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The Cover Story

How World War II Brought Stamp Collections to the U.S.

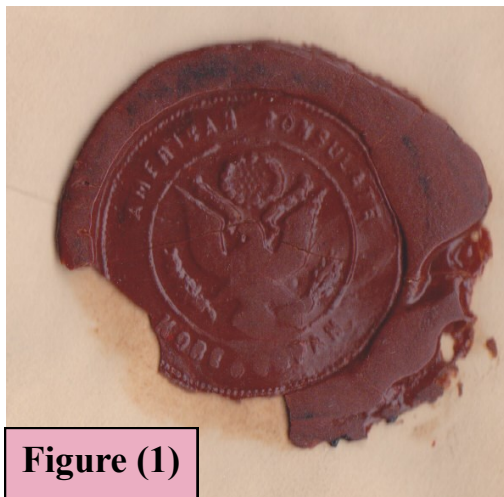


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Program Schedule (Aug/Sept/Oct)

August — The first meeting on 08.06 has been replaced with an APS DVD presentation. The second meeting on 08.20 will be the Summer Cried Auction — bring your material to sell and crack open your wallet to buy stuff.

September — The first meeting on 09.03 will have David M. Allen presenting “Stamp Condition Considerations”. The second meeting on 09.17 will have our resident APS Judge Jim Pullin, talking about “American Sailing Packet on the North Atlantic.”

October — The first meeting on 10.01 will have Larry Stiles presenting the much anticipated “Yangtze River Patrol — Part II”. The second meeting on 10.17 will have Jim Pullin, presenting part II of “American Sailing Packets on the North Atlantic”.

BoD meeting for 2015; 10.29

July Meeting Recaps

The first meeting of the month began with a rather thin crowd of seven showing up for dinner. The meeting had 30 folks signed in. The presentations by numerous club members on many different topics was interesting and entertaining. The silent auction sold 14 lots for a total of \$99.75.

The second meeting began with a very tiny group of six folks for dinner. (Where did everyone go?) The meeting was well attended with 32 signed in. The presentation by The Editor was presented in a presentable fashion and with microscopic clarity (most of the time). The Editor was informed when he arrived home and changed clothes that his underwear was inside out. TMI? The auction sold 20 lots for a total of \$301.25.

Dinner Plans

Come join the group for dinner at Viet Garden at 5:00pm before each meeting. Located on the NW corner of Shine Ave & 50 at 1237 E. Colonial Dr. There is plenty of parking on the north side, behind the restaurant. Bring your appetite – and your wallet. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

Event Calendar 2015

FSDA Orlando Fall Show September 12-13
FLOREX 2015 December 4, 5 & 6
For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

New Members X 2

We added two new members recently. Betty M. Helton from Orlando who collects United States and her son David C. Helton who is only the transportation (and not a collector at this time!).

Make an Impression by Phil Fetting

Over the years I was blessed with many friends, also known as “mentors”, who guided me into rewarding experiences as a Stamp Dealer and a Show Promoter. It started in the 1970s with two dealers in a Merritt Island store where Ann & I would spend a Saturday helping to inventory once a quarter. After moving to Orlando in the late 1970's we did a few one day shows and two dealers helped me join the FSDA and gave me experience behind a table at bigger shows. In the early 1980s we volunteer at FLOREX and started promoting shows. In 1984, Ann started with A & R. After that things fell into place and I moved up into leadership roles in the FSDA and FLOREX. After leaving the Navy in 1992 the opportunity arose to work for Michael Rogers Inc. That resulted in exposure to higher levels of buying/selling, traveling to major shows, auctions and general business practices. In turn, I have tried to give back to our wonderful hobby and do the same. Over the years I helped five CFSC become dealers and show promoters. In fact, two of them are current competitors. One has gone on to become FLOREX General Chairman and the current President of the FSDA. It all starts with volunteering and learning about what interests you.

Dolly Parton is quoted stating “*If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, then you are a leader.*” Our future legacy will be formed by actions taken and words spoken now. What can you do now to help the club and members to remember you?

