

The Philatelic Missive

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The Cover Story

Star Route Truck? What's a Star Route, anyway?



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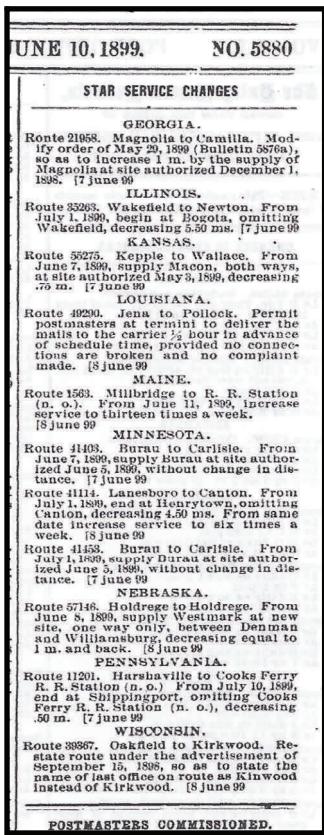


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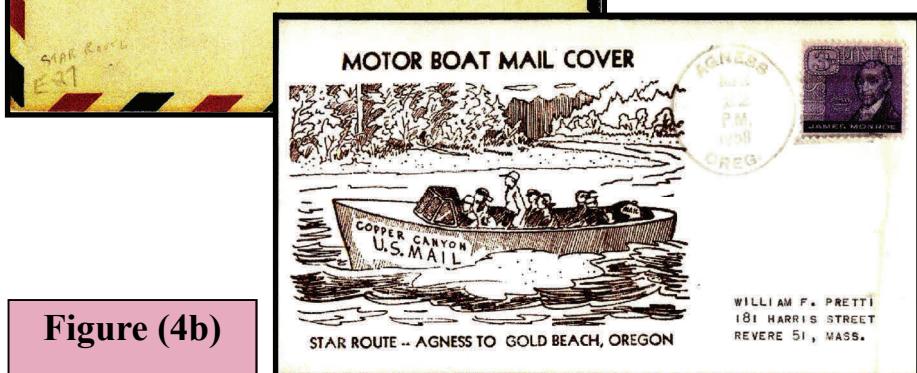


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Program Schedule (June/July/Aug)

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.

July — The first meeting on 07.07 will have Jim Pullin presenting “Catapults Revisited”. The second meeting on 07.21 the membership will be given a report by numerous folks that attended NYC2016.

August — The first meeting on 08.04 is scheduled to have a presentation by Mike Schumacher entitled “Introduction to Iceland”. The second meeting on 08.18 will have Newt Kulp talking about U.S. Air Letters.

BoD meeting for 2016; 09.29.

May Meeting Recaps

The first meeting of May started off with 15(!) for dinner. The meeting had 45 signed in —which may be a record for a non-cried auction attendance. Francis Ferguson presented on Transports and all went well. The silent auction sold 21 lots for a total of \$214.50.

The second meeting of the month began with 12 for dinner and 38 signed in. There was a lot of activity in the room. Robert Fisher did a great job educating us on the Channel Islands in WWII — and we have been educated on even-toed ungulates. The silent auction sold 21 lots for \$227.

Auction Reminder

Please remember to use your full name when bidding in the silent auctions. We have many Roberts, Johns, Bills and Stephens. Don’t make the ‘Team David’ who handles the auction, have to be detectives in addition to what they have to accomplish! Also remember to actually pay for your lots — BEFORE YOU LEAVE. The number of lots entered into the silent auction is limited to three per night unless otherwise announced.

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

SUNPEX 2016
FSDA Orlando Fall Show
FLOREX 2016
For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

June 11-12
September 10-11
December 2, 3 & 4

New Member X4

We are pleased to welcome **Mike Schumacher** who calls Leesburg home. Mike collects Iceland. **Robert N. Connor** from Orlando has joined us—he collects African-Americans on stamps. Third is **Michael Dey** of Maitland who did not list collecting interests. Our fourth new member is **Daniel Bouw** from Orlando who collects used Malaya, Philippines & Canada. The Editor encourages each new member to do a short write-up on what they collect for publication in this newsletter. Welcome everyone!!

SUNPEX 2016 [June 11th—12th]

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. The sign up sheet for reception table shifts is available — please give of your time to benefit the club and the world of philately. Remember that your first contact with a show attendee may just result in a new member for the CFSC. We have made an effort to secure food services for Saturday and Sunday lunch — and can only hope that it falls in place.

Catalog Use Policy

Discussion at the first meeting of May, resulted in a policy to require a refundable deposit of \$20 per catalog to be held by the Treasurer Jim Archbold, until the return of the catalog. The duration of check out remains at 2 weeks and failure to return the catalog within that time frame will result in a \$2 fine to be deducted from the deposit money.

