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President's Message *from Mike Francis*

The *Postscript* mailing was delayed this year so we could publish some of the Christmas party photos and report on the party. Those who attended had a wonderful time along with considerable buying and selling of philatelic items. For the second year in a row, the food was nearly all consumed. I would like to especially thank all those members who brought food items to the party. It was very much appreciated by all.

One of our club goals for 2009 is again to try and increase membership which we were able to accomplish in 2008. With the continued exposure in the Tallahassee Democrat and the updating of our club listing on the Virtual Stamp Club web site, I seem to be receiving more and more calls about either disposing of a collection or coming to a meeting and possibly joining the club. I believe we will add four or five more members this year.

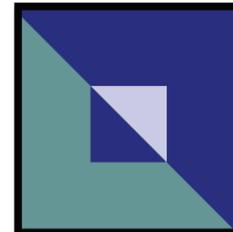
We also look forward to a bigger and better Club Auction in April. Start donating those philatelic items so we can get them cataloged and placed on the web site for review. All proceeds from the Auction go directly to the club.

Although the TSCC elected the same "old" officers again

this year (except Becky is not old like the rest of us) there is opportunity to work your way into being an officer for 2010. It is an easy assignment and one that places you closer to the hobby.

If you would like to give a presentation this year but don't know how to get started give me a call or catch me at a meeting. I can help you get started and also help you with writing an article for the *Postscript*.

The best of health and life to all during 2009. Mike



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Postally Used Covers Reveal History *by Dr. Hemanth KN. Vasanthaiah*

Used postal covers do speak. They tell us their fabulous story of journey from origin to their destination, disclosing the postal system, postal rate and political conditions existing during their use period. I bought two covers from a fellow collector at our Stamp and Cover club. They were censored covers and hence caught my attention. I do collect returned, censored, postmark, slogan and fancy cancellation covers along with my topical and worldwide stamp collection. When I saw the post mark it reminded me of the famous American love story movie directed by Michael Curtiz in 1945, 'Casablanca'. This encouraged me to do some more research on name of the city. This Classic film set in unoccupied Africa during the early days of World War II is exceptional. Here an American expatriate meets his former lover, with unforeseen complications.

The two censored covers on the next page are from World War II era sent from Casablanca, Mo-

rocco to United States. Casablanca has a main post office that was built in 1918. It is architecturally beautiful and is one of the main tourist attractions. The post office is fronted by arches and stone columns and decorated with bold mosaics. Not much has been reported on the postal history of Morocco. The first Moroccan postal stamps were issued in 1891 by some companies, which were of poor quality. The system was replaced after reorganization in the end of 1911. Morocco started issuing two series of postal stamps which served the whole Morocco until 1915 and Tangier until 1919 (read more in Wikipedia.)

The city Casablanca – or *Dar el Beida* as it is known in Arabic – is Morocco's largest city, boasting a population of more than three million people (http://morocco-travel.suite101.com/article.cfm/casablanca_morocco_travel_guide). Casablanca is home to North Africa's largest port and is the nation's leading economic center.

Meeting Dates & Presentations, 2009

January 13, 2009 — Mike Francis
February 10, 2009 — TBA
March 10, 2009 — TBA
April 14, 2009 — Club Auction
May 12, 2009 — TBA

June 9, 2009 —TBA
July 14, 2009 —TBA
August 11, 2009 —TBA
September 8, 2009 —TBA
October 13, 2009, Single Page Exhibit

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NOTICE:

- As you can see at the bottom of this page, we need members for presentations. See one of the club officers if you are interested. The officers are more than willing to help you develop your presentation.
- Once again, many thanks are due Ed Walters for all his help in dealing with estate stamp collections. It seems to have become a full time job.
- The *Postscript* is in need of articles for publication. Email your article to drmikef@comcast.net or mail them to Mike Francis.
- The APS Chapter dues are again \$0 this year because we have enough club members who are also APS members.
- 2009 \$5 membership dues are due during January 2009. See the Treasurer.

Postally Used Covers (cont.)

Originally established as an independent kingdom by the Berbers in the 7th century, Casablanca fell under Arab, Almoravids, Merenids, Portuguese, Spanish and French rule. It was the Portuguese who gave the name *Casabranca*, or "white house," to the city. The Spanish equivalent, Casablanca, was later used. The town was destroyed by an earthquake in the mid-1700s, and was reconstructed by the grandson of Moulay Ismael, the second ruler in the Moroccan Alaouite dynasty. The French gained control of Casablanca in 1907. Colonization continued until Morocco's independence in 1956.



Cover 2 front



Cover 1 front



Cover 2 back



Cover 1 back



Identity Uncovered? by Dr. Mike Francis



This might be one of the easier Identity stamps that has appeared in the *Postscript*. There is Spanish language words and the word DEFICIT on top of the stamp.

If you don't have a Linn's Identifier you can look up DEFICIT at one of the following web sites:

www.askphil.org/b25.htm

www.glassinesurfer.com/stamp_identify/f.shtm

www.iswsc.org/iswsc_ident.html

If you are not familiar with this type of stamp, go directly to Linn's Stamp Identifier book and look up the word DEFICIT. You will immediately see DEFICIT: Peru, postage due. This stamp is an 1874 one centavo Peru postage due, Scott #J1 and is valued at \$.20. There is also a Scott #J1a which is the same stamp at the same value but no grill imbedded in the back of the stamp.

In each of the above sites, select the letter "D" and search down the page until you find DEFICIT. These sites are generally available 24/7 and are a great resource for identifying stamps.

Kudos to those who recognized the fact that we had used this stamp previously.

Identify This Stamp



See if you can identify this stamp. Its identity will be uncovered in the next issue.

Virtual Stamp Club by Dr. Mike Francis

The Virtual Stamp Club is the first electronic chapter of the American Philatelic Society (APS.) It was chartered in 1995 and is now also a member of the American First Day Cover Society. You can join the site and be a chapter member for "no dues, no applications, no oaths, no secret handshakes." This is the site that lists the Tallahassee Stamp and Cover Club and where everyone in the world can find our address and club information. In the past two months since the site was updated with current TSCC information, I have received over 20 calls and emails because of this site.

The site can be reached on the web at www.virtualstampclub.com then click on the APS Chapter Home Pages tab on the left side of the screen. Go down the list until you find Tallahassee Stamp and Cover Club then select the site where you will see a one page display about our club.

Back on the sites Home Page, the Hot Links tab takes you to a page with links to Societies, Dealers, Resources, Expertizing, Insurance, Scam Protection, Stamp Identification, Interesting Pages (a fun list of sites,) Publications, Shows, Postal Agencies and Sites and General Auction sites.

The site also has images of stamps from several countries especially the United States. Members are encourage to visit and use this great philatelic web site.

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