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Tracing Tallahassee Stamp & Cover Club History During Pandemic 2020

by Dr. Hemanth Setty

COVID – 19, pandemic of the century has affected the life of several people mentally and economically. It is also responsible for numerous deaths around the world. Everyone is forced to wear mask, maintain social distancing and work from home if possible. This once in a lifetime epidemic has also provided enough time for everyone to attend their unfinished work and strengthen their family bonding as traveling and other entertaining events have been on hold. This period is bonus to any hobbyist if they can utilize it suitably as there is less attractions to attend and more time to focus on one's collection.

Philatelists need ample time unlike other hobbies to sort, arrange and catalogue their stamp and cover collections. Since the start of lockdown in March 2020 and working from home, I was able to sort most of my collection into individual folders both thematically and country-wise. Found several philatelic items that I had forgotten for years and did not have any idea that I had them. Among them were the items related to Philatelic history of Tallahassee and Tallahassee Stamp & Cover Club. In this article we will stick to the history to Stamp Club in Tallahassee.

The Florida territorial post office was opened in Tallahassee in 1825. Florida joined the Union as 27th state on March 3, 1845. It took another century and half to form a stamp club to study and enjoy the postal history and stamp collecting in Tallahassee. Tallahassee Stamp Club was formed in 1975 and changed to Tallahassee Stamp & Cover Club in 1988. Prior to 1975 there were few serious collectors and dealers in the city. Notable one was Ms. Ruby Diamond of Tallahassee known for her exceptional stamp collection. Presently, there are no stamp dealers in the town. I have come across a Journal published in Tallahassee and few special cancellation commemorative covers of 1969 era.

Meeting Dates & Presentations, 2021

Jan. 12, Mike Francis - Determining Color
Feb. 9, George Harmon
Mar. 9, TBA
Mar 27-28 Possible TALPEX 2021
Apr. 13, TBA
May 11, TBA
Jun. 8, TBA
Jul. 13 TBA
Aug. 10, TBA
Sep. 14, TBA
Oct. 12, Single Page Exhibit
Nov. 9, TBA
Dec. 14, Christmas Party

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- **It is obvious from the Meeting Dates & Presentations, 2021 that the club needs presenters at eight club meetings. Remember that the topic can be anything related to philately and can be from 5 minutes to 30 minutes or more. If you need help with your presentation just ask one of the club officers or any member for that matter.**
- **This is the first appeal in 2021 for articles for the *Postscript.* As editor of the *Postscript* I am more than willing to help you with your article and edit it for you if needed. As a member, you pick the topic even if it has been published before. A fresh perspective on any topic is always welcome.**
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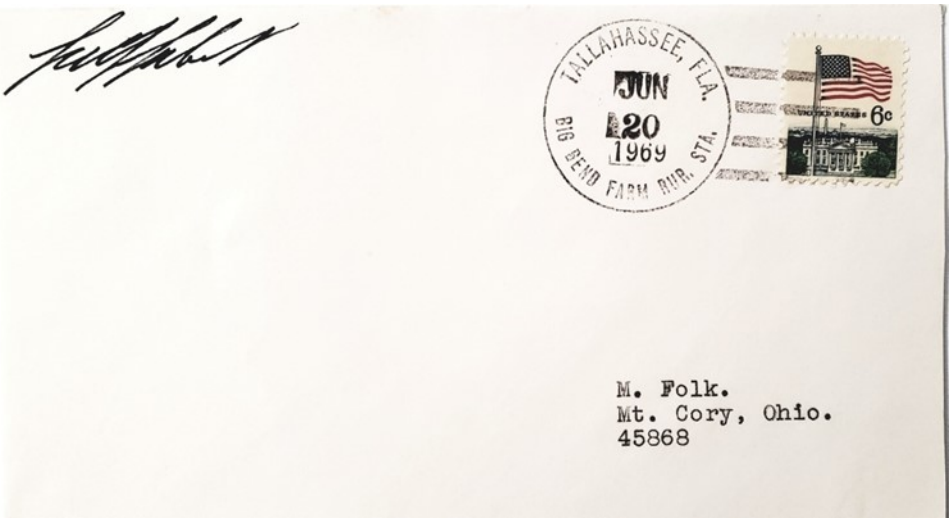

The Journal was called "The Collectors' Journal" a monthly newspaper featuring Art, Antiques, Coins and Stamps. This was a very educational and informational Journal for the collectors of Florida, and I am not sure when this was discontinued.

