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October meeting. Attending at the home of Stuart Leven were: Dennis Buss, Franklin Ennik, HansPaul Hager, Arno Kolster, Stuart Leven, Hans Kremer, Paul Swierstra, and Fred Van der Heyden.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Mailing of letters in The Netherlands will cost 4 cents more in 2014:

On January 1, 2014, **PostNL** increases the price of a stamp for a standard letter up to 20 grams for mailing within the Netherlands, from 60 to 64 cents euro. For mailing abroad from January 1, 2014 a base rate of 1.05 € is valid. The increase was approved by Autoriteit Consument en Markt (ACM). The rate increase as determined is within the limits imposed by the Ministerie van Economische Zaken. (Source: *knbf Nieuwsbrief* 042-oktober 2013, page 7).

Guilder denominated stamps no longer valid as postage:

In spite of objections by the Nederlandse Vereniging van Postzegelhandelaren (NVPH) and other stamp dealers in the Netherlands, the Appeals Court in The Hague ruled in favor of the PostNL. As of November 1, 2013 Guilder denominated stamps will no longer be valid for franking (postage) on letters and packages. Collectors and dealers see the abolition of the Guilder stamps as a major blow because a good portion of their collection is suddenly "worthless."

The NVPH estimates there is still 50 million Guilders worth of unused stamps in circulation. They are largely in collections but according to knowledgeable spokespersons, there is still a "brisk trade" in Guilder denominated stamps.

Furthermore, there are rumors that the Euro-denominated stamps, in the not so distant future, will also lose their validity when non-denominated "forever" stamps will become the norm. (Source: *knbf Nieuwsbrief* 042 oktober 2013, page 8).

The **theme at the November meeting** will be in keeping with the "200 Year Commemoration of continuous royalty on the Dutch throne: 1813-2013," starting with Willem I to the present with Willem Alexander. November is History Month in the Netherlands.

The **November 16th meeting** will be held at the home of HansPaul Hager starting at 1230pm. HansPaul's telephone number is 408-770-9132.
The **December 21st meeting** will be held at the home of Franklin Ennik starting at 1230pm. Franklin's telephone number is 925-952-9424.

AROUND THE TABLE

Franklin Ennik passed around a copy of the vintage text book, *Algemeen Nederlandsch Handelswoordenboek* by M.E. Barentz, published 1916 by Cohen Zonen, Amsterdam. (A popular “how-to” Dutch dictionary of business forms and terms of the early 20th century that also has sections on currency exchange, postal and telegraph rates and tariffs of the period). Frank also passed around a PTT Dienst form no. 152, a post card made for multiple inner office use, stampless and postdated 1918; a recent letter sent from Netherlands to Germany but returned to sender due to non-delivery and with German return routing stickers; and a “made to order” cover produced by an enterprising Amsterdam stamp dealer (H. Fiorani) and “franked” with the four imperforate Wilhelmina stamp issues that were confiscated by the Germans in 1940 from Enschede & Zonen, dated 8 July 1943. Apparently hundreds of these covers were constructed and sold to collectors.....however, these imperforate stamps were never valid for postal use. (Source: Cees Janssen. *Ongetande zegels bezetting 1940. Passie voor Postzegels. 80 Jaar NVPH. 2008*).



Dennis Buss passed around a recently acquired collection of 1930s overprinted Dutch East Indies airmails along with some marked as fakes, and a nice set of used 1884 postal money order stamps (*postbewijszegels*). These stamps were designed to be affixed on postal money order forms to indicate the amount to be paid. The stamps were issued on December 1, 1884 and were valid for use until December 31, 1899. The 5 and 10 guilder denominations come in two perforations; 12½ **large holes**: the last perforation in the editions of 1892/1893. The stamps issued with **small holes** are more expensive. Which type do you have?

Fred Van der Heyden passed around a letter sent by an American soldier with an APO (Maastricht) address to a family in Oakland, CA; a Bay Bridge 1939 Worlds Fair sticker; a Dutch/English grammar book, **Dutch Grammar (Hossfeld's Method)**, by J.M. Schnitzler, 1941 edition; a copy of a *Biography of Anton Philips* (Philips Electronics) by P.J. Bouman; a cinderella

of "Help Stop Hitler--Do not buy German goods;" and a cinderella of the Golden Gate International Exposition 1939.

Arno Kolster passed around two current, bound auction catalogues from the Dutch auction house *De Nederlandsche Postzegelveiling* that features the sale of the *Aat de Peijper Collection* 31 oktober-2 november 2013.