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. You will look GREAT in blue!

Quoted

“I have already settled it for myself so flattery and criticism go down the same drain and I am quite free.”



Georgia O’Keeffe [1887-1986], American Artist.

President's Message by Francis Ferguson Farewell not to be.....

Washington 2006 was a great way to take a vacation to see relatives and still be able to attend a mammoth philatelic event. My first view of the show floor from the top of the escalator was enough to stop me in my tracks — in my field of vision were more dealer booths than I could count and a lot of exhibit frames. Attending a show of this size is difficult to comprehend let alone explain to anyone who has not been there. I spent the better part of two days buying some items and gawking at the way-out-of-reach material that could be found in most every booth on the floor. The exhibits were enough to devour two or three days of time, if one was so inclined. Being somewhat aware of my time limits, I picked the exhibits I wanted to see and spent time looking — regrettably I missed a lot of fine exhibits. The whole adventure to Washington 2006 was great!

Sadly I will not be going to NYC2016 as I simply could not summon the need/want/desire to go “to the city that never sleeps.” I will have to live vicariously through the dozen or so members of the CFSC who are going to enjoy the event. All I can say is — farewell and enjoy your adventure — we expect a full report when you get back!

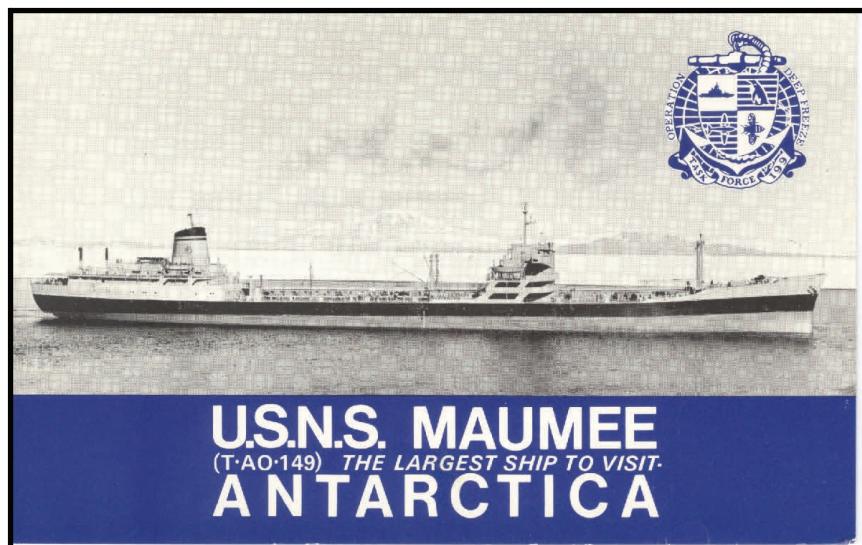
Funny how things turn out at times. I recently was made aware of a incredible act of kindness that has been done anonymously. Only four people are aware of who the person is behind the scenes — however I do want to acknowledge them for being kind and selfless in the recognition of the achievements of others in the philatelic world. Enough said — and I am not telling.

Summer is here. Frankly I am not sure when Spring began or ended. If travel is your game, please be safe on the roads. You never know when your travels and your love of philately will intersect!

Serendipity — Part XIX by The Editor **Where in the world is zip code 96692?**

I was rooting around in my philatelic ‘stuff’ and rediscovered this little gem from more than three and half decades ago. Bill, a close friend from my high school, in Ft. Lauderdale, had chosen a life of service on (and in) the salt water — one of his trips took him to Antarctica on the U.S.N.S Maumee from which he posted a note to me. I can’t even scratch the surface of all he has done in this short piece. While the note was postmarked on 01.18.1980 — it was many months later — sometime in June if memory is accurate before it was delivered. My friend has gone on to be the Captain of large container ships for the last 20 years, and is now entertaining retirement sometime in the near future. For many years, every time I have seen this piece of postal

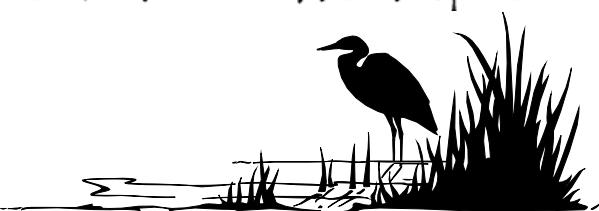
history, I have lived vicariously through this memento as the chances of me ever going to the end of the planet is virtually nil. My friend Bill has had many adventures in his life, and I am happy he has survived all of them!



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 7:55. 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



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