After the establishment of a stamp club in Tallahassee by likeminded enthusiasts, the first stamp show of Tallahassee, TALLAPEX was held in April 25-26, 1975. The founding members were Mike Paulson, Bruce and, Pat McDonald, King Reynolds, Bob Tedcastle, Col. Walter Levy and Larry Benson. Further information can be obtained from the article written by one of the founding member Mr. Larry Benson "History of TS&CC" in The Postscript Vol 20,

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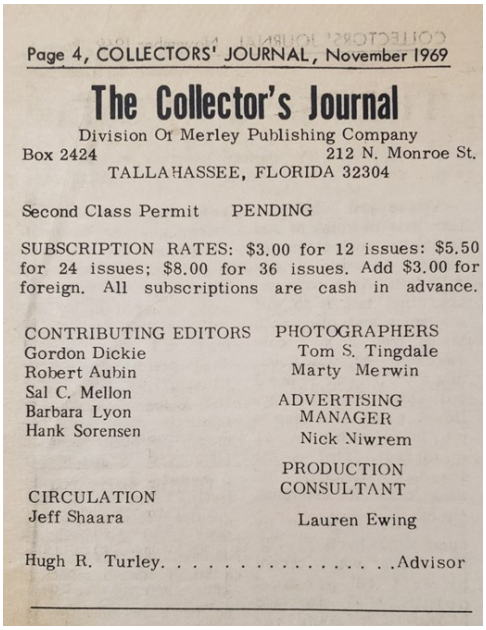
No.1 January-March, 2010. In the article he has mentioned that the club used to meet at several places and finally settled at Senior Center on North Monroe since 1991.



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A Philatelic Fairy Tale
By Sal C. Mellon

"Once upon a time there lived a collector of stamps who was going poor because of the cost of stamps he was buying. Prices were terribly high. Now, it just so happened that the collector loved to ride horses and one day he got a brilliant idea. "Why don't I just collect stamps with horse riders on them?" 'Since I like horseback riding and since there are millions of stamps in the world, there surely must be enough stamps with horse riders on them for me to start my very own special collection. It would not only be low cost but I could gain valuable information about horses and famous riders."

"Well, the collector made his own album. He set it to his tastes and needs. He wrote up only pertinent information about the stamps he had beside each one in his album and he lived happily ever after."

There isn't a moral to that fractured philatelic fairy tale. It was written for the specific purpose of

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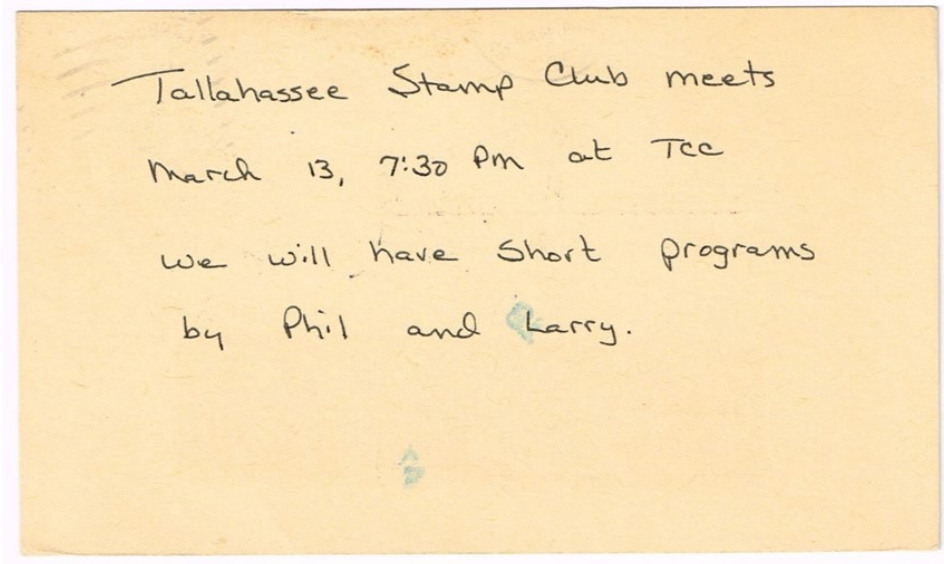

Tallahassee Stamp Club meets
March 13, 7:30 PM at TCC
We will have Short programs
by Phil and Larry.

