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## THE COVER STORY

### United We Stand Part 2

Part 1 appeared in the October issue of the CFSC Philatelic Missive pages 12—13 titled—*"A Salute to 9/11 on Stamps"*. Newt Kulp also did a presentation on this material at the CFSC September 18, 2025 club meeting. The presentation, if you missed it, can be viewed on the CFSC website.



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## Upcoming Schedule— 2025

**\*\* CFSC has the room available for Pre-meeting use from 2-4:30pm on both the first and third Thursday of the month for the coming year. CFSC members are welcome to use the room, catalogs and equipment during that time. The German Philatelic Society will be meeting on the third Thursday of the month during the 2-4:30pm time period.**

### \*\*\* Pre meeting Dinner Plans:

Club members are invited to meet for dinner prior to the meeting on **December 4th at the Anh Hong restaurant 1124 E. Colonial Drive at 4:30pm** and on **December 18th no pre-meeting dinner plans**. Bring your appetite & topics for discussion.

### Upcoming Meetings:

**December 4:** Meeting agenda: “**Member Show & Tell and New Stamp Issues**”; a silent auction will follow; door prize will be available; (See pre-meeting dinner plans above.) Several CFSC members will be setting up FLOREX at the Volusia County Fairgrounds.

**December 18:** Meeting agenda: **CFSC Holiday Party & 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Birthday Celebration**; door prize will be available No pre-meeting dinner plans this day. 2025 annual awards will also be presented.

### Recap of last month’s meetings

**November 6:** 34 members attended the meeting & 11 members met for dinner. Meeting agenda included a “**Called Auction**”; with auctioneer Steve Patrick. 27 lots sold with total sales of \$501.00; door prize was won by Jim Moffitt. FLOREX \$10 certificate was won by Carol Bradfield.

**Thank you to the 11 CFSC members who helped prepare FLOREX postcards for mailing before the meeting!!! From this group Carlos Guffain won a \$5 FLOREX certificate.**

**November 20:** 31 members & two guests attended the meeting; 9 members met for dinner pre-meeting; meeting agenda included: a presentation titled “**Stamps that Glow—Other Nations**” by Henry Jehan followed by a silent auction ?16 lots sold with total sales of \$269.00: door prize was won by Marc Bostrom. The German Philatelic Society met from 2 to 4:30pm.

## Newest Members

Welcome to our newest members:

**Peter Rieman Member # 670** Peter has rejoined the CFSC after dealing with some health challenges. He had been a Member of the CFSC since 2015. His collecting interests include Greece, Hermes Heads, Nepal-Tibet-NSW. Welcome back Peter!!!

**Cameron Wagner Member # 783** Cameron has joined CFSC. He is also a member of the APS. His collecting interests include: Space; USSR & Topiary. WELCOME Peter and Cameron!!!

Who will be the next to join CFSC?

**Who will be new member # 784?**

### SHOW SCHEDULE:

**FLOREX 2025 December 5-6, 2025**

**Show cachet theme:**

**250th Anniversary of the Post Office**

**Friday 10am-5pm & Saturday 10am-4pm**

**Tommy Lawrence Arena**

**Volusia County Fairgrounds—Deland, FL**

**More info at:**

**[www.FLOREXStampShow.com](http://www.FLOREXStampShow.com)**

### Quoted:

**Don’t say you don’t have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michaelangelo, Mother Teresea, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson, Albert Einstein, etc.**



**If you really want to do something, you’ll find a way. If you don’t, you’ll find an excuse.**

## The Editor’s Box

**Philatelic Missive Newsletter articles needed!** Articles can be submitted via a word document with scans and attached to an email.

**Thank you!! Thank you!! Thank you!! Keep the articles coming!  
Submit articles to: [Editor@CentralFloridaStampClub.org](mailto:Editor@CentralFloridaStampClub.org)**

**“Wanted—CFSC Newsletter Editor”** To keep the tradition going and the philatelic knowledge flowing within the CFSC. Beginning in January 2026 to create the February issue and beyond. **Contact CFSC President Francis Ferguson**



## President's Message by Francis Ferguson

### One Word: Incredible

While my history with the club has been only a small fraction of 80+ years of existence – I am very much aware of the past history and those that have made a profound impact with the club over the years. I will not spill any ink over recounting those past individuals – you can read about them in the history section of the website. I do know without a doubt that one person can make a huge difference because of their association with the club specifically and the philatelic world in general.

