



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>.

November Recap

Nov 10 – Zoom meeting called to order at 1930 with three members in attendance. Thamespex'21 covers are becoming a scarce item. If you still need one, get in touch with Obie while they are still available. Sue has put our cover up on our web site. Take time to visit and see which covers are missing from your collection. Obie may be able to help you fill in those missing covers. A discussion on airship books completed the evening.

Nov 24 – Zoom meeting called to order at 1930 with three members attending. The Waterford Public Library has started their fall fundraising campaign. Members agreed to support the WPL with a \$100 donation. Obie has again updated his submarine-on-stamps list. He will make the list available to any who request it. A discussion on counterfeit flag stamps completed the evening.

December Meetings

Dec 8 – Zoom meeting. All are invited.
Dec 22 – Zoom meeting. All are invited.

December Stamp Shows

12 Dec 2nd Sunday Show @ Comfort Inn, Meriden.
19 Dec 3rd Sunday Show @ Eagles Wing Function Center, 10 Spruce St, Nashua, NH
21 Dec 3rd Tuesday Show @ Holy Redeemer Church Center, Rt. 9, 1.5 mi off I91 Ex25.
28 Dec 4th Sunday Show @ The Annex Y.M.A. in East Haven (**No Show in Dec**)

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 21 cover honoring the USS Cheyenne. This month's Cover-of-the-Month illustrates a Soviet era holiday greeting Post Card. 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 Dec 1 Newsletter:

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

Philatelically yours,
Tony
Tony Bruno

**Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year**



New Year Card, “С НОВЫМ ГОДОМ”, Happy New Year post card from Leningrad, (now St. Petersburg) Russia to Visalia, CA 5 Dec 1962. Boxed stamp “МЕЖДУНАРОДНОЕ” identifies the card as International. There’s no indication the card traveled by air. Six kop paid the surface letter rate to the US and 4 kop paid the post card rate in 1961. Rates after 1961 are unclear [1]. Franked with a 6 kop Heroes of Soviet Union stamp Scott # 2571. The stamp depicts CDR Magomet Gadzhiyev, Russian submarine commander from WWII. On 13 June 1942 his boat, the K class submarine K23, was sunk by German forces commanded by Wolfgang Kaden with all hands lost. K23 was sunk in the Barents Sea off the northern Norwegian coast. The K Class submarine was the largest submarine built for the Soviet Navy during WWII. She was 97.65 m (320 ft.) in length and 7.4 m (24 ft.) beam. Just slightly longer but a little narrower than the US Gato Class diesel electric submarine. Twelve K class boats were built and all saw service during WWII. All were lost except K21. Photos below show the K21 only surviving K Class submarine.



K21 as she appeared in 1942 off the Norwegian coast.



K21 memorial at Northern Fleet Headquarters in Severomorsk, Russia

[1] Wawrukiewicz and Beecher, “US International Postal Rates 1872 – 1996”, 1996.