1990 Postal Card regarding club meeting invite at Tallahassee Community College (TCC).

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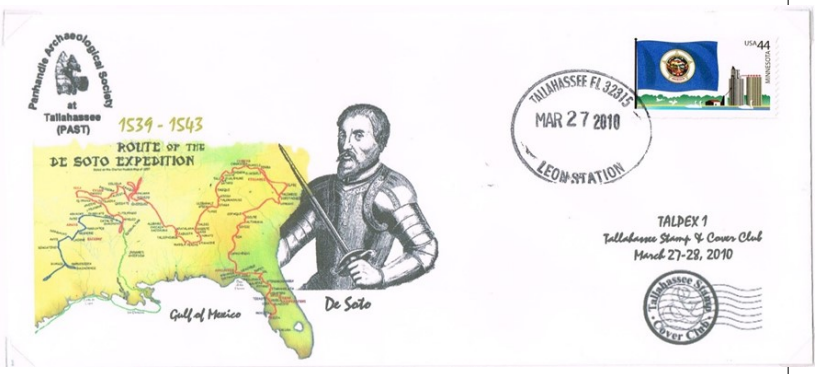
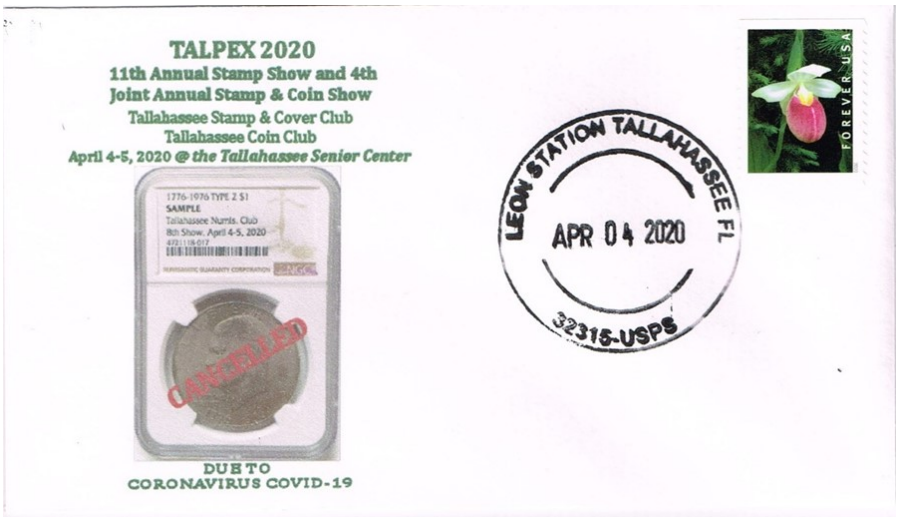
TALLAPEX April 25-26, 1975 Show Covers



The shows were discontinued for a very long time and finally got a boost with the initiation from our current club president Dr. Mike Francis. Dr. Francis was club president during 1996-97 and when the by-laws was amended in 2005 to allow officers to hold office for more than two consecutive terms, he became President again in 2003 and has been president ever since. Our Club's First President was Mike Paulson between 1988-89. The first modern stamp show, TALPEX 1, was held on March 27 & 28, 2010. The show attracts various dealers and collectors from Florida and neighboring states. Special show covers have been a big attraction. TS&CC has hosted 10 straight years of stamp shows without interruption until COVID-19 in 2020. Also, the Club has been hosting the shows jointly with Tallahassee Numismatic Club since 2017 as Tallahassee Stamp and Coin Show.



TALPEX 2020 11th Annual Show Cover. Show cancelled due to COVID-19

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From 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

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People who want to save the canceled stamp for posterity (it will never be issued again) are invited to bring a stamp, or buy it there, and affix it to a Springtime program, envelope, or anything bearing uncanceled, first-class postage.

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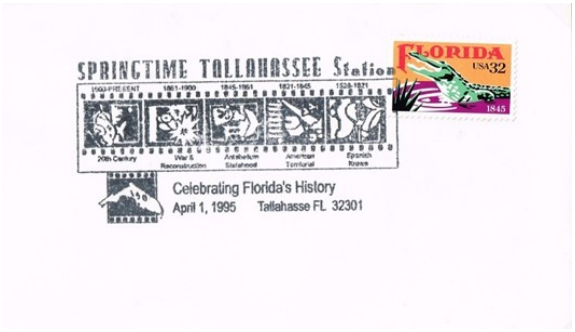
Springtime Tallahassee Cancellation Flyer and Postal Card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Various Springtime Tallahassee Cancellations

