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The Cover Story

Pawing Through Covers



Figure 1

Figure 2

Memorial Day 1943

Mrs. Ethel Stevens, Sec.
B.S. Alumni Association
Island Pond, Vermont.

Dear Mrs Stevens:

Kindly extend my congratulations to the graduation class of B.S.A. on this their graduation evening, one of the most important dates of their life.

If they have doubts as to the fut we tell them not to fear as the sun will rise on a more a more and better educated world after this war is over.

Educators will have had a birds eye view of the workings of Science, Geography, History and Civil Government about which they teach; all of which will make not only a better U.S.A. in which to live and a better world to live in as well.

Due to censorship it is impossible to give you a detailed account of the surrounding here, but I can tell you that it is beautiful, but that there is no place like Vermont and

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Island Pond in particular.
With kindest regards and best wishes to all;

Sincerely Member of Class of '33
Bernard Baylan S.K.2/c
U.S. Navy.

P.S.
We will all be with you next year.

Figure 3

Program Schedule (Sept/Oct/Nov/Dec)

September — The first meeting on 09.07 will have Gary Byrd speaking on Tunisia. The second meeting on 09.21 will have Newton Kulp presenting on “The U.S. Largest Joint Issue.”

October — The first meeting on 10.04 will have Tom Lera presenting on “Halloween Surprise — Count Dracula.” The second meeting on 10.18 will have Mel Borofsky talking about the “History of Israel Through Stamps.”

November — The first meeting on 11.02 will be the ever popular Fall Cried Auction. Bring your material and your wallet! The second meeting on 11.16 will have Henry Jehan presenting on “Stamps That Glow”.

December — The first meeting on 12.07 will have Robert Fisher presenting on “A History of FLOREX Souvenirs”. The second meeting on 12.21 will be the event of the year, which is of course the Holiday Gathering Pot Luck. Come one — Come all. Doors open at 6pm, dinner is served no later than 6:30pm.

BoD meeting for 2017; 09.28 (changed date)

August Meeting Recap

The first meeting of the month started off with a 11 attending the pre-meeting dinner and 37 signed in for the meeting. It was another rainy Thursday night, but not nearly as bad as the previous meeting! The program of “Show & Tell” went nicely with Jerry Eller, Newton Kulp, Bob Stewart, David M. Allen, Mel Borofsky, Josh Furman, Ed Evans and Forest Smith presenting on a favorite item. The silent auction sold 17 lots for \$143. The After Meeting² had Francis Ferguson presenting a brief segment on fake Washington/Franklin material and Phil Fettig doing short segment on unusual world-wide reference material.

The second meeting of August was not wet for a nice change of pace! We had 12 for dinner and a whopping 50 signed in for the meeting. The cried auction helmed by A. Stephen Patrick sold 36 of 51 lots for a total of \$942. Thank you to Team David, Robert Fisher, and Jim Archbold for making the event run smoothly.

Show Your Pride!

Please contact the Editor for a lovely blue shirt that has a club logo. The cost is \$20. Buy two! The shirts are kept off-site so please make your intentions known to the Editor.

Event Calendar 2017

FSDA Fall 2017 September 16-17
FLOREX 2017 December 1-2-3
For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

After Meeting² Subjects Sept & Oct

The session at the first meeting of September will have Jerry Eller talking about Canal Zone Postal Stationary. The first meeting of October will have the team Dowrick instructing on how to soak modern stamps. The second meeting of both months will be an open members bourse starting at 8:15ish.

Fall FSDA Stamp Show

Make sure you have the weekend of September 16-17 on your calendar. At this point we have 13 dealers attending the show. There will be onsite food offerings. The reception table sign up sheet is available one more time before the show. It is a very bright color of orange!

Writers?

Thank you to all the folks that have contributed material to this monthly publication. Without your constant support this newsletter would lack vitality. Your efforts are much appreciated! That said — my bit-bucket is now virtually empty for the next (and beyond) months newsletter. I am begging. Please contact the Editor.

Dinner Plans

Come join the group for dinner at Viet Garden at 5:00pm before each meeting. Located on the NW corner of Shine Ave & 50 at 1237 E. Colonial Dr. There is plenty of parking on the north side, behind the restaurant. Bring your appetite – and your wallet. The record attendance for dinner is 17 — if we can break that number someone will get a free dinner. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

Holiday Pot Luck Dinner

Remember to place December 21st on your schedule for our annual wing-ding. Be there or be missed!

Quoted

“One thing life has taught me: if you are interested, you never have to look for new interests. They come to you. When you are genuinely interested in one thing, it will always lead to something else.”

