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May meeting. Attending at the Western Philatelic Library in Sunnyvale, CA were: Franklin Ennik, Hans Kremer, Burt Miller, Albert Muller, Paul Swierstra, George Vandenberg and Fred Van der Heyden.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The 40th Anniversary Yearbook was very well received based upon all positive comments from the members. Review copies were also sent to US and Netherlands related philatelic organizations and libraries, including *Linn's Stamp News*, APS Research Library, Netherlands Philatelic Circle, ARGE Nederlande, *Maandblad voor Filatelie*, PO&PO, Netherlands Philatelic Library and the Western Philatelic Library.

Upcoming stamp shows of interest to NPofC and ASNP members. We've entered the 40th Anniversary Yearbook in the **APS Stamp Show literature competition**, to be held at the Convention Center, Richmond, Virginia. August 12-15, 2010. Members of both stamp clubs plan to have a joint social meeting and presence at **SESCAL**, at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton Hotel, October 1-3, 2010.

AROUND the TABLE

Burt Miller summarized the Silver award and judge's comments on his exhibit entitled, *Danzig–The Germania Burelage Issue*, at the recent WESTPEX 2010 stamp show. NPofC members who viewed and examined this exhibit thought it deserved better consideration from the judges and also higher marks.

Fred Van der Heyden passed around an impressive selection of vintage postcards, ca. early 20th century, some addressed to prominent persons, chromatic holiday and occasion cards, humorous Dutch themed cards, and cards drawn by famous artists and illustrators of the period.

Paul Swierstra showed us a large festive balloon imprinted with a drawing indicating, *the Dutch railway NS (Nederlandse Spoorwegen) loves the Giro de Italia bicycle race*; copies of the new 2010 TNT postal rate tariff schedule which shows that domestic postal rates in the Netherlands remained unchanged but international postal rates had increased; an Amsterdam city map plan which showed location of festive activities on Koninginnedag (Queen's birthday); Paul summarized the new **OV Chipkaart** system that is now standard on the Dutch public transportation system (OV =Openbaar Vervoer =Public Transportation) in Rotterdam and soon to be established in Amsterdam on June 3, 2010. The system uses a re-chargeable debit type card that each traveling patron flashes before an electronic monitor on entering the conveyance and again on leaving the conveyance which deducts from the card the required fare. The system will eventually extend over the entire country.

The **June 19th meeting** will be held at the home of Franklin Ennik, in Walnut Creek, CA starting at 1:00 pm. Frank's phone number: 925-952-9424. Anyone needing driving directions please contact me.
The **July 17th 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. Any one needing driving directions please contact Arno.

This new system replaces a bulky cardboard strip-card system previously in place and used on trains, trams and busses. Paul also provided some follow-up information on the private, unauthorized, (overprinted **noodzegel poststaking 1983. 100 cent**), delivery stamps released during the 1983 PTT postal strike and featured in the May 2010 Newsletter. The overprinted text on the stamps came in several colors and denominations. Single stamps and “first day covers” were offered in the 51st Rijnmond auction catalogue of 14-15 May 2004. The perpetrator of this forgery was eventually prosecuted. Paul also personally delivered copies of the 40th Anniversary Yearbook to several individuals and philatelic organizations during his recent visit to the Netherlands.



Franklin Ennik passed around several covers franked with the 7½ cent **1945 Herrijzend Nederland** (*the Netherlands shall rise again*) issue (NVPH nr. 443); a cover commemorating the 40 year reign of Queen Wilhelmina 1898-1938 franked with NVPH nrs. 310-312 and with special cancellation; and a special printed card (K-2023) franked with Germanic symbol stamp designs commemorating the May 5, 1945 liberation of the Netherlands and with the added ‘cancel’ **NEDERLAND VRIJ** printed across the stamps.



The cover above is franked with the 7½ cent 1945 liberation issue and a 5 cent Germanic symbol stamp to make up the correct sea-letter rate and posted from Tilburg (NB.) on September 18, 1945 to California. Notice that the **4** in the date stamp (1945) is ‘open,’ indicating that the parts for the canceller were shipped from liberated Belgium.

Hans Kremer showed us a full sheet (which includes a known plate fault) of the 22½ cent stamp (Cornelis Evertsen 1610-1666) from the 1943-1944 Zeehelden (Dutch Naval Heroes) issue; a copy of the reference book, *Postal History of the 1928 Olympic Games—The Semi-Official Postal Cards of Huygens Bookshop* by Laurentz Jonker. Hans also informed us about a useful website to find information

extracted from old Dutch publications shelved in US university libraries. See the website <http://books.google.com>.

