



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>.

September Recap

Sept 14 – Zoom meeting was called to order at 1930 with eleven members attending. Thamespex committees were reviewed and preparations for the show are progressing. Members discussed various Thamespex tasks that still need resolution. These include the coffee-pot fiasco and food for sale during the show. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm followed by a discussion of catalogs, circuit boxes and Scotch brand magic tape use completed the evening.

Sept 28 – Zoom meeting was called to order with nine members attending. We continued our preparations for Thamespex. We have several donations of material for the Children's Table. Bill Bergan promised to man it during the show. We will be accepting lots for the club's silent auction during the show. A TSC auction consignment sheet will be available to download from the website. They will also be available at the show. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 followed by a discussion on the You Tube video "Exploring Stamps." A discussion on Argentina stamps and the Scott digital and print catalogs concluded the evening.

October Meetings

Oct 12 – Zoom meeting. Thamespex'22 Hot Wash-up. All are invited

Oct 26 – Zoom meeting. All are invited.

October Stamp Shows

9 Oct Thamespex'22 @ Waterford Community Center, 24 Rope Ferry Rd, Waterford, CT

14-16 Oct NOJEX @ Hilton Meadowlands, E. Rutherford, NJ

23 Oct 4th Sunday Show @ The Annex Y.M.A. in East Haven

29-30 Oct Walpex'22 @ Regency Boxborough, Boxborough, MA

Here and There

Thamespex'22 will be held on Sunday, 9 Oct. at the Waterford Community Center. Doors open at 0800 sharp. As always we need your help to make the show a success. Brian has designed a spectacular cover honoring the USS Seawolf SSN21, illustrated below. 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>



Philatelically yours,

Tony

Tony Bruno

In May of 1941 the Japanese Imperial Army occupied the Philippines and captured Manila the capital. It is estimated that the Japanese captured at least 53,000 American and Filipino fighting men during the entire campaign in the Philippines. This figure includes approximately 20,000 American soldiers, sailors and marines, 12,000 Filipino scouts, and 21,000 soldiers of the Filipino Commonwealth Army. The Japanese military took control of the Philippine postal service and a series of stamps and stationary were issued during the Japanese occupation. The Scott Catalogue US Specialized lists N1 – N39 and Occupation postal Cards UUX1 – NUX3.

The first day cover shown below was posted on Dec 8 1942 the first day of issue of the Greater East Asia War, Scott # N9 and celebrates the Japanese victory on Bataan and Corregidor. The cover has a cachet celebrating the victory as well as well as a Japanese Military purple censor marking. Note that the stamp is a reissue of Philippines Scott # 384 the 4 centavo yellow green stamp of 1935. Note that the occupation stamp has the United States of America blacked out with a horizontal bar and overprinted with the 1st Anniversary of Greater East Asia War. The stamp was revalued to 5 centavos. The second FDC is NUX2 a 2 centavo occupation postal card, an overprinted UZ4 official postal card originally issued in 1941. Note that various horizontal and vertical bars obliterate any reference to Commonwealth or United States. Also obliterated was the OB (Official Business) reference on the original card. This card also illustrates the purple Japanese passed by censor marking.

