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

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

NPofC newsletter viewing difficulties on the website, www.npofc.org Some members have experienced difficulty in downloading and viewing the newsletter pdf files from the internet website. When the pdf files are downloaded for viewing, the illustrations and text are shifted all over the page and the fonts switch to the default ARIAL. The newsletter file is formatted with PC Microsoft Word and transferred to pdf format with MAC to the website but we think the files also somehow got corrupted. We are working on correcting the format anomalies and apologize for any inconvenience in viewing the newsletters on this site.

The **annual NPofC summer picnic** has been scheduled for August 20th at HansPaul Hager's home in San Jose, CA. Mark your calendars now for this special fun, social event. The event is open to all members and wives.

AROUND THE TABLE

Stuart Leven passed around a recent article by Leo Vosse that appeared in *Dai Nippon* on 1938-40s Dutch East Indies LUX Soap advertising postcards featuring illustrations of Hollywood film starlets of the 1930s. The article provided additional information on these unique cards. Stuart also showed us several DEI envelopes and cards with special *Bestelhuis* markers. These contract stations or delivery houses were usually located in small, out of the way villages in the Dutch East Indies and provided no other postal services. A current copy of the *Netherlands Philatelic Circle, UK* newsletter was also shown.

Corresponding member Saburo Masuyama sent us photo copies of KLM *FAM route mail* posted just prior to the Japanese occupation of the Dutch East Indies and a recent article from the *Malaysian Philatelists Journal* about this difficult period. Saburo had questions about the article relative to philatelic history items in his collection. Stuart will respond to Saburo.

The **June 18th meeting** will be held at the home of Arno Kolster in San Francisco, CA starting at 1:00pm. Anyone needing driving directions please contact Arno at (415) 348-1271.
The **July 16th meeting** will be held at the home of Albert Muller in Hayward, CA starting at 1:00pm. Anyone needing driving directions please contact Albert at 510-733-2795.

Franklin Ennik showed us a 1918, 3 cent postal card sent from Middelburg to Zaandam canceled with a typen rader cancel (25 I 19) with a Roman numeral month designation; a 1976-1985 dual US and Netherlands franked souvenir envelope commemorating the “Sail-In” of Tall Ships into Amsterdam and New York; an unused 5 cent Willem III, 1874-1884 DEI double, prepaid reply postal card; and a 1927 dark green, 5 cent overprint on a 7½ cent postal card (Geuzendam’s nr.189) sent from Rilland (Zld.) to Den Haag. Rilland is a small village located SW of Bergen op Zoom adjacent to Highway A58. Note the high (B 787) Den Haag delivery cancel (*besteller stempel*).



Fred Van der Heyden passed around advertising post cards of the *Café 't Kaperschip*; advertising postcards of the wine-house restaurant *Vijff Vlieghe* in Amsterdam; food rationing stamps; an Amsterdam steamer trunk sticker; an Amsterdam Victoria Hotel lunch card; picture postcards featuring the cruise liner Queen Mary, Victoria Hotel and Amsterdam Central Station.

Paul Swierstra passed around some current Netherlands postal rate schedules; and commented that the April 30th Queen’s Day celebration at Union Square, San Francisco was well attended with many revelers sporting costumes, orange shirts, funny hats and face paint; and that the recent WESTPEX 2011 stamp show was considered one of the best successes in recent years. The Western Philatelic Library also did well at WESTPEX 2011. On a recent trip to the Netherlands Paul picked up a fine collection of Dutch railroad block cancels.

Hans Kremer showed us items he obtained at a recent Po&Po auction, including a small publication about Rocket Mail covers made by A.J. de Bruijn’s Nederlandse Ruimtevaart Studio up to 1945; a history of the Dutch postal system (*Het Nederlandse Postwezen vroeger en nu*) by E.A.B.J. ten Brink; a copy of the Postzaken series 1978, *De Afstempelingen van de schepen van de Koninklijke West-Indische maildienst en van de Koninklijke Nederlandse Stoomboot Maatschappij*, (a catalogue of ship cancels on mail sent to the Dutch West Indies) by A.M. Benders; a copy of the 1957 booklet, *Early DEI Postage Due, Overland Mail*, by De Nederlandsche Postzegelverlating; many examples of Kwitantie (bank payment) receipts; examples of post cards and envelopes with red machine cancels;

and a very small, 89 x 69mm street-scene picture card of Pijnacker, located east of Delft that was used as a postcard and postdated 10 februari 1944. (*This is the smallest, postally used picture "postcard" that I've seen. Editor.*)



Burt Miller passed around his collection of 1989 preprinted PTT automaat-stroken machine labels; a POW Harderwijk Internment Camp cover “franked” with the green internment stamp, that was returned to sender; a couple of covers franked with fur-collar Wilhelmina stamps that were sent to Danzig; and a 1932 Graf Zeppelin cover with a red cachet that was sent to Sao Salvador, Bahia State, Brazil.



