



Thames Stamp Club Newsletter

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The Thames Stamp Club meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, Sept. through June, at 7:30 P.M. at the Clark Lane Middle School, Waterford, CT. All area philatelists are invited. Annual dues are \$10.00. The club's email is tbbee@aol.com. The club's address is PO Box 624, E. Lyme, CT 06333 and on the web at <http://www.ThamesStampClub.org>.

December Recap

Dec 9 - Regular Zoom meeting with seven members attending. I presented a program on Washington 2006, including philatelic finds and BEP intaglio printing on spider press.

January Meetings

Jan 13 – Zoom meeting. All are invited. Meeting ID 369 575 2480 passcode tsc\$1

Jan 27 – Zoom meeting. All are invited.

January Stamp Shows

24 Jan 4th Sunday Show @ The Annex Y.M.A. in East Haven **Tentative**

Here and There

It is time to renew your membership in the Club. Dues are \$10/yr. Please mail \$10 to TSC, PO Box 624, E. Lyme, CT 06333. We will be holding Zoom meetings for the foreseeable future. You can participate in our meetings if you have a smart phone, a laptop, or an iPad. If you have a desk top computer, you can participate if you have a video camera hook-up. The meeting id and passcode are always the same. You can still get your USS Barb Thamespex'20 show cover as well as the Thamespex'91 cover cancelled on the USS Arizona Memorial on Dec 7 1991. Send a SASE to Obie Hill, 1500 Rt. 12 Lot 11, Gales Ferry, CT 06335 along with your request. Covers are \$3 each. With this issue, I am inaugurating a new feature, Cover of the Month. See below for this month's featured cover. To be eligible you must actually own the cover. If you have a candidate for Cover of the Month, please send me a scan plus a short write-up.

We are still seeking a member willing to take over as exhibit chairman for next year. I am circulating the stamp-circuit boxes to members who want to look at them; if you want to check out the box in your home for a few days, let me know. Everyone, please stay healthy and safe. The following link will take you to the APS Dec 21, 2020 Newsletter. You may have to cut and paste the link into your browser.

<https://aps.informz.net/informzdataservice/onlineversion/ind/bWFpbGluZ2luc3RhbmNlaWQ9OTc3MjgxNyZzdWJzY3JpYmVyaWQ9MTAwMzc3MDgwMg==>

Philatelically yours,

Tony

Tony Bruno



Cover of the Month



Picture post card showing Cobham's D.H.50, G-EBFO. Initialed by pilot Cobham. Reverse 1925 (8 Feb), Calcutta to London flight, picture postcard franked 1a. (uncancelled), with elongated black on green "By Anglo-India Air Survey D.H.50 Calcutta to London" label alongside, special violet triangular cachet and taxed "1d", with appropriate adhesive affixed and tied by Kensington arrival cds of March 19, 1925. Signed by A.B.Elliott. Approximately 500 pieces carried.



Alan Cobham; Arthur B Elliott; Air Vice Marshal Sir Sefton Brancker
Pilot Mechanic

was likely carried for the entire journey.

In the 1920s many countries, including the United Kingdom were exploring air routes to various parts of the world. Alan Cobham was a famous British WW1 aviator who was recruited by Imperial Airways to explore an air route to India. Cobham and Elliot departed on 20 Nov, 1924, from Stag Lane Aerodrome in Edgware and returned to London, Croydon Airdrome on 17 Mar 1925 covering 17,000 miles. On the outbound trip the group stopped at Berlin, Istanbul, Bagdad, Karachi, Delhi, Calcutta and arrived in Rangoon on 6 Feb 1925. The return trip departed on 8 Feb 1925 with stops in Karachi, Baghdad, Beirut, Aleppo, Prague, Stuttgart, Paris and landing in London on 17 Mar 1925. The plane was met by an official party celebrating the achievement. The post card