

Special "Year in Review" Issue



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June Meeting

This is our last Newsletter for the 2010-2011 season. Our thanks to all those who contributed articles, photos and the like. Special thanks to the editors who corrected our mistakes before we went to press.

Of note in this issue is the summer philatelic event schedule. We highlight over twenty philatelic events in the tri-state area during the next three months. Check it out and try to attend some of those gatherings.

June 21 is our last formal meeting of the season (July and August are trading and social gatherings). As usual, we end up with an auction. Indications are that there will be a variety of philatelic material.

Stamp Identification

Last month's stamp was correctly identified by **Paul Schumacher** as being from Croatia. Although Paul did not cite the Scott number (it is #J5), we will give him credit for a correct answer.



Our entry this month seems to have enough markings and information to make identification an easy chore. But be careful before venturing a guess.

\$1.00 in mint US stamps to the first correct responder.

HTPS Meetings . . .

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Hamilton Township Library, 1 Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. Way (off Whitehorse Mercerville Road) in Hamilton, NJ.

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President's Message



As I look back on the past ten months, I think of the incredible variety of activities that HTPS offers to its members and guests.

This includes the presentations, member show and tells, library exhibits and general discussions that are part of each meeting or event. Check out the review of some of those activities in this issue.

I hope that some of you were able to attend the NOJEX event over the Memorial Day weekend. Our special thanks to the HTPS members who helped setup and take down the dealer tables and show exhibits.

This month offers more shows and events including our year-end auction for the last formal meeting of the season. Why not attend and bring something to sell or perhaps pick up a few items for your collection.

Remember, there are informal summer gatherings of the Society on the third Tuesdays in July and August but this will be the last monthly newsletter until September.

Regards . . . Ed

Society Auction

It's auction time again! Why not bring some of your duplicate, excess or unwanted philatelic material and put it on our auction table?



Here are some **hints** for creating lots:

- ⇒ Put up items that fellow members collect (see list below). As always, condition is key; choice or unique items usually do very well.
- ⇒ Reference publications, especially specialized or color catalogs, are always popular.
- ⇒ Postcards, covers and ephemera also sell.

Preparing Auction Forms

Enter your name and date (1-18-11) at the top of the **Auction List Sheet**. Enter a description of the item including Scott # (for stamps), condition, faults and catalog / retail values.

Auction List - Seller's Name: JOHN DOE		Date: 1-15-08			
Item No.	Item Name or Scott Number	Item Description and/or Condition (e.g., Blue Columbian, MNH, F-VF, Gum Creases)	Minimum Bid	Sales Price	Winged die Number
1.	Scott 2007	US SPECIALIZED CATALOG - good cond.	1.00		
2.	Scott PD Album, 190-1964	Commemoratives, no stamps, some mounts - ex. cond.	2.00		
3.	DENMARK #9/126/18	USED - CV \$75+	5.00		
4.	NETHERLANDS 200 DIFF	USED - CV \$45	5.00		
5.	FDC ALBUM	with 25 two-up Clear Pages	3.00		
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					

Total Sales _____
Club Commission (-10%) _____
Net to Seller _____

As for the Minimum Bid, be realistic – common items usually sell for 10-20% of catalog value. Use 2-3 lines, if needed, to describe the auction lot; then renumber the following items on the sheet.

HTPS Auction --- Lot Description	
Seller Name: _____	Item #: _____
Description: _____	
Item Value: _____	Min. Bid: _____

For each auction item, complete an **Auction Lot form**. This form is attached to (or inserted into) the

item to be auctioned. The information should match the Auction List Sheet which will enable the Auctioneer and support staff to quickly move through the lots.

If you wish to **donate** the sales proceeds for one or more lots to HTPS, please indicate on the Auction List Sheet or tell the Auctioneer.

All items are **SOLD AS IS** so check out the offerings before bidding.

