

# 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 Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Rd, 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>.

## October Recap

**11 Oct** Open meeting at the Waterford Public Library with eight members attending and two in Zoom land. Thamespex '23 is now in the history books and all indications are it was a great success. Dealers were happy with the steady crowd during the day and our cover sales were excellent. The auction did well, donated food sold out as did the coffee and donuts. The Metropolitan Air Post Society, Universal Ship Cancellation Society and the CT Cover Club all held meetings during the show.

**25 Oct** Meeting was called to order at the Waterford Public Library with seven members present and three on Zoom. The treasurer was not in attendance so there was no additional report on Thamespex. I recommended that we increase our donation to the Waterford Public Library to \$200. John discussed a photograph showing Charles Lindbergh flying over Niantic in 1927. The photo was donated to the East Lyme Historical Society. An auction and discussion on stamp collectors' buying habits concluded the evening.

## November Meetings

**8 Nov** – In person meeting at Waterford Public Library + Zoom for those who cannot make it. Thamespex hot wash-up cont.

**29 Nov** - In person meeting at Waterford Public Library + Zoom for those who cannot make it.

## November Stamp Shows

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

### Here and There

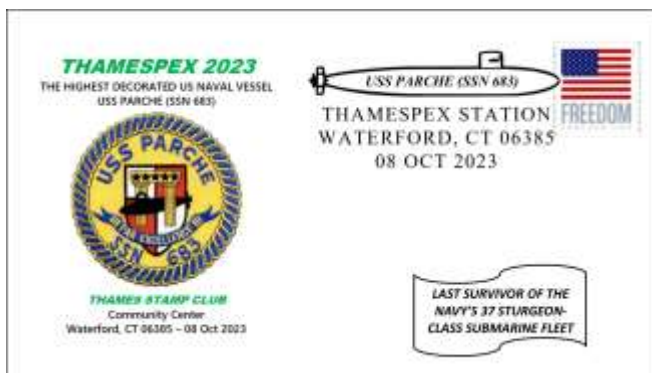
This month's cover-of-the-month illustrates two FDCs from the Independent Postal System of America. If you have a candidate for cover-of-the-month, please send me a scan plus a short write-up. Brian has designed another spectacular cover honoring the USS Parche SSN 683, illustrated below. If you have not paid your 24 dues please consider doing so today. Dues are \$10/yr. Please mail \$10 to TSC, PO Box 624, E. Lyme, CT 06333. 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



Ed and Charles working on the auction

## Additional pictures from Thamespex'23



Obie and Renata at the Club Table



John manning the USCS & MAPS Table



Busy dealer table



Maurice manning the USPS table



Brian's display



Andy's covers