

**NETHERLANDS PHILATELISTS  
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(now in its 41<sup>st</sup> year)**

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**June meeting.** Attending at the home of Franklin Ennik were: Franklin Ennik, Arno Kolster, Burt Miller, Albert Muller, Paul Swierstra, George Vandenberg, Fred Van der Heyden and guest Richard Kirby.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Local NPofC **members donated their time** on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> by volunteering at the Western Philatelic Library in Sunnyvale, CA. The Library is affiliated with and part of the Sunnyvale City Library system and operates with a lot of volunteer help. We provided assistance by shelving accumulations of donated philatelic materials, reconstructing roll-around shelving units and making filing labels for various categories.

**A request was received** from the ARGE Niederlande e.V. (a Netherlands area focused stamp club in Germany) to translate into German the “**1948 Letters Abroad Program**” article from the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Yearbook and publish it their stamp journal, *Nederland Onder de Loep*.

**It's summer** .....and time for NPofC to start planning for our social event scheduled for August. In the past we have opted for a potluck style picnic spread. This summer we will change the venue with a sit-down luncheon.

**AROUND the TABLE**

**Albert Muller** passed around a print copy of an article obtained from the Internet describing the story behind the 1933 Christmas plight and flight of the PostJager-Zilvermeeuw from Schiphol to Batavia, Netherlands Indies (and return) and the special 30 cent triangle stamp that was issued for use on these flights. See the web page by Jan-Simon Hoogschagen on: *1933 triangle stamp*.

**Franklin Ennik** passed around a cover cancelled ‘**s-Gravenhage Centraal Station** with the current in use, large, 44 mm. TNT canceller; and a registered cover cancelled in Huizen (NH.) 2001 and franked with a silver, 12.75 gulden stamp. This was the last guilder-denominated stamp issued (NVPH nr. 2009) and was called the Silver Surprise Stamp (Zilveren Verrassingszegel). Frank also passed around a DEI airmail cover posted June 2, 1932 from Palembang to Hollabrunn, Austria that arrived via Budapest, Hungary; a cover posted in 1966 franked with two, mis-cut automat 10 cent Queen Juliana stamps and sent to the Bureau for Driver Licenses in Rijswijk (Z.H.) and a cover from the Amsterdam numismatic dealer J. Schulman, sent to Grenoble, France and franked with a 1936, 12½ cent triangle issue (NVPH nr.288) commemorating the 300 year anniversary of Utrecht University. See illustration next page.

The **July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting** will be held at the home of Arno Kolster, in San Francisco, CA starting at 1:00 pm. Arno's phone number: 415-348-1271. Anyone needing driving directions please contact Arno.  
The **August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting** will be held at the home of Burt Miller, in Pacifica, CA starting at 1:00 pm. Burt's telephone number: 650-359-0858. For driving directions, please contact Burt.



**Fred van der Heyden** passed around a copy of the book, *The Dutch Resistance Veterans Adjustment Study* by Wybrand op den Velde (about post traumatic stress syndrome); a large series of vintage post cards ca. 1900-1920 illustrating street scenes of the San Francisco Bay area, early bi-plane cards, early dirigible themed cards, the Chicago Worlds Fair, San Francisco earthquake and early UC Berkeley post cards.

**Richard Kirby**, a guest at our meeting and president of the Rossmoor Stamp Club, explained the activities of the club and showed us his collection of Netherlands area stamp album. The enthusiastic Rossmoor club members meet twice a month for either a trading session or a presentation on some aspect of philately.

**Burt Miller** showed us a post card sent by the firm **P. Out**, a well known antiquariaat/2<sup>nd</sup> hand book dealer of the period, and posted from Koog aan de Zaan (N.H.) in 1897.

**Arno Kolster** summarized his recent trip and visit to Europe. Arno took in the International Stamp Exhibition in London, 8-15 May 2010, where he got to see Dr. Albert Louis' outstanding exhibit on the Netherlands 1852 issue and the George V exhibit printings by Johan Enschede & Zoon. There were 2500 frames of exhibits displayed, including a Netherlands Indies postal card exhibit. From there he visited the British Royal Library which had on display a huge selection of stamp rarities of the world. It was then on to the French Postal History Museum in Paris which featured illustrated displays on the close connection and development between the railway and postal systems in France.

