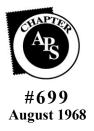
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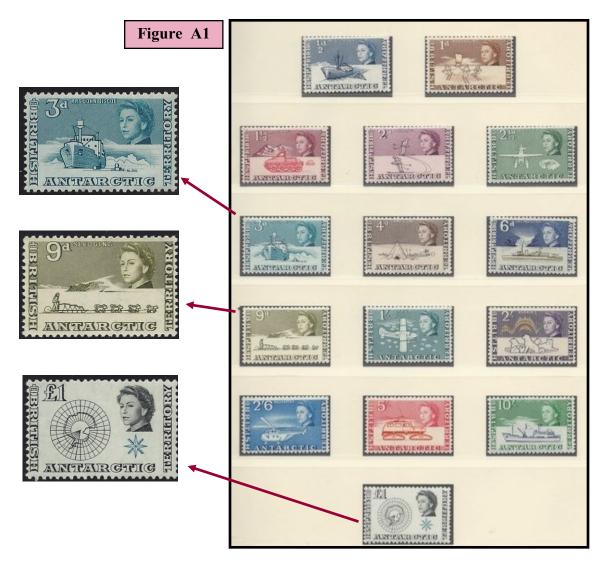






### The Cover Story

## You never know what you will find!



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

All philatelic activity of the CFSC has been suspended in response to the COVID-19 situation.

A determination will be made at the end of May as to what is possible. Presentations topics are lined up.

BoD meeting for 2020; 07.30 & 10.29.

#### **April Meeting Recaps**

No meeting occurred.

#### **Dinner Plans**

No meetings for May and no dinner gatherings.

#### Shirts are Available

We have lovely shirts for our membership to wear. They come with a pocket and cost \$20. Please contact Stephen Patrick as he is now the holder of the box of shirts.

#### **Event Calendar 2020**

without any obligation to buy!

CFSC-Summer One Day July 11

FSDA Fall One Day Show September 12 FLOREX 2020 December 4-5-6 For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

#### **New Member (none)**

With the recent passing of one of our members the current roster stands at 104.

#### After Glow — May

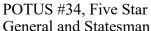
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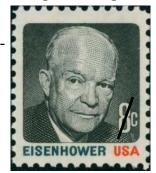
**CFSC-Summer One Day Show** Scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup> at the Maitland Civic Center . That is the plan at this time! Stay tuned for more.

#### **Ouoted**

"Leadership consists of nothing but taking re-

sponsibility for everything that goes wrong and giving your subordinates credit for everything that goes well." Dwight D. Eisenhower [1890-1969]





General and Statesman.

## .....What is Old — is Now New.....

The Editor

This was a blast from the past. As I was looking through the mail and getting ready to toss the plethora of junk mail in the recycle bin, my eye caught this full page (9.5 x 8.0), all color picture with stamps on it! As I kid, who just discovered stamp collecting I sent away for a couple of these offers. The ads I remember were found on match covers — my father was a smoker as were many of my uncles and aunts on both sides of the family. I can clearly remember attaching a dime to an index card with a whole bunch of tape. A couple of weeks later a packet of stamps arrived with all kinds of approvals included. That part did not make my parents happy at all — but it



made me excited! All those fabulous stamps from far away countries that made me think of exotic lands — all for the price of a dime! This offer at \$2 is a good deal higher than the dime of 1967.

These offers were prevalent for so many decades — and then they slowly faded away into obscurity. I can't even recall the last time I saw an offer like this.

Kenmore is the company promoting this ad. H.E. Harris, Jamestown Stamps, Lincoln Coin and Stamp Co., Falcon Stamp Co., Champion and countless others all plied their wares — clearly aimed at kids.

I leave you with one question: When was the last time you saw an ad like this?

Maybe the times are a changing.....

#### President's Message by A. Stephen Patrick

Life in Central Florida changed six weeks ago. The Central Florida Stamp Club has missed three meetings, a one-day bourse and the popular spring picnic. We hope things return to normal soon, but we are uncertain what that will look like. Whatever transpires on the state or national level, our club will not meet until it is safe, and this virus is under control.

Meanwhile I have spoken with nearly 30 of our members this last month, and most are in good spirits and are in "watchful waiting." I think all of us may be using this "found time" to work on stamp projects that we had laid aside. A big thank you goes out to **Mel Borofsky** for increasing the effectiveness of our own bourse. He tells us that he got four new ads this week from new participants.

**Francis Ferguson** continues to produce our newsletter that also keeps us together. Thanks for his hard work. **Jim Archbold** reports that our treasury is in good shape. Fortunately, we got through our renewal cycle before the virus closed things down. We have no rent to pay for missed meetings, so our finances are relatively "net neutral."

As noted in this newsletter, we have lost **Ken Conners** in April. He was in hospice care and had a military burial at the National Cemetery in Bunnell. He had been a member since 2011 and was a strong participant in our club auctions. Our member **Eretta Morris** in Ormond Beach has had surgery since we last saw her and will require further treatment. Her spirit is as bubbly as ever -- keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Your CFSC Board had a ZOOM meeting online April 30. Most club business has been suspended, but talks have begun about what our club meetings will look like when we start back again. This will not be soon, and it will not be business as usual, but we will make informed decisions. The CFSC-Summer One Day Show has been moved from June 13 to July 11 to give it a better chance of that happening. The Maitland venue gives us a better chance at social distancing. The club picnic will be in the fall if all goes well.

As a sports fan, I am missing the Orlando Magic and their playoff run. I miss the Rays baseball games too. When sports start up again, we will feel more normal. I watch church online, but Seminole County may loosen restrictions on worship. **Carlos Guffain** has made the point that ultimately, we will not be safe till there is a vaccine, and that is many months away. Even if permissible to have meetings, many members will not feel safe to participate in person.

The Board plans another ZOOM meeting on May 28. If any member has input or suggestions, please let a board member know by phone or email. It was good to see the faces of my fellow board members April 30. I look forward to seeing all of you face to face soon.

## The Editor's Box — How You Doing?

What a strange time we are living in. What was a normal life is no longer even close. I have been deemed to be an essential worker so — into the office I go most days. I have elected to work from home one day a week. This of course causes serious conflicts with the three cats who claim ownership of the house as it adds to the disruptions of their daily naps. This is week seven of going nowhere. The price of a gallon of gas seems like a cruel joke, when the concept of traveling just does not exist.

While I can claim no credit towards starting — let alone completing any of my philatelic projects, I am slowly inching towards cleaning up my work area. I have suffered from a serious lack of motivation for more than a month. I have managed to publish the CFSC newsletter with expanded content for April and May, and do a 100 piece mailing for the FPHS, along with a 55 piece mailing for the FSDA — beyond that nothing much other than watching some TV, reading and sleeping. I feel like I have fallen into the twilight zone.

The planned for trip to the cabin in North Carolina was cancelled in favor of extending our normal fall trip to a full two weeks. So that does give me some hope for normal. What exactly is normal to be?

# **The Central Florida Stamp Club** is a 75+ 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 going on 25 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 6:45-7:00. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 7:05 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 one day shows in January/February, April & June. In addition, we are the resident hosting club for FLOREX which is held in the Kissimmee 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.

## Central Florida Stamp Club



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