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As I write this, my final message as General Chairman of FLOREX, I note that the big moment will be here in about six weeks, and wonder if everything will be accomplished by show time. With the help of lots of people it will be.

It's always risky business, writing to thank all of the people who helped. No matter how one tries, one or more names will be left off the list. Nevertheless, I want to thank all of those whose names I can think of right now. I apologise to anyone whose name I fail to list.

First of all, I want to thank the old pros who have helped out for the past three years. These include CARL LIPTON who has done an excellent job of handling the Bourse, and WALTER NAZARENKO who has one of the toughest assignments at any show, that of Exhibition Chairman. I would like to thank all his assistants, but unfortunately don't know who they are to be. And I mustn't forget MARGERY JACKSON who has handled our Finances the past three years. Finally a big "thank you" to BONNIE NAZARENKO for donating one of her beautiful oil paintings which is to be given as the Reserve Grand Award.

We have a number of new people who have taken over important functions this year. Among these are BILL & CAROL NEMEC who took over the very important job of putting the Souvenir Program together. It is the largest program in the history of FLOREX. And then there is ED EVAN who volunteered for the assignment of Registration, Cachet, and Banquet & Breakfast Sales Chairman. Speaking of Cachets, I mustn't forget REV. PRIIT REBANE who secured the services of an artist in Germany to design the cachet and the show cancel - both winners in my opinion. I don't want to forget LYNN BREECE who has handled the publicity for FLOREX, a very important job if we want to get people to come to the show, purchase cachets, etc. And, of course, I want to thank HERMAN (PAT) HERST for accepting my invitation to be our banquet speaker. You'll be sorry if you don't attend the banquet Saturday night.

Finally, an especially big "THANK YOU" to my wife TEX who has put up with me when things go wrong and I am impossible to live with.

Although I have resigned as General Chairman, I will be happy to assist my successor in whatever way I can.

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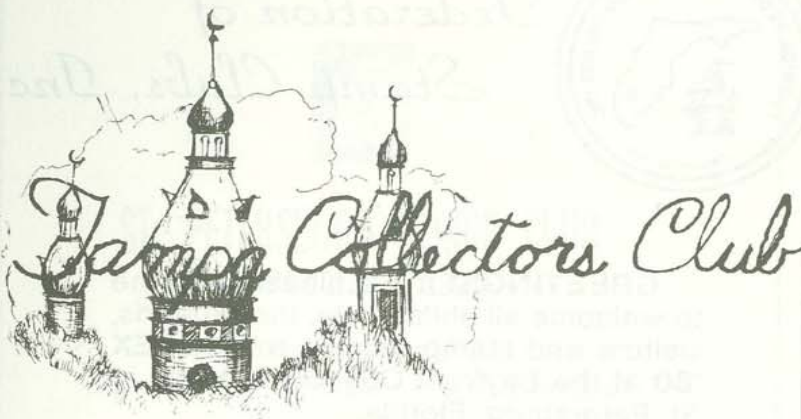
## FLORIDA *Federation of Stamp Clubs, Inc.*

**GREETINGS!** It is a pleasure for me to welcome all philatelists, their friends, visitors and stamp dealers to **FLOREX '80** at the Bayfront Concourse Hotel in St. Petersburg, Florida.

We are pleased and honored to serve as host to the National Convention for the British Caribbean Philatelic Studies Group and the Germany Philatelic Society. Please take time to view the many fine exhibits on display, search out and attend the special seminars and programs scheduled elsewhere in the schedule of events. View the material offered by the fine group of dealers displaying the bourse.

We were asked by the Program Chairman to provide "an imaginative piece of literature that might arouse the interest of all Florida philatelists." That is one big order for a one page effort. Upon reflection, we will try and summarize our thoughts; we urge all stamp collectors to associate themselves with a local stamp club and to enjoy the good fellowship, knowledge and satisfactions of being an active part of philately.

William J. Bomar  
President  
Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs, Inc.



## CHAPTER 123 AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

From its home at Tampa Bay Center Mall, Tampa Collectors Club extends warm greetings to FLOREX'80. We hope this show will be the best ever.

