



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>.

December Recap

Dec 8 – Zoom meeting called to order at 1930 with seven 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. Charlie is still sorting through the numbers for Thamespex. He will have a complete report next meeting. A discussion on collecting submarines on stamps was followed by a presentation on the Russian WWII submarine K-21 completed the evening.

Dec 22 – Zoom meeting called to order at 1930 with seven members attending. Charlie reported that with all bills and income accounted the show made \$34.48. We were unable to show our scheduled program on Luminescence Part 1 due to the absence of Jesse. Brian will look into what changes to the Zoom profile will allow anyone who attends the meeting to share screen. The usual philatelic discussions completed the evening.

January Meetings

Jan 12 – Zoom meeting. All are invited. Presentation, Luminescent Tagging on US Postage Stamps, Part 1

Jan 26 – Zoom meeting. All are invited. Presentation, Luminescent Tagging on US Postage Stamps, Part 2

January Stamp Shows

8 Jan Precancel Show @ Spellman Museum, 241 Wellesley St., Weston, MA

9 Jan 2nd Sunday Show @ Comfort Inn, Meriden (Cancelled)

14-15 Jan Metro Boston @ Holiday Inn, 265 Lakeside Ave., Marlborough, MA

16 Jan 3rd Sunday Show @ Eagles Wing Function Center, 10 Spruce St, Nashua, NH

18 Jan 3rd Tuesday Show @ Holy Redeemer Church Center, Rt 9, 1.5 mi off I91 Ex25 (Cancelled)

23 Jan 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 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 Jan 1 Newsletter:

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

Philatelically yours,

Tony

Tony Bruno

I acquired the featured post card in a lot I purchased in New Haven last month. It was a collection of early 20th century post cards depicting life in the deep south of former slaves and their descendants. The featured post card illustrates a man and a boy driving a Buck Board. The Buck Board carriage was a type of wagon designed to move goods rather than people.

Note that the wagon is being pulled by a bull rather than a horse. The message states, "Rapid transit in the South by starting 6 weeks ahead." Mailed from Pensacola, FL to New York City, 21 Dec 1913. However the philatelic importance of this particular card is the Washington-Franklin coil used to pay the 1¢ postage rate for post cards in 1913. Washington Franklin coils are scarce on post cards due to many being removed by dealers and collectors for used examples. This coil is the Scott # 392, perf 8½ vertical coil of 1910, worth \$75 on



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