Mike Schumacher joined the CFSC in 2016 – and he hit the ground running. In 2018 he successfully ran for the BoD and was seated as a member at Large. He served as President in 2022 in the aftermath of the COVID-19 Pandemic, as things were trying to recover and return to some degree of normal. Mike has continued to serve on the BoD, however he will step off the Board at the end of the current cycle which will be in January of 2026.

Behind the scenes Mike served as the CFSC's monthly newsletter editor from February of 2022 to what will be his last issue in January of 2026. He always managed to get the issue out on time (or early) and into the hands of the membership. This is simply remarkable --- considering all that Mike has had on his plate.

In 2021 he assumed the position of FLOREX General Chairman and served with dedication and commitment in the face of personal & family health issues that would have caused a lesser individual to walk away. My admiration for his dedication is beyond words. FLOREX 2025 will be Mike's last -- as he steps back into a calmer life that is NOT governed by deadlines.

I could spill a lot more ink about Mike and his accomplishments since 2016, however Mike walked the walk and delivered the "goods" with calm grace. These are only the things that folks are aware of – in reality there are a lot of other things Mike did behind the scenes with no credit and no acknowledgement – only he and I know the true extent of his commitment. The membership of the CFSC, FSDA & FLOREX benefited beyond words.

Now the million-dollar question is – "Who is going to replace Mike"? That question is still unanswered even after months of pleading. **Who will be the next FLOREX Chairman? Who will be the next CFSC Newsletter Editor?** These are two critically important questions in search of an answer. Will you be the solution?

Thank you, Mike, for an outstanding job well done – may your future be well and full of more adventures!

### Member Spotlight — FLOREX Leadership Team

To put on a show like FLOREX takes work and planning. These folks made that happen again this year and this is **some** of what they do to accomplish the responsibilities:

**Mark Tiger**—Bourse chair - FSDA President, works with & handles the contracts with the dealers; etc.

**Francis Ferguson**—provides support & guidance; creates the show program; handles the financial matters as FSDA Treasurer, arranges for show security & insurance coverage, etc.;

**Bob Sazama**—provides donations, outreach to stamp clubs & organizations to increase attendance, etc.

**Mike Smith**—Registration Chair - prepares the show cachets; name badges, recruits volunteers, etc.

**Newt Kulp**—Show Chair Assistant, outreach to stamp clubs, pursues participation of USPS, etc.

**Gary Byrd**—plans for & Chairs the Silent Auction at the show, etc.

**Stephen Patrick**—Event Schedule Chair & handles the Event schedule, making sure presenters have what they need, etc.

**Robert Fisher**—Assistant Exhibit Chair—coordinates the availability of exhibit awards, assists with set-up & take down, etc.

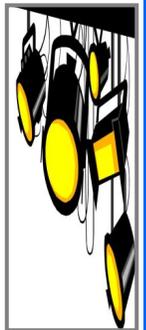
**Jeff Small**—in training to learn Exhibit Chair duties and responsibilities, assists with set-up & take down, etc.

**Richard Blanchard**—Chairs the Youth Table at the show & coordinates for needed supplies, etc.

**Herb Long**—coordinates & manages show equipment and dealer set-up & take down, etc.

**Tom Lera**—assists with show Award Ceremony, etc. and

**Mike Schumacher**—General & Exhibit Chair—overall planning & coordination.



**THANK YOU to each one of them for their exceptional hard work, time and effort!**

# COVER STORY— United We Stand Part 2

By: Newt Kulp

In the first part of this series, we looked at the stamps issued by the United States relating to the September 11, 2001 incident. These included two booklet stamps (3549 and 3549B), two coil stamps (3550 and 3550A) and the semi-postal (B2). This part will illustrate a few of the many First Day of Issue covers prepared for these issues. These two stamps revived the art of the first day covers. Issues from the end of World War II until the early 80s often had 100's of different cachets prepared for them. To illustrate the point, I have over 200 different cachet envelopes for the 1948 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Volunteer Fire Companies (Scott # 971) and over 100 for each of the two fire related transportation coils (20¢ fire pumper and 20.5¢ fire engine). None of which are by far a complete set. By the turn of the century, one is hard pressed to find 100 different cachets (and often much less) for an issue. The cachet makers for these two issues thought it to be their patriotic duty (?) to produce some fine cachets. Doing a search in eBay, Delcampe and other internet sites produce many entries spanning costs from \$1.00 to well over \$100. Many are also found in dealer's boxes at stamp shows.

This article will illustrate but a few of these covers. I decided that I would only purchase covers that cost \$5.00 or less. Thus, there are many covers with prices above \$5.00 that I do not have. First let's look at the common covers from Artcraft. Figure 1 shows the one with the single stamp from one of the booklets with figure 2 showing the whole booklet (3549). The common coil stamp (3550) was used on the single (figure 3) and the PNC5 (figure 4). Fleetwood with its tradition of issuing multiple cachets for the same stamp continued this practice issuing 10 different covers for this issue. Figure 5 shows but one of them.