This particular flight left Friedrichshafen, Germany 24 October 1932, stopped at Berlin and London, and arrived (per arrival cancel) Sao Salvador, Brazil (the capital of Bahia State) on 27 October. Amazingly quick flight time!! The back-stamp instruction, **Responda logo "Via Condor Zeppelin" a mala fecha Sabbado 29/10/32 as 18 horas**, says in effect to “get reply mail in right

away because the mail bag closes on Saturday, 29 October at 6 pm.” (presumably because the airship is leaving then).

HansPaul Hager passed around a couple of unusual examples of fiscal payment devices: two small



brass plates/disks, that were nailed/attached to the front of summer rental property as evidence that the owners had paid a tax or permit fee. These ~ 45 mm. disks are from the town of Reeuwijk (Z.H.), near Gouda. The use of these disks was apparently short lived because they could easily be stolen and attached elsewhere. Nowhere are these disks mentioned in fiscal revenue literature; HansPaul



would appreciate anyone with additional information to contact him, with thanks in advance, at his email address hphager@aol.com.

HansPaul also passed around a war time tobacco ration book issued by the Germans to conscripted Dutch citizens sent to work in the Ukraine in the program, *Nederlandsche Oost Compagne, n.v. Ukraina* and a small, wooden cigar box embossed with the same logo. At a book fair in the Netherlands, HansPaul bought an old notebook where someone had painstakingly hand-copied and -traced the text and cancel illustrations that look suspiciously similar to O.M. Vellinga's *De poststempels van Nederland 1676-1915*.

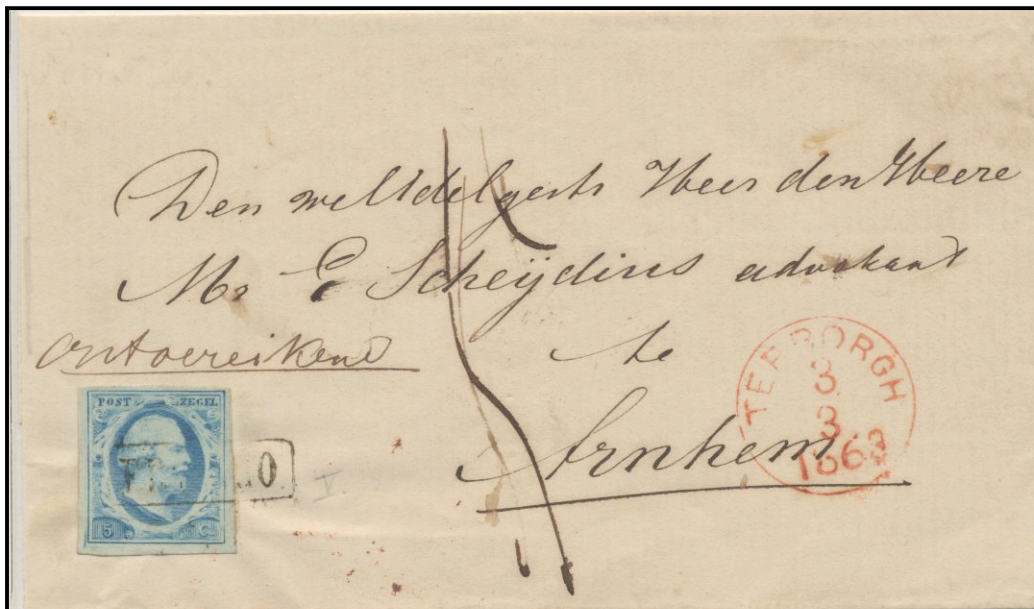
CANCEL OF THE MONTH

The May winner is **Arno Kolster** with a 'sock on nose' (SON), small round cancel of Dordrecht 28 juli 1893 (with a one hour time interval 10-11V), on an 1888-1894, 1½ cent, Type I postage due (NVPH nr. P4D).



COVER OF THE MONTH

The May winner is **Arno Kolster** with a paper wrapper franked with a blue, 5 cent Willem III (NVPH nr. 1) sent from Terborgh to Arnhem.

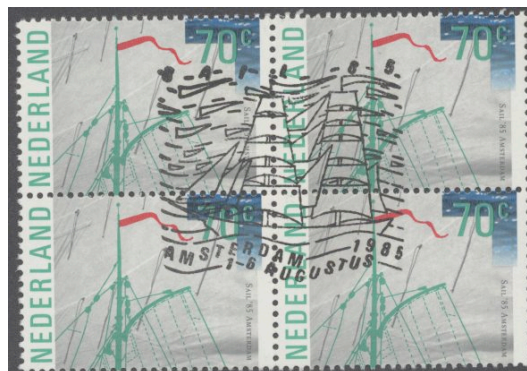


This 1863 paper wrapper was dispatched from Terborgh (=Terborg, Gld.) to Arnhem, probably containing other documents. A round, red Terborgh 3/3/1863, cancel appears on the front and arriving the same day in Arnhem and receiving a red, round arrival cancel 3/3/1863. A Plate V, position

28, 5 cent Willem III (NVPH nr.1) was tied to the wrapper with a FRANCO cancel. *Ontoereikend*, indicating insufficient postage, is handwritten above the stamp. The distance from Terborgh to Arnhem was greater than 30 km. so the postage should be 10 cent, not 5 cent. A paper wrapper was used to enclose and seal a folded letter.

