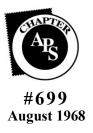
# The Philatelic Missive







# The Cover Story

# The 1930 U.S. Graf Zeppelin Postage Stamps

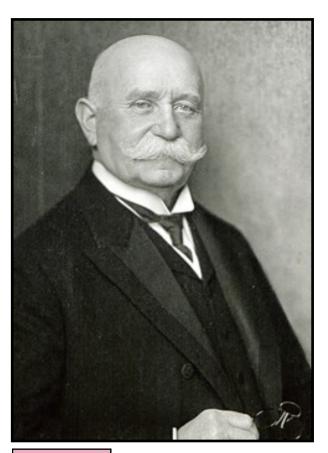


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## Program Schedule (Apr/May/Jun)

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

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**June** — Unknown at this time.

BoD meeting for 2020; 04.30, 07.30 & 10.29.

## March Meeting Recaps

The month of March started off with 14 for dinner—it was a nice congenial bunch with good food and great conversation. The meeting signed in 46 folks for a cried auction featuring the combined efforts of callers, Jim Cooney and Francis Ferguson. The auction sold 41 of 52 lots for a total of \$813. Thank you to everyone who made the called auction a success! The second meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns.

#### **Dinner Plans**

No meetings for April and no dinner gatherings. When we can return — we expect to return to the Tasty Wok for our continued dinner time, full of fellowship and good food.

#### 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.

#### The Bourse Newsletter

The effort by Mel Borofsky to produce a monthly Bourse Newsletter has now been expanded to be weekly — at least for the foreseeable future. Send him an buy/sell ad for placement. This is an easy way to stay in touch with your collecting roots. Take advantage of this free service for all members. You can also support the numerous dealers who place ads that run in each issue. The Bourse Newsletter which is in the ninth year of production, gives each club member a nice platform to buy/sell. Take advantage of this great product. The Bourse Newsletter can be found in the members only section of the website. Contact the Editor for the password — if you still don't have it!

#### **Event Calendar 2020**

CFSC-Spring One Day April 4 (cancelled)

CFSC-Summer One Day July 11

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

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

## New Member x 1

**Robert Miller** from Winter Springs has joined us. He collects the Middle East 1900-1960. Thank you for becoming number 105 on our active roster.

# After Glow — April & May

No sessions scheduled at this time.

## **April Show & Picnic Cancelled**

All close-quarter philatelic activities of the CFSC have been suspended for the month of April and May. We hope to resume normal activity as soon as possible. At this point the June 13<sup>th</sup> show at the Maitland Civic Center is still possible; a final decision will have to be made no later than May 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Time to Write!

Use this time to write for your monthly newsletter. The need for new material is never ending. The aim of the newsletter has always been to entertain and educate our membership. This issue has five inserts and the plan is to duplicate that effort in May. Find something that makes you happy and write. The piece can be half a page or a full page — it is your call. I will attempt to accommodate all material. Chances are strong that others in the club will also find it interesting! Make it happen — please!

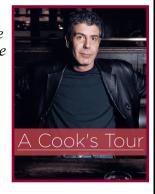
## **Reach Out**

This is the time to reach out to your fellow club members and see if you can assist them. Pickup the phone or email them to check in. Be an ambassador for the CFSC. This morning I received a call from a club member who dropped off the radar some time ago. Wayne Stephens from St. Cloud wanted to know if I might have a spare perf gauge I could mail to him. I do have such an item and will drop it in the mail along with a CFSC application for him to renew membership. It just might be the most expensive perf gauge ever!

## Quoted

"Travel changes you. As you move through this life and this world you change things slightly, you leave marks behind, however small. And in return, life – and travel – leaves marks on you."

Anthony Bourdain [1956—2018]
Master Foody



# President's Message by A. Stephen Patrick

Happy April Fool's Day! I say this in irony, because if I had predicted to you at our March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting that by April our country would be shut down and in economic crisis, few would have believed me or been fooled! We are now "sheltering in place." To tell a stamp collector to avoid the public and stay at home with found time to work on our collections would be the very opposite of punishment. However, I urge our members to take all precautions as we face this national emergency.

We have been informed by the Marks Street Center that operations are **suspended until at least May 25**<sup>th</sup>. That means that the earliest meeting we may have is June 4<sup>th</sup> --- if things improve. Whenever that happens, you can prepare the best auction items and trade items that the meeting can have.

At the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, Josh Furman distributed five large bags of bird lot material for sorting. Finishing that task is a good project for this time. I am also making a call for members to use this time to **make stamp packets to give to youth**. We once distributed hundreds of these packets at the Central Florida Fair. I would like to have a hundred or more ready to give to any youth that comes to our one day shows, our meetings or for occasions to come. Make up glassines with 25 soaked U.S. commemoratives or 25 foreign stamps. I pledge to make 10 each myself.

Mel Borofsky will continue to publish the bourse online. We will probably suspend printed versions for the present, so some members will be left out. However, without the constraints of hard copies, Mel can expand the number of items, publish more frequently, and use this as an outlet for members to buy and sell by mail. I urge each of you to send in items that you may have saved for silent auctions. Just be sure that the lot meets at least a five-dollar minimum and can be comfortably mailed.

I've asked our editor **Francis Ferguson** to consider expanding the monthly newsletter for an online edition to be sent to all emails. We will still have a smaller hardcopy for all, but content is less limited in electronic form. The Orlando Sentinel does this with its online edition. But that means that he needs content, something many can complete as you "shelter in place."

In this down time, I will attempt to contact each member by phone. It's interesting to chat about collections and interests. I plan to write a separate article about news gleaned from these contacts. Until we meet again in person, stay safe and healthy. You can enjoy your hobby with the "found time" due to the virus. I urge you to not be foolish about this virus on this April Fool's Day.

# The Editor's Box — Shelter in Place

I survived my childhood years in upstate NY having lived through questionable fashion treads (think bell-bottom pants) and unfathomable amounts of winter snow. Thankfully, the music of the 1960s still gives me pleasure. Now we face an new normal that requires everyone to self-isolate to protect oneself from the very real danger presented by COVID-19. All public philatelic activity has been suspended for the foreseeable future, thus reducing our world to Netflix, reading books, gaming (if you are one of those) and our private philatelic endeavors. The new normal is not being with crowds.

I expect this downtime will finally allow me to focus on (1) making sense out of my office mess; (2) dealing with my overflowing "in-take box" that contains philatelic treasures bought over the last 6-8 years; (3) using the new pages for my White Ace Albums that I bought nearly 5 years ago; (4) and ....maybe finally getting around to indexing my reference library so I can actually find a volume when it is needed. Those are all projects that will occupy plenty of time.

What are you doing to occupy your time? I have heard from a number of club members letting me know that they are working on long-overdue projects — as I will be! See you on the other side of this mess.

# **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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