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4

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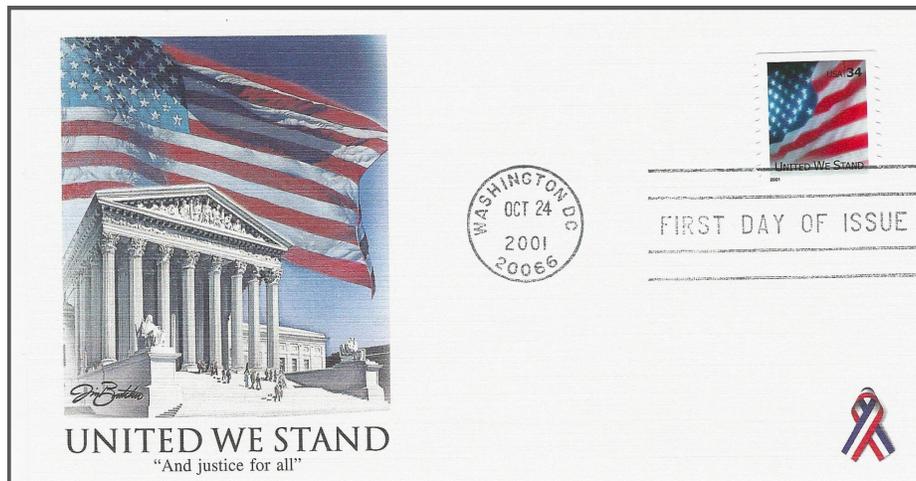


Figure 5

An often-found part of the cachet was the American flag. CCC cachet was no exception (figure 6). The American eagle appeared on many as shown on the T.D. cachet (figure 7— shown on the cover page). Prayers are found on a few as illustrated on the Homespun cachet in figure 8. Some unusual items were produced. One such production was six different full pages with curious entries. One of the six is shown in figure 9.



Figure 6

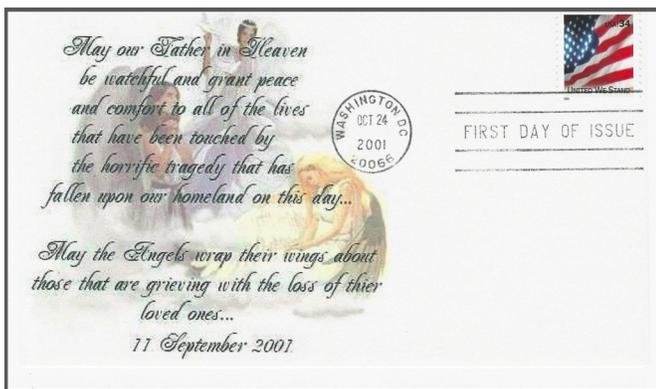


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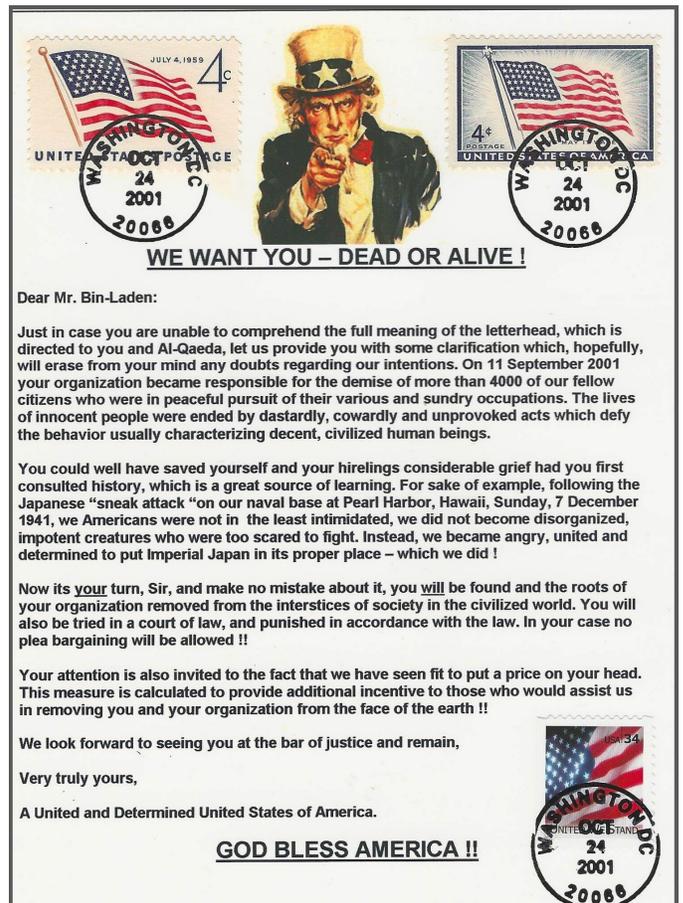


Figure 9

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## COVER STORY— United We Stand cont.

