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2020 MEETING SCHEDULE **ALL REGULAR MEETINGS**

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ON THE WEB AT FPHSonline.com

ESTABLISHED 1978

Do you have an interest in Florida Postal History? Then check out our website for a wealth of information covering a wide selection of Florida history. Look us up or see Dan for info.

From the Publisher...



Dan Maddalino

Welcome **Pat Hensley**, of the new member team of Don and Pat Hensley, as our newest article contributor. Her experience at a recent American First Day Cover Convention, known as Americover, shows how a casual encounter with stamp and cover collecting can be relaxing, fun, and educational (page 6).

Also, this month, we have another great article titled **Senator Stamps** by **Michael Swope**. This marks Michael's second article in the News this year (page 5). He's got a good head start!!!

Of course, we have the **1st West Palm Beach Stamp and Postcard Show** on Saturday, March 21! It promises to be quite a success. Do not miss this. **Wear your 50th Anniversary tee shirt!!**

Check out the APS 2020 Challenge on page 10. You could win a **FREE** lifetime membership.



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**DO YOU COLLECT USA OR WORLDWIDE E-F-O's?
Please see DAN asap!**

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FloridaStampShows.com

The source for all show related information for the state of Florida



Share our meeting notices now appearing weekly in the **Lake Worth Herald** and the **Coastal Observer**, and monthly in the **Neighborhood News**.



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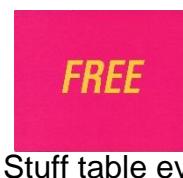
I want to say THANK YOU to **Pat Hensley and Michael Swope** for giving YOU the month off! That's right, they took over the honors of providing original philatelic writing, stories, and tales. But fear not! I shall be back on these pages next month. That is, unless more of you will contribute your knowledge, experiences, and stamp club adventures for the coming issues. Pat and Mike did it. Who's next?

STAMP CLUB NEWS

I was pleased with the positive response received after my February 11 club meeting presentation of the **Postal Commission Stamps of Ceylon 1888 – 1890**. Part of member retention is member activity. I will be doing other topics throughout the year so don't miss a meeting. Planned for March is **JAMAICAN WWII RED CROSS APPEAL CAMPAIGN LABEL**. If you would like to participate with our philatelic presentation's, please see me asap! Plenty of help is available for the asking... Dan

-  This is our **Fiftieth Year** (1970-2020) as an organized stamp club. Except for a brief two-year period (1979-1981) we have met in the Cresthaven Community. Celebrate this year by recruiting a neighbor, a friend, and a golf/fishing/poker/painter buddy to the pleasure of stamp collecting. They can start at any age! Invite them to our next meeting! As "**The Friendliest Stamp Club**" we will joyfully welcome them to the hobby.

FEED THE FREE TABLE



Each meeting there is a designated FREE STUFF table. Members contribute magazines, catalogs, notices, and yes, even philatelic items. Please bring in your un-needed stamp magazines, catalogs, and philatelic items in need of a new home. Please feed the Free Stuff table every meeting.

WANT LISTS FILLED

- Looking for France, Australia, Iceland, Denmark? Contact **Marty Cohn**: 561-335-2263 or send your Scott numbered want lists to mdcohn1942@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER NOTICES

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PHILATELIC MEMORABILIA

SENATOR STAMPS

SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL SWOPE



Shown above is a 1962 campaign souvenir cover from the late Michigan State Senator John H. Stahlin (1914-1997). This cover was sent from Belding to Richmond, Michigan. It is affixed with a four cent Project Mercury stamp (Scott #1193, and is tied by a Belding, Michigan, cancellation dated July 27, 1962.

Philatelist or savvy politician? John Stahlin was affectionately known as "Senator Stamps", due to frequent use of postal covers in his political campaigns.

The first example of Stahlin's use of a postal cover appeared on June 25, 1958 – a first day cover of Scott #1109, the three cent Mackinac Bridge stamp. He mailed these covers to constituents in Michigan's 25th Senate District. In a red-inked block under the return address was the announcement: "Important Notice – Save this envelope and stamp. It is a collector's item and will become valuable. This is being mailed on the first day of issue of this new stamp commemorating the dedication of Michigan's new Mackinac Bridge."

