November 21** meeting, President Dennis Kennedy will have two duties. He will run the business portion of the meeting and then he will speak on *“The History of American Coils”* which includes some great photos of early coil production methods and machinery.

This is an interesting topic for a presentation. U.S. coils have existed for over 100 years and most of us certainly have some coils in our collection. So come to our meeting and gain another piece of philatelic knowledge.

The end of another calendar year will be celebrated at the December 19 meeting featuring 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 so bring something unusual for all to see.

## STAMP IDENTIFICATION

The champ has been dethroned and we have a new winner. **William McCarroll** identified the September-October mystery stamp as Peru #Q9 issued circa 1903.



This month’s stamp is a beautiful engraved issue. No clues this time as the design contains many components that should enable you to identify the issue.

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

## 2018 Membership Dues . . .

The New Year approaches and dues are now due! **Still only \$10** – help the HTPS deal with ever rising costs. Please send a check or cash to HTPS at the masthead address, or see **Len DeGroot** or **Ron Gonzalez** at our next meeting.

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## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



I hope that the members who attended October’s meeting and saw Tom Deluca’s informative talk on appraisals and estate planning enjoyed it as much as I did.

As usual, Tom used his vast knowledge of the philatelic world in presenting options to consider for developing a plan to identify and safeguard our collections.

At the November meeting I will be presenting a program on U.S. coil stamps. This is my first presentation and I am optimistic that you will find the talk educational and enjoyable.

The holiday season is fast approaching and these last two months always seem to speed by. So don’t forget to bring goodies for the holiday party on December 19th. The show and tell that night is always interesting and informative. So, dig through your collection and come up with some of your favorite items to share.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday season. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting . . . Dennis.

## HTPS Meetings . . .

Meetings are held on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month 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.

## SEPTEMBER MEETING PROCEEDINGS ... by Joe Seliga

[Editor's Note: Meeting minutes provide more detail and are available on the HTPS website.]

There were twenty three (23) members in attendance at our **Sept. 19 meeting** including two new members – **Bill Chrietzberg** and **Mark Spinner**.

Treasurer **Ronald H. Gonzalez** presented the current financial report and the 2018 proposed budget. Both reports were approved without changes.



**Jeff Boyarsky** (shown) has participated in **APS Ambassador** on-line webinars. The program is designed to provide a link for feedback between the chapters and APS staff members. Information on the Ambassador program is located at ... [stamps.org/Ambassadors](http://stamps.org/Ambassadors).

**Day meetings** were discussed including possible sites. Len deGroot volunteered to see if we can obtain a room at the Bordentown bourse location and at what cost. **Ryan Terlecky** (shown) runs the monthly show and approves of the idea. **Milt Keiles** proposed that it be a regular meeting with a speaker.



The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) **Stamp Collecting Merit Badge** program was discussed. Apparently the BSA checks out merit badge counselors. Four members expressed an interest in being counselors – **Len deGroot**, **Ken Steel**, **Jeff Boyarsky** and **Dennis Kennedy**.

Planning for a trip to the **National Philatelic Museum** in Washington, DC continues. The cost for a senior citizen ticket from Trenton to Washington is \$49 each way. Six members said that they were interested in a weekday trip. The Maryland Stamp & Coin shop is located in nearby Bethesda, MD and can be reached via the Metro.

The American Topical Association has a program to identify all stamps, foreign and domestic, related to every state. **Jim Cope** is interested in preparing a listing for New Jersey and asked for help.



**John Graper** spoke on *The Beginnings of Postal Automation*. His talk was developed from his award winning exhibit on the subject. John was presented with a HTPS Certificate of Appreciation which was designed and printed by HTPS member **Jim Cope**.

See a summary of John's talk on the next page.

## OCTOBER MEETING PROCEEDINGS ... by Joe Seliga

Twenty-seven members and guests were present at the **Oct. 17 meeting**. Minutes were not read and are available online. Treasurer Ronald H. Gonzalez presented the financials, which were accepted, and stated that the \$10 HTPS dues for 2018 are now being collected.



The next **Stamp Evaluation Program** will be held at the Monroe Library on April 27, 2018 from 11 am to 2 pm. Details are in process.

Discussions continued on items from September:

- ⇒ Trip to the National Philatelic Museum in Washington, DC in 2018 (perhaps at Cherry Blossom time).
- ⇒ Boy Scout Stamp Collecting badge. **Ed Murtha** suggested contacting local scoutmasters to determine the level of interest.
- ⇒ HTPS meeting at the Bordentown Show held on the second Saturday of the month.

**Tom De Luca**, a founding member of the HTPS, gave a presentation on **Philatelic Appraisals: A Primer for Estate Planning**. He is the owner of Trenton Stamp & Coin, Co. located at 1800 Route 33 in Hamilton, NJ.



