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The Cover Story

Gee Whiz! [Part 1]

The alphabetical soup, created by the USPS.
Figures 1-6



Program Schedule (Apr/May/June)

April — The first meeting on 04.07 will have the second quarter cried auction, while the second meeting on 04.21 will have Tom Lera presenting “The First Underground Railroad Post Office.”

May — The first meeting on 05.05 will have Francis Ferguson presenting on “Transports”. The second meeting on 05.19 will have Robert Fisher telling us all about the “German occupation of the British Channel Islands.

June — The first meeting on 06.02 will be “Round Robin Night” — bring something you collect to talk about for 5-6 minutes. We are looking for 6-8 folks to participate. The second meeting will have a cried auction — this Super Auction has a \$5 minimum per lot.

BoD meeting for 2016; 09.29.

March Meeting Recaps

The first meeting of March began with 11 attending our early dinner gathering and 40 members signed in for the meeting. The presentation by A. Stephen Patrick on “Black History on Stamps” was educational and interesting. Stephen filled in for Jerry Eller who had to cancel. The auction sold 21 lots for a total of \$236.

The second meeting started off with a talkative crowd of nine for dinner and 39 folks signed in for the meeting. Jerry Eller won the anonymously donated APS membership. Roy Anderson won the 1st quarter birthday door prize. Randall Priest’s presentation was highly informative and as entertaining as always! The silent auction sold 27 lots for \$223.50.

Club Polo Shirts

For those new and veteran club members who do not have a lovely blue club shirt — we have them for purchase at \$10 each. See a member of the BoD to buy one or two!

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 2016

CFSS-Spring One Day	April 9
SUNPEX 2016	June 11-12
FSDA Orlando Fall Show	September 10-11
FLOREX 2016	December 2, 3 & 4

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

Picnic in the Park

The third annual CFSC Spring Picnic will be held Sunday April 17th from 2:00 to 6:00pm. The location is the same as last year—Maitland Community Park, 1400 Mayo Ave., Maitland. We have rented a large pavilion and will have the BBQ going for hamburgers, hotdogs and whatever else may appear. Please bring a pot luck item to share. The map is in the MEMBERS ONLY section of the website.

April 9th One Day Show

The show that is hosted and sponsored by the CFSC is just around the corner. The Oak Room at the Marks Street Center will be full with 8 dealers this time around. Bring your want list and your piggy bank. The show is open to the public from 10:00am until 3:00pm. Come and have fun at a small relaxed show that has continued to be a great event!

SUNPEX 2016 [June 11th -12th]

This is a transition year as the show moves to a new location with a new show layout. The Bahia Shrine Center has been sold and is no longer available for public use. The new location is at the Maitland Civic Center — also known as the Venue on the Lake. The room can accommodate the same number of booths as previously, however in a different configuration. This year no exhibits frames are going to be setup; we do expect to have exhibits return to the 2017 show.

Scott’s Catalog Check-out Policy Change

Effective immediately, because of the continued issues with returning volumes in a timely manner (i.e. the next meeting) and the fact that every year we have had volumes going missing — the Scotts’s Catalog volumes will not leave the room for take home use. If a better system can be worked out and implemented this issue will be revisited in the future. We apologize to those that actually handled the check out and return properly, but the continued loss is too expensive.

Quoted

“Life is strong stuff, some of us can bear more of it than others.”

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings [1896-1953]



Author who lived in rural Florida and wrote novels with rural themes and settings.

President's Message by Francis Ferguson

Here we are in the first week of April enjoying the weather in Central Florida. Those with green thumbs are planting early and wishing for a good harvest — or bright splash of color soon. Most stamp collectors (especially in the frozen north country) are packing up the stamp projects that have helped to pass the long cold days and nights to enjoy the longer hours of evening light. I was born in the up-state NY area of Utica, where snow is measured in feet not inches — winter starts in November and can last until April. One year, I clearly remember snow on Halloween and just for kicks snow on Mother's Day! My childhood hobby got me through many a cold day of house-bound boredom — so yes I understand the concept.

I for one, do not follow the northern norm of putting things away as spring arrives. Rather, I get to enjoy my collections and organize/mount/catalog items that have been acquired during the busy times of year. I will freely admit that the prospect of doing yard work in Florida after June 1st has zero interest for me. Air conditioning in a mosquito free environment works for me. I have come to understand after living in Central Florida for almost 39 years — and in Apopka for 12, that the most nasty mosquitos live here in our midst — with only one thing on the agenda — draw blood by the gallon. Thank you but, I will stay inside and be a stamp collector.