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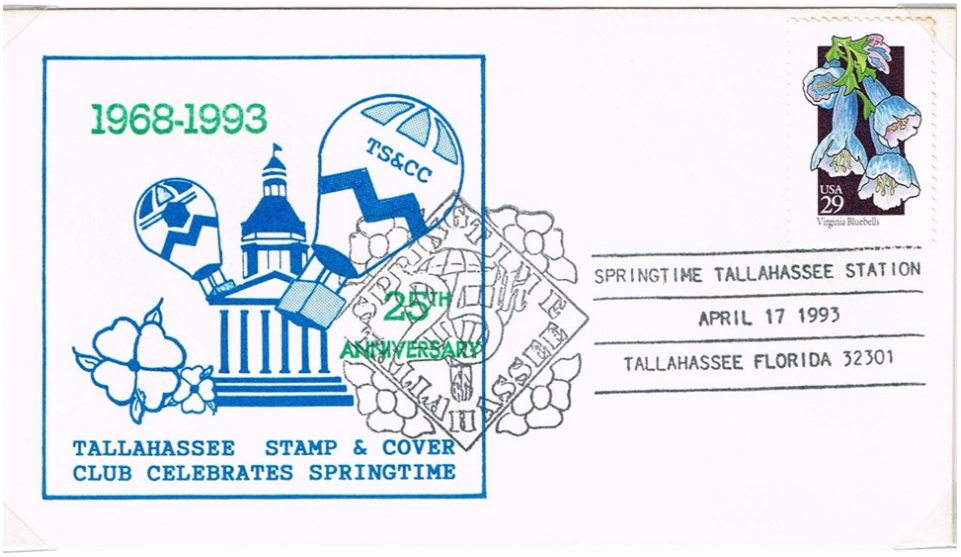

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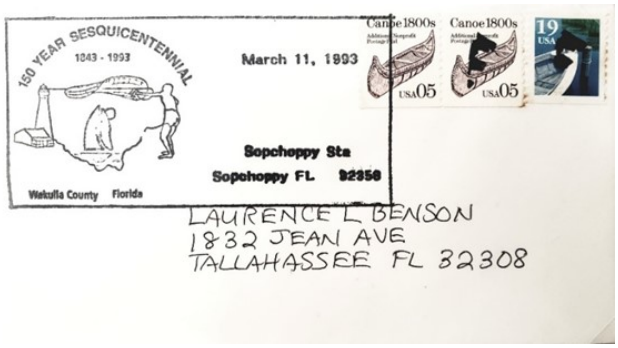

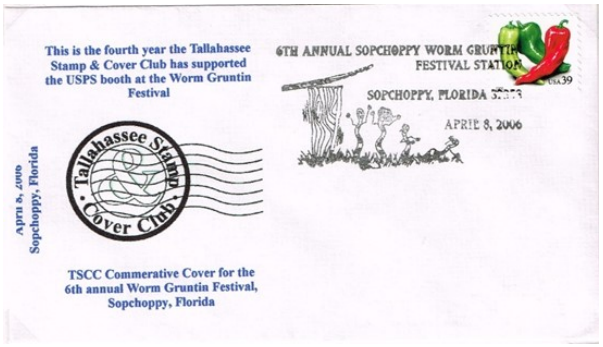

Annual Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival Cancellation Covers

(Editor's note) With a new Postmaster appointed to Sopchoppy and cutbacks in USPS, the club no longer has a presence at the festival. The same situation occurred at Springtime Tallahassee. The Club always had a booth next to the USPS booth. This has also gone away!

Current Club Environment

Today, the club is very active with around 50 paid membership and over a third of them are American Philatelic Society members. Since 1991 the Tallahassee Stamp and Cover Club meets monthly, on the second Tuesday at 7 pm, in the dining hall at the Senior Center, 1400 N. Monroe St. Prior to this, meetings were held at members homes besides TCC and other places. The club membership fee has been $5 for a very long time and has not been increased even with inflation. The main source of income for the club is through membership