Hans Kremer showed us a copy of the new, bound 2014 *NVPH Speciale Catalogus* besides the regular features of new stamps and philatelic issues, the center section has a lengthy coverage of short-bar typenrader cancels. Hans also passed around copies of the 2014 Kinderzegel issues and a November issue of the *Vorst & Volk Magazine* that features History Month in the Netherlands.

Paul Swierstra passed around a flyer of the book *Posthistorie van het Rijksdeel Suriname 1650-1975 Part II* by W.K. Erfmann; Paul alerted us to the website *Algemeen Nederlandsch Verbond met raad en daad voor Volk en Stam* which features a wealth of information and vintage images including digital copies of prints, drawings, cartoons, etc., about Dutch history. Paul also pointed out a short notation about Thomas A. Edison found in the *KNBF Nieuwsbrief* 042-oktober 2013: His Dutch grandfather, Jan (John) Edeson arrived in 1730 at the age of 3 with his mother in Port Elizabeth, New Jersey. The family name was later changed to Edison. Thomas Edison would later invent, among his many inventions, the first movie film projector.

HansPaul Hager passed around a series of WW II era postcards depicting tobacco related themes, especially the scarcity of this commodity during this period in the Netherlands; a series of minor vintage 17th-18th century documents that had been "enhanced" with faked philatelic accoutrements to make them appear more important than they were; and an account book with deposited revenue stamps which validated/notarized business transactions.

Stuart Leven informed us that the Santa Clara County Library system has finally given the Western Philatelic Library an official notice they have to move out of their current location.

Stuart also showed us a series of cancelled Netherlands and Dutch East Indies stamps on envelope fragments that at first glance look as if an additional cancellation, **Nederlandsch Indie Spoorweg Maatschappij**, had obviously been added. He found this hand-full of crudely made items on Ebay auction and bought them for a minimum bid amount.



This marker has never been previously recorded or mentioned in literature, so collectors should beware and avoid them. A knowledgeable philatelic authority and collectors have determined these fakes are the work of Van Eekelen and his partner Konings (see their websites **Postzegel_Apart** and **postzegel-pracht** for examples) out of Roosendaal who has produced all manner of fantasy imprints and forgeries. Reputable auction houses are well aware of these productions. Unfortunately many items were sold as "unknown Specimen overprints."

Reference: email correspondance to Hans Kremer from Maarten Hartkamp.

Netherlands New Guinea PTT RC-1 Receipt

By Ed Burfine

This Receipt, cancelled May 15, 1963 at 10:00am, is validated with a 30 cent Queen Juliana UNTEA overprint.

Paid to: Lands Branch, Department
of Internal Affairs
Hollandia.

Amount: f 281.09 plus f 0.30
service charge (inscription
in Malaysian).

Receipt from: N.V. KHO HONG GAN
Biak.

Franking fee: 30 cent UNTEA overprint
Queen Juliana.

Cancellation: Hollandia 15.3.63.10

UNTEA RC 1
PTT ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
STORTINGSBILJET

Op postrekening nr 53

van Lands Branch Dept. of Internal Affairs, Hollandia is heden

te Hollandia

gestort 281 Gld 09 Ct
(in cijfers)

duaratusdelapanpuluh satu 9/100
(voluit geschreven) **gulden.**

door N.V. KHO HONG GAN

adres Biak

te Biak

Reg. 3 nr 277/3

Plas **UNTEA**
Dagte 15 3 63

De invulling moet met inkt of met de schrijfmachine
Veranderingen maken het formulier ONGELDIG.

It was common practice in Netherlands New Guinea to pay your water, power and electrical utility bills at the local post office. The authority being paid and its location, amount of the payment, payee and address were all recorded on the receipt. In addition, the Post Office account number (*Postrekening nr.*) and receipt number were recorded, and a stamp affixed as payment for the transaction. The stamp was then cancelled to establish the date of payment.

During the transition of Netherlands New Guinea to Indonesia in 1962 and 1963 the United Nations established a government infrastructure which was quite large and bureaucratic, one in the normal manner of the United Nations. It was composed of an overarching council, 11 representative councils from the various regions and 8 subordinate departments. The departments have various branches with the preponderance of them located in Hollandia.