All in all, this is my favorite time of year with the fresh vegetables, bright flowers — and stamp related “work” — that is really not work!



Serendipity — Part XVII by Bill DiPaolo, FSDA Dealer

Form 2845 (3-53) C5

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Administration des Postes des États-Unis d'Amérique

POSTAL SERVICE (1)
Service des postes

RETURN RECEIPT
Avis de réception

Mr. E. J. Seeger
(Name or firm) (Nom ou raison sociale)

1009 Blomfield
(Street and number) (Rue et numéro)

Flint 3 Mich U.S.A.
(Locality) (Localité) (Country) (Pays)

1 If this receipt is to be returned by air mail, put on it the conspicuous notation "Renvoi par avion" (Return by air mail) and the "Par avion" (via air mail) label.
Si le présent avis doit être renvoyé par avion, le recto de la mention très apparente "Renvoi par avion" et de l'étiquette "Par avion".
2 To be filled out by the sender, who will indicate his address for the return of this receipt.
A remplir par l'expéditeur, qui indiquera son adresse pour le renvoi du présent avis.

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[Editor's note: The following was provided after a brief conversation with Bill at FLOREX 2015, who pulled this item out — as being unusual — and it is!] The basic information is that this is a card mailed from Czechoslovakia that overpays a 10c postcard rate. Here is what is interesting: Air mail return receipts are rare domestically. International return re-

(To be filled out by the office of origin)
(A remplir par le bureau d'origine)

1 Registered article (2)
Envoi recommandé

Parcel insured for \$
Cotis avec valeur déclarée de

Mailed at the post office of
Déposé au bureau de poste d

APR 20 1956
1956, under No. 17801
sous le No.

Edward J. Seeger
(Name or firm) (Nom ou raison sociale)

1009 Blomfield
(Street and number) (Rue et numéro)

Flint 3 Mich U.S.A.
(Locality) (Localité) (Country) (Pays)

Leonine Balle
(Name or firm) (Nom ou raison sociale)

Egonova 40 812
(Street and number) (Rue et numéro)

Prague Czechoslovakia
(Place of destination) (Lieu de destination)

(Country of destination) (Pays de destination)

1 Cross out what does not apply.
Biffer ce qui ne convient pas.

2 Indicate in the parenthesis the nature of the article (letter, post card, print, etc.), if called for.
Indiquer dans la parenthèse la nature de l'envoi (lettre, carte postale, imprimé, etc.), s'il y a lieu.

3 This receipt must be signed by the addressee or by a person authorized to do so by virtue of the regulations of the country of destination, or, if those regulations so provide, by the agent of the office of destination, and returned by the first mail directly to the sender.
Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire ou par une personne y autorisée en vertu des règlements du Pays de destination, ou, si ces règlements le comportent, par l'agent du bureau destinataire, et renvoyé par le premier courrier directement à l'expéditeur.

The undersigned declares that the
Le soussigné déclare que l'envoi mentionné
article mentioned opposite was duly
ci-contre a été dûment
delivered on 25/4/56
livré le

Signature
Signature
of the addressee:
du destinataire:

of the agent of the office of destination:
de l'agent du bureau destinataire:

Postmark of the office of destination
Timbre du bureau destinataire

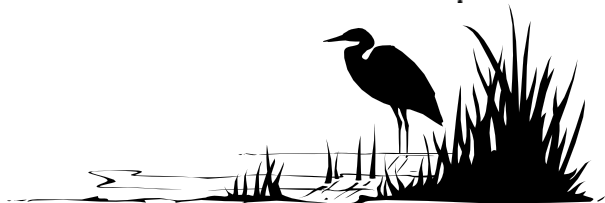
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ceipts are extraordinarily rare. In 1954 regulations required that air mail postage be paid in advance along with a return receipt fee. In this case postage was affixed in advance. The U.S. postage stamp was accepted and canceled in Czechoslovakia and returned to the States. The rarity of these items of postal history is not well known and can be found often at bargain prices. The cards are especially rare franked with Prexies.

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 16+ 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.

Central Florida Stamp Club



NOTE: Opinions expressed in this newsletter are solely those of the authors placing articles, and are not reflective of the CFSC or any members.

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