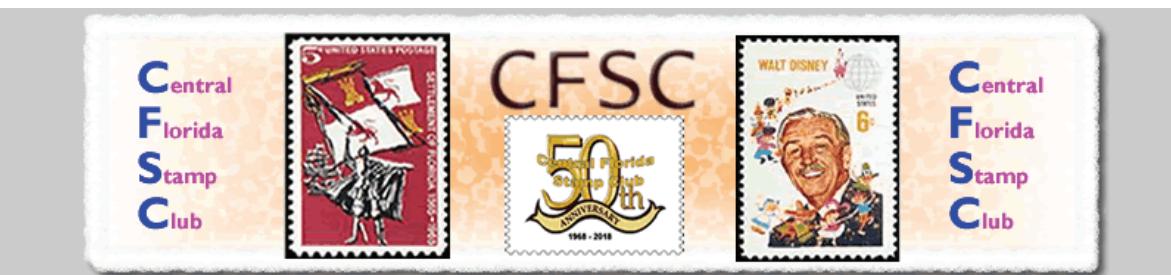




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## The Cover Story

How Did I Get from a 1859 Navy Ship to the Golden Gate Bridge and Trans-Pacific Flights?

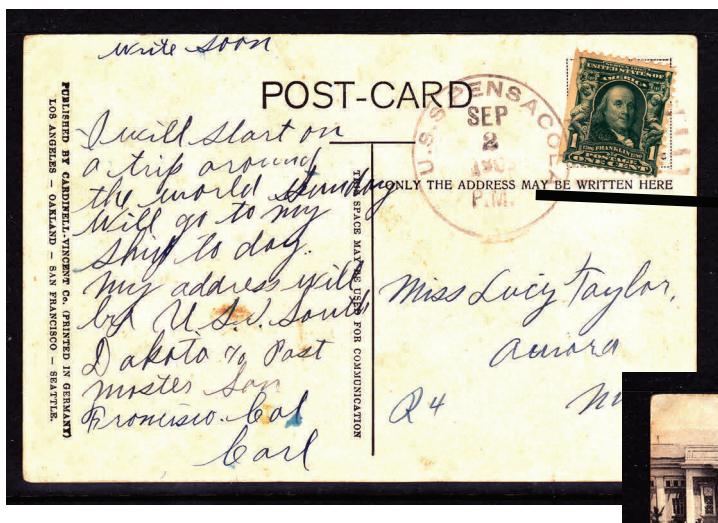


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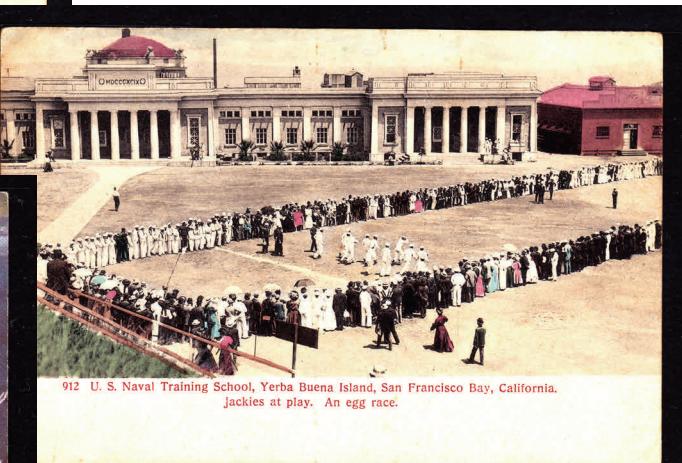
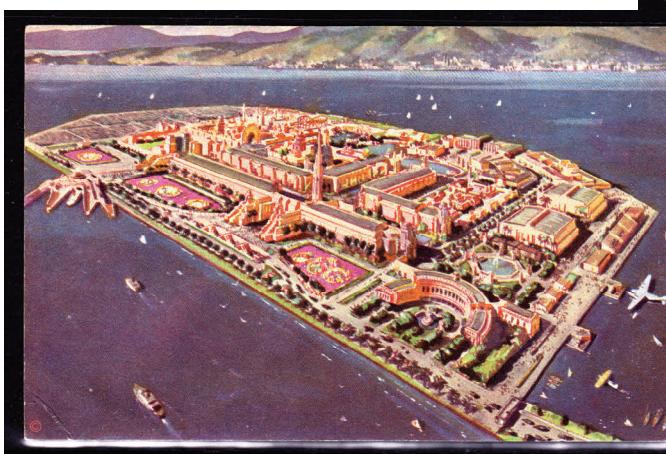
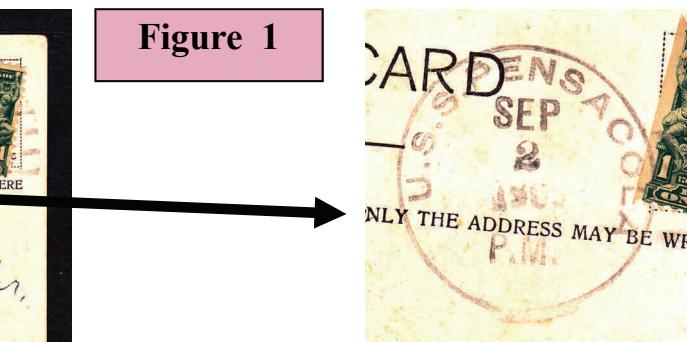


