



# 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](mailto:tbbee@aol.com). The club's address is PO Box 624, E. Lyme, CT 06333 and on the web at <http://www.ThamesStampClub.org>.

## May Recap

**May 12** - We continued our discussion on dates and locations for Thamespex. Waterford Parks and Rec has informed us that the Clark Lane School will be open for events. Due to dearth of philatelic events in the fall, members voted not to hold Thamespex on our usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in October. Web page fees are due and Susan will let Charles know what we owe. Social philatelic discussions concluded the meeting.

**May 26** – Regular Zoom meeting with seven members attending. We continued our discussion of Thamespex including the problem of conflicting dates and dealer availability. I proposed we hold Thamespex at end of August as there are five Sundays and dealers are not scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. I have verbal interest from three dealers plus the Post Office for 29 Aug. Location is still undetermined. Any show plans are subject to change due to COVID conditions. Social philatelic discussions concluded the meeting.

## Jun Meetings

**Jun 9** – Zoom meeting. All are invited. Meeting ID: 880 5193 5537 Passcode: 511866

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## Jun Stamp Shows

**4-5 Jun PreCancel Show** @ Marriott Courtyard, 3 Eagle Rd, in Danbury

**6 Jun USCS Meeting** @ Mike Gilberts, 34 Inchcliff Drive, Gales Ferry

**13 Jun 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Show** @ Comfort Inn, East Main St., in Meriden

**27 Jun 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Show** @ The Annex Y.M.A. in East Haven

## Here and There

There are just a few members who have not paid their dues. 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. Note the change to next meetings ID and passcode. These will be the TSCs ID and Passcode to avoid conflicts with New Haven. 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, the 50-year Anniversary. Send a SASE to Obie Hill, 1500 Rt. 12 Lot 11, Gales Ferry, CT 06335 along with your request. Covers are \$3 each. I continue our new feature, Cover-of-the-Month, with a 1931 solo C8 use on a international letter to Breslau, Germany. See below for this month's featured cover. If you have a candidate for Cover-of-the-Month, please send me a scan plus a short write-up. To be eligible you must actually own the cover. 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 May 24, 2021 Newsletter. You may have to cut and paste the link into your browser.

<https://aps.informz.net/informzdataservice/onlineversion/ind/bWFpbGluZ2luc3RhbmNlaWQ9MTAwMzYwNDgmc3Vic2NyaWJlcmlkPTEwMDM3NjY5MTY=>

Philatelically yours,

Tony

Tony Bruno



Cover of the Month



Commercial Air mail Cover from 1931. Franked with solo C8 15 ¢ olive brown paying combined rate to Germany. Cover originated in San Francisco canceled on 19 Nov 1931 and arrived in Berlin on 3 Dec 1931. Cover received nice red Luftpost cachet and Berlin arrival cancel on back. Cover traveled additional 183 miles south east to Breslau, Germany, probably by ground, no additional fee. In addition cover displays a tied international airmail label indicating air service. The cover also was flown within the US. The 15 ¢ rate breaks down as: 5 ¢ international surface rate, 4 ¢ combined domestic air within the US and 6 ¢ air in Europe surcharge from London to Germany. Breslau became part of Germany in 1871 and remained under German control until the end of WWII when it became part of Poland under Potsdam Agreement and renamed Wroclaw. In 1931 when this cover was mailed, the population of Breslau was 98 % German speakers and 2 % Polish. Today the population is reversed with 98 % Polish and 2 % German.