**George Vandenberg** passed around a selection of small visitekaarten, all with inserts marked **P.C** (meaning *pour condoler* = our sympathies) sent in 1919 to a family in Noordwijk (Z.H.); a souvenir packet of 10 accordion-fold-out pictures of the Royal Dutch military barrack located by Harskamp and franked with a 1½ cent cijfer, cancelled Harskamp (Gld.) 1929; a censored WW I cover sent by the Amsterdam Foreign Relations Office to New York; a post card with a **POSTERIJEN** cancel showing a street scene in Amsterdam where he grew up; a small 1946, 73 x 105 mm. **BERICHT VAN ADRESWIJZIGING** (notice of address change) postal card issued after WW II (the smaller sized card is due to shortage of paper) and a cover posted June 27, 1932 from Haarlem and addressed to **President** (Herbert) **Hoover, Wittehuis te Washington**. President Hoover was the 31<sup>st</sup> US President and served one-term from March 4, 1929 until March 4, 1933.



**Paul Swierstra** passed around a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ceramic plate commemorating the May 5, 1945 liberation of the Netherlands and summarized his recent work of sorting donated philatelic materials at the Western Philatelic Library.

**CANCEL OF THE MONTH**

The June winner is **Burt Miller** with a small round railroad (tram) cancel on a 5 cent Bontkraag (fur-collar) issue. The cancel is a perfect center strike from **HARDENBERG-DEDEMSV(aart) 7 AUG 1902**. Dedemsvaart (Ov.) is a small town about 12 Km north –west of Hardenberg on the Dedemsvaart Canal. The Roman numeral **I** below the **02** indicates this piece of mail was carried on the first tram-trip of the day.



## COVER of the MONTH

The June winner is **Burt Miller** with a cover franked with issues of the first charity stamps. The cover is sent from Amsterdam, addressed to Amerongen (Utr.) with two copies of the 1 cent, a single 3 cent and a single 5 cent (NVPH nr. 84-86) Tuberculosis stamps. The stamps were cancelled with long-bar Amsterdam 2 cancels at 3-4N on 15 JAN 1907. These first charity semi-postals were issued in December 1906 and were sold at double the face value. The 10 cent franking met the new postal rate outside of the city (non-local). With the surcharge, this letter cost the sender 20 cent. The cover is back-stamped Amerongen 7-8N the same day. The last valid day of use of this issue was 31 January 1907, when all remaining stocks were cancelled to order (CTO) with an Amsterdam 31 January 1907 cancel.



## OTHER CATEGORY OF THE MONTH

The June winner is **Franklin Ennik** with a cover fragment with a Tilburg slogan cancel on a Queen Wilhelmina issue. Postal slogans in combination with a date canceller were first used in the Netherlands in the mid-1920s. This Tilburg slogan cancel with four 'open' wings is dated November 30, 1933 with a 24 hour clock



designation of 22-23 (=10-11pm) on a 6 cent 1925 Queen Wilhelmina issue. Slogan cancels were set up with the slogan positioned on either right or left of the date stamp. The slogan shown here, **Postzegels rechts-boven / in den hoek / vlugger verzending**, tells postal patrons that “(placing the) postage stamp in the upper right corner (means or provides) faster delivery.”

This winged cancel and slogan combination with *text on the right* was used in only three cities: Alkmaar (1935), Nijmegen (1935) and Tilburg (1932-1933). The same winged cancel and slogan combination with *text on the left* was used in Alkmaar (1933-1934), Delft (1932-1934), Leiden (1932-1933), Nijmegen (1932-1938) and Zwolle (1932-1933).