John Stahlin served in the Michigan Senate from 1959 to 1962. In a bid to become Michigan's Lieutenant Governor in 1963, he was defeated. Stahlin later served on several boards and commissions, including the Advisory Commission to the Sleeping Bear Dunes – which, due in some part to his efforts, became a National Lakeshore in 1970.

AMERICOVER EDUCATION

By Pat Hensley

Recently, my husband Don and I attended the Americover (Georgia on My Mind) Convention hosted by the American First Day Cover Society (AFDCS). It was held at the Hilton in Peachtree Corners, Georgia. Even though my husband is a First Day Cover collector, and I really don't know a lot about this, I had a really good time and learned a lot of very interesting things.

Since we had never been to this annual event before, we really didn't know what to expect. I had expected to go sit in a corner and knit quietly while my husband had fun. But I was curious and ended up meeting new people and learning new things.

When we got there, it was free parking and free registration (free is always our favorite word!). While my husband was walking around the dealers, I wandered around too. There were nice exhibits and you were asked to vote on your favorite exhibit. The US Postal Service was there, and I stamped my program with the two different cancellation stamps they had. One man talked to me about how he is collecting postcards, putting the related stamp on the front of the picture, and then getting it canceled. He gave me a popsicle postcard and put the popsicle stamp on it. I then took and canceled it with the popsicle cancellation stamp from the postal service.



When I went outside to sit and knit, I talked to some other people who asked me what I collected and if I was going to the seminars. After finding out that they were free too and that we didn't need to sign up for a class (which is different from the knitting festivals that I go to!), I got my husband and we attended two seminars.

The first seminar was "How Therome Cachets are Created", presented by Tom Peluso. It was very interesting to learn about his process of producing cachets. He uses Photoshop to make his cachets in the same way I use it to make scrapbook pages. When he was finished, he gave us all a First Day Cover of the first USPS Scratch and Sniff stamps.

The second seminar we attended was on the Basics of Publicity presented by Lloyd de Vries. Mr. De Vries is also the President of the AFDCS. He was really interesting and full of wonderful information. My husband says that Mr. De Vries has an awesome website, [Virtual Stamp Club](#), that he frequently visits. This session was on how to publicize your event, the best way to write a press release, and who to contact to get it spread.

The several things I learned include:

1. A First Day Cover (FDC) is an envelope or card bearing a stamp which is canceled on the day the stamp is initially placed on sale by the postal authorities. They usually have a cachet which complements or tells us something about the stamp (from the AFDCS website).
2. I should have put the stamp and the cancellation on the back of the program. There was a different cancellation stamp for each day.

Attending this event has made me more curious about First Day Covers. I have been doing a lot of envelope art (cachets) because I have been writing to my parents every week. My dad is 99 years old and can't hear me over the phone, so I've taken to letter writing. I may want to do some envelope art with new stamps coming out. I will be doing more research and looking at the FDC. I want to look and see if there are any about Knitting and Spinning Yarn. I also want to hunt for Education themed FDC's.

I'm glad we went to this and hope to go to future ones!

Originally presented at <http://successfulteaching.blogspot.com> written by Pat Hensley



American First Day Cover Society

Devoted to the advancement of First Day Cover collecting



The **American First Day Cover Society** (AFDCS) is a volunteer non-profit and non-commercial organization serving the needs of First Day Cover collectors, cachet makers, and dealers. Founded in 1955, the society has a membership of approximately 1,500 active first day cover collectors, including hundreds of collectors who design and manufacture their own cachet FDCs.

The AFDCS holds a national annual convention, Americover, maintains a historical archive, and publishes a journal, **First Days**, full of news and education every two months (six issues a year). There are many benefits to membership, including our Member Mentor Program, Tax Deductions, Fund Raising Auction and discounts on our many informative Handbooks. This is all available to you for the very modest membership dues of \$35 per year (\$100 per year for non-US residents; \$24 per year for anyone worldwide for an online only membership), \$20 for age 17 and under (U.S. addresses). Come join us.