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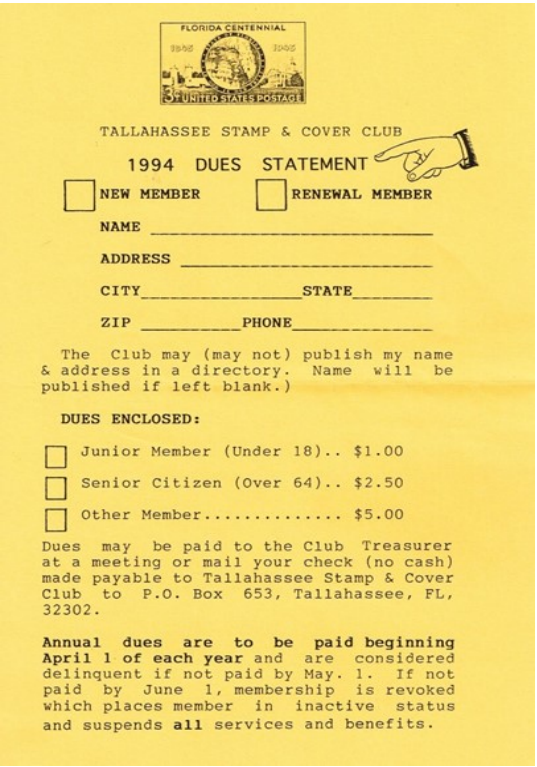
fees, donated monthly raffle items, silent auction items donated for the benefit of the Club, the annual club auction and outside donations.

Below is a copy of the 1994 Membership form and the current membership form that is part of the TS&CC Club Membership and Application brochure.



TALLAHASSEE STAMP & COVER CLUB

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ADDRESS _____

CITY_____STATE_____

ZIP _____PHONE_____

The Club may (may not) publish my name & address in a directory. Name will be published if left blank.)

DUES ENCLOSED:

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Dues may be paid to the Club Treasurer at a meeting or mail your check (no cash) made payable to Tallahassee Stamp & Cover Club to P.O. Box 653, Tallahassee, FL, 32302.

Annual dues are to be paid beginning April 1 of each year and are considered delinquent if not paid by May. 1. If not paid by June 1, membership is revoked which places member in inactive status and suspends **all** services and benefits.

Regular club activities involve member presentations, raffles and a silent auction every month, an annual auction, member trading and an annual one-page stamp exhibit competition. There is an annual Christmas party and, the best part, is the interaction with fellow collectors. The Club does provide free appraisals for stamp collections and best advice for their possible disposal. TS&CC also publishes a periodic journal called *Postscript* since July 1991. The first publisher and editor of the *Postscript* was Mr. Larry Benson (1991-2003.) From 2004 onwards the publisher and editor has been Dr. Mike Francis.

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Below is an image of the Cachet prepared by the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce presented in the 1994 January-March Vol.4 No. 1 *Postscript. (Editor's Note:)* In the *Postscript* there is a "live auction" scheduled for June 14, 1994. The club has had many live auctions in the 1990s and only a few in the 21st Century. The club currently does not have that many due to the tremendous success of the raffle and the silent auction. But, when special items are donated to the club, the club most likely will have more "on the spot" auctions. There was an auction several years ago of some donated items and it was very successful and the members seemed to have enjoyed the spontaneity of it. There will be more active auctions in the future. (End Editor's Note)

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AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO OFFICIAL CACHET

TALLAHASSEE FLA. APR 23 2 PM 1961

VIA AIR MAIL CORREO AEREO PAR AVION

TALLAHASSEE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FORMAL OPENING AND DEDICATION APRIL 23, 1961 — 2:00 P.M.

COVER COMMEMORATES TALLAHASSEE AIRPORT OPENING

By Larry Benson

At precisely 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 23, 1961, some 2,000 collectors' covers from locations around the world were stamped with the special cachet and then canceled commemorating the opening of Tallahassee's new airport facility. One of the surviving covers, shown above, was also autographed by the then Mayor of Tallahassee, Joe W. Cordell.

The Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce prepared the cachet depicting the new airport terminal. The circular date stamp shows the exact time of day the dedication took place. There was also an exhibit of unique air mail covers and stamps in the Tallahassee Federal Savings & Loan building which remained there throughout "Aviation Week."

Airlines "Ignored" Passengers For Mail

Writing about mail services in the early sixties, a reporter for *The Tallahassee Democrat* in his article published the day after the dedication said: "In the beginning, the airlines ignored passenger service to concentrate on carrying the mail. Gradually the picture has changed. In the early days the U.S. Post Office Department retained only a fraction of a cent out of the cost of a single air mail stamp, with the rest going to the airlines. Today, (in 1961) the

(See AIRPORT Page 3)

MEETING SCHEDULE

Apr. 12 - "China Clipper" By Maurice Naggiar

May 10 - "Precancel Panorama" By Mike Francis, Jr.

