

# 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>.

## **June Recap**

**12 Jun** – Open meeting at the Waterford Public Library with ten members attending in person and one in Zoom land. We noted that postal rates were scheduled to increase effective 14 July. First class rate to increase from 68¢ to 73¢. We reviewed our ad for the GASS program. We are sharing a full page ad with NHPS. The cost is \$187.50. Obie will ask the library about storage of some of our material at the library. We have altered our time so we can start our meetings at 7PM. A short auction and refreshments by Marilyn H concluded the evening.

**26 Jun** – Meeting was called to order at the Waterford Public Library with nine members attending and one on Zoom. We had two guests attending, Jeff and Alma Richards. They attended our meeting looking for advice on selling a stamp collection. We discussed the NHPS's GASS envelope. Brian will print 50 for NH. We decided to order a banner for the club table at the GASS show. Note: our next meeting will be held at the Groton Public Library, Room#1, 52 Newtown Rd (Rt. 117). We start summer meetings in July. Meetings will be informal and no refreshments. Refreshments by John J and a short auction concluded the evening.

## **July/August Meetings**

**Jul 10** – In person meeting @ Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Rd, 7:00 PM All are invited

**Jul 24** – In person meeting @ Waterford Public Library 7:00 PM All are invited.

**Aug 14** - In person meeting @ Waterford Public Library 7:00 PM All are invited.

**Aug 28** - In person meeting @ Waterford Public Library 7:00 PM All are invited.

## **July/August Stamp Shows**

**27-28 July 13<sup>th</sup> Postal History Show** @ Polish CC, 225 Washington Ave. Ext. Albany

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

**15-18 Aug GASS** @ Hartford Convention Center

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

## **Here and There**

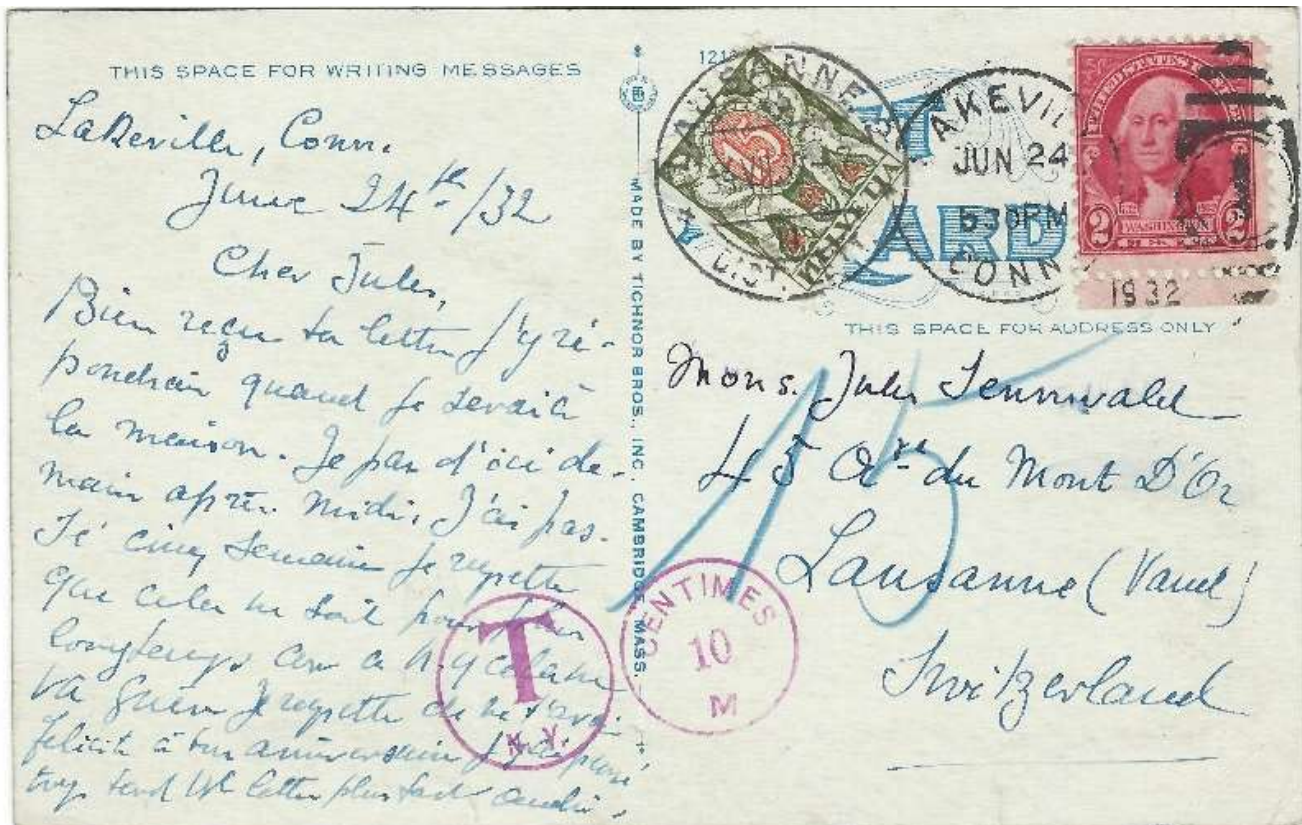
This month's cover illustrates an underpaid post card sent to Lausanne, Switzerland. If you have a candidate for cover-of-the-month, please send me a scan plus a short write-up. If you have not paid your 2024 dues, please consider doing so today. Dues are \$10/yr. Please mail \$10 to TSC, PO Box 624, 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



Connecticut Postcard mailed from Lakeville CT to Lausanne, Switzerland on 24 Jun 1932. The card is franked with a 2¢ Washington Bi-centennial stamp of 1932, Scott # 707. The post card rate to a foreign destination at the time was 3¢, so the PC is 1¢ underpaid. The NY foreign office noted the short fall with opera glass T in circle in purple and the short fall of 10 Centimes. By the UPU convention of August 1924, the addressee was required to pay the short fall plus a penalty of 2x the short fall, which was noted by the foreign office with the blue crayon 15 or 15 Centimes, approximately 2¢. Switzerland Postage Due stamp J50 was applied and cancelled by the Lausanne PO on 4 July 1932. This post card traveled by train to NY, by ship to Europe and land again to Lausanne all in 10 days' time. I'm not sure the PO today could beat that time.



Lakeville, Conn is part of Salisbury in Litchfield County, Connecticut. Lakeville has a population of 928. So in 1932 it must have been even less. Lakeville is home to two boarding schools, the Hotchkiss School and the Indian Mountain School. The card is written in French and difficult to translate due to the cursive penmanship.