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May-June Meetings

The primary business for the **May** meeting is the election of HTPS officers. The current Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer have agreed to stay on and are the only nominees for those positions.

However we do not yet have a nominee for the President's position. We continue to canvass our membership for candidates for this important post. Please contact Jeff Boyarsky through the masthead email for details on this position.

Member mini-presentations are also on the agenda for May. We need two or three more members to step forward. All we need is a short 5-10 minute talk on a philatelic topic of your choosing. Contact Tony Zingale by email or phone for help.

The **June** meeting ends the current season with our semi-annual auction. The January auction was cancelled due to bad weather, so we are anticipate a good selection of items for this season-ending event. Details are found in this newsletter, but check our website for a full explanation of the auction process.

Stamp Identification

Congratulations to **Bill Anderson** for correctly identifying last issue's stamp as Bosnia-Herzegovina #J1 issued in 1904.



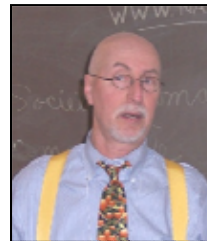
This month we have an entry from a different part of the world. Aside from the language, there are not many clues in this one so good luck.

\$1.00 in mint stamps for the first correct responder.

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President's Message



The HTPS 2013-2014 "season" comes to end with our June meeting. The past months have continued the tone of the past five plus years --- educational presentations, Show & Tells, auctions and the socialization that is such an important part of our active group.

Our season may end, but there are lots of philatelic activities upcoming and through the summer until we begin a new season in September. This includes NOJEX the weekend AFTER Memorial Day and MERPEX during the Labor Day weekend.

Also do not forget the APS StampShow in August at Hartford, CT. Every philatelist should attend at least one of these APS summer events.

We will continue our informal summer gatherings in July and August where you can buy, sell, trade or just catch up with old friends . . . Jeff

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, Hamilton, NJ (Mercer County).

Meeting Proceedings . . . by Jack Sack

The business portion of our **March meeting** included the Secretary and Treasurer reports. **Ed Murtha** asked for volunteers to help with the setup for the NOJEX show in late May. Ed also mentioned the passing of former HTPS member **Bob Ramsdell** who collected minerals on stamps.

There was a discussion about whether the club should become an affiliate of the American Tropical Association. If the HTPS has at least three ATA members, it can become an Affiliated Chapter for a cost of \$30 per year. If we have six or more current ATA members, there would be no cost. The newly elected Officers will work on this over the summer.

The American First Day Cover Society will hold their national convention, Americover 2014, in Somerset NJ this August. See the www.afdcs.org/ site for more information.

Hank Applegate announced that the Merchantville Stamp Club will be holding a raffle at the MERPEX show this August. The prize is a copy of both U.S. #1 and #2. Complete details are on page four.

Jeff Boyarsky stated that he will not run for re-election so we are looking for a new President. He also asked each member of the HTPS to consider doing something for the club in return for all the pleasure the club has added to their enjoyment of philately. Nominations for officers were scheduled for the April meeting.



It is always a special pleasure when one of our own members gives a presentation on their philatelic items or collecting interests. We were honored to have **Ed Muench** speak on his collection of bicycle stamps and covers.

Ed displayed and spoke about a number of pieces from his collection which includes stamps, covers and other bicycle-related items. Many bicycle stamps show the historic evolution of bicycles, from the “walking machine” of the early 1800’s to the modern racing bikes of today.

Much of Ed’s talk centered around “errors” on stamps. For example, the stamp pictured at the right is from Togo (SC #1004d) and shows a man riding an unusually designed bicycle with a lady sitting in a side-car. However, there is no evidence such a bicycle ever existed.



Another example of an error is the stamp shown at the left (Cuba SC #3686) showing a model of a bicycle reportedly discovered in one of the lost notebooks by

Leonardo DaVinci (circa late 1400’s). It has been shown that the report of the DaVinci bicycle was a hoax.

Ed showed some bicycle-related covers including one from the Decoration Day Irvington-Milburn bicycle race in 1933. In its day, this event was one of the premier bicycle races in the country. So check those dollar boxes for bicycle-themed covers and help Ed expand his collection.



Ed ended his talk with a “unique” bicycle stamp, not currently listed in the Scott catalog, showing the famous rider, Edward du Muench, with his hammer-head bicycle.

We thank Ed for taking the time to give a fascinating look at bicycles on stamps and covers. We hope this may give our members ideas on how they can merge their love of philately with their other interests.



Proceedings (continued) . . .

The **April meeting** began with a brief business session. Nominations for officers were scheduled for this month, but there were no candidates for President. The other officers agreed to stay on for another year.

Hank Applegate had additional tickets available for the Merchantville Stamp Club raffle of US #1 and #2 at the MERPEX show in late August.

