

The Malaya Study Group

The Malaya Study Group was formed in 1959 by the late 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 worldwide, 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 'Newsletter' 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 in the UK throughout the year, mainly in London but also in Leicester, Milton Keynes, Worthing, Edinburgh and Glasgow. In addition meetings have been arranged in Australia, Malaysia and Singapore. 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 many publications covering all aspects of Malayan, Singaporean and Malaysian philately. The most recent works are all by L C Stanway FRPSL- 'Singapore Post Offices & Registration Labels' and the three volumes of 'Malaysia and the Federation of Malaya – their stamps and postal stationery' which cover the years 1945 to 2009.

In addition to a comprehensive cross referenced A4 bound index, free to new members, past issues of The Malayan Philatelist 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', newsletter 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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For more information about the group and its activities, please visit the group website at:

www.malayastudygroup.com.