

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 7:00 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. The club's address is PO Box 624, E. Lyme, CT 06333 and on the web at <http://www.ThamesStampClub.org>.

Sept Recap

11 Sept – Open meeting at the Waterford Public Library with seven members attending (5 room and 2 zoom). Brian presided over the meeting. We reviewed status of Thamespex. Cover is ready and Brian will check with Maurice on status of the cancel. We will again have a silent auction at the show. Members can submit a maximum of five lots. We will accept lots at the show. We will need someone to help Charles put up the signs. Three societies will hold meetings at the show including Metropolitan Air Post Society (MAPS), Nathan Hale Chapter of Universal Ship Cancellation Society (USCS) and Connecticut Cover Club.

25 Sept – Meeting was called to order at the Waterford Public Library with eight members attending and none on Zoom. Brian presided over the meeting, continuing our preparation for Thamespex. We continue to review our Thamespex committees. Maurice has the cancel and will man the USPS booth at the show. We are asking members to donate food (simple sandwiches or desert items work best). Members also discussed the coffee situation. I will supply the coffee. I will also bring donuts and a jug of Joe to get the coffee mess off the ground. We need everyone to show up at the Waterford Community Center at **8 AM** to help us get the room set-up. This includes getting the tables and chairs in place so the dealers can move in. Same deal on tear down. We need your help to be out of the WCC by **5 PM**.

October Meetings

9 Oct – **In person meeting at Groton Public Library + Zoom for those who cannot make it.** Last meeting before the show. Hope to see all of you there to help take care of last minute details.

23 Oct - **In person meeting at Groton Public Library + Zoom for those who cannot make it.** Thamespex Hot Wash-up

October Stamp Shows

19 Oct Thamespex'24 @ Waterford Community Center, 24 Rope Ferry Rd, Waterford

20 Oct Albany Fall Stamp & PC Show @ American Legion Hall, 4 Everett Rd, Albany, NY

27 Oct 4th Sunday Show @ The Annex Y.M.A. in East Haven

26-27 Oct WALPEX'24 @ Boxborough Regency Hotel, Boxborough MA

Here and There

Thamespex will soon be here, and we continue planning for the show. Brian has designed another spectacular cover honoring the USS Virginia SSN 774, illustrated below. 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

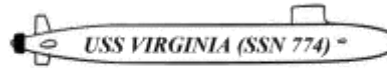
Tony Bruno

THAMESPEX 2024

COMMISSIONED 10 YEARS AGO
FIRST SUBMARINE IN THE CLASS BUILT



THAMES STAMP CLUB
Community Center
Waterford, CT 06385 – 19 Oct 2024



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WATERFORD, CT 06385
19 OCT 2024

COMMISSIONED 23 OCT 2004
THE FIRST NEXT GENERATION
ATTACK SUBMARINE



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HISTORY OF THE MANY USS VIRGINIA'S

USS Virginia (1776), was a 28-gun **sailing frigate** built in 1776, captured by the British in the following year and recommissioned as HMS *Virginia*
USS Virginia (1797), was a 14-gun **revenue cutter** built in 1797 and returned to the Revenue Cutter Service in 1801
USS Virginia (1825), was a 74-gun **ship of the line** laid down in 1818 but never launched, and broken up on the stocks in 1874
USS Virginia (1861), was a captured Spanish **blockade runner** during the American Civil War and commissioned into the United States' Navy
USS Virginia (BB-13), was a **Virginia-class battleship** commissioned in 1906, decommissioned in 1920, and destroyed in 1923 as a bombing target
USS Virginia (SP-274), was a **yacht** purchased by the Navy and officially referred to only as SP-274, patrolled Lake Michigan during World War I
USS Virginia (SP-746), was a **motorboat** acquired by the Navy and officially referred to only as SP-746, patrolled the east coast during World War I
USS Virginia (SP-1965), was a **two-masted auxiliary schooner** acquired by the Navy and officially referred to only as SP-1965, patrolled the east coast during World War I
USS Virginia (CGN-38), was a **Virginia-class cruiser** commissioned in 1976 and decommissioned in 1994
USS Virginia (SSN-774), is a **Virginia-class submarine** commissioned in 2004