The highlight of the evening was a presentation by **Edward Grabowski**, president of the Collectors Club and Vice President of the Westfield Stamp Club. You may recall that Ed gave a talk in 2013 on his cover collection related to



Professor A. Victor Segno and his "Success Club."

Ed has since expanded his interest to other charlatans who used the postal system to sell their products. One such individual was **Virgil Neal (aka X. La Motte Sage)** of The New York Institute of Science in Rochester, NY.

For \$6, he would send you a book on how to use self-hypnotism to bring yourself "success, happiness, and

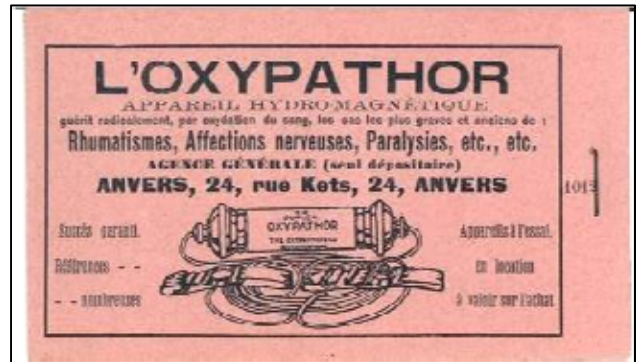


health" in your life. Ed has many covers from around the world addressed to his company including this one from France.

Another character, **Elvard L. Moses**, created the "Oxypathor" machine designed to oxygenate the blood. President **Jeff Boyarsky** was hooked up to the Oxypathor while our own **Dr. Ron Gonzalez** monitored his condition. Jeff reported that he was invigorated after only a few minutes on the machine.



Since the Oxypathor was only sold through local distributors, there are not a great number of covers addressed to the home office in Buffalo, NY. Below is an advertisement for the machine on the back of a Belgium stamp booklet.



A third trickster, **Dr. James W. Peebles**, founded the Dr. Peebles' Institute of Health in Battle Creek, MI. His clients provided a detailed description of their medical illnesses (along with \$5) and Peebles would prepare formulations that would cure their specified diseases.

Ed has found covers from clients around the world addressed to Dr., Peebles. Here is an example from Burma using Indian stamps.



Ed ended his spellbinding talk with a request to all present, and those reading this newsletter, to be on the lookout for covers addressed to Dr. Segno or Dr. Peebles or the Institute of Science. Since his talk last year, he has received a few Dr. Segno covers from our members.

We thank Ed for taking the time to come down to Hamilton to give us a tour of his collection.

[**Editor's Note:** Contrary to published reports, Dr. Gonzalez is not planning on leaving his practice to market a new version of the "Oxypathor" machine.]

MERPEX Raffle

Here is a chance to obtain used copies of Scott US #1 and #2 for just \$2.00. At this year's MERPEX event, scheduled for August 29-30, a raffle will be held for the two classic stamps (shown below). Yes, for only \$2.00 (or 3 tickets for \$5.00), you can become an owner of the first two U.S. stamp issues.



The 5-cent issue is in F/VF condition with four full frame lines, a red grid cancel and a crease. Estimated CV is \$500. The 10-cent issue is also in F/VF condition with three full frame lines and a partial bottom frame. It has a light black grid cancel. ECV is \$1,100.

Raffle tickets are available at both the HTPS and MSC meetings and at the MERPEX event. Request for tickets can be directed to us via email or phone.

June Society Auction

It's auction time again! Take this opportunity to buy or sell philatelic items. Here are some **hints** for creating lots:

- ⇒ Put up items that fellow members collect. Unique items do well.
- ⇒ Reference publications, especially specialized or color catalogs, are always popular.
- ⇒ Postcards, postal history and ephemera also sell.



Instructions for preparing auction forms are on our website or contact us via email or phone. For the Minimum Bid – be realistic – most items usually sell for 10-20% of catalog value. Specialty or unusual items can sell for more.

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

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

British Guiana Contest by Sid Morginstin

In our last newsletter, we reported that an auction of the British Guiana 1856 1¢ Magenta would be held at Sotheby's on June 17 in New York City.

The HTPS is holding a contest with a chance for you to win a "copy" of this historic stamp. Send in your guess, in whole dollars, on the winning bid (before commissions). Our winner is the one closest to the Sotheby's winner without going over the bid amount.

We will also include "copies" of US #1, US #3a, the US 1868 1¢ Z Grill and GB #1 as shown below.

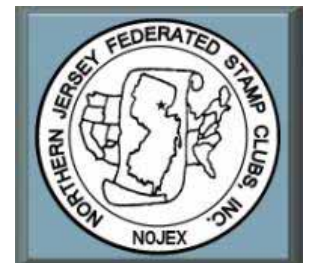
So just send your bids to us at hinge@HamiltonPhilatelic.org by June 15. Or mail your bid to our P.O. address on the masthead. Only one bid per individual allowed.