Obtain a **bidder number** before the auction starts. Bidding starts with the seller's minimum bid as shown on the Lot Description form. Increments are usually 25¢ but the Auctioneer may change increments based on competitive bidding.

Payments are made by the winning bidders after all auction items are sold. The sellers are paid the sales price realized MINUS a 10% commission for HTPS. Amounts are rounded to 5¢ increments.

Member Interests

HTPS member interests include:

U.S. – Puerto Rico	Postcards
Australia – Botswana	Covers: Events, etc.
British Commonwealth	Antarctica
Canada	Bicycle Related
Germany	Lighthouses
India & Indian States	Military Related
Poland	Olympics – Patriotic
Puerto Rico	Scouting – Sports
Sudan – Surinam	SON Cancels
Switzerland – Vatican	WW II Occupations
WW Revenues	Zeppelin Covers

Jerry McNew

We recently heard from HTPS member Jerry McNew who is in Bucharest teaching at a local school. He visited a local stamp bourse offering items in stock books and such. He says that while the tables are small, the table rent is also reasonable.

Jerry found some items to add to his Romanian collection. Although he did get a few good deals at the bourse, the better material was being offered at a higher percent of catalog value than he would normally pay.



Jerry will be back in Princeton on June 5. In late July, he heads to Cambodia to teach three Chemistry classes at Hope International School in Phnom Penh.

Check out Facebook if you wish to contact Jerry.

The Year in Review

What a busy year! Here are just a few of the many activities HTPS members and guests experienced during the past season.

HAMPEX '10, held during our August meeting, was a chance for members and guests to display their collecting interests. Exhibits included **Jim Cope's** sheet of Bridges on Stamps, **Ron Dobrowolski's** German cover posted with a Hitler birthday cancel, **Ed Murtha's** Sudan issues and early Panama error overprints provided by **Bob Stolarz**.



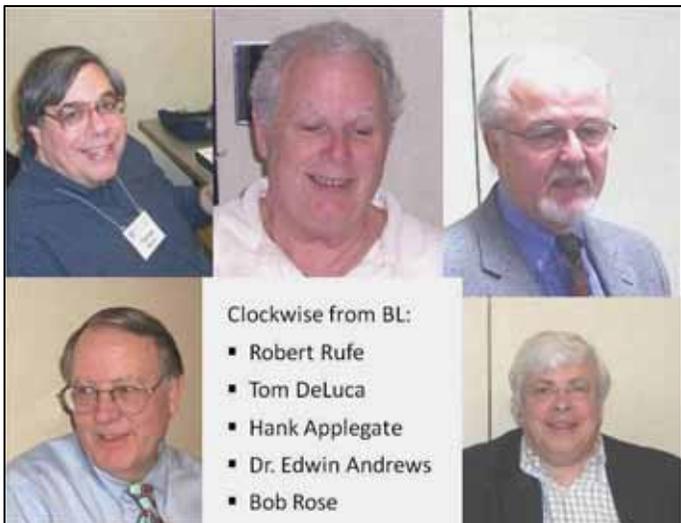
We used some of the HAMPEX entries for our philatelic exhibit at the Hamilton library during the month of September.

This year's library exhibit included:

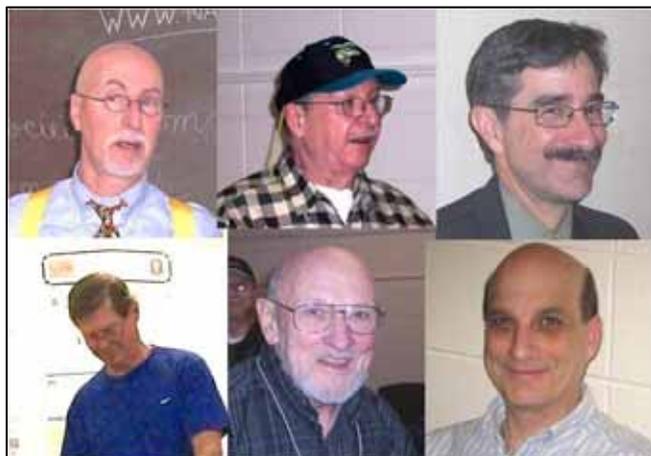
- ⇒ US / WW Cover Types
- ⇒ Early New Jersey Postcards (pictured above)
- ⇒ Topical Stamps
- ⇒ WW Souvenir Sheets
- ⇒ A Montage of Stamp Collecting Items