Tom distributed an outline of his talk which is posted on the HTPS website. He began with an overview for the need and purpose of an estate plan. Critical to that goal is an understanding of your collection(s) value which may expressed in various ways including catalog, retail, auction, wholesale and net market or cash values.

He advised looking at your collection in a realistic manner by identifying the key components and organizing them for sale. He also spoke about various types of appraisals and how to use estate planning to make your wishes known in a legal manner.

Follow-up questions elicited some good advice:

- ⇒ Tell someone where the collection is stored.
- ⇒ Keep an inventory at some other location.
- ⇒ Only mail valued items to a known recipient.
- ⇒ Never tell anyone that you have junk.
- ⇒ Save purchase receipts and certificates.
- ⇒ Sell the entire collection at the same time.

Tom certainly earns our thanks for a thoughtful and timely presentation.

## POSTAL AUTOMATION

... by John Graper

Postal automation was developed to increase the speed and accuracy of sorting and canceling the mail. Each item must pass through the canceling machinery in a set position so the cancellation always “hits” the stamp(s).

The first method to detect stamps, used by Great Britain (GB), was **measurement of the reflectivity** of the stamp compared to the envelope. This was not successful. The next method imprinted the backs of stamps with electrically conductive stripes of **graphite-containing ink**.



By using one or two stripes of graphite, the stamp location and class of mail was identified by sensors which measured the change in the conductivity as the stamp passed by. Thick pieces of mail decreased the sensitivity so this process was discontinued.

The next method used **phosphorescent inks** which are activated by long-wave ultraviolet (UV) light with the afterglow measured by a sensor. Canada used this process on the Wilding portrait issue and limited it to the Winnipeg, Manitoba area (known as Winnipeg tagging).



The 1967 Landscape series used OP-4, an organic phosphor made by GE. It was easy to detect, but often bled into the paper and even stamp mounts. It was replaced by OP-2, which is still used today. The image (left) shows OP-2 tagging on the 10¢ Landscape value.



OP-2 tagging now uses a box shape rather than stripes. Many of the Canadian non-rectangular stamps have the tagging tailored to the shape

of the stamp or integrated into the inks to accommodate the shapes. The tagging on this \$1.15 definitive stamp shows small Canada Post logos when under UV light.



Use of inks containing **luminescent inorganic or organic materials** is the third major technology used for tagging. The United States (U.S.) chose this method, and in 1963 issued an 8¢ air mail stamp (#C64a), coated with an ink which glowed red under short-wave UV light. Sensors measured the reflection off the illuminated stamp.



The City Mail Delivery stamp of 1963 (#1238) was the first U.S. issue to have the entire run tagged and the first to use a phosphor which glows green under UV light. This enabled sensors to distinguish between first class and air mail letters. It was also the first stamp to have missing phosphor errors discovered.



When the Postal Service initiated its “all up” policy under which most mail was sent by air, the red phosphor was discontinued and green has since been used on all tagged postage.

Many newer issues are printed on **prephosphored paper**. It eliminates a step in the printing process. Some



U.S. stamps are more creatively tagged, as shown by the Batman stamp at the left. The phosphor used contains a cutout allowing part of the stamp design to show under UV light.

At least fifty countries now use phosphor tagging to speed up their mail delivery and to identify counterfeits. The UV image issue below (at the right) has “Hong Kong” circling the portrait and the same in Chinese characters at the top of the oval.



## FDR – STAMP ERROR

[SOURCE **APS**]

[Editor's Note: Excerpted from the November 2017 *American Philatelist* issue.]

The year 1947 marked the centennial of the first United States postage stamps. To celebrate, the Centenary International Philatelic Exhibition, known as CIPEX, was held May 17 to 25 in NYC.

Many countries issued stamps celebrating the event. Monaco was among them, releasing five airmail stamps for the occasion. The low value in the series is a 50-cent violet stamp (Scott #C16) showing President Roosevelt examining his stamp collection under a magnifying glass.



Most of us probably have seen this stamp. But look carefully at the design. Do you see anything wrong?

FDR has six fingers on his left hand !!!

Of course, he did not have six fingers. The stamp's original drawing, created by noted French artist Pierre Gandon, had five fingers on the left hand. But, during the engraving process, an extra finger was added.



The stamp design was revised several times, yet no one noticed the error.

## STAMP CENTER BID BOARD



For years, the **Dutch Country Auctions / The Stamp Center** has hosted Bid Board auctions of philatelic, numismatic and other collectible items. Six times a year, over 1,000 lots were posted with a wide variety of material that collectors could acquire at a reasonable price.

Due to a decline in sale and consignments, the **philatelic Bid Board** will be discontinued as of December 16, 2017. Lots not sold will be available in the Last Chance sale until the end of December. Unsold lots will be returned in January 2018.

Beginning on January 9, 2018, "Buy It Now" board auctions will commence for U.S. and worldwide singles and sets. Material will be replenished the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Gaps will be filled throughout the month as time permits.