Jun. 14 - "Live Club Auction" Called By Club Auctioneer

Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. in the Art Annex of Senior Citizens Center corner of North Monroe & 7th Ave.

(Editor's Note) During the COVID-19 pandemic, the club, as with many organizations, cancelled most of its meetings. After seven months, many members thought a meeting would be nice just to get back together. With the Tallahassee Senior Center remaining closed and most places in town not wanting to host meetings, two locations were located. The Elks Lodge and the IHop. The Elks lodge could only have rented their bar area in the mornings. IHop on North Monroe would let us have the room for $25 on the second Tuesday of each month until the Senior Center reopens. We have been meeting at the IHop since September. The room is adequate for our purposes but it is not that big and 12 people can fill it up making social distancing a challenge. Like some our us members, if you feel threatened by the lack of social distancing, everyone understands. Masks are worn for the most part and we have no occurrences of COVID-19 among the members. Still, it never hurts to be cautious with this nasty virus. *(End Editor's Note)*

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I missed monthly meetings and interaction with my fellow collectors during this national health crisis period. The Club also had their annual one-page exhibit competition on November 10, 2020, at the IHop location. This year we missed our wonderful annual Christmas party in December where we used to feast, converse and have philatelic activity.

First Place winning exhibit by Dr. Hemanth Setty

Clubs are always a valuable resource where you can get information on how to collect, store and display your stamp collections from the stalwarts. Information can be easily obtained on internet. But, for regular collecting tips my sincere advice is to join your local club or a reputable online club.

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October 13, 2020 Club meeting at IHOP, N. Monroe

A Polish Adventure in Philately *by Dr. Mike Francis*

While I was helping our fellow club member Gerry York evaluate a collection I uncovered a letter with a stamp in it. Nothing of value but it was an interesting part of World War II history. I have recreated the letter below as best I could and provided an image of the stamp. As noted in the letter, it is the first Polish stamp bearing a picture of a foreigner which was United States General and President, George Washington.

Poland Scott # 237 issued to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

American Consular Service

Warsaw May 31, 1932

Dearful

The stamp which is enclosed was made by my landlord from an engraving of Washington hanging in our office. It is the first Polish stamp bearing a picture of a foreigner and was issued as part of the celebration on going in the United States. This one is from the first sheet issued and was sent to us because of the fact that we had lent the engraving. The second copy you can send Tim(?). There are also a couple of cancelled ones put in.

I am leaving tonight for Berlin and if you are good you might get a post card now and again although that hardly depends upon whether you are good or bad but on my laziness or lack of it. I will be glad to get away although it will be boring to get up in the middle of the night at the German front to declare my money – it is a most deserted place where neither Poles nor Germans live. At all the frontlines in Eastern Europe now you have to declare how much money you bring in and out since it is against the law to bring out more and 30 to 50 dollars unless you had it when you entered. I have been very busy getting prepared to go and have a beautiful assortment of visas for all countries between here and Turkey.

See my love

Be bad

Andy

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REGIONAL STAMP SHOWS

Most, if not all stamp and coin shows have been cancelled at least through July 2020 due to COVID-19.

President's Message *from Mike Francis*

The world is still struggling with Covid-19 especially with the onset of cold weather . While the vaccine is now available in limited quantity, most expects agree that this plague is far from over. Hopefully the club can get back to a normal function level by summertime. The latest word from the Senior Center is that they are not sure when they will restore normal services.

The only good thing about COVID-19 is that more people are engaged in their hobbies and stamp collecting is no exception. This is a great time to get your collection organized if it is not already, work on your inventory and, as several of us have been preaching over the last 30 years, decide what you want to happen with your collection when you have passed. Several people have come to us over the last six months wanting to know what to do with the stamp collection they just inherited. It is best to let your family know what to do with your collection. Of course, our club mission is to encourage you to pass it down to future philatelists to keep our hobby in existence.

The club is growing with the addition of two new members: Craig Cowdery and Jeff Saulich.. Welcome to one of the better stamp clubs on the eastern seaboard.

As Hemanth stated last meeting, there will be a dealer at our January 12, 2021 meeting with stamps and coins to sell. The dealer is in Tallahassee visiting until the end of January. There will be an active sales table and some nice raffle items offered on January 12th.

Wear your masks and social distance as best as possible. One day we will get back to normal. Mike