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## Program Schedule (July/Aug/Sept)

**July** — The first meeting on 07.06 presentation will be by Frank Mardle on local postal history of his home town, Bracknell, Berkshire, England. The second meeting on 07.20 is scheduled to have Jim Pullin presenting on “Sleuthing Covers”.

**August** — The first meeting on 08.03 is currently without a topic. The second meeting on 08.17 is the mid-summer Cried Auction with a \$5 minimum.

**September** — The first meeting on 09.07 will have Gary Byrd speaking on Tunisia. The second meeting on 09.21 will have Newton Kulp presenting on “The U.S. Largest Joint Issue.”

**BoD meeting for 2017; 08.31.**

## June Meeting Recap

The first meeting of June started with 12 for dinner and 34 signed in for the cried auction. It was one very wet night! The cried auction (by A. Stephen Patrick) sold a total of 32 of 42 lots for a total of \$768. Thank you to our crier, Team David (A and Z), Jim and Newt for assisting.

For the second meeting of June, for which I was absent, there was a report of 10 for dinner and 38 signed into the meeting. Tom Lera's presentation went well. The auction sold 12 lots for a total of \$158.

## After Meeting<sup>2</sup> Subjects for July

Phillip Fettig has presented the following information for the membership. First meeting of July, will have Phillip Fettig presenting on “Reference material for a world wide collector.” The second meeting will have Jerry Eller talking about “Basic characteristics of collecting U.S. stamped envelopes.” Presentations start at 8:15ish at the back of the room.

## 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 2017

|                                                                                         |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| FSDA Fall 2017                                                                          | September 16-17 |
| FLOREX 2017                                                                             | December 1-2-3  |
| For more info: <a href="http://www.FloridaStampShows.com">www.FloridaStampShows.com</a> |                 |

## FLOREX 2017 Exhibitors

For those members looking to exhibit at a World Series of Philately event that is close to home — get your paperwork into Robert Fisher sooner than later. We already have exhibits trickling in. Don't be a last minute person who will miss out.

## Game On Winner

There were 8 observant folks in the membership. For those that did not notice the banner on the newsletter has been changed to reflect the 50th Anniversary coming in 2018. A random drawing of those names, yielded David M. Allen as the winner of the \$10 door prize.

## SUNPEX 2017 Recap

The show went extraordinarily well with a total attendance for the two days setting a modern day record of 280. The twelve dealers mostly all spoke of strong sales. Thank you — to one and all who helped to make the event a great success.

## After Meeting<sup>2</sup>

Phil Fettig has volunteered to handle the scheduling of topics and dates. We are expecting to continue to refine how we approach these sessions. The general feeling is to cover single issue topics in these short sessions. While it would be nice to have a session at the end of every meeting, we are not sure if that is practical. Your thoughts on the subject would be nice to hear.

