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October meeting. Attending at the Western Philatelic Library were: Franklin Ennik, Arno Kolster, Hans Kremer, Stuart Leven, Burt Miller, Albert Muller, George Vandenberg, and Fred Van der Heyden.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

2011 Membership dues. Production and mailing costs of the NPofC Newsletter were shifted during 2010 due to changes in the way the Newsletter is produced and sent out to the membership. Some members, for various reasons, chose to continue receiving the mailed copy. Others preferred the paperless email or Internet copies. We think that adding color illustrations greatly improves the look and enjoyment of the Newsletter. In addition, we received a generous donation into the treasury from an anonymous benefactor. As a result, membership dues for 2010 were waved. These extra funds also helped pay for the 40th Anniversary Yearbook. Our continuing goal is to make this hobby and study of Netherlands area philately as accessible, informative, interesting and fun as possible. We are reexamining our production and delivery costs in view of the available digital options and members preferred method of receiving the newsletter. We will keep you informed of our findings.

AROUND the TABLE

Arno Kolster passed around a large manila envelope covered with an interesting combination of a sheet of the 1999, (55 guilder cent) December Stamps with 20 different designs, plus many more guilder denominated stamps to make up the required postage rate in euro. Also included was an attached letter franked with the 2001, (12.75 gulden) silver surprise stamp (*zilveren verrassingszegel*) or the last guilder-denominated stamp issued by the PTT. Arno also passed around a bound copy of the current auction house catalogue, *De Nederlandsche Postzegelveiling*, 250th edition, 4-6 november 2010.

Hans Kremer showed us a listing of the advertising cancels that he collects that appeared in *PO&PO's Verenigingsnieuws* of August 2010 that were sold by the PTT to city post offices during the mid 1930s, along with a Elst-Veemarkt example not included in the mix (see article below); and a copy of the German philatelic magazine, *Nederland Onder de Loep*, that showed on the front cover an image of a 1926-1939 Wilhelmina issue overprinted with a large black **V**. The magazine explained that this unauthorized construction stood for **Vrede** (peace) as a show of defiance against the Germans.

The **November 20th meeting** will be held at the home of Hans Kremer, 50 Rockport Court, Danville, CA 94526, starting at 1:00 pm. Hans' telephone number: 925-820-5841.
The **December 18th meeting** will be held at a yet to be determined location.

Hans also showed us examples of especially printed postcards that were issued for use by the Netherlands Railway system 1872-1960 to notify customers that parcels shipped via the railway had arrived; some examples of prepaid reply postcards that were returned to sender and a very favorable review of the 40th Anniversary Yearbook that appeared in a recent issue of *Maandblad voor Filatelie*.

Franklin Ennik passed around a “made to order” cover commemorating the 5th World Boy Scout Jamboree held in Vogelenzang-Bloemendaal (N.H.); a series of vintage occasion greeting post cards (hand painted and with real photos) from the period 1905-1911 and a registered FDC of the ICEM (*Intergouvernementele Commissie voor Europese Migratie*) meeting in Groningen 11 February 1966. The Commission formulated the regulations governing the migration of people into and within Europe after WW II. An auto postkantoor (mobile post office) serviced the mail for this 15th anniversary event with a special show cancel. Two Dutch stamps and a souvenir sheet were issued to draw attention to the event and commission activities (NVPH nrs. 856-858). Similar designs were issued for the Netherlands Antilles and Suriname.



George Vandenberg passed around a series of recent commercial covers mailed from the Netherlands that were over –and under-franked with the new, non-denominated stamp series. These examples may reflect the confusion of postal clerks during this transition period. George also showed a cover franked with personalized 44 cent stamps of the ‘s-Hertogenbosch Stamp Club plus a 1.10 euro stamp.

Fred Van der Heyden passed around a birth-announcement cover that was sent *stamp-less* from Eindhoven (N.Br.) to California in 1990. The letter is franked instead with a boxed **Port Betaald / Port Paye / Eindhoven** rubber stamp cancel and it appears to be initialed by the postal clerk with a CS.

A box of about 100 of these envelopes was brought to the Eindhoven post office to be mailed. The various postal charges were added up and paid. Rather than requiring



the sender to lick so many stamps the postal clerk instead applied this rubber stamp marking to each envelope.

CANCEL OF THE MONTH

The October winner is **Arno Kolster** with a Bergen op Zoom cancel on an 1872 Willem III 15 cent issue. Shown here is NVPH nr. 23, 15 cent orange brown, canceled with a SON Bergen op Zoom small round cancel without stars, dated 10 MEI 81 8-9N, and showing a one hour time interval. Bergen op Zoom is a major port city located a little SW of Roosendaal in the province of Noord Brabant and was granted city status in the year 1266.



COVER of the MONTH

The October winner is **Franklin Ennik** with an airmail cover franked with *Stamps-A-Plenty*.