Governmental Departments

Cultural Affairs (including Education)	Finance	Public Works
Economic Affairs	Internal Affairs	Social Affairs and Justice
	Public Health	Transport and Power

This is a one-of-a-kind receipt. No other similar UNTEA receipt is known to exist. All that is known about this payment is that it was not for the usual utility bill. Most likely it was payment for land usage in or around Biak. Biak had a large harbor with many docks and heavy cargo traffic. It also had a major airport which was used for both international and domestic commercial flights and military flights. All international mail, both civilian and military, went through Biak. Commercial flights ferried passengers to and from other cities, and in particular to the capital, Hollandia, where the preponderance of government offices were located.

Early use of the postage due POSTALIA marker

by Hans Kremer

In PTT Service Order H 712, of April 2, 1952, the use of the Postalia Service Franking Machine for the franking of incorrectly franked mail was announced. The prints made by these machines were clearly designed by Jan van Krimpen. The first designs as well as later designs have unmistakable features of the postage due series of 1947 designed by him. The first three designs have the character of a trial.



Early POSTALIA postage due marker: August 7, 1952.

The design for the first machine (shown here) has no date and the number of the machine is missing. It states AMSTERDAM / TE BETALEN / PORT and not NEDERLAND / TE BETALEN / PORT, as in the third design. This machine was located in the Amsterdam-Centrum office. The earliest known date is May 13, 1952, and the last use dates from March 1953.

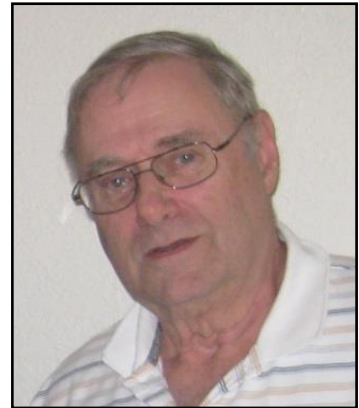
Upon closer examination one will see "31 gr" handwritten on the cover behind the blue Postalia marker. This puts the letter into the second weight-class (more than one ounce, but less than two ounces). The correct rate for a letter of the second weight-class from England to the Netherlands in August 1952 was 6½ d not 4 d (as was applied); 2½ d short. Postage due would be twice the short amount or $2 \times 2\frac{1}{2} \text{ d} = 5 \text{ d}$. A letter from the Netherlands to England at that time was 20 cent. Since the rate from England was 4 d, 20 cent equates to 4 d. Since postage due was 5 d, this would $\frac{5}{4} \times 20$ or 25 cent in Dutch currency.

References:

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Closed Album **Burton W. Miller** 1941--2013

Burt Miller, a long time member of Netherlands Philatelists of California, passed away October 18, 2013. Burt was born in Chico, California and grew up in Grass Valley, California. Throughout junior high school, high school and junior college, Burt participated in track and field events, winning many ribbons and awards in this sport, and carried the Olympic Torch through Placer and Nevada counties during its journey from Norway to Los Angeles to Squaw Valley for the 1960 Winter Olympic Games.



He earned an Associate of Arts degree from Sierra College in 1962 and a Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University at Chico in 1968. Burt became a licensed Medical Technologist in 1969 and worked in Chico and San Francisco hospital laboratories as a medical technologist and as the California Administrative Director of Clinical Laboratory Services. After almost 30 years in hospital laboratory work, Burt moved into designing laboratory computer software programs for 10 years before retiring in 2007.

Burt had many hobbies and shared his love of trains with his brother Richard. When in Europe, Burt could not resist visiting train stations just to watch the trains coming and going. Burt loved all trains, but he especially loved steam trains. He was a member of the Golden Gate Live Steamers and built a 1/8 scale, five car, 25 foot long live steam train, the "Prairie Creek Western Railway."

Burt loved to travel and made many trips with his wife, Jo Ann, to Europe, both for pleasure and to further his knowledge of the history and use of the stamps in his areas of specialization. Recently, they enjoyed cruises to Alaska, the Panama Canal and the Caribbean Islands and land tours through New England and Arizona.

A respected stamp collector, Burt specialized in and was highly knowledgeable on the stamps and postal history of Danzig, Germany, Canada and the Netherlands. He was a member of many local, national and international stamp clubs. On the local level, he regularly attended the German Philatelic Society and Netherlands Philatelists of California meetings and served in various officer positions over the years. Burt put together exhibits on specialized areas of Danzig philately, and earned a number of major awards for his exhibits. He also contributed articles to a number of stamp publications. Burt was a mentor and friend and will be missed by all who knew him.