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SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER MEETINGS

We start our 2018-2019 stamp season with the **September meeting**. The primary business activity is the approval of the HTPS budget.

President **Dennis Kennedy** will present a history of American coil stamps beginning with private company coils, onto the introduction of U.S. post office coils, the use of the rotary press, the development of coil machinery and much more.



Our **October meeting** is highlighted by HTPS member Don Getzin's talk on how to identify the eight U.S. Antebellum 3-cent George Washington stamps including Scott #25 shown at the left (courtesy of the Mystic Stamp Company website).

STAMP IDENTIFICATION

The champ is back! **Ron Kane** was the only reader to identify the last mystery stamp as Mesopotamia #N42 issued in 1919. Thought it would be tough, but we did expect more than one response!

For this month, something a bit easier. There are enough clues in the stamp design to help you along. No more to say. So get out your catalogs or use the Internet to identify the stamp.

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



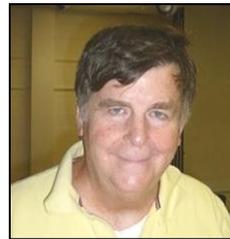
HTPS Meetings . . .

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.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As the HTPS celebrates its 44th year, we look forward to one of the more interesting times in our history. We have two new board members Ken Steel (Treasurer) and Robin Rowand (Vice President). I would like to thank

Jeff Boyarsky, last year's Vice President, and Ron Gonzalez who served as Treasurer for ten years.

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, and a trip to the Washington DC Postal Museum is planned.

To enable these events, we need HTPS members to participate in the Society's activities. For example, we need members to write articles for the Hinge, another to assist in publicizing the HTPS and its programs. None of these jobs are time consuming – at most maybe an hour or two a month.

My goals match those stated above – to maintain the HTPS structure and provide opportunities for our membership to participate in HTPS programs. I look forward to seeing you at the September 18 meeting.

Editor's Note . . .

We are back in print after missing two issues. Check out the following page for a summary of the Society's events during that period.

PRIOR MEETING PROCEEDINGS . . . by Joe Seliga

Treasurer **Ronald H. Gonzalez** presented the current **financial reports** which were approved without changes. [In June, **Ken Steel** took over as Treasurer.] The **minutes** from the previous meeting(s) are not read unless specially requested but are posted at the meeting and available on our website.

Long-time member **Bob Stolarz** passed away. See the remembrance on the following page.



Ed Murtha recommended that any posting to our Facebook site should at least have a basic description of the item and why they are being posted.

The HTPS realized almost \$250 from the June **auction** in large part from donated material that

Jeff Boyarsky acquired at the Stamp Evaluation program we sponsored at the Monroe Public Library on April 27. Plans for another program are in the works.

Ron Gonzalez asked if the HTPS provides donors with written values for their material. We do not, but the Stamps for the Wounded (SFTW) group does so.

President **Dennis Kennedy** is planning a trip to the National Philatelic Museum in Washington D. C on October 22. Dennis also contacted the GW Boy Scout Council to see if there was any interest in the HTPS sponsoring a merit badge.

PRESENTATIONS



Robert Rose spoke on using technology to help in expertizing philatelic items. See the next page for two examples from his presentation.

Tom DeLuca, owner of **Trenton Stamp and Coin Co.** showed Mickey Mouse post cards from the 1920's thru the 1930's. See

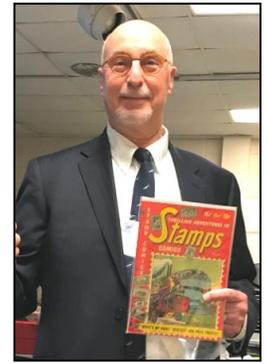
the write-up on the following pages.

Tom Geiger's talk on the 1902 Ben Franklin one-cent green (Scott #300) was informative. We are looking to acquire and upload Tom's talk to our website.

SHOW & TELLS

Bill Schnug had some album sheets of United States cut squares. He collects them because he doesn't need to worry about gum or perforations. Of course, identifying the various colors / shades takes some practice.

Jeff Boyarsky showed a very colorful comic book from 1952 that focused on Stamps. He also had a beautiful cover with a cachet of an Auburn automobile that had been mailed and canceled from Auburn, Indiana.