This postwar cover was posted December 28, 1953 from Hilversum to New York with six NVPH nr. 609 and seven NVPH nr. 615, for a postage total of 1,12 gulden plus 0,65 gulden destined for charity. A 1953 Kerstmis TB feest sticker (Christmas Seal) has been applied on the reverse.

OTHER CATEGORY of the MONTH

The October winner is **Franklin Ennik** with a 5 gulder stadspost cinderella of Delfzijl Eemshaven.

After WW II the economy of the Netherlands quickly grew and it was realized that a new seaport was needed in the northern province of Groningen. In the late 1960s plans were drawn to establish the port



near the city of Delfzijl on the Eems Estuary. In June 1973 the first phase of the new port of Delfzijl Eemshaven was completed and dedicated by Queen Juliana on board the Dutch cruiser *Rottum*. Since 1973 to the present time the port has undergone a continuous “work in progress” with extensive expansion and improvement of the facility.

Shown here is a 5 gulder stadspost cinderella souvenir sheet commemorating the event. Proceeds from the sale of these souvenir sheets benefited the new port.

ELST advertizing cancel.....Is it 1935 or 1936?
with thanks to Hans Kremer

In PO&PO's *Verenigingsnieuws* of August 2010 Jos Stroom lists all the hand advertizing cancels with their first and last year of usage. I decided to go through my modest collection of these to see if it matched with what was listed.

I was happily surprised to come to Elst-Veemarkt and see that the date on my copy was “-6. IV 35.-5,” which stands for 5 a.m. on April 6, 1935. PO&PO shows 1936-1938 for this cancel. Of course I emailed my ‘find’ off to Mr Stroom to see what his comment would be. His reply was:



“Cancel “ELST” is not a 1935 cancel: the ‘hook’ on the right side of the ‘flag’ of number 5 points to a number 6. The flag of the 5 is supposed to be straight.”

However, he also mentioned that Elst is the only town he could not find the official Dienstorder for, which



would definitely nail 1936 as the start of this cancel. When I compare the “6” of “6 IV” it does not look like anything like the supposed “6” of 35, so at this point I’m not yet convinced that it is a worn “36.”

On the other hand, since the cancel possibly shows April 1935 there should have been many more Elst 1935 cancels between then and the end of 1935. Since they have not been seen it favors the argument that indeed we are dealing with a ‘wrong’ 1935 cancel.

I thought that this would be the end of this article but then I had the idea to see if I could find another Elst cancel of 1935 or 1936. I had none in my cover collection but of course there still was Google and wouldn’t you believe it there was an Elst 1936 hand advertizing cancel advertised in www.willems-covers.nl. The scan was a bit fuzzy so I couldn’t clearly read the year of the cancel. To solve that problem I bought the cover and my scan of it is shown here.



I enlarged the cancel and it clearly shows 10.IX.36.18 (6 p.m. September 10, 1936). Next of course, I put my ‘35’ cancel next to the 1936 cancel and the differences are quite obvious:

- 1: the “3” of 35 and the “3” of 36 are different
- 2: The “5” of 35 has a straight, but slanted part while the same part of ‘36 is curved
- 3: The top of the “5” of 35 is rather flat, while the “6” of 36 is very round.

I’m convinced that the “35” cancel is definitely not the same cancel as the 1936 cancel. This does not mean that the 35 indeed represents 1935, it still could be another 1936, 1937, or 1938 cancel with the wrong digit dialed in.

Any ideas, suggestions, or solutions please contact the author (hkremer@usa.net).



An example of philatelic mail from the 5th World Scout Jamboree 1937, Vogelenzang, Netherlands.



Under the shadow of the start of World War II, the 5th World Scout Jamboree was held July 31-August 9, 1937 in Vogelenzang (N.H.) in the municipality of Bloemendaal, Netherlands. There were 28,750 participants in attendance from 54 countries. Queen Wilhelmina and Prince Bernhard opened the ceremonies and, together with Lord and Lady Baden-Powell and Dutch master Explorer Rambonnet, viewed the passing parade of Scouts. 1937 would be the last Jamboree encampment where Lord Baden-Powell was present. NPofC member **John Heimans** was present at this event and was one of the many who represented the United States.

Three stamps designed by the painter, Pijke Koch, were issued by the PTT in 1½, 6 and 12½ cent denominations to celebrate the event (NVPH nrs. 293-295). The stamps were put on sale April 1, 1937 and were valid for use until December 31 1937.

Shown here is a cover with the special event cancel, **Bloemendaal Vogelenzang Wereld Jamboree Nederland NOZW**. Four of these cancels were issued and used on outgoing mail during the event and shown here is cancel number 4. Sales of the three stamps benefitted the Jamboree with an estimated 1,589,700 gulden. An estimated 573,000 pieces of mail were sent from the Jamboree post office and 320,000 pieces were received. Many examples of Jamboree mail and related collectibles can be found illustrated and for sale on the Internet.