Let's move on to the semi-postal *Heroes of 2001*. Many full-envelope covered cachets are found associated with this issue. To illustrate are just two from Edken Cachet (figure 10) and Heritage Cachet (figure 11). Many used parts of the famous photograph (by Thomas E. Franklin of the newspaper *The Record of Hackensack, NJ*) showing firemen raising the flag as part of the cachet. One such cover by Bedford (figure 12) is shown. An unusual set by BGC cachets used parts of photos of various New York City's fire departments. One from the set of at least 6 is shown (figure 13). Many events throughout the United States used this stamp on their event cover. The Omaha Philatelic Society used it for their theme connected with their 2002 stamp show (figure 14). To end this article, I will use one of my more different covers from the McMurdo Fire Department (Antarctica). Christopher (Chris)



Figure 10



Figure 11

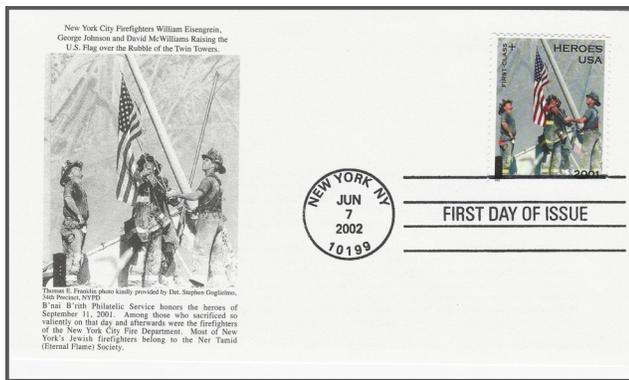


Figure 12

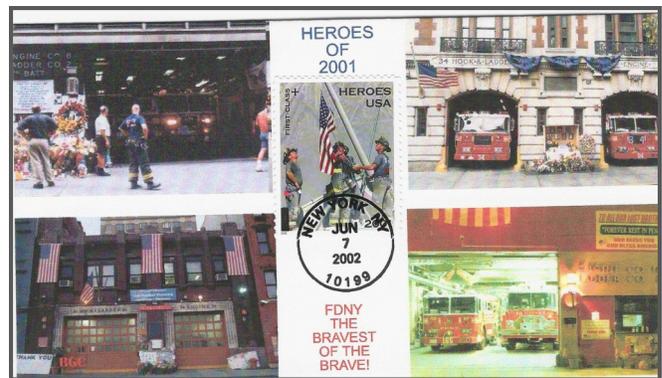


Figure 13

Post, then Captain of the fire department, produced at least four different cachets postmarked at the research station (figure 15).

The next installment will look at stamps that various countries throughout the world issued to either commemorate the event or honor the people who perished during the event.

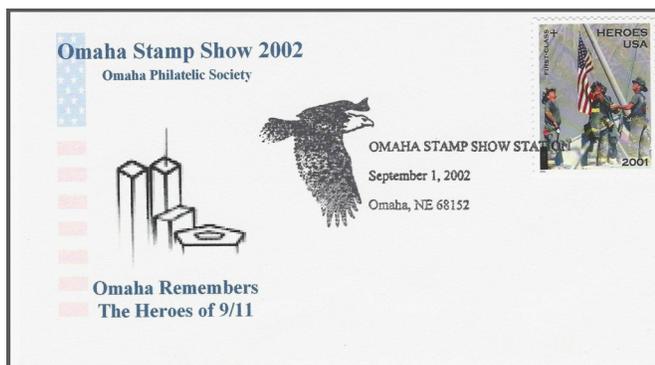


Figure 14



Figure 15

## Closed Album—Richard Scott

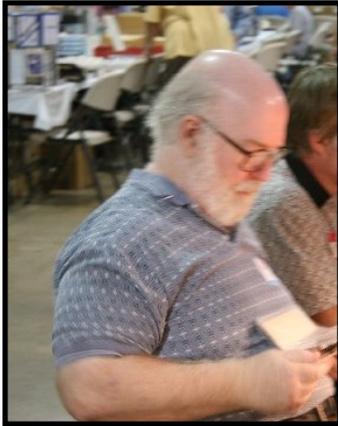
By A. Stephen Patrick

Long time CFSC member Richard “Rick” Scott passed away on August 14, 2025, after a five month battle with cancer. Rick joined the Central Florida Stamp Club in 1979 and held member number 235, putting him in the top five of long-term members. Rick did not attend many meetings, but could be seen at most local stamp shows over the years.