As usual, HTPS attracted a diverse group of speakers for our **Presentations** during 2010-2011. Topics included:

- ⇒ Exhibiting for Fun . . . by **Dr. Edwin Andrews**
- ⇒ 1927 Sesquicentennial . . . by **Hank Applegate**
- ⇒ Trenton Postcards . . . by **Tom DeLuca**
- ⇒ Bordentown & NY Stage . . . by **Bob Rose**
- ⇒ U.S. Special Handling Issues . . . by **Robert Rufe**



The November 2010 meeting featured our **HTPS Member Presentations**. Six speakers offered a variety of philatelic insights including (as pictured from UL):



- ⇒ U.S. Patriotic Postcards . . . by **Jeff Boyarsky**
- ⇒ Greek Zeppelin Stamps . . . by **Ron Dobrowolski**
- ⇒ Soaking Adhesive Stamps . . . by **Ron Gonzalez**
- ⇒ S. Gibbons Catalog Features . . . by **Bob Holmes**
- ⇒ Bicycle-Related Covers . . . by **Ed Muench**
- ⇒ You Tube Videos . . . shown by **Jack Sack**

Another round of **Member Presentations** was the highlight of last month's meeting. **Andrew Boyajian, Ron Dobrowolski, Warren Scheible** and **Bob Stolarz** gave the talks. See the write-up on Page 2 for details.



The **HTPS Party** in December was a chance for members and guests to enjoy good food and social interaction. Members exchanged stories about their acquisitions during the past year.

Our semi-annual **Auctions** in January and June are always a lot of fun with a chance to obtain some great bargains for your collection.

Space and time limited the inclusion of other HTPS activities, but you can check out our website for Newsletters, Articles and Presentations.

Our thanks to all who contributed and helped us complete another successful season for our Society. We welcome all philatelists to our meetings and look forward to the next twelve months.

Summer Philatelic Events

The next three months offer a variety of philatelic events – Hope you can make it to some of them.

June 2011 . . .

- 6/2 → MSC Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 N. Route 130 (at Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – 7 PM.
- 6/4 → Postcard Show & Sale – Union Fire Hall – 1396 River Rd. (Rte 29) – Titusville, NJ – 9 to 5 PM.
- 6/4 → MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – 9 AM to 4 PM – [See 6/2 MSC Meeting for location].
- 6/5 → Garden State Coin & Stamp Show – P.A.L. Building – 33 Baldwin Rd – Parsippany, NJ – 10 AM to 4 PM – 201-584-0424.
- 6/11 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Rtes. 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ – 9:30 AM to 4 PM.
- 6/15 → MSC Meeting [See 6/2 MSC Meeting info].
- 6/19 → Money, Stamps & Postcard Show – Clifton Recreation Center – 1232 Main Avenue – Clifton, NJ – 9 AM to 5 PM
- 6/19 → 3rd Sunday Stamp & Coin Bourse – Fire Company #1 – 93 Parish Drive – Wayne, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM.
- 6/21 → HTTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7:30 PM.**
- 6/26 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Holiday Inn – PA Tpke (Exit 339) & Rt. 309 – Ft. Washington, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM.

July 2011 . . .

