

The Malaya Study Group

The Malaya Study Group was formed in 1959 by Howard Selzer in the United States with the group being administered by an elected committee in the United Kingdom. Membership, currently well over 400, is world wide, with the majority of members being in the United Kingdom, Malaysia and Singapore. Members also come from Australia, the United States and Western Europe.

An informative 'News Letter' and the highly regarded study group journal 'The Malayan Philatelist' are issued four times a year, with all members being invited to contribute to both publications.

A number of meetings are held throughout the year, mainly in London but also at Leicester, Worthing and Glasgow in addition to meetings arranged overseas. Auctions of high class Malayan material, both postal and room, also take place during the year, for members only to buy and sell.

Members are encouraged to display at some meetings whilst others are presentations given by named members. These meetings provide invaluable information for the new comer and veteran members alike. They are always held in a friendly and convivial atmosphere, with advice given where it is welcome or solicited.

A 'Packet Circuit' is in operation for U.K. members and is an excellent way to fill those awkward gaps.

The group has produced several publications, many recently, covering all aspects of Malayan, Singaporean and Malaysian philately. The most recent works are 'Malaya - Postal Stationery 1937-1947' edited by Susan McEwen and the late Gaden Robinson and volumes one, 1948-1963 and two, 1963-1994 of 'Malaya and the Federation of Malaya - their stamps and postal stationery' by Len Stanway, FRPSL. Volume three, 1995-2009, the final volume, will be printed during the latter half of 2011.

In addition to a comprehensive cross referenced A4 bound index, free to new members, past issues of the journal have been digitised and issued on a two CD set which is available for purchase by new members for a nominal cost.

The group is open to all collectors of Malayan philately, whatever their interest or level. Material collected ranges from the pre-stamp period in the Straits Settlements through to the modern Malaysian and Singapore issues and the wealth of material in-between.

Membership, which includes issues of 'The Malayan Philatelist', news letter and auction catalogues, postage paid, by airmail where required, is £20 per annum with an early payment discount of £5 if payment is made prior to the 30th. June in any year. New members joining after the 30th. June but prior to the years end pay £22.50, this being payment for 18 months with discounts. For further details, please contact the membership secretary, David Tett by post at :

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