He was born January 27, 1945, in Boca Raton and later moved to Orlando and met his wife Katherine. He had two bachelor’s degrees, but the one from Georgia Tech was his pride. He worked as a computer engineer many years at the Naval Underwater Sound Research Lab on Lake Gem in South Orlando until it closed in 1996. Upon retirement he worked a number of years for Mike Rogers.

Rick used his computer skills to research and chart genealogy including his wife’s Patrick family. Kathy was my third cousin, and he attended several family reunions in the 1980s and 90s. One reason that we saw him so seldom was that he spent years as a loving care giver for his wife who developed dementia years ago. She died last December, and they are survived by their two children, Richard Scott III and Tiffany and one grandson.

Rick’s stamp room was lined with shelving for his several dozen self-made albums with all his special collections. I don’t think he owned a commercial album. He collected women’s gymnastics. I remember one program that he did in the 1980s that featured a complete set of women’s gymnast stamps from 1951 PRC after Nixon opened China to collectors. Other areas included Grace Kelly, sand dunes and Florida Postal history. He was a very good artist.



Rick collected a broad area he called “local posts” that included his computer made “Cinderellas” of early Jernigan and Orlando based on Wright Patrick, the first postmaster of Jernigan in 1850 and our third great grandfather. He also for a number of years posted stamp issues from around the world, asking the question, “What is this?”

Rick was a soft-spoken gentleman, a scholar and a great collector. I will miss him, and I hope you now know him better. Richard Scott, rest in peace.

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### November 6th CFSC Happenings!

Pre-meeting—FLOREX Postcard prep!



Club Meeting Auction—Who’ll give me a bid?



^ 11 people showed up to help prepare the FLOREX postcards for mailing! Task completed in 2 hours.

# GERMAN OFFICES & COLONIES

By: Norman Hinds Jr.

I got interested in selling German Offices & Colonies stamps after I bought a very nice Germany and other countries collection from one of my duplicate bridge students around 2006. Her grandfather was a postmaster in [Tuttlingen](#), Germany. It came to me in 2 shipments, as the second one was still in Europe. There were many, many stamps & covers from Germany proper, Offices & Colonies, German States and other European countries. There were even some decent US full sheets in between pages of Life Magazines (like C7-12 etc). I knew this would be a very nice collection, but would require a lot of work, labor and research.

At this time I wasn't great on German area and the more I looked at the States with reprints etc., I knew this would be very time consuming. I decided to tackle the other European Countries albums first (all were in old German albums) The US items I knew well, so didn't do much with them at first. I noticed that the Offices & Colonies were very interesting and not so much of a rabbit hole to go down. So I put them aside. At my first show in Orlando in 2006 there was a feeding frenzy over this collection!

After selling the foreign country albums and bulk things I decided to get into the Offices & Colonies. They were attractive and more of a challenge than I thought. The more I researched the more complicated I saw it was. It helps a great deal to become acquainted with German words, so a German to English dictionary was a great help.

The Offices were in China, Marocco and the Turkish Empire. The colonies were from locations all over the world. The history of each is fascinating. Of course all of these were lost after 1918 and the end of the First World War. The early stamps were just the regular German stamps with local cancels called Vorlaufers or Forerunners starting in 1870 or whenever Germany acquired the colony. In the early 1890s they started using overprints of the locations on the German stamps. By 1900-1901 most were producing stamps for each individual location with no overprints.

An interesting thing is that many of the used stamps are worth more or much more than unused examples. In most other countries unused are almost always worth more except for things like US # 39. As an example Caroline Islands Michel # 19 and Scott # 19 is €180. for unused hinged and €600. as genuine used. In some colonies, most of which are in the Pacific, there are a couple different types of cancels. Michel # 1 is for certain less valuable (like railroad or not date valid) cancels and # 2 is for valid cancels in the correct date usage.

Now the town cancels of each location can be quite valuable as opposed to the larger cities. Take for example a Grundorn, Deutch Sudwestafrika, used in 1914-15 has a premium of € 1800 on piece even if the stamp sells for 25 cents or whatever. More on this cancel later.

So if you are really serious about collecting this area there are several books you need to have.

