The Philatelic Missive



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The Cover Story

Oh, The Things You Can Learn Stamp Collecting! "Iceland Military Covers" Part 1



FPO # 3 was located at Seydisfjordur (an east coast town on a bay where many of the Royal Navy ships docked). Currently the Icelandic Wartime Museum is located in the neighboring town of Reydarfjordur. The Museum offers a look at the role the British & American troops played in World War II and provides insights into Icelandic life during the war and the effects on the people.

FPO # 306 was located at HQ Reykjavik and where most of the mail went through.

This one to Scotland sent by a member of the Scottish Regiment.



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Program Schedule (July/Aug/Sept)

July — The first meeting 07.05 will be "Show and Tell Night" and 07.19 will be the mid-summer cried auction — \$5.00 minimum.

August — The first meeting on 08.02 will have Mike Schumacher discussing his experience at the Nordia 2018 show in Iceland. The second meeting on 08.16 will be a history retrospective of the club and the membership over the last 50 years. Bring a story or two to tell about your involvement with the club. There will be a large sheet cake to enjoy as we acknowledge the club's 50th anniversary with the APS.

September — The first meeting 09.06 will have Henry Jehan presenting on "Color Varieties on early U.S. 20th century." The second meeting on 09.20 is currently in need of a presentation.

BoD meetings for 2018; 08.30 & 10.25(?)

June Meetings Recap

The first meeting of the month began with 17 for dinner — this is the third time we have had 17 people of dinner, where was the 18th person? A nice crowd of 48 signed in for the meeting which featured a cried auction. Thanks to Team David, Robert Fisher, Jim Archbold, Newt Kulp and our auction crier A. Stephen Patrick. The auction sold 40 of 59 lots for a total of \$760. The After Glow session by David Zambon on the British Machin stamps was well attended.

The second meeting of the month began with 16 at dinner—again so close to breaking the record! The meeting had 51 signed in. The presentation on Mexico by A. Stephen Patrick covered a lot of ground. The auction sold 26 lots for a total of \$350.75.

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. The record attendance for dinner is 17 — if we can break that number someone will get a free dinner. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

Writers Are Always Needed!

This publication is always looking for material to publish. Please fill the bit-bucket, so my anxiety level is reduced.....

Event Calendar 2018

FSDA Fall Show September 15 FLOREX 2018 Nov. 30, Dec 1 & 2 For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

New Members X2

Welcome to Keith Reccius from Winter Springs who collects Polar—French Artic Navel covers. In addition, Eretta M. Morris from Ormond Beach who collects QEII, African-American History and International Stamps of Blacks. These two new members brings our active roster to 94. I see 100 in our future!

After Glow

The first meeting of July will have David Allen, presenting on "Grilled Gum on Swiss". (Great title!) The second meeting of July will continue the members bourse — bring your material to sell — and maybe someone will have something of interest for you. After Glow sessions start at 8:15 and must be completed and wrapped by 8:50 without exception.

Contest Winners from June

Josh Furman won two of the \$10 door prizes for his correct guesses of the post office building in Prague. Thank you for playing!

Second Quarter Birthdays

At the second meeting of June we acknowledged the birthday folks for April-May-June. There were delicious cookies and cakes to share compliments of Mike Schumacher and Scot Cornwall. The winner of the \$10 door prize was John T. Bailey.

SUNPEX 2018 Recap

It was a long day for everyone. We had a total of 126 come on through the show. Thirteen dealers in attendance expressed satisfaction with the event. The weather was fickle — and very hot. Everyone managed to make the best of it. Thank you to everyone who helped. The show did generate a positive revenue stream for the club's treasury. Special thanks to Newton Kulp and Gene Perry for going beyond the call of duty, to provide assistance.

Quoted

"A team is where a boy can prove his courage on his own. A gang is where a coward goes to hide."

Mickey Mantle [1931-1995]

American professional baseball player.



President's Message by Francis Ferguson This and That



I will start this column out by issuing a challenge for July 5th. Everyone who ever has joined us for dinner before the meeting is encouraged to show up for food and conversation. Three times in recent months we have flirted with breaking the previous record of 17 in attendance. If 18 or more show up — some one will get their dinner paid compliments of unnamed source. Come on — folks — we can do this!

Second of all, I would like to remind everyone that the second meeting of August on the 16th, will be a program devoted to a trip down memory lane. This is the 50th anniversary

of the club being a APS Chapter and is worthy of acknowledgement. Come on out and enjoy the refreshments. One of our long-time members will be providing a sheet-cake and in addition there will be liquid refreshments. Share a story and more.

Third, the move of FLOREX from the Central Florida Fairgrounds to the Osceola Heritage Park comes with a lot of mixed feelings for many. The run of 13 years at the CFF was familiar and right in our town. The new site will be a drive south on the Florida Turnpike or I4. Change is never easy, but in this case we will be treated to a modern facility built in this millennium, with a professional staff to support FLOREX. The support of the CFSC is critical for the success of the show in 2018.

Fourth — let me introduce you to "Bob" our new LCD projector. After years of making do with whatever piece of equipment we could lay our hands on to use, we now have a brand new projector that has a bright picture and high definition to boot! The cost of the projector (\$640) has been covered by the income earned by the club from shows and other revenue sources. We have a asset that will serve us well for many years to come. Do say hello to "Bob" when you see him.

Last, I would like to thank everyone who has been supporting the silent and cried auctions. The quality and diversity of material that is showing up for auction has been truly impressive. In my mind, this is a clear indicator of just how great the CFSC has become. Keep it up!

Serendipity — XLIII by The Editor

Nifty Cover

The club auctions that happen five times a year, can often contain some interesting material — that is a tad bit off-beat. This cover qualifies. This is an event cover — not a first day cover. A first day cover, with the post-mark of 01.01.1932 has a CV of \$100 and can be found in the market place with regularity. This cover is post-marked 02.22.1932 and was sponsored by the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission. I would suspect since the cancel reads "Mount Vernon" that this cover was a premium sales item in the gift store

on the plantation. That is just a guess, however with the pre-printed grid pattern to affix the stamps, the evidence leads me in that direction. One has to wonder how many of these were sold over the years. The person who sold this cover in the auction, told me — he had four more similar covers.



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
- 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.

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