The Philatelic Missive



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The Cover Story

So, How Did Lindbergh Get Home from Paris in 1927? The Rest of the Story.

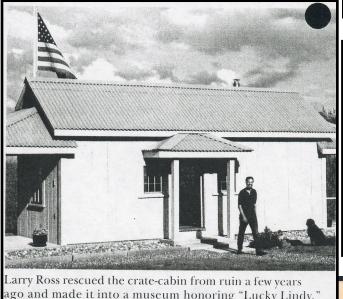


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Program Schedule (Aug/Sept/Oct)

All philatelic activity of the CFSC has been suspended in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. A review of circumstances will be made in August. There will be Zoom meetings for the foreseeable future. E-mail notices will go out a couple of days before the meeting date. Come see your fellow club members!

BoD meeting for 2020; 10.29.

July Meeting Recaps

No meeting occurred.

Dinner Plans

No meetings for August and no dinner gatherings.

*** Writers Needed ***

In an effort to keep the newsletter "plumb" during this time of no in-person meetings, we continue to need material. Please consider sending a general interest article for use.

Event Calendar 2020

FSDA Fall One Day Show September 12 Cancelled FLOREX 2020 December 4-5-6

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

New Member X 2

The current roster stands at 106.

After Glow — August

No sessions scheduled.

Zoom Meetings for August 2020

The first meeting on 08.07 will have Newt Kulp presenting on the Scott's alphabet of letters. The second meeting will have a "Show & Tell". Come join us and have a little philatelic fun!

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"America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination, and unbeatable determination to do the job at hand."

Harry S. Truman, [1882-1973] POTUS #33



Strange eBay

Francis Ferguson

The Transport Series has always interested me. About 15 years ago, I started to accumulate material. I wanted to build a collection of plate blocks with all numbers and positions; little did I know how long that was going to take and involve so much effort! I also started to buy First Day Covers — most are affordable and pretty to look at. There are actually Dorthey Knapp covers for each of the values in the series — except they are beyond my budget as complete set of the series would be in the range of \$10,000. I also have been buying interesting postal history



pieces as I find them. Destinations that are far off the beaten path can be found, and most are thankfully not expensive. The other area of interest is in EFO material. It became painfully evident that there is very little EFO material in the market place — which is surprising considering the longevity and printing totals of the series. Over the years I have been able to purchase a very small amount of EFO material as it appears in the market place.

This piece showed up on eBay a couple of weeks ago at the bell ringing price of \$379. I was stunned. This is obviously a piece of printer's waste. The seller posted a picture of the back of this — and it is held

together with three hinges. A paper fold-over that occurred in the perforation process combined with what appears to be a paper tear caused this piece to happen. The story according to the seller is that the piece was purchased over the counter at a post office. I doubt that story as a clerk would be risking their continued employment for selling this, instead of turning it in for destruction as required. Additionally since this is a small piece to begin with, there is no context to place it in relative to the full sheet of 50 sold to the public Notice the 'straight' edge on the bottom? With margin paper at the top of this block there might have been a plate number to the left that was torn off. Maybe? Maybe not? Who knows. The bottom line is — a piece of this nature will sell for what a buyer will pay. I am not a buyer at the current price of \$294.95. I am thinking more like \$50.

President's Message by A. Stephen Patrick

Five months of Corona virus has curtailed our regular meetings, cancelled our local shows, and driven us to the Internet. The Marks Center remains closed to meetings for the near future. But let's count our blessings. Our Zoom club meetings are drawing an average attendance of 25, and the presentations have been excellent, especially the last "show and tell" edition.

Stamp trading continues under the excellent virtual bourse run by **Mel Borofsky**. And our monthly newsletter is highly anticipated by our members. This is our lifeline to the members who don't use the internet. For now, it is what it is.

August was to be my big month. I was planning to drive to Pittsburg for the ANA's World's Fair of Money to represent the Souvenir Card Collectors Society August 4 to 8, but that got cancelled. Then I was going to fly to Harford on August 20 for the Great American Stamp Show. This would have been my third time to visit that great city. But the APS has decided to take lemons and make lemonade!

Here is an opportunity for any collector whether a member of the APS or not to join in a virtual stamp convention. From August 17 to 22 the APS will have six days of seminars, exhibits and two virtual first day ceremonies. On Thursday the 20th, the American First Day Cover Society will host a ceremony for the 20 new Innovations stamps. Additionally on Friday the 21st, The American Topical Association will host the ceremony for the 20 Thank You stamps.

Visit the APS web site and register as I have and look forward to six days of philatelic fun. The great thing is that this is free for all, not just members. It may be a way for you to introduce a friend or relative to the joys of collecting.

For our last Zoom meeting, **Rick Cohen** created a phone tree to try to reach all our members. We will use that again to help us stay in contact. I hope to see you August 6 as **Newt Kulp** will give an interesting talk. The smiling faces on the computer screen raises my spirits almost as much as a win by the Magic, Lions or Rays! Until we see each other in person, stay healthy and enjoy your collections.

The Editor's Box

This Shall Pass Like a Kidney Stone

The calendar says we are almost a full seven months into the year 2020. I will be the first to admit that the year 2020 has been bizarre beyond anything I could have dreamed of (read: nightmare quality). The first two months of the lock-down were consumed with just managing to get through the days as the reality of the situation set in. In truth, I have to think, a mild case of depression haunted me. Since early June I have been actively working on my Prexy EFO material and as I result, I have spent many hours redoing exhibit pages and incorporating material purchased in the last 5-7 years. It has been a nice distraction from the real world that has been such a ongoing challenge. I have now completed this project and will move on — to Edison & Transport material.

When does this new "normal" become more like what we were used to before all this started? Who knows? Looking back, I have been shocked by how much of what I accepted as part of my normal day/week/month/year got blown away. All of a sudden there was a huge gap in my life. No more in person philatelic adventures of any nature are on my calendar until December at the earliest. The year 2020 will total nearly a full nine months of philatelic isolation. Collectively all we can do — is hope and wish for a better tomorrow as 2020 passes into the history books.

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.

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