

*** HAPPY NEW YEAR ***



The Hamilton Hinge

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President's Message

I hope you all enjoyed our annual holiday party and had a good holiday season. Thanks to all the members who brought something to our party.

A great winter activity is to spend some time with your collection. Why not do something special with it this month? Take a nice cover or postcard from your collection and frame it. That would make a nice decoration on the wall near your stamping area.

Another idea is to research some of your unusual pieces and prepare a talk for the society on what you found out about the item. It would be great if everyone in the club did a show and tell or mini-presentation about their collection sometime this year!

This month's highlight is our auction. Please take a few duplicates or unwanted items and put them up for auction. You might be surprised at how well they do.

I look forward to seeing you on the 15th...Jeff

Stamp Identification

Congratulations to **Bill McCarroll** for correctly identifying last month's mystery stamp as Portugal #3S1 issued in 1903. We had a few correct responses on this one.



This month's entry requires some thought, but check the design carefully and you should get the answer.

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

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January Meeting

We welcome the New Year with our semi-annual auction. Why not take this opportunity to acquire interesting items at reasonable prices? You also have a chance to sell some of your surplus material – so please plan on preparing a few lots for the auction. You may be surprised on how one person's unneeded item is another person's treasure.

Check out the auction procedures on the following pages. Remember that unique, and reasonably priced items, usually do well in our auction.

The formal meeting starts at 7:30 PM in the basement community room of the Hamilton Library. Come early if you would like to pick up some free publications or chat with your fellow philatelists.

We hope you join us and we look forward to what promises to be another enjoyable meeting and auction on January 15th.

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.

December Proceedings . . . by Jack Sack

Our December meeting traditionally includes a “Show & Tell” by our members. There were some interesting presentations this year.

Andrew Boyajian showed several cardboard “inserts” that are placed inside First-Day-Cover envelopes to give them thickness. Some FDC providers add special printed notices or greetings on these inserts. In the example below, the insert for the **House of Farnum FDC** for the 1972 Christmas stamp (Scott #1472) contains the same cachet as the cover itself.



Bob Stolarz recently acquired a few interesting covers. One was a first flight cover from Trinidad and Tobago to Bathurst, The Gambia and on to NYC(?).

The cover is postmarked at 7:45am on **December 7th, 1941**, just hours before the attack on Pearl Harbor. As this was a Sunday, covers postmarked on that date are rare. However, this first-flight cover may have been prepared days in advance. Or maybe it is a fake?



Another cover Bob showed includes a **postmarked 1908 Christmas Seal**. This was the second year of issue for American Red Cross seals. Early issue Christmas Seals postmarked on cover are unusual.



The second part of the December meeting was our traditional **holiday party**. This event always provides a chance to mingle and chat over a cup of coffee and a wide assortment of fruit, cheeses, cookies, cake, drinks and good cheer.

Below is **Jim Cope's** cake in the colors of the French flag. It is decorated with some Paris landmarks and a photo of Jim and his wife in Paris. No one went home from the party hungry!



Membership Dues . . .

HTPS dues of \$10.00 are payable by January 1st. You can pay at the January meeting with cash or check (payable to HTPS), or send payment to Ron Gonzalez at P.O. Box 3443, Mercerville, NJ 08619.

Society Auction

Its auction time again! That means an opportunity to acquire some material for your collection or to sell some of your excess items.

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

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



Preparing Auction Forms

Enter your name and date (1-15-13) 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, MNK, F-95, Queen Crown)	Minimum Bid	Sales Price	Invoice Number
1.	Scott 2007	US SPECIALIZED CATALOG - good cond.	1.00		
2.	Scott PPS	Album, 1961-1984 Commemoratives, No Stamp, some mounts - ex. cond.	2.00		
3.	X DENMARK	#9/126 (8) USED - CV \$75+	5.00		
4.	X NETHERLANDS	200 DIFF USED - CV \$45	5.00		
5.	X 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: _____

An **Auction Lot form** should be completed and attached to (or inserted into) each item. The info

should match the Auction List Sheet which will enable the Auctioneer to quickly move through the lots.

Obtain a **bidder number** before the auction starts. Bidding starts with the seller's minimum bid as shown on the Lot Description form. Bid increments vary at the discretion of the Auctioneer.

All items are **SOLD AS IS** – so carefully check the auction lots for content and quality.

If you wish to **donate** the sales proceeds to the HTPS, please indicate so on the Auction List Sheet.

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

Here are some areas of interest to our members:

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

Stamp Quiz

... by **Bill McCarroll**

What do the following people on these stamps have in common? The Russian stamp commemorates the composer Alexander Bordin.



Knute Rockne, Vince Lombardi and Lady Margaret Thatcher are all identified on their stamps.



One of the four stamps contains a hint as to the commonality.



The first correct responder can select an item from the prize box so put on your thinking caps.

Upcoming Events

1/3 → MSC Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (at Merchantville Avenue) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM.

1/4-6 → Garden State Stamp & Coin Show – Bethwood Manor – 38 Lackawanna Avenue (off Union Blvd) – Totowa, NJ – Fri. 10 AM - 6 PM – Sat. 10 AM - 5 PM – Sun. 10 AM - 4 PM.

1/5 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (at Merchantville Avenue) – Pennsauken, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzexkfun/>.

1/6 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – P.A.L. Building – 33 Baldwin Rd – Parsippany, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – 973-335-0555.

1/12 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Rtes. 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ – 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

1/15 → HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7 PM.

1/16 → MSC Meeting (see 1/3 Meeting for details).

1/27 → **Postal rate increase – see the Dec. newsletter.**

1/27 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Holiday Inn – PA Tpke (Exit 339) & Rt. 309 – Ft. Washington, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM.

1/27 → Stamp Show – Hilton Garden Inn – 530 West Pennsylvania Ave. (PA Tpke Exit 339 & Rt. 309) – Ft. Washington, PA – 9:30 AM to 4 PM.

2/2 → MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – 9 AM to 4 PM – [see 1/5 MSC Stamp Bourse for details].

2/2 → Stamp Day – The Stamp Center – 4115 Concord Pike – Wilmington, DE – 10 AM to 5 PM.

2/3 → Garden State Coin & Stamp Show – Parsippany, NJ – [see 1/6 show for details].

2/7 → MSC Meeting (see 1/3 Meeting for details).

2/9 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Hightstown, NJ – [see 1/12 show for details].

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

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 -----

⇒ Jan. 15 – Society Auction
⇒ Feb. 19 – Tom Deluca --- always a surprise!
⇒ Mar. 19 – TBA
⇒ Apr. 16 – TBA
⇒ May 21 – Member Mini-Presentations
⇒ June 17 – Society Auction

We are looking for speakers for the 2013-2014 meeting programs. Please contact us for details.

Newsletter Articles . . .

We always welcome 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 hinge@HamiltonPhilatelic.org.