- 7/2 → MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – 9 AM to 4 PM – [See 6/2 meeting info for address].
- 7/7 → MSC Meeting [See 6/2 MSC Meeting info].
- 7/9 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – [See 6/11 show for address and time].
- 7/17 → 3rd Sunday Stamp & Coin Bourse (Wayne) – [See 6/19 show for address and time].
- 7/19 → HTTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Sell & Swap Meet. 7:30 PM**

- 7/21 → MSC Meeting [See 6/3 MSC Meeting info].
- 7/22-24 → MetroExpo – Holiday Inn – 440 W. 57th St – NYC – Fri: 12 to 6 PM – Sat: 10 AM to 6 PM – Sun: 10 AM to 4 PM – www.metroexpos.com
- 7/24 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – [See 6/26 show for address and time].

August – September 2011 . . .

- 8/4 → MSC Meeting [See 6/2 MSC Meeting info].
- 8/6 → MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – 9 AM to 4 PM – [See 6/2 meeting info for address].
- 8/11-14 → APS StampShow 2011– Greater Columbus Convention Center – 400 North High Street – Columbus, OH – www.stamps.org/Stampshow/index.htm.
- 8/13 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – [See 6/11 show for address and time].
- 8/16 → HTTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – HAMPEX 2011. 7:30 PM**
- 8/17 → MSC Meeting [See 6/2 MSC Meeting info].
- 8/21 → 3rd Sunday Stamp & Coin Bourse (Wayne) – [See 6/19 show for address and time].
- 8/28 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – [See 6/26 show for address and time].
- 9/2-3 → MERPEX XXXV – St. Cecilia School – 4851 Camden Avenue – Pennsauken, NJ – Fri: 10 AM to 6 PM, Sat: 9 AM to 5 PM.
- 9/8 → MSC Meeting [See 6/2 MSC Meeting info].
- 9/10 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – [See 6/11 show for address and time].

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

Newsletter Articles . . .

We are always looking for philatelic articles, ideas or suggestions. Contact Tony Zingale at P.O. Box 3443, Mercerville, NJ 08619; or call 609-890-8211; or email us at https75@gmail.com.

Hinge Reporter Sighted in Italy

The noted philatelic writer **Frank O. Bollo** has reportedly been seen in Venice, Italy.



Mr. Bollo, a former correspondent for the Hamilton Hinge, is wanted by Italian authorities for attempting to reuse postmarked Italian postage stamps. He has repeatedly denied the charges. It is believed Mr. Bollo has developed a secret solution, based on the special waters of the Venetian canals, that removes postal markings from stamps.

Originally jailed in lieu of bail, Mr. Bollo escaped earlier this year by hiding in an outgoing mail bag. Speculation persists that an international group of philatelic forgers are assisting Mr. Bollo.

An unnamed HTPS member, while traveling in Italy, spotted Mr. Bollo sitting at a café in the famous St. Mark's Square in Venice. When approached, he quickly paid for his cappuccino and made an abrupt exit. The Italian Cabineri would not comment on their on-going investigation.

NOJEX 2011

... by Joseph Seliga

On Thursday, May 26th, six HTPS members traveled up to the Meadowlands Crowne Plaza Hotel in Secaucus, NJ. Our goal – transform a bare exhibition hall into a philatelic bourse and exhibit for the NOJEX 2011 event.



From the left: HTPS members Ed Murtha, Klaus Wagner, Jon Madsen, Tony Zingale, Joe Seliga and Ken Steel.

We arrived just after the setup began and helped unload and position dealer tables. After a lunch of cold cuts and side dishes, we completed the dealer setup and started on mounting the thirty-six exhibits which gave us an opportunity to speak with some exhibitors.

On Sunday, after NOJEX closed, the exhibits are dismantled and the dealer tables are broken down. Tony Zingale and Jack Sack have been doing this for years, and, this time, were joined by HTPS members Herb Kropnick and Cathy Daniels.

The objective of this 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 -----

- ⇒ June 21 – Society Auction
- ⇒ July 19 – Swap Meeting
- ⇒ Aug. 16 – HAMPEX '11
- ⇒ Sept. 20 – To be announced

We are looking for speakers for our 2011-2012 meeting program. Please email for details.

Newsletter Articles ...

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