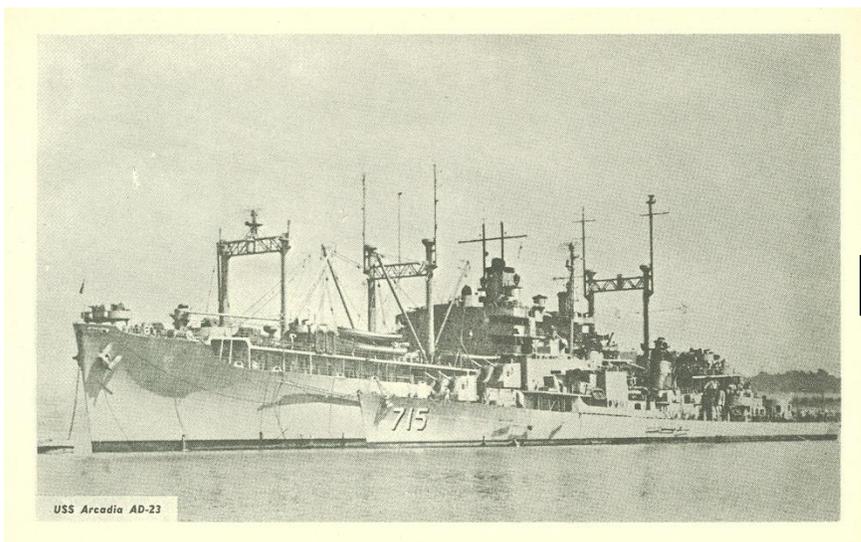
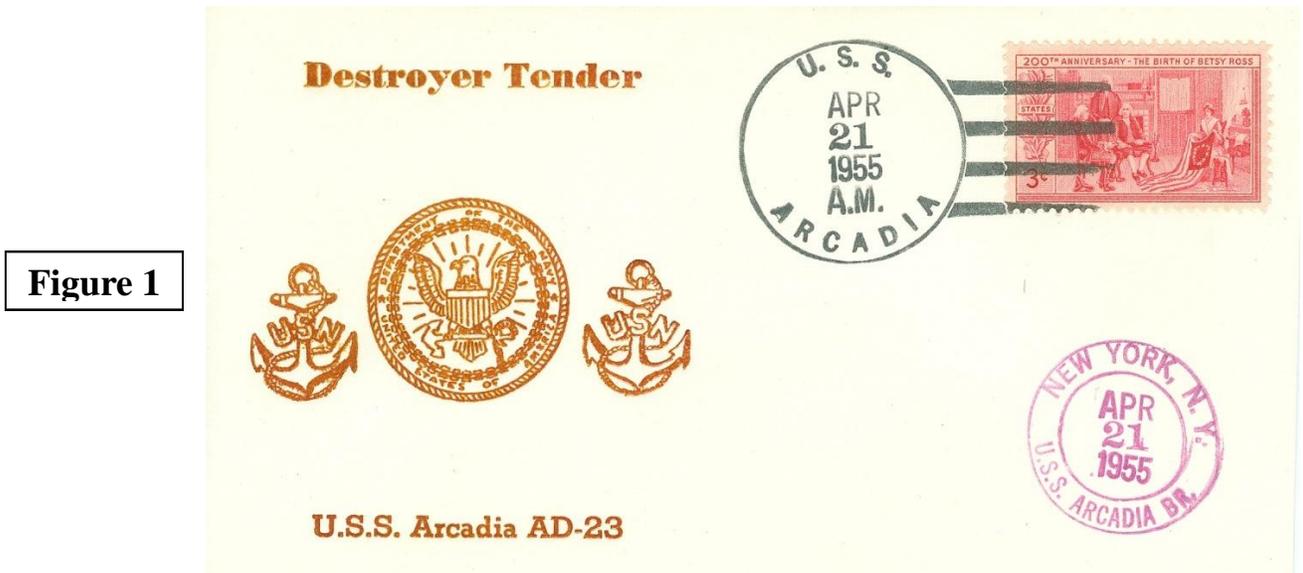


The USS Arcadia by Phil Fettig

Three U.S. Navy ships have been named USS ARCADIA. The first was a small Motor Patrol Gunboat that served from 1917-1919. Very little information is available. The second was a Cargo Ship built in 1896 in Ireland for the German Government. After World War I, the U.S. received this ship from Germany and she was commissioned the USS ARCADIA (ATF). This vessel carried supplies until she was returned to the U.S. Government Shipping Board, having served in the U.S. Navy for less than one year. In September 1945, the third USS ARCADIA (AD-23) was commissioned and placed into service as a Destroyer Tender. This type of ship provided all types of mechanical and supply service to U.S. Navy Destroyers serving around the world. The ARCADIA performed several missions and was placed into reserve status as the global situation changed. In January 1968, USS ARCADIA was decommissioned for the final time and was broken up for scrap in August 1974.

Figure (1) shows a post World War II cancel. For the most part the informative information usually contained in the "Killer Bars" part of the cancel disappeared during WWII and never returned except for very special occasions. Figure (2) is a postcard that shows the USS ARCADIA with a Destroyer alongside.



Central Florida Fair – 2009

The club participated in the 97th Central Florida Fair that was held from April 16 to April 26. The weather, which can be somewhat unpredictable and outright fickle this time of year, cooperated for the full run of the Fair – with no rain days. That is remarkable.

The club covered 108 hours of staffing in our booth and gave out a little over 530 packets of stamps to the youngsters. As always the Fair can be an interesting experience, especially if it is tempered through the eyes of a child learning something for the first time or an adult reconnecting with a long ago hobby. A big “thank you” to everyone that participated and gave so freely of their time.

Special thanks to Al Nagy for the use of this backdrop for the booth. It really does add an much more professional appearance to the effort. Thank you also to Jim Archbold for being available for the setup and breakdown sequences --- and Josh Furman for his delivery service on a day he was not even scheduled. Your time is appreciated, by all!

I would like to acknowledge everyone else that participated in the Fair. In no particular order: The Stephens, The Hoffmans, The Priests, Josh Furman, A. Steve Patrick, Jean Lee, and Robert Dowrick.

I would like to single out the these individuals because of their higher numbers of hours worked.

- Larry Stiles with 18 hours
- Mary Lepich with 17 hours
- William Bomar with 16 hours

Everyone who participated will receive Glue points for your efforts.

The BoD is very much aware of the sacrifice of energy and time that goes into this public outreach effort every year. We have recruited a number of new members, both adult and youth in previous years. We hope to continue this annual event with the support of the membership. In addition, the club eared \$200 from the Fair for staffing the booth space. That money goes a long way towards making a difference in the CFSC.

***** Where on the planet is Phil Fettig?



Yes -- that is snow – and lots of it! This pretty picture was taken on 04.30.09 by our very own Phil Fettig, who has now logged over 4,500 miles since leaving the Sunshine state.

To play this game you must be the first one to identify specifically the location of this photo. Board members are not eligible for this game. Sorry guys.

Prize is \$10 Gift Certificate. See the Editor.