

Norwalk Stamp Club News

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Meeting October 18, 2021

7:30 PM

Norwalk Senior Center

MASKS ARE REQUIRED!



Agenda:

⇒ Program— World Fairs

Bonnie Adams share her collection and knowledge about World Fairs

⇒ Business meeting

* Treasurer's report—Ennis Granata

* New and old business

Club news:

- * Chris Calle and Rich Hoffman have worked to create the latest in our series of colorful, locally-focused Oyster Festival covers. The cachets call upon sports-related artwork that hangs in Norwalk City Hall, and the new "Backyard Games" Forever stamps are cancelled by another specially designed postmark for each of the three days of the Oyster Festival. Orders can

be placed through our website, or at the Club meetings: \$3 for one cover, and \$8 for the set of three.

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Upcoming events

- **Norwalk Stamp Club meeting, Norwalk Senior Center, October 18, 2021**
- New Haven Stamp Bourse, Annex YMA, 4th Sunday
- Meriden Stamp Bourse, 2nd Sunday, Meriden CT
- NAPEX Oct 22-24, McLean, VA
- WALPEX Oct 20-31, Boxboro, MA
- NORPEX March 13 2022 Norwalk Senior Center

2021 NORWALK OYSTER FESTIVAL COVERS



The 2021 Norwalk Oyster Festival covers depicting three WPA Murals entitled "Baseball", "Basketball" and "In The Clear" are now available for sale. These paintings by George Avison are three of many on display at Norwalk City Hall. The cachet is once again designed by Chris Calle and is one of his best yet. This is a joint project of the Norwalk Stamp Club and Norwalk Seaport Association.

Highlighting one of the members of the Norwalk Stamp Club

The Siege of Paris—Bill Armstrong

At our last meeting, Bill Armstrong presented on the fascinating topic of Siege of Paris balloon mail.

Bill introduced himself:

“As many of you know, I’ve been an FAA-licensed commercial balloon pilot since 1974. I’ve been a national officer in several balloon clubs, set a distance record, and written two books about ballooning.

I’ve been a stamp collector since I was a young boy, an interest sparked by my grandmother, and nurtured by my father.

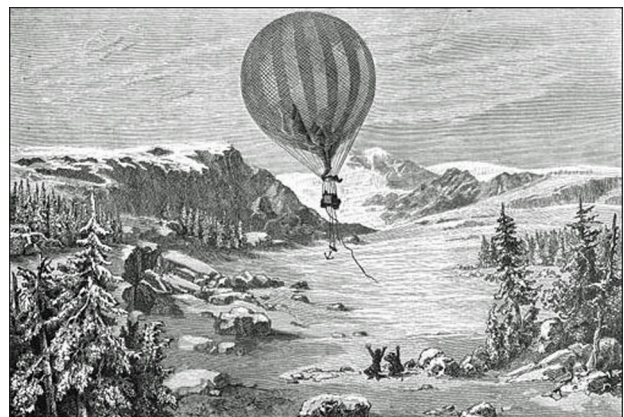
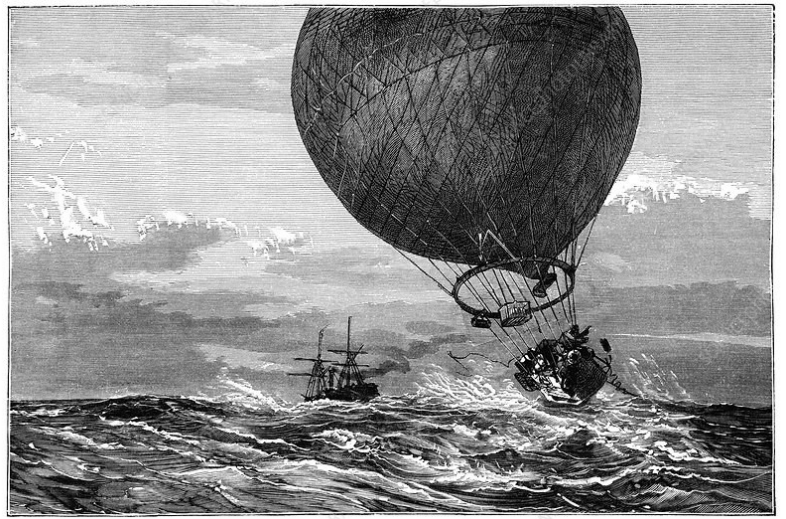
One of my collection specialties combines these two interests: balloon mail. That includes mail carried by balloon, as well as mail carried on German Zeppelins and U.S. naval airships. I’ve also created a fair amount of balloon mail for my personal flights.”

Bill took us through the history of 19th century France, culminating in Napoleon III’s declaration of war against Prussia. That ended badly, with Prussia at the doorsteps of Paris. He described the start of the balloon mail experiment and the subsequent flights between September 1870 and January 1871. All told, the Bureau of Telegraphs and Posts sent aloft 66 balloons to carry 3 million pieces of vary light mail.

With the help of some beautiful illustrations and covers, Bill told some great stories of the successes and outrageous events of these turbulent times.

Here are some of the illustrations and covers he shared:





FAMOUS STAMP NICKNAMES

As philatelists, we share a language all our own. Terms used in our lexicon usually have very different meanings to non-collectors. Hidden in this puzzle are the philatelic nicknames of 76 famous stamps, sets, series, and even a few forgeries.

W I L D I N G A L I P S L E N L E V O D L E S A B N
E O W L C K I Z G R I L L K O V T S M E Z G P A L I
D S E P O O W H B I W A L L P A P E R T M L A A N U
D A R S P B L A C K J A C K O U X R B A E H C V T E
I N K O T O N U D A V L O L N P R R E L G A E C O S
N D R R H K S I M E M S E V O I I P A P O R F I M O
G D C O N A N T R B D C O R T T W S L Y T O I A M N
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A E G I N L S W O A F L N C I C L J A N Q O E V U L
N D N P L E S O Y M E I U H S E E T R U S T R E N B
T N E E R G E L P P A B C B H N Y N E I Y E L R A F
A I L F G V L L P R Y N L E N L G E T L A M R T O C
M H F P U O V E R R O A R Y S A N T Y M D T N E A R
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B A G X S G P E O H P P E Z M T K Y P L L E A O T B
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P M S S P H M I D E R M O K E C R A M B O H O N I Q
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Answers on next page!



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AMGS DRAGONS PURPLE HORROR ANNIGONI EAGLE ROOS APPLE GREEN EXPORTA SAND DUNE AZAD HIND FARLEY SCADTA
BABY ZEP FOUR ANNA SCINDE DAWK BANK NOTE GOLDEN MONKEY SEAHORSE BANTAMS GRAF ZEPPELIN SHERMACK BARQJUI-
TO GRONCHI ROSA SITTING HELVETIA BASEL DOVE GROSZY SMALL QUEEN BLACK EMPRESS HALFLENGTH SPACE FILLER BLACK
JACK HERMES HEAD SPERATI BLACK SWAN HIDALGO SPIRO BLUENOSE INVERTED JENNY STRUBEL BOMBA HEAD IVORY HEAD
TOMMY GUN BRITANNIA KEY PLATE TRESKILLING YELLOW CAMEL POSTMAN LA VERVILLE TYRIAN PLUM CAMEO LADY MCLEOD