1. Michel Deutschland-Spezial Band I
2. Stamps and cancels of the German Colonies and the Offices Abroad by Albert Friedemann. There is a 995 page hardbound volume in English.
3. Handbuch und Katalog der deutschen Kolonial-Vorlaufer by Dr. Friedrich F. Steuer and Ronald F. Steuer. Hardbound 476 pages.
4. German Colonies and Post Offices abroad Catalogue of the Postmarks. 2019 English edition paperback.

OK.. now a word of caution. There are many fake overprints and cancels on these stamps. On page 10, is a scan of many bad items that I removed from the philatelic marketplace over the past 15 years, and are just reference items. It is essential that you get authentication from experts. I always used Ronald F. Steuer in Wien, Austria. I met him twice at FLOREX shows he attended years ago and is very personable.

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## GERMAN OFFICES & COLONIES cont.

The other major expert is Jaschke-Lantellme in Berlin. A link to other experts and their marks is below and is very useful. <https://www.filatelia.fi/experts/index.html>

These are the fake stamps in the scan to the right; with Michel # and values if genuine: shown below:

China 10, €1100, China 27, €260, Morocco 55IA, €80. Turkish Empire NV26, €7500, V16, €700, 4a, €300, 4, €300, Karolinen 6I, €800, Marschall 4I, €200, Kiautschau 37IA, €600, SWA Grundorn, €1800.



Since we're on the topic of fakes below is a scan of two rare Switzerland Canton stamps that were in the old time German collection I mentioned at the beginning. They are both fake.. # 2L1 1843 Geneva pair CV \$ 42,500. & # 3L1 1845 the beautiful Geneva Dove CV \$ 15,500. Even old time collections will have fakes as they have been produced in Europe and elsewhere for many years.

The mark values of the 1900-1903 Offices in Morocco are interesting as there are several types. Let's look at the 2M, Michel # 17. There are 2 major numbers being 17 I & 17 II. The 17 II is from the 1903 issues with a bold or "fat" overprint. In this the base of the M is bolder and the center of the "r" to the center of the last "o" is 8.5 mm, versus 8.9 in the 17 I. Also there are type 2's of both, in which the end of the foliate ornaments to the right of the left "2" are blank in the type I and filled in for the type II. The CV of the 1903 printings are about double that of the used 1900 printings. Below are Michel catalog values for unused hinged:

- 17 II €45
- 17 II €120
- 17 II €460.
- 17 II €1400

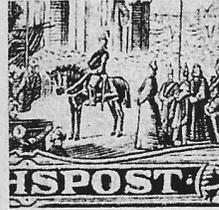


**Typenunterschiede bei MiNr. 64:**




Type I: Ende des Blattornaments offen (Feld 1-4, 9-20)      Type II: Ende des Blattornaments ausgefüllt (Feld 5-8)

**Typenunterschiede bei MiNr. 65:**




Type I: Brustpanzer sitzt auf dem Pferderücken auf, Oberkörper des Kaisers rückwärts geneigt, Zügel durchhängend, nach oben breiter werdend  
Type II: Zwischen Enden Brustpanzers und Pferd weißer Einbuchtung, Zügel straff, gleichmäßig dünn werdend

**Genauere Beschreibungen aller Typenunterschiede bei MiNr. 64-66 siehe: M. Jäschke-Lantellme, "100 Jahre Germania!"**

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2 M	schwärzlichblau		460,—	1400,—	240,—	600,—*
	Type I	(64 I)	650,—	2800,—	140,—	380,—*
	Type II	(64 II)	1400,—	4200,—	300,—	750,—*
3 M	violett-schwarz, Aufdruck karminrot					
	Type I	(65 I)	1700,—	6000,—	320,—	750,—*
	Type II	(65 II)	2000,—	6500,—	400,—	750,—*
5 M	grün-schwarz/bräunlichkarmin, Type II (Urmärke)	(66 II)	260,—	600,—	340,—	1000,—*

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## GERMAN OFFICES & COLONIES cont.

I decided to sell my German area stock during covid as the market was stagnant and decided to concentrate on US & Canada. My Offices & Colonies stock was priced at a reasonable 30% of Scott for sound VF and even for items with certificates. Many times I tried to buy items from other dealers, but they were priced at heavy prices at much more than my retail. Basically the only thing I could buy were unnoticed varieties.

There are many CFSC members that are GPS members and I hope I didn't bore you, as you may know most of this. I hope most of you found this interesting. If there are any questions write to me @ [nch143@aol.com](mailto:nch143@aol.com).