NOJEX 2014

The 51st annual stamp exhibition of the **North New Jersey Federated Stamp Clubs** is scheduled for May 30-31 and June 1 at the Empire Meadowlands Hotel & Suites in Secaucus, NJ. Note the change in date this year to the weekend AFTER Memorial Day.

HTPS is a member of NOJEX and has worked with the organizing committee for several years on the setup of the dealer tables and exhibits on Thursday before the show.



We also need help with the dismantling on Sunday.

If interested in helping out, please contact Ed or Tony at the email address in the masthead. See the Upcoming Events section for show hours. For further details on NOJEX, link to www.nojex.org.

Upcoming Events

May 2014 . . .

5/1 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM – www.merchantvillestampclub.org.

5/3 → POCAX 2014 – Double Tree Guest Suites – 515 Fellowship Road North (near I-295 & Turnpike Exits) – Mount Laurel, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM.

5/4 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – P.A.L. Building – 33 Baldwin Rd – Parsippany, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – 973-335-0555.

5/10 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Rtes. 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ – 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

5/18 → Wayne Stamp & Collectibles Bourse – Fire Company #1 – 93 Parrish Drive – Wayne, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM.

5/20 → HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7:00 PM.

5/21 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – see 5/1 meeting for details.

5/25 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Holiday Inn – PA Tpke (Exit 339) & Rt. 309 – Ft. Washington, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM.

5/30-31, 6/1 → **NOJEX 2014** – Empire Meadowlands Hotel & Suites – Two Harmon Plaza – Secaucus, NJ – Fri. / Sat. 10 to 6 PM – Sun. 10 to 3 PM – Admission \$2.00 (Sun. is Free) – www.nojex.org/.

5/31 → Washington Crossing Club Postcard Show & Sale – Union Fire Hall – 1396 River Road (Route 29) – Titusville, NJ – 9 to 4 PM – Donation \$3.00.

June 2014 . . .

6/5 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM – www.merchantvillestampclub.org.

6/7 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (at Merchantville Avenue) – Pennsauken, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – www.merchantvillestampclub.org.

6/13-15 → Spring Postcard Show – Holiday Inn – 440 W. 57th St – NYC – Fri. 12 to 7 PM – Sat. 10 to 6 PM – Sun. 11 to 4:30 PM – \$7.00 Admission – www.metropostcard.com.

6/14 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Rtes. 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ – 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

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July - August 2014 . . .

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7/6 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – P.A.L. Building – 33 Baldwin Rd – Parsippany, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – 973-335-0555.

7/11-13 → 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.

7/12 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Rtes. 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ – 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

8/21-24 → **APS StampShow 2014** – Connecticut Convention Center – 100 Columbus Blvd – Hartford, CT – 140+ dealers – 14,000 exhibit pages – Thurs. to Sat. 10 AM to 6 PM – Sun. 10 AM to 4 PM – www.stamps.org/Stampshow-ss.

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

Donations

Our thanks to HTPS members **Andrew Boyajian** and **Don Bunker** for their donations of stamps and other philatelic materials to our group.

Also thanks to **Nancy** for her donation of US / UN MNH stamps, WW covers and FDCs and philatelic supplies including three 1950-60s hinge packets.

Finally, thanks to **Ellen** for a donation that included US and WW stamps, covers, FDCs, mint postal stationery and philatelic supplies. Included was a binder with US MNH stamps on White Ace pages.

The generosity of the HTPS members, and especially our outside friends, is appreciated by us and by the organizations who receive their gifts.

Donations (continued) . . .

Most of the donations were sent to either the Stamps for the Wounded (SFTW) program in care of **John Hotchner** or given to **Hank Applegate** for the Merchantville Stamp Club's Outreach program for young philatelists.

Hightstown Bourse Website

Many of our HTPS members enjoy the Hightstown Bourse held every second Saturday of the month (see prior page for details).

Webmaster Jack Sack has created a website for that event using the HTPS site as a base. Check it out at: www.hamiltonphilatelic.org/hightstown

Be sure to click the link to the dealer's gallery where you will find photos (or mug shots) of many of the fine dealers at the show.

Admission is free and includes donuts and coffee.

The Hightstown Stamp Bourse



The objective of our 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 -----

- ⇒ May 20 – Member Mini-Presentations
- ⇒ June 17 – Society Auction
- ⇒ July 15 – Sell / Swap Meeting (informal)
- ⇒ Aug 19 – HAMPEX'14 (informal)
- ⇒ Sept 16 – “*Silhouette Covers*” by
Ron Dobrowolski
- ⇒ Oct 21 – TBA

We are looking for speakers for the 2014-2015 season. Please contact us 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.