



# 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>.

## January Recap

**Jan 11** – Zoom meeting was called to order at 1944 with seven members attending. Charles reported that we are still tabulating Thamespex figures. He estimates we should have an estimated final figure for the show by next meeting. We received a thank you card from the Waterford Public Library for our donation. New postal rates will go into effect this month on 22 Jan. Obie reported that we only have 27 Thamespex '22 covers left. The meeting was adjourned at 2015. Showing the last half of the APS video on Polish artist Arthur Szyk completing the evening.

**Jan 25** – Zoom meeting was called to order at 1951 with eight members attending. Charles reported that the Thamespex balance was + \$90. Obie and I visited with Mike Gilbert who is recovering at the Bride Brook Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in East Lyme. We are happy to report he is improving every day and is looking forward to getting home soon. A showing of an APS program on "Behind the scenes look at USPS First Day of Issue Ceremonies" concluded the evening.

## February Meetings

**Feb 8** – Zoom meeting. We will show the conclusion of the APS Stamp chat, "Behind the Scenes look at USPS First Day of Issue Ceremonies Part 1." All are invited

**Feb 22** – Zoom meeting. All are invited.

## February Stamp Shows

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

**11 Mar NORPEX'23** @ Norwalk Senior Center, 11 Allen Road, Norwalk

**25 Mar RIPEX'23** @ Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 1817 Warwick Avenue, Warwick

## 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. Welcome to new member Edward Janusz of Stonington. Even though Thamespex is over, you can still get your Thamespex '22 cover honoring the USS Seawolf (SSN 21). Contact us at the club's address if you want one. Covers are \$3/cover, SASE please. This month's cover-of-the-month is a CT FDC from 1935 CT Tercentenary I found in a box mixture for \$1. 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



### CT Tercentenary

In 1935 CT celebrated its Tercentenary with a 3¢ stamp commemorating the charter oak Scott # 772 issued on April 26, 1935 in Hartford CT. April 26, 1935 was the official first day while April 27, 1935 was the first day (second day) for national distribution in Washington, DC. FDCs posted on April 26 in Hartford are worth much more than second day covers posted at Washington, DC as noted in the Scott 2022 US Specialized Catalogue. Many cachets exist and the one illustrated is attributed to F. Van Wilson who created a set of six covers depicting scenes of life in early Connecticut. The particular cachet illustrated shows Adriaen Block a 16<sup>th</sup> century Dutch explorer, credited with exploring the Connecticut River above Hartford. According to the Connecticut Tercentenary Issue of 1935 by LaPlaca and Dewey, the set of six covers is considered the “best of issue in the Planty catalogue.” It is designated 772-42f in the Planty/Mellone numbering system. Note the designs were created for the Travelers Insurance Co. as set of illustrated wall calendars in 1935. The other designs depict Hartford goes to Church 772-42a, The Fundamental Orders are Created 772-42b, GOV Andros arrives at Sanford Tavern 772-42c, The Witch is Persecuted 772-42d, and 1635 Colonial Hartford 1935 772-42e. I found individual samples from the set of six ranging in price from \$13 to \$25 on e-Bay.

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The Pioneer Period of Hungarian Airmail by Victor G. Berecz, Jr.

Newfoundland Air Mails 1919 - 1939 (Revised Ed. 1984) by C.H.C. Harmer

Via Airmail, An Aerophilatelic Survey of Events, Routes and Rates

The Pioneer Airplane Mails of the United States by Thomas J. O'Sullivan

Correio Aéreo, A History of the Development of Air Mail Service in Brazil by William Victor Kriebel

O.A.T. and A.V. 2 Markings, 3rd ed., by Murray Heifetz

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