The **numismatic Bid Board** auctions will continue, but be limited to coins and currency. For further details, check their website at . . . [dutchcountryauctions.com/](http://dutchcountryauctions.com/)

## STAMPS IN FILMS

[SOURCE **INTERNET**]

Does anyone remember the movie *Charade* starring Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn? The plot revolves around a missing \$250,000. Turns out the money was spent on three stamps (oops, just spoiled the ending for those who have not seen the movie).



In the film, the valuable stamps are shown on a cover (above). But they are fictional counterparts of actual rare postage stamps – the colors were changed and the denominations were increased by one. Not sure why this was done – possibly legal reasons or to avoid spending a lot of money buying the real stamps!

The actual issues (shown below) are the Swedish orange 3 skilling, the "Hawaiian Missionaries" 2 cent blue and the 81 para blue Romanian "cap de bour" on blue paper. They surely are worth many millions today, but \$250,000 was a lot of money in 1963 when the film was made.

Collecting stamps shown on film would make a good topic, but the cost would be prohibitive.



Some movie scenes, especially those involving the valuable stamps were filmed at the stamp market located at the corner of avenue Marigny and avenue Gabriel (parallel to the Champs-Élysées). Though there are fewer dealers, the market still exists today, over fifty years later, and is opened throughout the year on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

For more information on this subject, check out the Internet link below which is the source for this column including the photos.

[franklycurious.com/wp/2011/08/27/just-philately/](http://franklycurious.com/wp/2011/08/27/just-philately/)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### November 2017 . . .

- 11/2 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM – [merchantvillestampclub.org](http://merchantvillestampclub.org).
- 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 – 190 Tomlinson Mill Road – Marlton, NJ – 9 AM to 3 PM – [merchantvillestampclub.org](http://merchantvillestampclub.org)
- 11/5 → 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).
- 11/11 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – Bordentown Senior Center – **NO SHOW.**
- 11/15 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 11/2 meeting for details.
- 11/19 → 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.
- 11/21 → **HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Library – Hamilton, NJ – Opens at 6:30 PM – Meeting starts at 7:15 PM – Dennis Kennedy talk.**
- 11/26 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Sheraton Bucks County Hotel – 400 Oxford Valley Road – Langhorne, PA – 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM – (305) 393-6290.

### December 2017 . . .

- 12/2 → PoCax 2017 – Aloft Hotel – 558 Fellowship Rd. – Mt. Laurel, NJ – North of Rt. 73 near I-295 & the NJ Tpk Exit 4 – 9 AM to 3:30 PM – 215-663-8677.
- 12/2 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Marlton Elementary School – see 11/4 bourse for details.
- 12/3 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – Parsippany, NJ – see 11/5 bourse for details.
- 12/7 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 11/2 meeting for details.
- 12/9 → 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).

12/17 → Wayne Stamp & Collectibles Bourse – Wayne, NJ – see 11/19 bourse for details.

12/19 → **HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Library – Hamilton, NJ – Opens at 6:30 PM – Meeting starts at 7:15 PM – Holiday Party / Show & Tell.**

12/20 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 11/2 meeting for details.

12/24 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show – Langhorne, PA – **NO SHOW.**

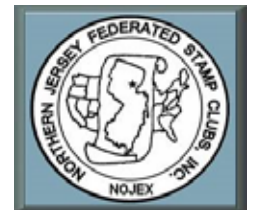
### January 2018 . . .

- 1/4 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 11/2 meeting for details.
- 1/4-6 → Garden State Stamp & Cover Show – Bethwood Manor – 38 Lackawanna Avenue – Totowa, NJ – Thurs. 10 AM to 6 PM – Fri. 10 AM to 6 PM – Sat. 10 AM to 4 PM – [tjacks@verizon.net](mailto:tjacks@verizon.net).
- 1/6 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Marlton Elementary School – see 11/4 bourse for details.
- 1/7 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – Parsippany, NJ – see 11/5 bourse for details.
- 1/13 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – Bordentown Senior Center – see 12/9 bourse 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).

### NOJEX 2017

The NOJEX 2017 show was held on Sept. 8-10 at the Best Western / Robert Treat Hotel in Newark, NJ. HTPS members **Dennis Kennedy**, **Jeff Boyarsky** and **Len deGroot** helped with the setup the day before the show.



Several HTPS members attended the event and most had a good time especially those who took advantage of the Iron Bound district eateries.

The Grand Award: Best Exhibit in Show was earned by Nicholas A. Lombardi for his exhibit titled **The 1903 Two Cent Washington Shield Issue**. Nick is the President of the Westfield Stamp Club. Several other Westfield members also earned awards. The 2017 **palmarès** is available at [nojex.org/](http://nojex.org/).

Congratulations to the NOJEX organization members !!!