And lastly, a small *visitekaartje* cover with an X inscribed across the front. This mark meant *special handling* by the postal clerk. Inscribing the X across the front by the sender instructs the postal clerk to make sure this piece of mail is delivered on New Year's day. The envelope was postmarked December 31 in Hensbroek (NH.) and sent a few miles north to Noord Scharwoude



The PTT distributed a reminder flyer in December 1922 with the following instruction, which has been translated and paraphrased:

Mail for New Year 1923

Does your mail need to be delivered on January 1st ?.....It can with a special sign (mark) drawn on the mail piece. The sign consists of two diagonally intersecting lines drawn across the address side. Bring the mail to the post office on December 27-29. They can hold the mail at the (receiving) post office until January 1st and then deliver it.

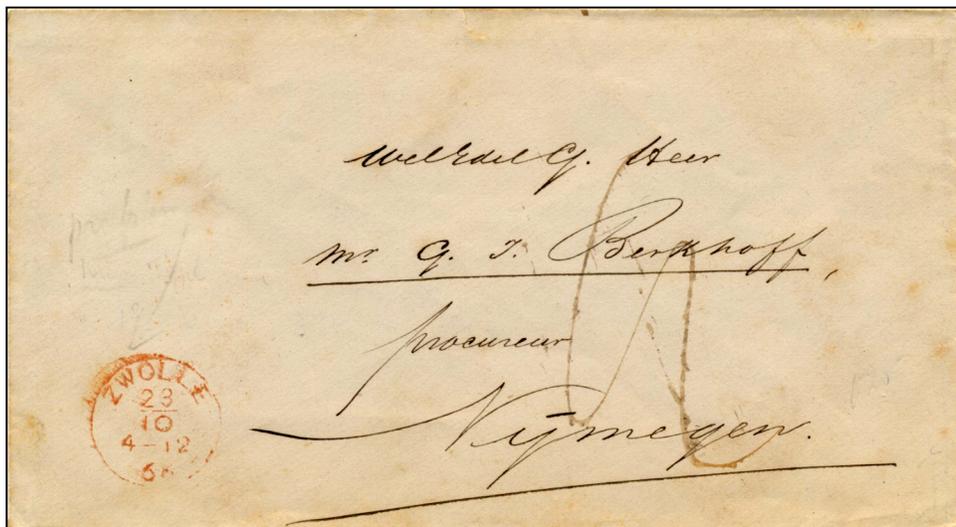
CANCEL OF THE MONTH

The May winner is **Franklin Ennik** with a small round cancel of *Amsterdam C :Station*. This is a small round train station cancel of Amsterdam C :Station on a red, 10 cent 1872-1888 Willem III issue, dated November 18, 1889 with a single letter, one hour time stamp 5-6 N (=afternoon).



COVER of the MONTH

The May winner is **Hans Kremer** with a **small sized trial cancel** used in Zwolle 1864-1867.



Starting in 1864 small-sized trial cancels were issued to three post offices: ‘sGravenhage, Maastricht and **Zwolle**. The diameter of these cancels (Korteweg 49a) was 19 mm. compared to 23-27 mm. for the larger models. The hour indications were as with the previous cancel, i.e. 4-12, 12-5 and 5-9. The 10 cent rate is the correct rate on this stamp-less cover, Nijmegen being more than 30 km and less than 100 km from Zwolle. These cancels were eventually deemed too small; future cancels were at least 22mm. in diameter.

OTHER CATEGORY OF THE MONTH

The May winner is **Franklin Ennik** with a small round cancel of Dirksland (ZH.). This is a small round cancel (on fragment) of Dirksland (ZH.), located on the island of Goeree-Overflakkee in the Netherlands Delta area, dated January 18, 1896, on a 5 cent, 1891-1894 Princess Wilhelmina issue. Dirksland is listed as a hulppostkantoor.



What was behind the HENNY perfin?

with thanks to Hans Kremer

Fellow NPofC member Donald Holmes sent us a couple of **perfins** (**perforated initials**), one of which had the word HENNY in it.