OTHER CATEGORY OF THE MONTH

The May winner is **Franklin Ennik** with a special **Sail Amsterdam 1985** cancel on a block of stamps commemorating the event.



Approximately 18 “Tall Sailing Ships” from various countries around the world, plus numerous other classical maritime craft, participated in this **Sail-In** event in Amsterdam beginning August 1 through August 6, 1985. The various Tall Ships were manned by naval cadets of the flagship country.

This 70 cent stamp is one of a three-stamp set commemorating events in Amsterdam during 1985 (NVPH nrs. 1335-1337). The 50 cent stamp honored *100 years of the Rijksmuseum*; the 60 cent stamp honored *200 years of the Zeevaartkundig onderwijs*; and the 70 cent stamp honored the *Sail '85 Amsterdam* event.

The Bickerdike ‘wavy flag’ cancel of 1904/05

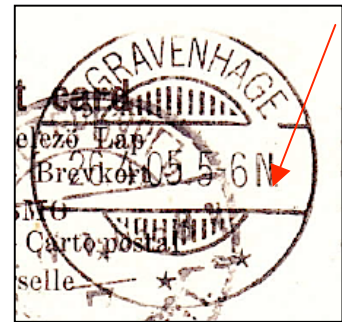
with thanks to Hans Kremer

In the Maandblad of November 2010 I noticed a familiar cancel. It was a Bickerdike machine cancel of 1904/05. I had seen a postcard with a similar cancel in my collection and sure enough its date (26 April 1905) matched with what has been mentioned in the literature.

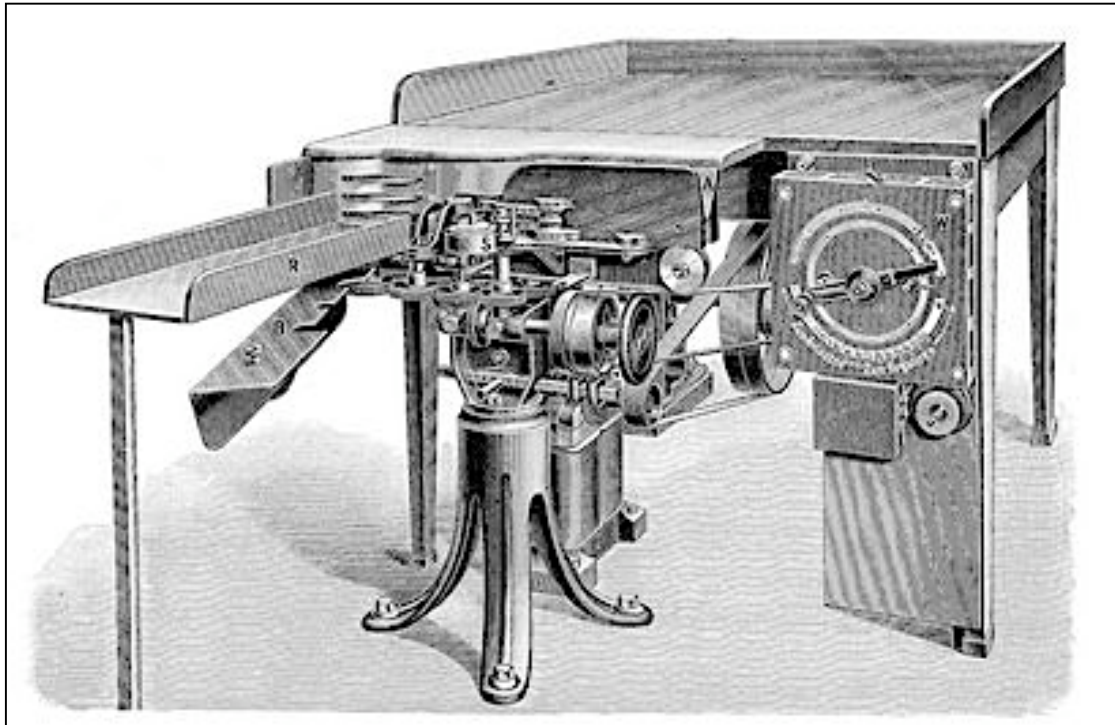


Bickerdike cancel dated 26.4.05. Card sent from The Hague to St. Petersburg, Russia.

This machine cancel (Vellinga # 204), with the wavy flag, was used in the The Hague main post office between and including August 8, 1904 and May 9, 1905. As early as September 2, 1904 the cancel was damaged, resulting in an interrupted horizontal bar. Please note the 3 mm. gap under the second “E” of ”s GRAVENHAGE” indicated by the red arrow.



Close-up of Bickerdike machine cancel



Bickerdike electric canceling machine.

The Bickerdike machine originally was developed in Canada and later 'exported' to Germany. The machine used in The Hague was ordered in Berlin. For a short period after May 9, 1905 the 'wavy flag' was replaced by the Dutch Coat of Arms (**Je Maintiendrai**), but the last day of use of the Bickerdike electric canceling device was January 22, 1906. The electric Columbia machine replaced it.

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