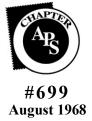
### The Philatelic Missive







## The Cover Story

## **Local Postal History Comes at a Price**



Figure A1

Figure A2

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#### Program Schedule (Jun/Jul/Aug)

**June** — The first meeting on 06.06 will have A. Stephen Patrick presenting on "Czech Stamp Engravers". And there will be a short memorial period for Jim Pullin. The second meeting on 06.20 will feature Josh Furman discussing "Collecting Chinas".

**July** — The first meeting on 07.04 will not happen as it is a Federal holiday. The second meeting on 07.18 is currently without a presentation scheduled.

**August** — The first meeting on 08.01 will have Francis Ferguson, presenting on "BoB: Cordials RE1-RE31". The second meeting on 08.15 is our midsummer cried auction with a \$5 minimum.

**BoD** meetings for 2019; 08.29.

#### **May Meeting Recaps**

Wet, wet and more wet. The first meeting of May began on a rain drenched afternoon in Central Florida. Dinner attracted 12 members for food and conversation. Our world traveler Bonnie Streeter even showed! The meeting signed in 43. Phil Fettig provided laughs and gaffs from his tales of being a stamp dealer. The silent auction sold 21 lots for a total of \$185.

The second meeting of May was a delightful dry Spring like day. Dinner brought together 12 for food and fellowship. The AfterGlow session by Francis Ferguson attracted a nice little crowd to discuss Prexy Color Errors. The meeting signed in 45 folks. The cried auction by A. Stephen Patrick sold 39 of 54 lots for a total of \$1,073. Thank you to Team David, Jim Archbold, and Newton Kulp.

#### **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 20 — 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.

#### Please Note for July!

There is no meeting scheduled for July 4<sup>th</sup> as it is a national holiday. Enjoy your family time! We shall see you on July 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be NO newsletter published; regular schedule to resume in August.

#### **Event Calendar 2019**

CFSC-Summer One Day
FSDA Fall 2019
FLOREX 2019
For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

June 8
September 14
December 13-14-15

#### **New Member X1**

Kevin Gruver from Orlando has returned to the flock after a two year hiatus. He collects world wide and is number 101 on our active roster.

#### After Glow — June

The first meeting of the month will feature a Member's Bourse from 8:15 to 8:55. Dig in your closet for your material that needs to find a new home. The second meeting will have Francis Ferguson presenting on "Scott 1203/1204".

#### June 8th Show One Day Maitland

Show hours are 10-4, in the west end of the Maitland Civic Center, also known as The Venue on the Lake. Come support the club show and the dealers who make this possible. There will be 10 dealers including a new one to the scene — who is coming from Pinellas Park.

#### **Second Quarter Birthdays**

At the second meeting of June we will acknowledge all those that have birthdays in April/May/June. Susan Raike has also offered to bring liquid refreshments. Robert Ridgeway will see that we have a sheet cake for the membership to enjoy.

#### **Elections 2020**

The next election cycle for the BoD will kick off this fall with the appointment of an election supervisor. They will be charged with collecting the names and making sure the ballot is prepared and ready for the second meeting of January 2020 when the balloting will take place. If you have any interest in serving the club in a board capacity, please step forward and have a nomination slip filled out in your name. The slips will be available at the first meeting of September. There are nine positions on the BoD that will be coming open for the next term that runs from January 2020 to January 2022. New voices, faces and ways of doing things are what add the spice of rejuvenation to the club. Be part of the solution!

#### **Ouoted**

"Slang is language that rolls up its sleeves, spits on its hands and goes to work."

Carl Sandburg [1878-1967]

American Poet, writer, editor and three time Pulitzer Prize winner.



# President's Message by Francis Ferguson Value of Stuff

As I approach a milestone of age — that I am trying to forget — I have come to realize that I have accumulated a lot of stuff over the years. I still find great joy in the pieces obtained over the years, for the beauty of the workmanship — some have been handed down to me from my parents while others have been found in travels. In particular, I can gaze on a small crystal vase that I bought while shopping with a recently deceased aunt — the memory it invokes is special.

Then of course I have my philatelic holdings, classic U.S. and numerous side collections that delve into specific topics more in depth. Many were started as a low cost alternative to my main classic material which can be pricey. The joke is on me, as it has turned out — those specialized collections have become just as expensive to maintain. That is not the primary focus of this thought, but rather — "What happens to this stuff?"

I am not naive in the thought that any of the crystal or art pieces can be sold for anything close to what dollars went into the purchase. That truly does not bother me in anyway, as those pretty pieces have given me years of enjoyment — especially when I recall the circumstances of the acquisitions. The memories are worth everything. I have no direct family left — so generational transfers are unlikely.



My philatelic holdings are another story. I would hope that the material I have accumulated over the years will sell, as I have paid close attention to quality when purchasing items — that is only a hope and given the reality of the often brutal selling market — who knows.

The same principle that applies to the cut crystal and other pieces that are pretty to look at — also apply to philatelic holdings. In my mind the material in my collections is priceless as it has given me a lifetime of enjoyment. Does that full box of unused glassine envelops have any real value? Not really. However, I would hope that my U.S. #1 and #2 would be of much higher consideration. Time will tell. Any way it turns out, I am fine.

Have you given any thought to this topic? Maybe you should.

## **Serendipity** — LI by The Editor

Wow! This special something — I found on eBay recently. Issued on 10.23.1962 the original stamp Scott 1203 was deliberately printed inverted to destroy the value of the one sheet found by a collector shortly after issuance. Scott 1204 holds special place in the philatelic world thanks to the actions of the Postmaster General J. Edward Day. Countless barrels of ink have already been spilled covering that story.

This cover has a plate block of four of 1203 and five copies of the current holiday season wreath for 1962/1963. Together they paid  $36^{e}$  which overpaid the rate by  $2^{e}$ — first class rate of  $4^{e}$  per oz. plus the special delivery charge of  $30^{e}$ . The combination of the stamps used, and the auxiliary markings in purple ink and red pencil make for a very attractive private use. One has to wonder if this was a philatelic use, since the send-



er and receiver are related and there appears to be an intentional over payment involved. The cancellation date of what appears to be MR 24 at 7 pm 1963 kind of throws me for a loop. I had assumed this was a holiday greeting of some nature, when I first looked.

Nothing of a concrete nature could be determined of the Zepp family, with way too many hits showing up. The address of the receiver did appear as an office space offered for sale/rent in the last 10 years.

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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