

# CRESTHAVEN STAMP CLUB NEWS

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## THIS MONTHS FEATURED ARTICLE

### MY ENVELOPE



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Annual Meeting Schedule** can be found on our  
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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

ARNOLD KAMINSKY, LAKE WORTH

MIKE ROGERS, POMPANO BEACH

PAUL HURTUHISE, DAVIE

Everyone say "HI" at the next club meeting

### WELCOME NEW CLUB OFFICERS:

JUAN RIERA – VICE PRESIDENT

RICHARD KAYE – SECRETARY

Thank you for volunteering your service

We also want to thank MICKEY PANZER and  
ARNOLD ZENKER for their many years of service to  
the Cresthaven Stamp Club! Well done!

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## INFORMATION YOU NEED 2021 IMPORTANT CLUB CONTACTS

PRESIDENT: BOB BURR  
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SECRETARY: RICHARD  
KAYE at meeting

TREASURER: HARRY  
CLIFFORD at meeting

WEBMASTER: MICHAEL  
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[cresthavenstamp.club](http://cresthavenstamp.club)

### MEETINGS 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> TUESDAYS

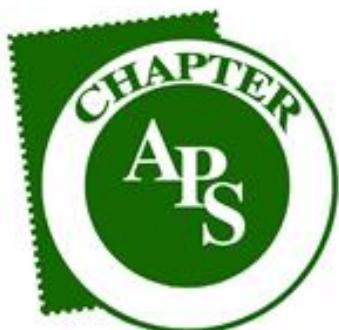
ALL MEETINGS  
1 PM – 3 PM

2605 Barkley Drive West,  
West Palm Beach, FL

FULL SCHEDULE AT  
[Cresthavenstamp.club](http://Cresthavenstamp.club)

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# MY ENVELOPE

## BETTY BRODIE

I have a priority mail envelope I received (see below) in 1998. It is a plain brown envelope with Priority Mail tape along both edges. The cost of Priority Mail in 1998 was \$3.00. The price for a single stamp was 32 cents. There are no 32 cent stamps on the envelope. The sender, a stamp dealer, chose to use 18 stamps, priced 2 cents, 10 cents, and 18 cents, from the years 1940, 1974, and 1981. The Postal Service carefully cancelled each stamp(s) with the date April 17, 1998. This is why the cover is so interesting and why I kept it.

The major part of the envelope is covered with a block of eight Space Achievement stamps, Scott #1919, issued in 1981, valued at 18 cents each. The six purple stamps, B postage are Scott #1818, also valued at 18 cents, and was also issued in 1981. The two single 18 cent stamps, Scott #1931, are part of the American Architecture Series issued in 1981. Thus far there is \$2.88 of the postage needed.

The 10 cent stamp, Scott #1541, was issued in 1974. This Rhodochrosite stamp is usually presented as a diamond shape, with 10c at the top. Its position here adds the attraction of a numbered selvage. Finally, a 2 cent stamp, Scott #900, of an Anti-aircraft Gun, Army and Navy, part of the National Defense Issue of 1940.

I looked for a theme, and could not find one. I looked for a color code, and could not find anything beyond miscellaneous. So, I finally looked at shape, and decided that was the closest (sic) I could come. That and, yes, it is an interesting cover, don't you think?



[**Publisher:** Most Cresthaven Stamp Club members know that Betty Brodie has been a collector and competitive exhibitor of Art on Stamps. However, what Betty has shown us in this article is the beauty of Stamps AS Art. It is said that beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and it is easy to behold the beauty of, apparently, unintended symmetry of the placement of the stamps on this cover. I felt it immediately upon seeing this for the first time. I hope some of you do as well. []

## **FROM THE PUBLISHER ...**

**DAN MADDALINO** dmaddalino@aol.com



Advice. We've all given some and we've all gotten some. Advice. For the most part, we believe that advice is a good thing. Of course, it's good when we are giving it. The advice we give has been handed down to us after it has been tested for many decades and proven to be valuable. But what about bad advice? Oh, I'm sure we have all gotten some, and given some of that as well. Car buying, the Stock Market, men's ties and ladies' shoes have always had their share of good advice and bad advice. Even stamp collecting can boast of having harbored both good and bad advice. New stamp collectors are not joining organized philately and seeking mentors, they are turning to the internet and philatelic publications for guidance and advice. As a result, they are getting some untested bad advice.