In 1981 Tampa Collectors Club will sponsor STAMPOREE'81 in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of our club. The show will be held May 1 - 3 1981, at Bill Watson's International Inn 4800 W. Kennedy Blvd., in Tampa. We hope that some of you here at FLOREX'80 get a chance in 1981 to once again visit the Bay Area for the STAMPOREE'81

If you are going to be in the Bay Area after FLOREX'80, you may wish to come to our meeting. Our November meetings will be held on November 10 and 17. We meet at the Community Room at Tampa Bay Center Mall, 3302 West Buffalo Ave in Tampa, just behind the Tampa Bay Football Stadium. Our meetings start at 7:30 PM.

We hope your stay in the Bay Area will be most pleasant and that you will be back with us for STAMPOREE'81.



## Germany Philatelic Society, Inc.

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May I welcome all who are attending the **FLOREX '80** Exhibition held in St. Petersburg, Florida, at the Bayfront Concourse Hotel. Enjoy the exhibits and enjoy the thrill of the chase for new material with the many dealers present; I know it will be a most enjoyable weekend.

It is with the greatest pleasure that I, as President of the Germany Philatelic Society, extend to the President and members of the Organizing Committee of the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs, Inc., the sincerest thanks of the **GPS** for their invitation to hold our 1981 Convention in conjunction with **FLOREX**.

I also wish to extend our sincerest thanks to Chapter 23 of the **GPS** for their assistance in liaison in permitting us once again to join with you and the members of **FLOREX** to enjoy the excellence of your hospitality and Philatelic expertise.

Our relationship with the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs, over the years, has been most cordial and friendly and we always enjoy our stay at **FLOREX**.

Philatelically yours,

Bernard A. Hennig





## THE BRITISH CARIBBEAN PHILATELIC STUDY

(APS Unit No. 27)

In 1961, a small group of serious collectors in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, and Jamaica founded a new specialty society to serve their specialized needs.

The initial attempt was to exchange and study information regarding the postage stamps and postal history of the then existing West Indies Federation. Reasonably enough, this group of collectors called themselves the "West Indies Federation Study Group".

In 1962, the "Bahamas Postal History Study Circle" combined their membership with the group and the coverage was extended to encompass all the British West Indies and the peripheral areas, including the Bahamas, Bermuda, British Honduras/Belize, and British Guiana/Guyana. Subsequently, the name of the organization was changed to the "British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group".

One of the special pleasures enjoyed by **BCPSG** members is a close personal relationship through correspondence and exchanges. To promote these studies, a complete membership list is published which outlines the individual member's interests; correspondence is encouraged with others of like pursuits.

The binding force of the group is the award-winning **British Caribbean Philatelic Journal**. February 1978 saw the issuance of the 100th consecutive issue of the journal, the event being commemorated by expanding the special issue to sixty pages. The journal is normally published five or six times per year.

In 1969, the **BCPSG** seal was adopted as the official emblem of the group. The outer ring of the seal was inspired by the first Perot stamp of Bermuda, while the sailing schooner and tropical island represent the most typical features of the Caribbean area.

In 1971, **BCPSG** medals were introduced as being available to national and international philatelic exhibitions. These handsome medals, modeled after the **BCPSG** seal, are available in gold, silver, bronze, and pewter versions.

A **BCPSG** "Award of Merit" parchment certificate was added to the awards listing in 1972 to recognize exhibits that deserve an award, but do not meet the criteria established for the award of a **BCPSG** medal.

The **BCPSG** now has roughly 500 members, 40 per cent of whom reside outside the continental United States. Its membership has representatives resident in the West Indies area, England, Argentina, France, Scotland, Mexico, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Canada, Qatar, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Australia, Norway, the Philippines, South Africa, Sweden, and Switzerland.

Of these members, some are Fellows or members of the Royal Philatelic Society (London), as well as members of other national and international organizations. Thus, the journal is assured of outstanding articles from specialists in their own fields, but cooperative effort is stressed, and each member is encouraged to the best of his or her ability.

While a number of members are advanced collectors with a large knowledge of British Caribbean area postal history, there is also a large segment of student collectors seeking to expand their knowledge. It is to the group's credit that these "experts" are always ready and pleased to pass their knowledge to others. This fellowship has extended into many common bonds, and whenever the opportunity permits, members are always ready to assemble for personal "stamp sessions".

Regional meetings, such as this one at **FLOREX 1980**, have become the scene for many **BCPSG** get-togethers, especially for members residing in a particular area. In November 1967, a large group of members and their wives had a special meeting in Jamaica, and the Jamaican Post Office issued a special one-day cancellation in commemoration. A similar meeting in the Bahamas in 1969 occasioned another special postmark.