Jim Cope presented a cover from Europe that was addressed to him but contained no city name and amazingly it still got to him. Jim also showed a Father Herzberger coil stamp. Most were sold as sheet stamps and Jim noted that rarely are commemorative stamps issued as coils.

Andrew Boyajian displayed covers from his collection on the 1960 Rome Summer Olympics medal winners. Shown is the gold medal winning Greek team in the Sailing Dragon Class event. Andrew has 138 of the 152 cover designs issued.



Ron Gonzalez – Displayed a cover that was sent from a US soldier in Puerto Rico to the US during the 1898 Spanish American War. The cover was mailed from a small town in Puerto Rico to Ponce, PR and then on to NYC and eventually Norwalk, Ohio. The cover included both Spanish and U.S. postal system cancellations.

Don Getzin presented several covers including an “Ugly Cover” (his description) with multiple postal markings. See the following page for the write-up his talk.



Robin Rowand (pictured) showed several Civil War covers sent to his great-grandfather. His comments on one of the covers are on the following pages.

Milton Keiles showed some cigarette cards that were created by his family in Wiesbaden, Germany in the 1920's. Each card had a stamp (mostly used) glued to it. He bought the cards on eBay and mounted them on a homemade sheet which he named Philatelic Ephemera.

THE UGLY COVER

[SOURCE: Don Getzin]

The cover below was mailed on April 7, (1856) from Cincinnati, OH to the Hon. D. R. Estes in New Haven, CT. The cost was 3-cents paid with a U.S. #11A stamp.

It was unclaimed for a few days so an ad was placed in a local paper at a cost of 1¢ – as noted by “APR 15 ADV” (at top left-center). This cost is paid by the addressee.



When the P.O. learned that Estes had returned to Cincinnati, they crossed out “New Haven” and wrote in “Cincinnati” (at bottom). Forwarded mail was treated as new mail so another 3¢ was owed by the addressee as noted by the “FORWARDED 3” marking at the top. The manuscript ‘4’ just beneath means a total of 4¢ is owed.

For more details about this cover, check out the HTPS website presentation screen.

AND A NICER COVER

Here is a cover postmarked in Laurel Factory, Maryland (now Laurel, MD as of June 1875). It is franked with a U.S. #11A stamp – a double transfer plate variety.



One of Don’s interests is deciphering the notations on covers. There are three notations on this cover:

- ⇒ no 8 – this being the 8th letter received by the St. Louis, MO company on that day.
- ⇒ Rec^d mo 26/53 – date the letter was received.
- ⇒ ans^d 3 “ 27/ – date that the letter was answered

This cover is listed in the Simpson Postal Markings (1851-1861) catalog as an example of “Townmarks Denoting Industries” (only 7-10 known).

BOB STOLARZ

Long-time HTPS member Robert S. Stolarz, Sr., 76, of Robbinsville passed away on March 17, 2018.



Born in 1941 Robert was a lifelong resident of Trenton. He graduated from Hamilton High School West and went on to attend Rider College where he honed his skills as a Photographer and Printer.

Bob worked for the F.M.C. Corp. for 40 plus years where he ran and later supervised their graphics departments at both their Plainsboro and Philadelphia locations.

He was an avid outdoors man who loved hunting, fishing and golfing. He also loved his pro sports, as a lifelong Phillies and Yankees fan, and also loved his Flyers hockey.

Another of Bob’s interests was stamp collecting. He served as the HTPS Secretary for many years and collected the unusual as evidenced by the uniqueness of some of his talks. Bob also belonged to the Merchantville Stamp Club and served in various capacities including Vice President and Secretary.

TECHNOLOGY IN EXPERTIZATION

Robert Rose’s presentation on the use of technology to expertise stamps at the Philatelic Foundation (PF) was entertaining and enlightening.

One machine that the PF uses – the VSC6000 – provides high definition magnification and the application of direct light in a variety of modes.

The image at the right shows that the UL corner of Scott U.S. #122 been replaced with a painted design piece.



In the example below, high magnification under INFRARED light showed that a different shade of ink was used in fraudulently “tying” the stamp to the cover.



The high-tech devices used by the PF is essential in verifying whether a stamp or cover is genuine and free of faults – as all collectors hope.