## Exhibit Awards For Two Members!

Two club members' exhibits won awards at OKPEX, a WSP show held in Oklahoma last weekend. Jim Pullin won a Large Gold for his exhibit, American Sailing Packets on the North Atlantic 1818 to 1840. His exhibit also won the American Philatelic Society Research Medal, and the U. S. Philatelic Classics Society Medal. Josh Furman's exhibit, U. S. Precanceled Postal Cards and Their Usages 1874-1961, earned a Large Vermeil, an American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Award of Honor Pin, and the Marcus White Single Frame Award from the United Postal Stationery Society.

Many congratulations to Jim and Josh. When will we see some other club members get into exhibit mode?

## Quoted

*"What are the things that you can't see that are important? I would say justice, truth, humility, service, compassion, love... They're the guiding lights of a life."*

President Jimmy Carter, 39<sup>th</sup> POTUS [B 1924]



## **President's Message** by Francis Ferguson More... Random Thoughts.....

A random thought sometimes takes one in a direction that is not expected. As the SUNPEX show was getting ready to close on Sunday just before 3pm — I noted a large group of folks from the membership of the CFSC all sitting in one general area — and all chattering away with obvious contentment. I was a little annoyed to not be part of the group, but the orderly shutdown of the show was paramount. The thought was — “what do you call a group of stamp collectors?” I am curious. A group of owls is called a parliament, while a group of fish is called a school. The word “philatelist” seems so cold. Maybe a group of stamp collectors can be called a “stuck-on”? Maybe a “collective”? Does anyone have a better suggestion? The best one submitted to the Editor by 8:15pm on July 6th will be voted on at the second meeting in July and will receive a \$10 door prize.



It was heart warming and very satisfying to see very disparate groups coexist during the SUNPEX show. The coin show and the Farmer’s Market all worked in synergy with our event. I have to believe to some degree our attendees also provided a benefit to the other events.

I write this last paragraph from the cabin in North Carolina — the picture you see is my view from my “work table”. Communing with nature is sometimes messy and often times bug infested — but all that changes when you are protected by looking out a window! What this picture is not good at showing — are the gorgeous pink Rhododendron bushes just starting to bloom. There is also a full 45 degree drop off that goes all the way to valley about 400 feet down. One does not want to fall!

## **Serendipity — XXXI** by The Editor

While on vacation in North Carolina, a serendipity moment occurred, much to my surprise. Our Saturday morning agenda was to include the annual two-day Rhododendron Festival in Bakersville. This 1850s town with a tiny population of less 500 has a charming small town atmosphere. Driving and reading signs is not always an exact art — thus we ended up in Burnsville, about 15 miles north of our intended destination. No

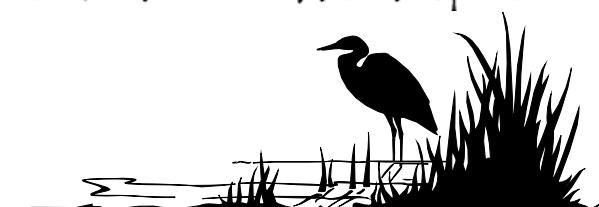
worries. There was a lively town square where a Farmer’s Market was taking place. My Ricky made a beeline for an unexplored antique shop, while I enjoyed watching the locals from the comfort of a bench. After 45 minutes I, was wondering what happened to Ricky. Begrudgingly, I decided to find him in the shop. I dislike antique shops beyond words. As I was wandering through this fairly large building with many, many little cubicles and inset areas, I ran across the unexpected items pictured to the left. I originally giggled at the sight and continued on my hunt for my human. Twenty steps later I turned around and gathered the glasses up to purchase. Do I need them? No. Are they interesting? Oh, yes! I personally have never seen anything like this set of eight glasses. All are true to color except the 3 cent value which appears to be black rather than the correct purple color. The cat in the picture was not part of the purchase, but rather our inquisitive Persian, named J.J. who decided he wanted to be part of the action on the stairway. Traveling often produces unexpected surprises! One just has to look.....



**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 \$25 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 nearly 20 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 8:10 Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions. We must be out of the building by 9:00 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](http://CentralFloridaStampClub.org)
- Benefits of membership include; monthly newsletter, a monthly bourse buy/sell 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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