A national magazine aiming at both dealers and collectors boasts several monthly columns intended to help their readers do well on their chosen paths (dealers vs collectors). However, in the February 2021 issue, the author of a usually outstanding column gave some well-intended but very bad advice to collectors. Actually, this bad advice is a corruption of age-old good advice, and it has been repeated so many times over the last few years that we are starting to believe it to be good advice.

The age-old good advice had been "Buy the best you can afford". The new collector (typically aged 8-14) has a very limited amount of disposable income to develop a collection. To keep their interest high, they must routinely add to their collection. Thus, they should be directed to "buy the best they can afford" (with their limited funds). However, this advice has been corrupted into "Do not buy intermediate quality, save your money and only buy the best".

Why is this bad advice? It is bad because the young and new collector will not set aside the little cash that comes their way for a future decade to purchase a scarce investment grade stamp. They will simply quit collecting. This also is true for the working age collector and the retiree. The 98% of collectors either do not have the money or the time to stash their cash and wait. They will (and do) realize that they will be chasing a moving target as they attempt to catch up to the ever-changing market.

The new collector at every age should be celebrated for finding a hobby (stamp collecting) that is FUN. Leave the investment sideshow to the few that do not really enjoy the hobby. When given the opportunity to give Good Advice to a new collector (of any age) tell them: "Collect what you enjoy and buy the best you can afford". The hobby will thank you.

## **NATIONAL PHILATELIC LITERATURE AWARDS RECEIVED: PAGE 10**

# FLAGLER COUNTY, FL PHILATELIC ODDS AND ENDS

## JUAN RIERA

As a lifetime member of the Flagler County Historical Society I periodically receive a historical photograph with 2-4 sentences about that photograph, or an announcement of some event or activity, by email. Occasionally these emails relate to philately and, in this article, I will relay some of this philatelic/postal history while providing some context.

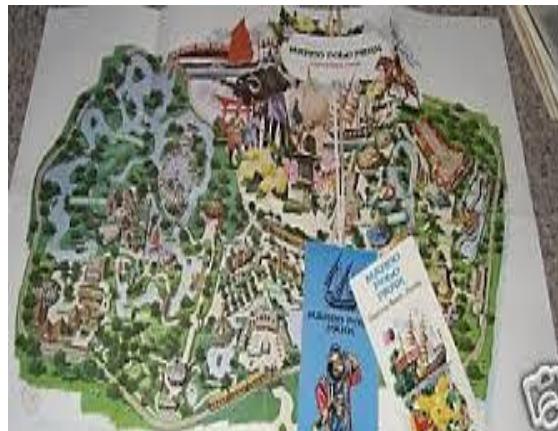


Flagler County is in northeast Florida and is bordered by St. Johns County to the north, Volusia County to the south, Putnam county to the west, and the Atlantic Ocean to the east. The county was created in 1917, taking portions from St. Johns county and Volusia county and, as a matter of fact, some municipal areas fall into Volusia and St. Johns counties. The county is named in honor of Henry Morrison Flagler, who built the Florida East Coast Railway, about a dozen hotels along the Florida East Coast. These had a huge impact on Florida. The county has three cities (Bunnell-the county seat, Flagler Beach, and Palm Coast), two towns (Beverly Beach and Marineland), and thirteen unincorporated communities (Dupont, Espanola, Favoretta, and Korona, to name a few).

In Florida tourist history the area had a "major" tourist attraction shortly before the opening of Disney World on October 1. 1971. That attraction was Marco Polo Park located just west of I-95 near Bunnell. The park consisted of 5,000 acres, of which the first phase, a 500-acre Japanese Garden, was completed and opened on December 28, 1970. The park eventually had rides, an overhead suspended gondola system, a petting zoo, and areas depicting what Marco Polo would have encountered on his travels to Venice, Turkey, India, China, and Japan. The park was never profitable due in large part to not having an easily accessible exit on Southbound I-95, leading tourists to continue southward to Daytona Beach and not return northward, or getting on I-4 and heading to Disneyworld. The park closed in October of 1974. It reopened on May 24, 1975 as Passport to Fun World and closed permanently in 1976. The property is currently the Plantation Bay Golf and Country Club community. Marco Polo Park has left behind a wonderful legacy of postcards and a song, or a jingle, that was on the radio with its commercials. The jingle was as follows:

"Get into the swim,  
The place to begin,  
At Marco Polo Park.

