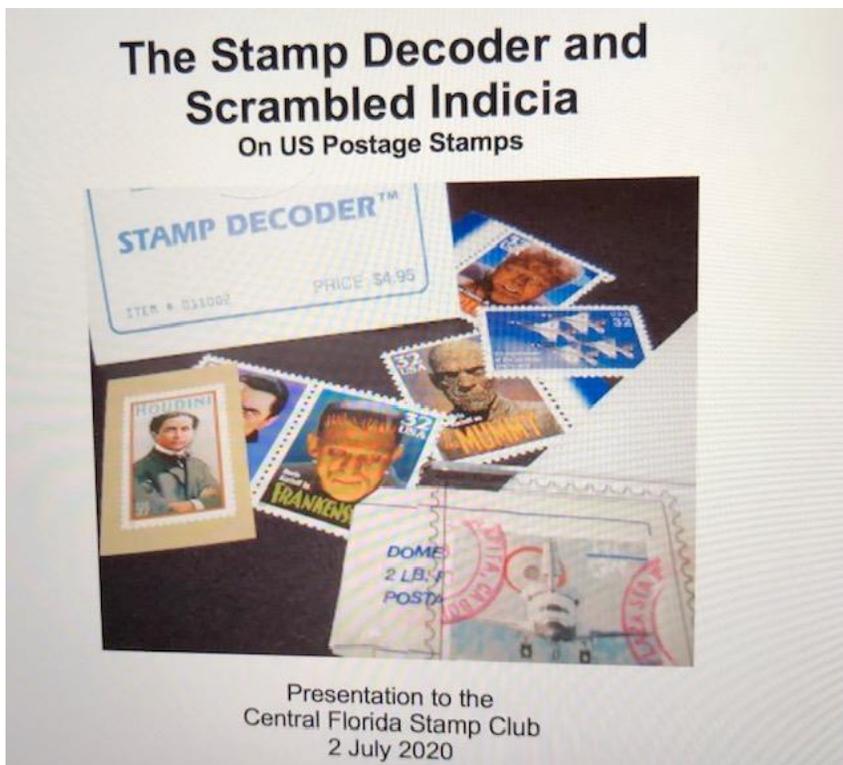


# July Meeting Report

## Zoom It Is – For Now



The screen capture shows the attendance from the first meeting of July when Henry Jehan presented on the hidden images found on stamps. Two of the images with the visible hidden images are shown below. Dog with bone & doghouse. Cat with paw print and mouse.



At least 25 members showed up on ZOOM for the July 16 “show and tell” meeting. Two door prizes were awarded for coming closest to a number from 1 to 100. Gerald Freisiger (#10) and Carlos Guffain (#52) were the winners of the \$10 certificates to be awarded in the future.

Francis Ferguson reported that our oldest member Ruth Pearl at 97 is housebound. Fergie also reported that national dealer William S. Langs has passed away in early July.

The show and tell came from eight participants and showed a wide range of philately, some of which may show up in a future newsletter article. Scott Cornwall showed two stamps that celebrated the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lichtenstein in 2019. One stamp is embroidered and the other is infused with gold threads and pieces of Swarovski crystals.

John Gehrig showed a 12½ cent Province of Canada 1859 packet mail stamp with two values printed on the stamp, pound sterling and Canadian dollar. It pictures the Chalon portrait of Queen Victoria and paid for a one sheet letter to sail from Halifax to Britain.

Keith Reccius showed a COVID-19 cover from the hospital ship *USNA Mercy* from the Custodian of Postal Services, a previously unseen department. It is docked in San Diego and has been providing over 80 significant surgeries during the crisis. The reverse of the cover had a rubber stamp seal with the ship's motto MARE REFUGIO SALUTARIS.



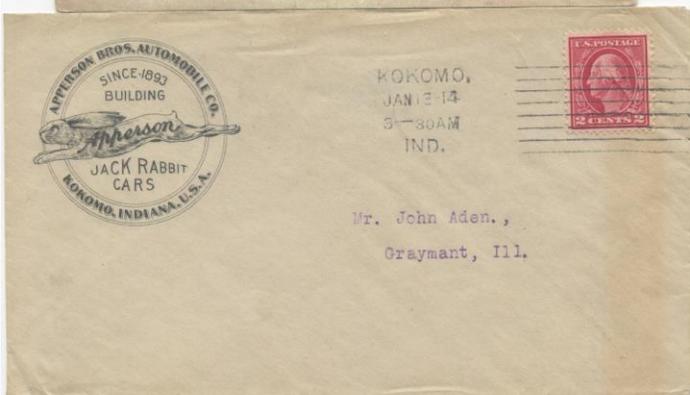
Bill Johnston showed three items [at left] from his automobile advertising collection. The first was for a 1908 Knox Waterless auto from Springfield, Massachusetts. A postcard showed a Woods Electric car, a company that started in 1899 as a “lady’s car” with a parlor like a cabin and a tiller for steering. The third cover showed an ad for a 1914 Jack Rabbit car guaranteed to go 75 mph.



Francis Ferguson showed several unusual Prexie stamps, one a block of four of the \$1 Woodrow Wilson that showed a piece of string had fallen on the black portrait plate and left white vacancies. A set of Martha Washington corner blocks showed that all plate number 22880 have one inverted eight, not a rarity but a production error. He showed four examples of seldom seen gutter pairs.

Steve Patrick showed a Civil War era cover from Larry Stile’s collection. It is an 1864 mourning cover to a midshipman John Hawley living on the USS Constitution that was being used as a classroom/barracks for the US Naval Academy. The ship was removed from Annapolis during the war, 1861-1865, to Newport, Rhode Island.

Lastly Jim Cooney showed several “bisects on piece” from several 19<sup>th</sup> century countries including Horta, St. Lucia, and Bologna. The Bologna stamp is being sent for a cert, and if lucky enough to not be a forgery will buy lots of bologna!



Newt Kulp and Steve Patrick offered to do the two August programs, so get your computers fixed, and be ready for more philatelic fun.