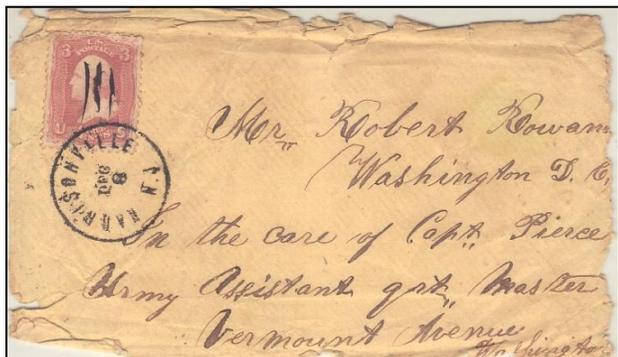
Check out our website for Bob’s presentation to see many more examples of this incredible technology.

CIVIL WAR COVERS

... by Robin Rowand

The two Civil War covers below were sent to my great-grandfather who served with the Union Army. The letters have been transcribed and included with my family tree information.

This badly worn cover was mailed from Harrisonville, NJ (Gloucester County). Looks like U.S. stamp #64/65? The stamp was pen cancelled and also is tied with a Dec 8 town cancel. The letter was addressed to Mr. Robert Rowand who was stationed in Washington, D.C.



This cover was mailed from Pitts Grove, NJ (Salem County) to Mr. Robbert [sic] Rowand. The U.S. stamp (#64/65?) was pen canceled with no postmark. Script at upper right indicates a mailing date of December 23, 1863 (Christmas cover).



POSTAL HISTORY EXHIBIT

[SOURCE: CCHS]

The postal history exhibit sponsored by the Chester County Historical Society (CCHS) earlier this year contained some fascinating postal memorabilia.

Shown is a 1782 cover with a "bishop mark" notation (for Nov 28) – one of the first postal markings. The "2" in the UR corner indicates "2 dwt (pennyweights)" equal to 6 pence.



MICKEY MOUSE POSTCARDS [SOURCE: Tom DeLuca]

In 1928, Mickey Mouse appeared in a short film ("Steamboat Willie") which was an instant success. Mickey's personality including his imperfections connected with people. When his films were released abroad by Ideal Films, he became a superstar.



Ideal Films licensed a set of postcards in 1930 in the United Kingdom followed by Germany in 1931.

The 1930's Tan series used 12 different images on a tan background. Music was part of the creative process in many films and it followed so in the postcard designs.

The Multi-color Background series consisted of 16 different images with Mickey in bold colors. The example below shows Mickey drinking wine and falling down – not the Mickey we know today! Note that multiple "Mickey's" often appeared on the same card.



The six designs of the 1931 Winter Holiday series were multi-colored with a high gloss finish. They were fully printed and then overprinted by distributors in many languages and type styles. A more joyous Mickey is shown below. This series was used until the late 1930's.



Tom DeLuca's "Make Room for Mickey Mouse!" article in the WC4 Newsletter (#543) was our primary source.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2018 . . .

- 9/1 → MSC Stamp Bourse – **NO** bourse this month.
- 9/2 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – P.A.L. Building – 33 Baldwin Rd – Parsippany, NJ – 9 AM to 3 PM – (973) 644-0099.
- 9/6 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM – merchantvillestampclub.org.
- 9/8 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – Bordentown Senior Center – 3 Municipal Drive – Bordentown, NJ – 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM – 215-287-9326 (Ryan) – hamiltonphilatelic.org/bordentown.
- 9/16 → Wayne Stamp & Collectibles Bourse – Fire Company #1 – 93 Parrish Drive – Wayne, NJ – 9 AM - 4 PM – REW Stamps-Coins LLC – STAMPREW@aol.com – 973-875-3793.
- 9/18 → HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Library – Hamilton, NJ – Opens at 6:30 PM – Meeting starts at 7:15 PM – ‘American Coils’ talk.**
- 9/19 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 9/6 meeting for details.
- 9/22-23 → Garden State Postcard Club Show – P.A.L. Building – 33 Baldwin Rd – Parsippany, NJ – Sat. 10 AM to 6 PM – Sun. 10 AM to 4 PM – www.seocom.com/gspcc/gspccshow.html.
- 9/23 → 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.
- 9/29-30 → Fall Stamp, Coin, Cover & Postcard Show – Community Recreation Center – 1232 Main Avenue – Clifton, NJ – Sat. 9:30 to 4 PM – Sun. 9:30 to 4 PM – www.clifton-stamp-society.org.