"There's things to do  
For me and you  
At Marco Polo Park.



"It's fun for you and me,  
And it's made for you and me.  
It's Marco Polo, Marco Polo, Marco Polo Park.

"So, get into the swim,  
The place to begin,  
At Marco Polo, Marco Polo, Marco Polo Park."

On Monday December 9, 2019, the Flagler County Historical Society sent out an email announcing the peaceful passing of Ray Laurence Mercer on Saturday December 7, 2019, at age 93- he was born in Bunnell on February 20 1926- towards the end of the Florida Land Boom that would slow towards the end of that year. He lived what I think was an outstanding Florida life. At the age of 12 he met Wanda and they fell in love and married on June 8, 1947, after Ray returned from military service in World War II where he earned both a Silver Star and a Bronze Star. He attended the University of Florida having received a Bachelor and Master's degree in Business Education. This led him to be a schoolteacher for six years. His career then led to be a postmaster for 33 years, until he retired, although teaching was in his blood. As a member of First United Methodist Church of Bunnell he taught Sunday School for many years and was the church organist for 70 years. I think this shows that postmasters are integral parts of the community and have a life outside of the postal service.

On Wednesday December 25, 2019, the email sent by the historical society had a picture of Flagler Beach postmistress Leona Moody French and postal clerk Charles Streeter standing in front of the Post Office (right) on the corner of fourth street and South-Central Avenue in 1951. She was the daughter of Isaac I. Moody, founder of Flagler County, and Dora Lee Moody. She married Harlan Spencer French and became postmistress in 1950, a position she held for nearly 5 years. Flagler Beach was incorporated in April of 1925, The Flagler Beach Fire Department was established in 1926, and the town had a population of 4,484 in the 2010 census.

Isaac I. Moody Jr. was a businessman: turpentine, shingle milling, real estate, and banking. Also a politician: Town of Bunnell councilman, St. Johns County commissioner, and Flagler County's first State Representative. Additionally, in late 1905 or early 1906, he was named postmaster of Bunnell Stop where he had built a post office, a home, and an alcohol distillery near the railroad. He was co-owner and president of the Bunnell Development Company. He died on December 17, 1918, at the age of 44 of Spanish Flu, which he had caught in Tallahassee, Florida.

From an email received March 25, 2020, I've learned that Alva Alonzo Bunnell, for whom the city is named, and his wife, the former Susan Cynthia Goodwin, came to Raulerson, (now Espanola) in the late 1870s. In the early 1890s, he moved about four miles south and set up a sawmill and later a store. The train stopped there to take on fuel, and so the settlement was named Bunnell Stop. He was appointed postmaster for Bunnell



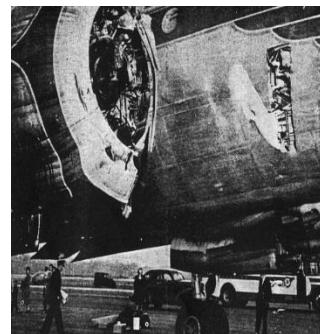
in 1892. In addition to the sawmill he was a shingle maker and supplied wood to the area's fledgling rail industry.

Korona, south of Bunnell, was a planned community of the Bunnell Development



Company that targeted the Polish population around Chicago in late 1913. The first 35 polish families arrived in Korona in 1914 via railroad and began building homes and a residence for their new priest, the Rev. Father Andrew Baczyk. His house is shown to the left. Part of it eventually became the community's first post office. Father Baczyk left in 1917 for World War I service and never returned to Korona. This information was in the form of email dated Wednesday, August 12, 2020.