### Other Local Stamp News

Article copied from the Marion Citizen: General Francis Marion Stamp Club member Bonnie Streeter's philatelic adventures (formerly CFSC member). The club also had a large display at the Ocala Library for the month of October—for National Stamp Collecting Month. They will have a table at FLOREX with their display material.

# MARION CITIZEN

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## In search of post offices around the world

By JOHN AND DIANE RENYHART  
Special to the Citizen

Bonnie Streeter has been a stamp collector for many years. She and her husband Norm decided to travel the world when they retired, and Bon-

nie's stamp collecting has helped them to chart their course.

Bonnie shared a presentation at the General Francis Marion Stamp Club's meeting on Oct. 1 entitled "Post Offices and Post Boxes of the World." It was inspired by the cou-

ple's world travels. Each of their destinations included visits to local post offices, which at times were difficult to locate.

Locally, they had the opportunity to visit the Christmas, Florida, Post Office. For decades, people have

flocked to this location to have their Christmas cards affixed with this unique postal cancellation.

Another Florida stop was at our nation's smallest post office, located in

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Bonnie in Punta Arenas, Chile.



Bonnie in Copenhagen Denmark, where they're phasing out letter deliveries.

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## Other Local Stamp News cont.

### POST

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Ochopee on Highway 41 in the Everglades. The building is 61.3 square feet and was converted into a post office after a fire in 1953 destroyed the previous building.

In an earlier visit at Carlsbad Caverns, New Mexico, they discovered a post office box in a gift shop 750-feet below ground.

While journeying in the southern hemisphere, they

visited Antarctica, where they encountered a post office in Port Lockroy, British Antarctic Territory. To get there, Bonnie and Norm boarded a skiff from their ship. The world's most remote post office is surrounded by a Gentoo penguin colony.

On South Georgia Island (British Overseas Territory), there is a sparse population that includes a British garrison and government employees. Navigating the icebergs and a large penguin colony presented some challenge

es Bonnie and Norm were pleasantly surprised by the local post office and gift shop that included the sale of all kinds of stamps.

There was also a monument, "Shackleton's Grave," in honor of Sir Ernest Shackleton, the British explorer whose Antarctic expedition became stranded in pack ice. Shackleton sought help on South Georgia Island and miraculously rescued all his men after 128 days.

Continuing their travel through the South Atlantic,

they visited Stanley, capital of the Falkland Islands (British Overseas Territories). They discovered that the current post office was established in 2014, when the citizens voted to remain part of the United Kingdom. The facility offers a range of philatelic services.

Hopping over to South America, Bonnie and Norm visited Punta Arenas, Chile, the country's southernmost mainland city (pop. 100,000), including a visit to the Corros Chile ("post office").

Moving on to the north,

they traveled to Denmark and learned that the country is discontinuing mailing of letters and is removing post office boxes this year. They will cease to deliver letters and focus on parcel delivery.

The presentation's last stop was Galapagos, home of the blue-footed booby, giant tortoise, marine iguana and rock lizard and countless other animals found only in the Islands. Post Office Bay was established by whalers in 1793. You can drop off letters and look for letters in the

old wooden whiskey barrel found at this location.

It was fascinating to follow their adventures. Bonnie also shared several stamps that she had purchased for her collection during their journeys.

The General Francis Marion Stamp Club meets at 12:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at the Marion County Sheriff's Substation, 9048 SW State Road 200. For more information, call Elliot Natale at 352-857-7939.



Photos by Norm Streeter

Bonnie Streeter at the post office at South Georgia Island, part of the British Overseas Territory.



Bonnie Streeter in the Galapagos, where you can drop off letters in a whiskey barrel.

## Central Florida Stamp Club Holiday Party and 4th Quarter Birthdays and CFSC annual awards at the December 18th club meeting!!!



What a year it has been for CFSC members—four one day stamp shows at the Maitland Civic Center, another FLOREX Stamp show with 22 dealers and 28 exhibits filling 150 frames of philatelic material on a wide variety of topics; 12 issues of the CFSC Philatelic Missive filling 148 pages with more than 75 articles; more than 20 auctions; 14 presentations; a picnic; 24 club meetings and three Board meetings.

Sounds like it is time to relax, celebrate, enjoy some good food and good company. Bring a dish to share. Fourth quarter Birthdays will also be celebrated and annual awards will be presented. So come and share some food and fun with other CFSC members!



## Questionable eBay, # 36

By Francis Ferguson

### Knowledge Helps



Listing reads “US Stamp George Washington Two Cent 2¢ Red 1902 RARE UNIQUE PERFORATION” -- bidding starts at \$2,999. With free shipping and no returns accepted. An offer was made to purchase it for \$2,500 – which has been declined. This seller who started in the last couple of years has a couple of hundred listings of common stamps with fantastic prices.

