



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 14 – Zoom meeting was called to order at 1941 with eight members attending. Charles reported that we now have a club savings account and both Brian and Tony have signature authority on all club accounts. A motion proposed that the club send a \$100 donation to the Waterford Public Library. Measure was approved. A discussion on useful reference books dealing with US stamps followed. The meeting was adjourned at 2025. An APS sponsored video on Polish artist Arthur Szyk completed the evening.

Dec 28 – Zoom meeting was called to order at 1942 with seven members attending. We continued to review Thamespex costs. Charles reported that the club's \$100 donation to the Waterford Public Library has been sent. We discussed the TSC Web page and Dee and Sue will continue to evaluate future changes. A continuation of the APS program on artist and philatelic works of Arthur Szyk concluded the evening.

January Meetings

Jan 11 – Zoom meeting. We will show the conclusion of the, "Artistic and Philatelic works of Arthur Szyk." All are invited

Jan 25 – Zoom meeting. All are invited.

January Stamp Shows

13-14 Jan New England Stamp Expo @ Holiday Inn, Marlborough, MA

22 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'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 was provided courtesy of David Kent titled, "Postage (not) Due." 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



Cover from a woman Marine at the Marine Corps Base at Miramar, California to a family member (mother?) in Connecticut. Sent airmail special delivery postmarked San Diego, Apr. 11, 1945. However, the obsolete 10-cent Special Delivery stamp was used, and the rate had increased to 13 cents on Nov. 1, 1944, so the San Diego post office rated it Postage Due 3 cents. However, there is no postage due stamp or evidence of an attempt to collect the 3 cents. Cover is back stamped at Darien on April 13 at 11 a.m. The postage due marking appears to have been crossed out and "Reg Del" written across it. My interpretation: the letter arrived before the letter carriers had set out for the day. Darien was a small town (pop 9,000), and the clerk recognized it as a letter from a service member -- possibly even knew the family. It was easier just to hand the letter to the carrier and have him deliver it with the regular mail (Reg Del = Regular Delivery) than bother collecting three cents.

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American Air Mail Catalogs, 6th Ed. Vol. 1 - 3 and Canadian (Vol. 4)
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
Aerial Mail Service, A Chronology of the Early US Gov. Air Mail, March - December, 1918 by A.D. Jones
Pan American's Final Flight by Jon F. Krupnick - 1 full size and 1 small.

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