October 2018 . . .

- 10/4 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 9/6 meeting for details.
- 10/6 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Martin Luther Chapel (School Gym) – 4100 Terrace Avenue – Pennsauken, NJ 08109 – 9 AM to 3 PM – merchantvillestampclub.org.
NEW LOCATION !
- 10/7 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – Parsippany, NJ – see 9/2 show for details.

10/13 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – Bordentown Senior Center – see 9/8 bourse for details.

10/16 → HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Library – Hamilton, NJ – Opens at 6:30 PM – Meeting starts at 7:15 PM – ‘U.S. Antebellum 3c’ talk.

10/17 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 9/6 meeting for details.

NOJEX / ASDA STAMP SHOW

October 19-21, 2018

Hilton Meadowlands Hotel

Fri. & Sat. 10 AM to 6 PM

Sun. 10 AM to 3 PM

nojex.org

10/21 → Wayne Stamp & Collectibles Bourse – Wayne, NJ – see 9/16 bourse for details.

10/27 → Eastern PA Stamp Show (EPASS) – Jordan United Church of Christ – 1837 Church Road – Allentown, PA 18104 – 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM – greatzmer.wix.com/newaps/epass.

10/28 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show – Langhorne, PA – see 9/23 show for details.

November 2018 . . .

11/1 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 9/6 meeting for details.

11/3 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Pennsauken, NJ – see 10/6 bourse for details.

11/4 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – Parsippany, NJ – see 9/2 show for details.

11/10 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – Bordentown Senior Center – **NO bourse this month !**

11/18 → Wayne Stamp & Collectibles Bourse – Wayne, NJ – see 9/16 bourse for details.

11/20 → HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Library – Hamilton, NJ – Opens at 6:30 PM – Meeting starts at 7:15 PM – ‘Hawaiian Stamps’ talk.

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

DONATIONS



Ken Steel (pictured), our newly elected Treasurer, handles the receipt and dispersal of philatelic items.

Most donated items are sent directly to the Stamps for the Wounded (SFTW) group. Some items (especially U.S. MNH stamps and new supplies) are auctioned off with all proceeds going to the SFTW.

Ken reports that we recently sent 8 pounds 12 ounces of items to the SFTW.

Many thanks to HTPS members **Andrew Boyajian, Jeff Boyarsky, Francis Bizon, Don Bunker, Jim Cope, Dennis Kennedy, Ed Murtha, Jack Sack, Angelo Sanelli** and Tony Zingale for their stamp donations.

And our thanks to **Jim Pryor** and **Pepi Stempel** for, once again, donating material. Apologies to anyone we may have missed.

So why not help out and donate some of your excess material to this worthy cause. The SFTW group can also use supplies and accessories.

APS AWARD

The APS established the **Articles of Distinction** award for its Chapters and Affiliates to encourage philatelic writing and to honor authors by hosting an annual "best article" competition. Each group can submit their winning article for all to enjoy.

To date, **Gianluigi Soldati** is the only HTPS winner for his article – "Chemistry on Stamps" – which tied the evolution of Chemistry to stamps honoring scientists. Recently, Gianluigi (pictured on the left) received his APS certificate.



You can access Gianluigi's article (and other winners) at . . . stamps.org/Articles-of-Distinction.

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.

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

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- Treasurer Ken Steel
- Secretary Joe Seliga

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HTPS Meeting Program

- ⇒ Sept 18 – **"History of American Coils"**
... by Dennis Kennedy
- ⇒ Oct 16 – **"Identifying the U.S. Antebellum 3¢ Washington Stamps"**... by Don Getzin
- ⇒ Nov 20 – **"Philatelic History of the Kingdom of Hawaii"** ... by Roger Randall
- ⇒ Dec 18 – Holiday Party
- ⇒ Jan 15 – Society Auction
- ⇒ Feb 19 – Always a Surprise... by Tom DeLuca
- ⇒ Mar 19 – **"Mini Presentations"**
... by HTPS Members
- ⇒ Apr 16 – **"The Era of the French Colonial Group Type: French Pacific Colonies"**
... by Ed Grabowski

We are looking for speakers for the 2019-2020 stamp season (September to June). Please contact us at the masthead email if interested.