Let us dig into this offering. The statement “RARE UNIQUE PERFORATIONS” -- screaming in all capital letters – is neither. There is a whole section of information in the Scott’s Catalog devoted to Vending & Affixing Machine Perforations. The seven pages of highly detailed information explains exactly what this is. It could be a 384, or anyone of a half dozen other numbers – depending on design type and watermark. There is simply no way to tell from this listing. Specifically, this stamp is credited to the Schermack Company of Detroit MI. This type III, Schermack was in service from 1908 through 1927 or 1928. The simple truth about this offering -- it is not worth \$2,500 but rather a nominal \$1.00 to maybe \$5.00!

What do you think?



### Sneak Peak at new USPS stamps in 2026



## Sample Ballots

As the end of the year approaches, it's time for the annual CFSC Awards. Take a moment and refresh your memory on your choices for Best Newsletter articles & presentations. These are sample ballots, actual ballots will be handed out at the January meeting.

### Best Presentation Sample Ballot - CFSC Meetings 2025

Vote for your three favorite presentations:

Place a 1, 2, or 3 in the voting column to indicate your selections.

"1" for best, "2" for second best & "3" for third best

Vote	Title	Presenter
	<b>How I Became a Stamp Collector &amp; Then a Dealer</b>	<b>Bob Sazama</b>
	<b>Florida Postal History: Moving the Mail Through Central Florida Rail Roads</b>	<b>Stephen Patrick</b>
	<b>United Fruit Great White Fleet</b>	<b>John Gehrig</b>
	<b>How Can You Help the Club...More Importantly Why?</b>	<b>Francis Ferguson Phil Fettig</b>
	<b>The Express Mail of 1836 1839, Emphasis on Florida</b>	<b>Tom Lera</b>
	<b>The History of U.S. Duck Stamps</b>	<b>Fred Bohle</b>
	<b>The Odd Stuff</b>	<b>Francis Ferguson</b>
	<b>The 1936 Swedish-Icelandic Vatnajokull Expedition</b>	<b>Mike Schumacher</b>
	<b>A Stamp Salute to 9/11 on Stamps</b>	<b>Newt Kulp</b>
	<b>1870 Occupation of France by Germany</b>	<b>Robert Fisher</b>
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	<b>(Cover Story) Unexpected Find: Apopka 1943</b>
	<b>(Cover Story) The Problem with Orange &amp; Yellow Stamps</b>
	<b>(Cover Story) Happy Birthday Max Fleischer!</b>
	<b>(Cover Story) Iceland’s Vatnajokull Stamps</b>
	<b>(Cover Story) The 1854 Issues of the East India Company</b>
	<b>(Cover Story) Hawaii our 50<sup>th</sup> State</b>
	<b>(Cover Story) FLOREX 2025 Stamp Exhibition is Coming!</b>
	<b>(Cover Story) United We Stand Part 2</b>
	Heidelberg – Ickelheimer Cover
	OPA Token
	A Book Report of Sorts
	Two Footnotes in the History of the Central Florida Stamp Club
	Reminiscences (February, March, August)
	What is it? National Letter Return Association Labels
	A Folded Letter from a By-gone Era!
	A Few Interesting Philatelic Items
	Fuji: Some Confusion about Queen Victoria Issues of 1891 - 1898
	A Souvenir from the Past
	VI-Tone Malt Chocolate Flavor
	Case # 2281: The Bee That Would Not Sit Still
	A Cover’s Historical Story
	A Postal Card with a Footnote in History
	Plate Positions of the Penny Black of Great Britain
	My Home Town Cover Collection
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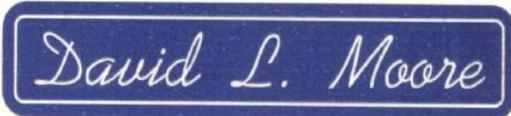
  
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- Meetings are twice a month on the first and third Thursdays.
- The Membership of the CFSC includes many diverse interests that cover the range from A-Z.
- The meeting is centrally located to downtown Orlando and can be easily accessed from SR 50 (Colonial Drive) and I/4.
- The Marks Street Senior Center has been our host for more than 30 years and provides a pleasant meeting room with easy access and plenty of free parking.
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- The Membership of the CFSC participates as the host and sponsor of the one day shows in February, April, June & September. In addition, we are the resident hosting club for FLOREX which is held in the Central Florida area.
- The CFSC maintains a website: [CentralFloridaStampClub.org](http://CentralFloridaStampClub.org)
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