In April of 2019, there was a photo of Eastern Airlines Flight 611 that made an emergency landing at Flagler County Airport in Bunnell on February 7, 1948. The flight originated in Boston going to Miami with stops in Newark and West Palm Beach. The plane, a Lockheed L-649 Constellation, lost a propeller blade and an engine off the coast of Brunswick, Georgia, and Bunnell was the closest, most convenient airport for an emergency landing. Although I am not sure about this particular flight, Eastern Airlines had a number of contract air mail flights from the northeast to Miami, particularly connecting Pan Am FAM flights in and out of New York City and in and out of Miami. So, I would like to think that this emergency landing had airmail on-board.



Flagler County is a beautiful area that is quite tranquil with a rich philatelic history. I hope these tid-bits whet your appetite. □

## FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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# STAMP CLUB NEWS

Club **President Bob Burr** announced to the membership that the Cresthaven Stamp Club is now a member of the **American Philatelic Society Mighty Buck Club**. He made the \$12 donation on our behalf.

## ➤ What is the Mighty Buck Club

The Mighty Buck Club provides an affordable opportunity to make a BIG difference. We wanted a campaign where we could show our members that donations even in small amounts pooled together can provide much needed funds to improve APS/APRL services and support the hobby.

## ➤ How will the club support the hobby?

The Mighty Buck Club supports the hobby by building a designated MBC fund, one buck at a time, for providing:

- Much needed technology, reference literature, and supplies to improve the APS and APRL member services;
- Subsidy funds for additional education programming when possible;
- Additional journals for the APRL and member use;
- Additional resources and equipment for use at APS shows;
- Supplies to enhance APC visitors' experiences.

**Mighty Buck purchases** made through the generosity of the many members who contributed to the Mighty Buck Club; here we provide a list of what you have made possible so far!

Laptops, scanners, and other tools for our staff to work from home  
Hardware to produce hundreds of hours of Stamp Chats, Summer Seminar Online, the Virtual Stamp Show, and the Virtual Postal History Symposium

A new interactive exhibit on the Holocaust Stamp Project, our partnership with Foxborough Regional Charter School

THANK YOU, BOB FOR HELPING US HELP OUR HOBBY!

**EL QUETZAL**  
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF GUATEMALA COLLECTORS  
Editorial Review Board – David Lindwall, Jack Jonza and Gabriel Ramirez

# PAN-AMERICAN GAMES

## PAT HENSLEY

### Pan American Games – First Day Cover

The Pan American Games is a sporting event held with athletes from North America, South America, Central America, and the Caribbean. It is held every four years. The Pan American Sports Organization (PASO) chooses the host city for the games and also determines which sports will be contested. PASO is an affiliate of the International Olympic Committee. There are 36 sports with 400 events, and over 6000 athletes compete from 41 different countries.



Scott# US C56

The first Pan American Games were held in 1951 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. It was supposed to be held in 1942 but was postponed because of World War II. The US has been the top performer at all of the games except in 1952. Canada has participated in every game except the first.

The games feature some unique sports not seen in the Olympic games such as jai alai, bowling and water skiing. Sometimes a sport is featured here as a possibility for it showing up in the Olympics. Equestrian sports first appeared in 1951 at the games.

Sometimes the Pan American Games are a springboard for athletes wanting to go to the Olympics.

The next Pan American Games will be held in Santiago, Chile in 2023.

Original photo of First Day Cover from my husband's collection

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## NATIONAL PHILATELIC LITERATURE AWARDS RECEIVED

**CONGRATULATIONS TO CRESTHAVEN STAMP CLUB MEMBER, AND VICE PRESIDENT, **JUAN RIERA** FOR THESE NATIONAL PHILATELIC LITERATURE AWARDS RECEIVED**

SARASOTA NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION  
JANUARY 22-24, 2021

**Vermeil:** E.G.Barnhill, *Florida Photographer, Artist, and Promoter*, Florida Postal History Journal.

**Large Silver:** *Giant Magnolia on a Blue Velvet Cloth*, Florida Postal History Journal

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**Silver Bronze:** *Remember the Maine! To Hell with Spain!*, Florida Postal History Journal

**Bronze:** *Felix Varela: Social Reformer*, Florida Postal History Journal



# MEMORIAL DAY MAY 31, 2021



REMEMBER THEM ALL