Eleanor Roosevelt, the longest-serving First Lady of the United States [1884—1962]



President's Message by Francis Ferguson A Challenge Met

Much to everyone's surprise the long-standing challenge to have 50 members signed in at a meeting was achieved at the last meeting of August. Rick Cohen was the happy winner of a \$50 door prize. The next challenge of note will be to have 55 signed in, and thus a \$55 door prize that night. When will this happen?

For the record we have three members who are 90 plus years young. I have recently been in receipt of a note from one of our oldest members, who because of mobility issues can't frequently attend our bi-monthly meetings. Her delightful cursive handwriting was a pleasure to read! Ruth Pearl is 94 years young and asked me to include her brief — how-she-got-into-being-a-collector story. "As one of the oldest members of the CFSC (DoB, 02.23.1923) I thought you might be interested to know I began collecting stamps in 1950 with an interruption during the later years of the 1900s and resuming in 2011. My interests covered world-wide mint and used, especially U.S. mint never hinged, O.G., singles, plate blocks, air mail and covers. Also United Nations with an interruption from 1975-1989, resuming in 1989 to 1992, used and mint. Over the years I've accumulated enough stamps (sheets) to begin a business :). I'm a natural born collector. Especially if it's any kind of a stamp — I collect it."

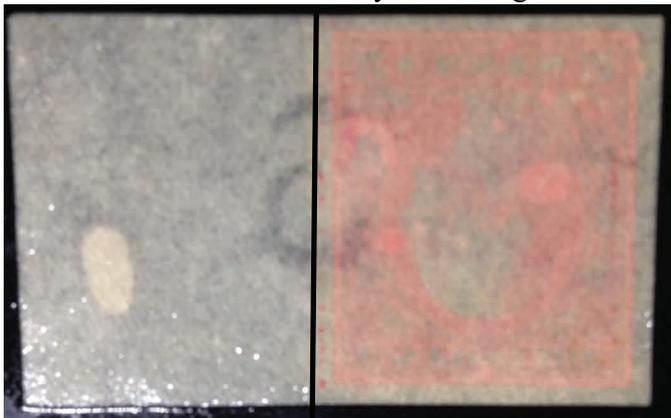
I realize there are going to be gaps in what I present next, but this information is according to our records, for good or bad. We have a bunch of long-time members. Richard Scott officially joined 03.01.1979, besting A. Stephen Patrick by nearly 2.5 months. Jim Edmunds, 1982. Larry Stiles, 1984. Phillip Fettig & Roy Anderson in 1985. In 1990, David M. Allen, Lynn Cohen, Michael Rogers and James Pullin came on board. Officially our lowest member number that is still active is issued to Lynn Cohen with #86. The next lowest number is Michael Rogers with #118. I wish our records are more accurate, but the missing information from much of the 1970s and early 1980s does not help. The only thing we can do, is go with what we know. I would like to congratulate all of these members for their long standing relationship with the CFSC.

As I was looking through our club data, I was pleasantly surprised to find out that just slightly over 50% of our members also hold membership in the American Philatelic Society. Thank you for supporting the APS.

Serendipity — XXXIII by The Editor

Those Troublesome W/F Watermarks

Yes — I am talking about the Washington/Franklin series. The "art" of watermarking is by no means easy. It takes a lot of practice and seeing what really happens. If you have an active imagination you will have major issues with watermarks. Rarely do you find a complete full letter watermark — most times it is a fragment of a letter that can be obscured by cancelling ink or even thins in the paper.

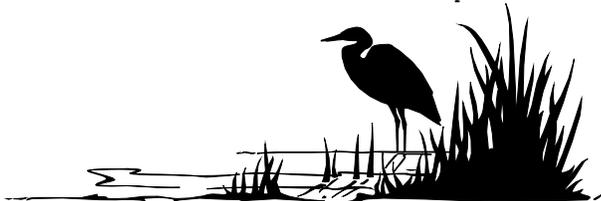


This image shows a full letter "S" that extends about 60% into the margin paper. That would leave a about 40% of a single line "S" to try and find. The thin vertical black line that I drew represents about where the cut place would be. The real challenge on this particular stamp is — there is no other part of a letter to be found. Now imagine what it would look like if that edge was cut real close or into the stamp. Things get difficult real fast. I would like to think I would recognize it for what it is — if the margin paper was gone, but a lot of the times it is pure luck. Simply put, you can't invent what is not there!

The Central Florida Stamp Club is a 70+ 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 nearly 20 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 6:45-7:10. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 7:15 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 SUN-PEX show in June of each year. In addition, we are the resident hosting club for FLOREX, and many of the smaller local shows held in the Orlando 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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