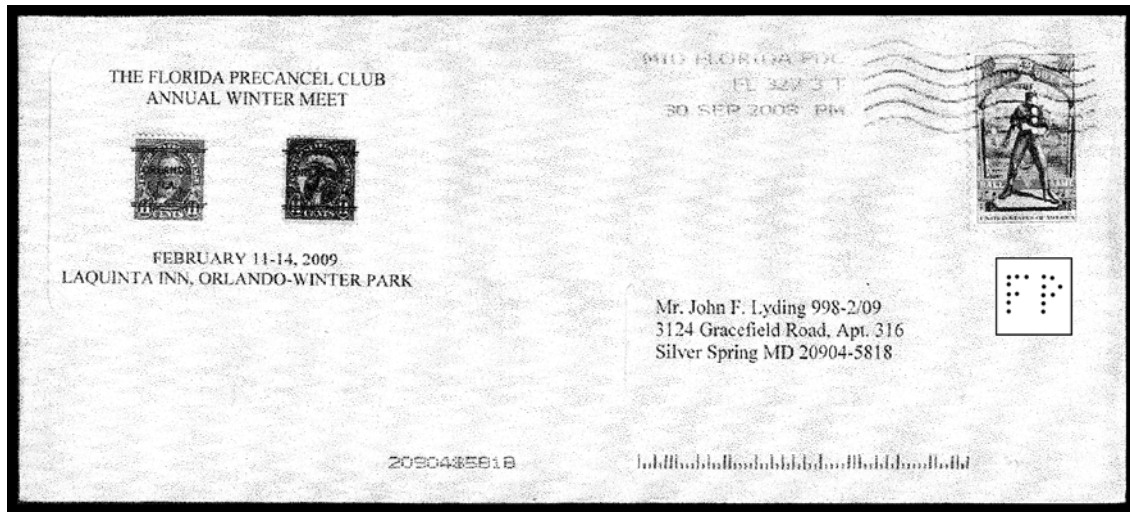

New Perfin from Florida

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For reasons unknown, I noticed something different in the baseball commemorative stamp used to mail The Florida Precancel Club's notice of their annual winter meet. What caught my eye was the perfin

'FP' neatly placed in the stamp. The cover is shown below with a Photoshop mockup of the pattern (to avoid removal of the stamp from the cover.)



The pattern measures 8.5 x 13 mm (center of top hole to center of bottom hole) with 0.75 mm holes. Translating this to English measure this is 0.5118 x 0.3346 inch with 0.295 inch holes. I would judge this to be an 'Illegal' pattern, but will leave that decision to the U.S. Catalog Editor to whom I forwarded a copy of this information.

I have written Jerry Hedjuk (LM#3710 and editor of *the Florida Rambler*), requesting more information and perfins for the Catalog Editor. As an aside, I can heartily recommend that you attend the Florida Precancel Club's Winter Meet, February 11-14, 2009 at the La Quinta Inn, Orlando/Winter Park, Florida.

Not only is the weather and the company great, but there are ample opportunities to meet fellow perfin collectors and to enhance your perfin and precancel collections. (See page 17 for more information on this Meet.)

[Ed. Note: Those who read Bob Szymanski's note in the September/October 2008 *Bulletin* (p. 163-165) will recognize this as the new pattern used by Jerry Hejdkuk for the first time on July 29, 2008 (during the Clubs' annual convention.) Only Jerry knows whether the 'FP' stands for Florida Precancel, Florida Perfin, maybe both, or something else altogether. More shortly I hope.]