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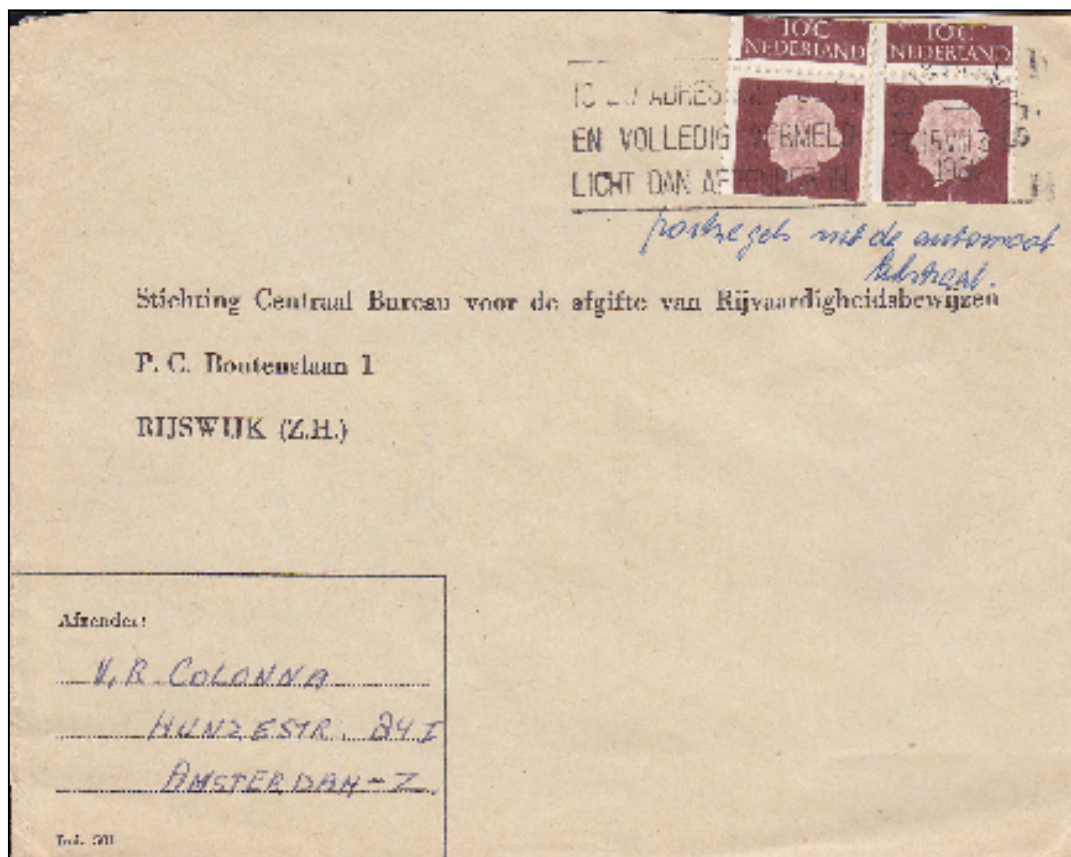
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### A cover franked with two, mis-cut automat Queen Juliana stamps

If the large rolls of stamps in automat stamp vending machines of the period were not properly adjusted, the purchased stamps would be improperly cut, resulting in the two examples applied to this cover. The sender of this letter was dutifully concerned about the condition of the received stamps and was compelled to explain on the envelope that the purchased stamps actually came from an automat stamp vending machine.

This slogan cancel message, **Is uw adres niet juist / En volledig vermeld / Licht dan afzender in**, asks postal patrons this paraphrased question, “If your address is not correct / or listed / then let the sender know.” The letter was posted August 15, 1966 from Amsterdam Centraal Station and sent to the “Central Bureau for issuing driver’s licenses” in Rijswijk (Z.H.).



**An airmail cover posted from Palembang, Netherlands East Indies June 2, 1932, via Budapest to Hollabrunn, Austria.**

With a little bit of patience it's amazing what information can be found on the Internet. From that source we find the following KLM schedule information. Beginning October 1, 1931, KLM established a weekly passenger-mail service flight from Amsterdam to Batavia, Netherlands East Indies and return. The 11-12 day, one-way 9000 mile route made stops beginning in Amsterdam, Budapest, Athens, Cairo, Baghdad, Bushire, Jask, Karachi, Jodhpur, Allahabad, Calcutta, Akyab, Rangoon, Medan, Palembang and Batavia.

The letter came on-board the plane at Palembang, Sumatra. It was dropped off at Budapest (arrival back-stamped) and then forwarded via the OsterreichischeNordWestBahn railway on to Hollabrunn (bei Wien), Austria. The recipient of the letter is the family of Eugen Markus (1861-1946), a prominent Magister and Apotheker (pharmacist) of this region. Notice that the **PER LUCHTPOST** sticker is partially held on the envelope with strips cut from a 1 cent Netherlands East Indies stamp.



**Corresponding members** are encouraged to submit illustrations or questions about Netherlands area related philatelic items that could be included in the Newsletter. We invite your participation in this process.