



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

## October Recap

**Oct 12** – Zoom meeting was called to order at 1930 with seven members attending. Thamespex'22 is now in the history books and all indications are it was a great success. Dealers were happy with the steady crowd during the day and our cover sales were excellent. The auction did well, highlighted by a donated lot of two banker boxes filled with covers that sold for \$100. Donated food sold out as did the coffee and donuts. The Metropolitan Air Post Society, Universal Ship Cancellation Society and the CT Cover Club all held meetings during the show. A discussion on the latest attempts by postal administrations to curb the use of counterfeit stamps completed the evening.

**Oct 26** – Zoom meeting was called to order with eight members attending. We continued to review Thamespex costs and not all bills or receipts have been received by Charles. Obie and I will explore using Zoom at the Waterford Library. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40. A discussion on plate number coils, the club website, precancels and perfins catalogs concluded the evening.

## November Meetings

**Nov 9** – Zoom meeting. All are invited

**Nov 23** – Zoom meeting. All are invited.

## November Stamp Shows

**4 – 5 Nov NE Precancel Show** @ Marriott Courtyard, 3 Eagle Rd, Danbury

**5 Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Show** @ Holiday Inn, Dedham, MA, Ex 15A off I95

**20 Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Show** @ Eagles Wing Function Center, 10 Spruce St. Nashua

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

## Here and There

This month's cover-of-the-month illustrates two Philippine FDCs from the Japanese Occupation period. If you have a candidate for cover-of-the-month, please send me a scan plus a short write-up. I am circulating the stamp-circuit boxes; 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 Newsletter:

<https://stamps.org/news/c/news/p/1>



Obie and Renata manning the Club Table

Philatelically yours,  
*Tony*  
Tony Bruno

Post Card mailed at Balboa, CZ, on 2 Feb 1921 and franked with Vasco Nunez de Balboa, 1¢ green stamp of 1918 Sc # 52 with Canal Zone overprint type IV reading up. The distinguishing characteristic of the Ty IV overprint is the E of zone, the middle bar is the same length as the upper and lower bar. The message is essentially a greetings from Balboa, Panama, to a recipient in NYC and complains about the heat in the tropics. Panama lies about 8° north of the equator. Balboa is a suburb of Panama City on the Pacific side of the canal and was the administrative center for canal operations. The picture side shows the battle ship USS Rode Island BB 17 in Gatun Lake on the Atlantic side of the canal. The result of a geographic oddity, you travel east to traverse the canal from the Caribbean to the Pacific Ocean. According to Navy records, the RI traversed the canal on 1 Aug, 1919 to join the Pacific Fleet as flagship of Battleship Squadron 1. The RI was laid down in 1902 at the Fore River Shipbuilding Company, Quincy, MA. She was commissioned in 1906 and participated with 15 other battleships in the Great White Fleet Round-the-World, showing the flag trip from December 1907 to February 1909. RI was decommissioned in Jun 1920 having served during WWI.



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 POST CARD  
 FOR MESSAGE ONLY. FOR ADDRESS ONLY.

*Dear Pauline:-  
 I'm bored with  
 your name just after this  
 time - the weather  
 was just perfect & the people  
 would like to go with me to  
 N.Y.*

*Mrs Pauline Pletner  
 40 Mrs Lushington  
 30 East 55th St.  
 New York City  
 N.Y.  
 U.S.A.*

U. S. S. RHODE ISLAND IN GATUN LAKE, PANAMA CANAL.