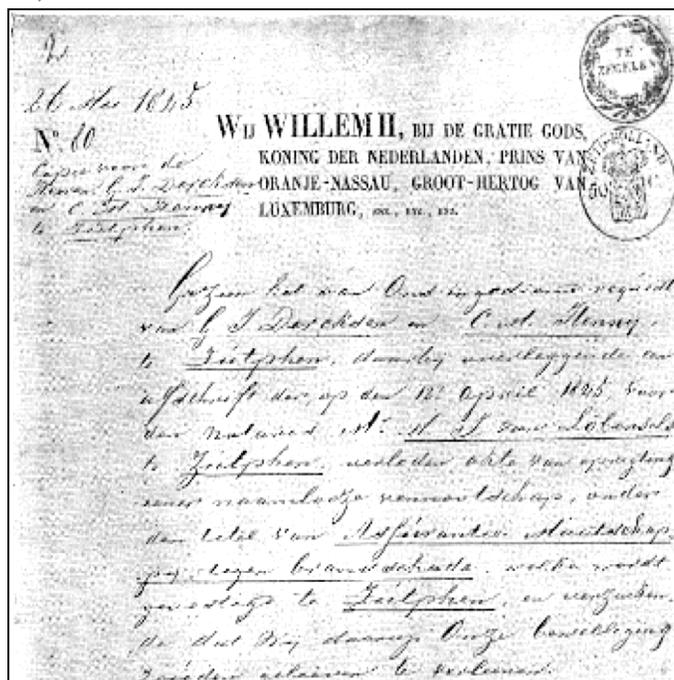


Anytime one would like to know what the initials of a Dutch perfin stand for, one should consult the *Catalogus van de perfins van Nederland en OG*. In this case you'll read that the HENNY perfin was issued by "Assurantie-Maatschappij tegen Brandschade en op het Leven "de Nederlanden van 1845." Also "Labor, Bedrijfsverzekering Maatschappij van "de Nederlanden van 1845" (1924) , and "de Nederlanden van 1845 Fatum Labor" (1928).

All of these names reflect one of the major insurance companies of the Netherlands, one whose foundation was laid in Zutphen, in, you guessed it, 1845.

The founders were Gerrit Jan Dercksen, and his cousin Christiaan Marianus (Carel) Henny. After several mergers and name changes over the years, it was merged in 1962 with the Nationale Levensverzekering-Bank and it has been known since then as Nationale - Nederlanden.

Official 1845 document establishing the parent company of the HENNY perfin.





*Assurantie-Maatschappij tegen Brantschade
Coat of Arms.*

The first HENNY perfin were used in 1883 in Zutphen, and they can be found all the way through 1930. In 1883 Mr. Henny was the manager of the company and he decided to have his name used for the ‘initials’ of the perfin. Mr. Henny held this position until 1919. The Zutphen office building on the IJselkade was locally known as ‘Henny’s Vault’.

In 1897 the head office moved to The Hague and it started using its own HENNY perforator, slightly different from the Zutphen perforator.

How can you distinguish between the two? First of course you would look at the cancel on the stamp. If you are lucky it could say Zutphen or ‘s-Gravenhage (the Hague) and you would be done. If there is no clear defining cancel you have to take a closer look at the perfins, especially at the letter “E”. If you look at the top horizontal part of the E you’ll notice that for the The Hague perfin, the third hole from the left is a bit lower than the other three holes.



The Zutphen HENNY perfin



The Hague HENNY perfin

If you take a close look at the perforated HENNY stamp at the beginning and the image to the right you will notice the ‘damaged’ H and E.

The “H” has the top right hole missing, while for the “E” the same can be said. If you look at the back of the stamp you’ll be able to see minor indents where the holes should have been. The indents however, can not be seen on a scan.



Over time perforators deteriorated, therefore missing or damaged holes are quite common, especially for the more common perfins, such as the HENNY perfin.

References:

J.Verhoeven *Catalogus van de perfins van Nederland en OR*, 2^e edition, , 2007, Perfin Club Nederland, Cost € 24,- **Order from:** N.J.Oosterhagen, van 't Hoffdreef 24, 3146 BR Maassluis, The Netherlands, email: nol.els@kabelfoon.nl

Taal en Tolk, Perforatie "HENNY." July 1955; Reprint in *Mijn Stokpaardje*, April 1956

P.C. Korteweg. Perforatie "HENNY." *Taal en Tolk* ?

Square tram-line cancel on a trajectory from the village of Marum (GR.) to Groningen

In 1871 plans were formulated to establish a tram transportation system that would serve and connect the four northern provinces of Friesland, Groningen, Drenthe and Overijssel. One of these trajectories was laid out between Lemmer on the Zuider Zee through Heerenveen, Drachten, Marum, Groningen and ending in Delfzijl. This line was to be an important connection for the rural farm villages and towns from the Zuider Zee to the Eems Estuary and the nearby German port of Emden.

It is no coincidence that the postal and telegraph offices were also built along this route. Much time and effort was saved, otherwise travelers and freight had to travel via the slow, winding canals. Farm produce and dairy products were also transported. The lighter weight tram cars and rails were well suited for the swampy soil of this region where the water table was at or near the ground surface.

Shown here is a postcard sent to the secretary of the *Bond van Coöp. Zuivelfabr. in Drenthe* (dairy farm cooperative) in Assen to arrange a meeting of members in Peize. A series of these cards with post dates ranging from 1926 to 1943 were examined. This card shows a tram line cancel of the third (III) trip of the day from Marum to Groningen on April 14, 1927.

