

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>.

February Recap

Feb 8 – Zoom meeting was called to order at 1938 with five members attending. Sue Frchette has been working to improve the club's web page. Non-operative links have been removed and others corrected. She will continue updating the Thamespex cover page as needed. The meeting was adjourned at 2029. A discussion on first day covers and the Malone catalogue of FDC cachet listings completed the evening.

Feb 22 – Zoom meeting was called to order at 1932 with nine members attending. We discussed missing covers from Thamespex. A record seven covers had to be replaced for non-delivery. All covers were turned over to the Waterford Post Office for mailing; however, none were delivered. Member John Withers noted that the Arrigoni Bridge over the Connecticut River was being honored on a 2023 presorted first-class stamp. The stamp's release date has not been announced by the USPS, but the bridge stamps will be available only in coil rolls of 3,000 and 10,000 stamps. The meeting was adjourned at 2016 followed by a discussion of the postage due stamps of Greece, color guides, and different printing methods concluded the evening.

March Meetings

Mar 8 – Zoom meeting. All are invited

Mar 22 – Zoom meeting. All are invited.

March Stamp Shows

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

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

26 Mar 4th Sunday Show @ The Annex Y.M.A. in East Haven

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. 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 White House cover from 1970 I found in a \$1 box. 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>

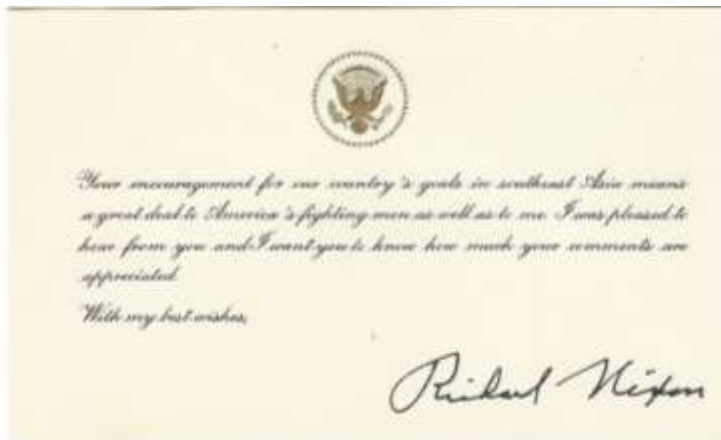
Philatelically yours,

Tony

Tony Bruno



A White House cover franked with the 6¢ Flag over the White House sheet stamp of 1968 Scott # 1338. This stamp was per 11 and printed on the Giori Press with plates of 400 subjects in four panes of 100 stamps. Durland Plate number Catalogue reports that the US Bureau of Engraving and Printing used 118 plates to produce the 6¢ Flag over White House. The US first class rate was 6¢/oz from 7 Jan 68 through 16 May 1971. The cover is postmarked in Washington, DC 5 Oct 1970 well within the rate period. The cover is addressed to a Mr. Korduba in Brooklyn, NY. The most interesting thing about this cover is that the original insert was included and is shown below. The insert is printed by intaglio and displays a raised presidential seal. The card bears a message from then President Nixon thanking Mr. Korduba for his support for the administration's Southeast Asia policy. The insert is signed by then President Richard Nixon, probably by auto pen. Historical records indicate that during his administration Nixon used secretaries and auto pen for the majority of his signatures. Only after he left office in disgrace did he take to signing his letters himself.



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