A MESSAGE WELL RECEIVED

What follows is a reprint from the February 6, 2020 editions of the Lake Worth Herald and the Greenacres Coastal Observer. The message here was very well received by the readers of these two papers. Collectors in other genera expressed the same sentiments regarding collecting for future collectors. A message we should well receive...

STAMP COLLECTING

With Dan Maddalino
Greenacres Coastal Observer
Lake Worth Herald
February 6, 2020

At times you may hear a US stamp collector sigh and say, "Wish my grandfather or great grandfather, could have saved some of those high value Columbian Exposition, Mississippi Exposition, or some early 20th Century high value definitive (everyday usage) postage stamps." Those \$1 - \$5 face value stamps are the elusive "Grand Prize" for Classic Era US stamp collectors.

At the time these 19th and 20th Century high face value definitive stamps were available it required only pennies to mail cards and letters. The high values paid for weighty packages and special services. Things that were unnecessary for the average postal patron. Few were purchased, and so the Post Office Department had to withdraw large quantities of these stamps and destroy them.

Take the opportunity to seek, and set aside, the high face valued definitive stamps issued since the beginning of this the 21st Century. Set them aside (in singles, blocks, and full sheets) for a future grandson, grandniece, or other young stamp collector that will look back at our time and be glad we thought of them.

Some of the high face value definitive stamps issued so far include the \$1 Wisdom (2002 & 2008), \$1, \$2, \$5, and \$10 Waves (2012), \$2 Inverted Jenny (2013), \$1 and \$2 Patriotic Waves (2015), \$1, \$2, and \$5 Freedom (2018). A total of \$32 face value invested for the future young stamp collector. The eventual rewards are immeasurable, and by-the-way, the kids will thank you!

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2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

ALL MEETINGS START AT 1:00 PM



JANUARY 14 BUSINESS MEETING
JANUARY 28 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

FEBRUARY 11 BUSINESS MEETING
FEBRUARY 25 TRADING SESSION

MARCH 10 BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 24 TRADING SESSION

APRIL 14 BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 28 TRADING SESSION

MAY 12 BUSINESS MEETING
MAY 26 TRADING SESSION

JUNE 9 BUSINESS MEETING
JUNE 23 TRADING SESSION

JULY 14 BUSINESS MEETING
JULY 28 TRADING SESSION

AUGUST 11 BUSINESS MEETING
AUGUST 25 TRADING SESSION

SEPTEMBER 8 BUSINESS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22 TRADING SESSION

OCTOBER 13 BUSINESS MEETING
OCTOBER 27 TRADING SESSION

NOVEMBER 10 BUSINESS MEETING
NOVEMBER 24 TRADING SESSION

DECEMBER 8 BUSINESS MEETING
DECEMBER 22 TRADING SESSION

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PHILATELIC AUCTION AT EVERY MEETING

THE YEAR OF MEMBERSHIP THE APS 2020 CHALLENGE

THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME RECRUIT – JOIN – WIN

A new decade, a new challenge: Recruiting 2,020 new members for 2020. This ambitious goal will require all of us to accomplish it. We're so serious we're offering THREE LIFE MEMBERSHIPS as an incentive and a thank you:

APS Members: For every new member you recommend, your name will be entered into a drawing to win a free life membership.

Dealers and Chapters: For every successful new recruitment, the dealer or chapter name will be entered into a separate Dealer/Chapter drawing for a free life membership.

New Member: All new members recruited in 2020 will be entered into a drawing for a free life membership.

The year-long contest will end on December 31, 2020. Life membership drawings will occur at the General Membership meeting during the Spring Meeting at St. Louis Expo (March 19-21, 2021).

APS members are our best recruiters because they know exactly why membership in the American Philatelic Society is important!

The APS will host two leader boards, updated weekly, for the individual and Dealer challenges, as well as a weekly update towards our goal of 2,020 new members!

