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The Cover Story

Computer Vended Labels



Figure A1



Figure A2

Program Schedule (Sept/Oct/Nov)

All philatelic activity of the CFSC has been suspended in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. A review of circumstances will be made in September. 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.

August Meeting Recaps

No in-person 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 Canceled~~

FLOREX 2020 December 4-5-6

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

New Member — none

The current roster stands at 106.

After Glow — September

No sessions scheduled.

Zoom Meetings for September 2020

There is a presentation for the first meeting of September — “Collection on the Civil War”. The second meeting will be Round 3 of Show & Tell.

Quoted

“I have never been hurt by what I have not said.”

Calvin Coolidge
[1872-1933]
POTUS #30,
“Silent Cal” was
not a very talkative
human or President.



What and Why? Francis Ferguson



I am at a loss to explain this. This cover landed in my hands a couple of years ago thanks to a friend who thought I might be interested in it, because of the use of the Prexy coils. I don't collect Prexy postal history, unless there is an EFO (Error, Freak, Oddity) used. At the time I noted the extra markings but did not think any further, until recently when I was organizing my acquired material. The first thing that smacked me in the head was the obvious — why would someone send a Air Mail Special Delivery letter from Ft. Lauderdale to Miami? A distance of just over 19 miles. That does not make any sense when a simple phone call could have achieved the same objective. Using Google Earth, both the sender and receiver locations still exist, but I would

guess in a somewhat altered forms since 1952. There is no evidence of either person that I can turn up on World Wide Web. The Postage Due markings would make the rate at twenty-six cents total for the mailing. Using a resource on the WWW, the conversion of the postage amount into 2020, results in just short of \$2.60; roughly ten times corrected for inflation. The receiver location is virtually next to present day I95, however in 1952 the only north/south roads would have been 441, A1A and US1. I95

was not completed until well into the middle 1970s. This cover was sent on April 6 at 3:30pm and was received in Miami with a marking for April 6 at 7pm and a delivery strike on April 7 at 7am. If only this cover could talk — I wonder what it would say! (Does anyone have a functioning time machine?)



President's Message by A. Stephen Patrick

I hope all of you are staying healthy. My August was spent recovering from my July bout with the COVID-19. The antibiotics stopped most of the symptoms, and now my strength is slowly coming back. Our online Zoom meetings, club newsletter, and bourse continue to keep us connected until we meet again in person.

Here are some things you can do in your confinement. The August 17-23 APS virtual convention is over. I viewed all 112 exhibits. There were many presentations that were saved and can be found on the APS web site. Take advantage of this wealth of information.

The Collector's Club of New York continues to Zoom their 2nd and 4th Wednesday meetings live. They usually draw 30 to 40 and **Jon Gehrig** and I were on the August 19th **Keith Harmer** presentation on forgeries. We were joined by over 330 additional people from the APS convention website. They continue to make these available to the public backed by the ASDA. Try either website to join.

I would also like to recommend the daily essay from Mystic Stamp Company. Every morning for over two years, I get a "this day in history" spot featuring some aspect of stamps, mostly U.S. issues. Today (August 24) was the story of NATO featuring the three NATO stamps and that of Dean Acheson. You don't have to buy anything but will receive offers. Check it out.

Don't forget to vote. One of the unwritten rules of our club is to try to avoid talking religion and politics. However, as a registered Republican, I just received my fourth letter from Donald Trump seeking donations. What is interesting is that they are using return envelopes with real U.S. stamps like what the Disabled American Veterans and other charities use. Thanks for the free stamps.

The big question is when will we meet again in person? The first answer is when the Marks Center again allows public meetings. The second is up to you as you decide when it is safe to meet. For example, the Civil War Roundtable is meeting again, but they are at the Pine Castle Women's Club, and with only 12 to 18 in attendance, so it's easy to socially distance.

The Georgia Numismatic Association held their regular convention in Dalton GA, August 20 to 22. Their room is comparable in size to our FLOREX site, and they took all necessary precautions. This bodes well for FLOREX. My Forest Lake SDA church has been holding online presentations, but they plan to have in person service on September 12. They are limiting attendance to 250 mask wearing worshipers in carefully selected seating. So, we will see. Your CFSC board will make careful plans as the time nears.

I just received from **Wade Beery, Jr.** a ledger book that he found in his parent's house with all the names and addresses and attendance records of our club from 1950 to 1961! One of the members **W. J. Wark** is listed in 1951 and was the owner of the house that **Wade Beery Sr.** bought on moving to Orlando. This fills a huge gap in the history of our club.

This time of confinement has separated us, but many relationships have deepened through email and phone calls. As Linda and I celebrated our 52nd anniversary on August 11, we find that we are closer than ever. Thanks for the many emails and phone calls from my philatelic family. Use this time for those special projects and keep in touch, and in the words of Roy Rogers, "Happy trails to you, till we meet again."

The Editor's Box

Month six of the pandemic from hell. My sense of time and place has been altered in ways I would have thought unimageable as the year 2020 started. As August is fading into our collective memories, we now get to witness two hurricanes in the Gulf — at the same time! And much to my utter surprise the chance of a meteor close call just hours before election day. You can not make this stuff up. I want to stay holed up in my stamp room and never leave. However life continues.

In an effort to act somewhat normal, last weekend I was asked to look at a collection of classic United States material. For two hours, I actually felt normal. It was a great cathartic experience to be a philatelist again, even if it was only for two hours. We can only hope for a return to something we call normal — sooner than later! Stay safe, be well — and most importantly be kind.

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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