Quoted



“A life is like a garden. Perfect moments can be had, but not preserved, except in memory. LLAP”

Live Long And Prosper;
Leonard Nimoy's last communications with humanity, four days before his passing.

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President's Message

Hidden Treasures by Robert Dowrick

As collectors, we are always looking for the best stamp we can afford. That usually means the stamp has to be well-centered and have no straight edges if it was to be perfed all around. I was always of the opinion as well that a stamp that had perfins (holes punched into the design) was also inferior. Little did I know that perfins themselves can be quite collectible.

Perfins were introduced to stop reuse of stamps. Many corporations would have their initials punched into the stamps by machines before the stamps were applied to envelopes. Many designs of initials have been found and those that are rarer can bring quite a price, no matter what stamp they are punched into. As stamp collectors, we are concerned primarily with the front of the stamp if it is used while perfin collectors are more interested in the perfin design and often display their stamps face down!

Perfins are graded upon their rarity. Grades of A through F are assigned based upon the quantity known where A is the highest and most valuable grade. There are catalogs that list all of the known perfin designs and provide the grade. Values for the different grades range from \$7.50++ for A down to \$.05 for E and F. Higher prices for stamps still on cover.

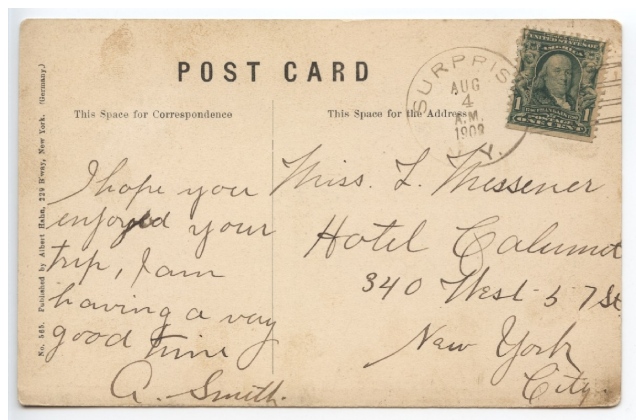
You should look through your collection and see if you have any perfins. You never know if perhaps you have a valuable one on a common stamp.

Happy hunting.



Serendipity — Part XI by the Editor

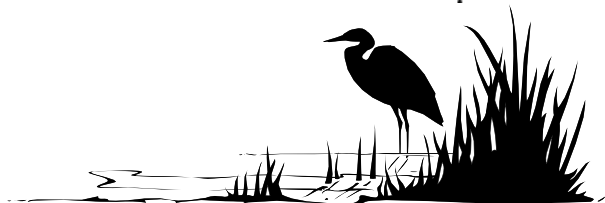
A post office called Surprise — was established in 1889, and remained in operation until it was discontinued in 1988. It is located in Greene County which can be found in the southeast corner of central New York. A brief session of hunting on the world wide web turned up nothing of a substantial nature to report. It seems that the history of this oddly named 'town' has been lost.



The Central Florida Stamp Club is a 70+ year old organization governed by a Board of Directors elected by the general membership every two years and dedicated to the enjoyment of the hobby of stamp collecting.

- Membership is a reasonable \$18 per year, \$6 for youth.
- Meetings are twice a month on the first and third Thursdays.
- The Membership of the CFSC includes many diverse interests that cover the range from A-Z.
- The meeting is centrally located to downtown Orlando and can be easily accessed from SR 50 (Colonial Drive) and I/4.
- The Marks Street Senior Center has been our host for the last 15+ years and provides a pleasant meeting room with easy access and plenty of free parking.
- The informal part of the meeting runs from 6:00-6:45. The business side of things from 6:45-7:10. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 7:15 until 7:50. Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions until to 8:25. We must be out of the building by 8:30 without exception.
- The Membership of the CFSC participates as the host and sponsor of the SUN-PEX show in June of each year. In addition, we are the resident hosting club for FLOREX, and many of the smaller local shows held in the Orlando area.
- The CFSC maintains a website: CentralFloridaStampClub.org
- Benefits of membership include; monthly newsletter, access to loaner equipment & catalogs, participation in door prize drawings, the right to bid in cried/silent auctions — and much more.

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