In 1976, a meeting in the British Virgin Islands was accepted by the group at the personal invitation of Theodore Fahie, B.V.I. Postmaster. This event was also commemorated by a special cancellation which included a reproduction of the **BCPSG** seal.

British Caribbean auctions, catering to the advanced collector as well as the novice, are conducted on an annual basis, many times in conjunction with regional or national exhibitions. Floor bidding becomes quite active at these events. These auctions provide **BCPSG** members the opportunity to dispose of their surplus material or to acquire desirable lots for their collections.

A comprehensive library of British Caribbean philatelic literature is available on a two-week loan basis to all **BCPSG** members in good standing. The Publications Chairman makes available photostat copies of past journals, as well as scarce British Caribbean postal history handbooks long out of print, at a cost plus postage charge.

Any collector interested in the British Caribbean area, whether a beginner or a specialist, is welcome to apply for membership. The **BCPSG** Membership Chairman is Thomas E. Giraldi, 872 West Grant Drive, Des Plaines, Illinois 60016. Inquiries may also be forwarded, if more convenient, to the **BCPSG** International Director, Alfred J. Branston, 11 Patching Hall Lane, Chelmsford, Essex, CMI 4DH, England. In addition, **FLOREX 1980** Chief Judge John Buckner, a **BCPSG** member, "just happens" to have a supply of membership application forms in his hip pocket. Look him up!

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## FLOREX Cachet theme. . . . . The Graf Zeppelin's South American Flight of 1930.

By Mason S. Curran

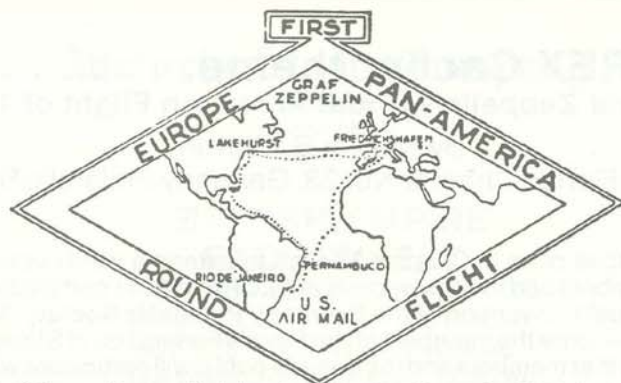
Central Florida Chapter No. 23, Germany Philatelic Society

First, those of us in Chapter 23 wish to extend a warm welcome to **GPS** members and friends who are at **FLOREX '80** to participate in the 31st Annual Convention of the **Germany Philatelic Society**. We also wish to welcome the members of the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs and hope that members and the general public will participate with us in a rather large number of meetings of our various study groups and our Friday evening German Banquet.

We are happy that **FLOREX** has chosen as a theme for their cachet and cancel the "Triangle Flight" of the Graf Zeppelin which took place exactly 50 years ago, starting from Friedrichshafen, Germany on May 18, 1930. For those six or seven stamp collectors and the general public who never heard of the "Golden Age" of air travel, we will start out with a few facts about this, the most famous of all airships.







The Graf Zeppelin was finished on September 18, 1928. Its assigned number was LZ 127, LZ designating Zeppelin Airship, 127 approximately the 127th airship built by the Zeppelin Company. It was the next ship made by the company following the LZ 126, the U.S. Navy airship, the Los Angeles. The Graf, made during the depression, was largely financed by a public subscription and was built in the only hangar available at Friedrichshafen, which dictated its shape and size, which were still impressive. It was 775 ft. long, 100 ft. in diameter and contained 17 cells of hydrogen gas to provide its lift. It had an almost circular rigid framework to hold the cells and was covered with silver colored cotton outer covering. It had 5 gasoline engines with a combined horsepower of 2,650. The engines were mounted each in its own pod on the under side of the ship, which was controlled from a control pod or gondola in the front of the ship, which also contained a chart room, radio room, kitchen, dining room, and sleeping space for the passengers and the crew.

The engines of the Graf could be run on either gasoline or on a substance called BlauGas which was a form of coal gas, and which was contained in the bottom of some of the gas cells. "Blaugas" was just about the same weight as air, so when it was burned, the weight of the ship remained approximately the same as before. The ship was "weighed off" when starting on a voyage so that it would float freely in the air at any altitude. In flight it was controlled with airfoils (rudder and elevators) in the stern. Various means were available to keep their buoyancy correct.

Fifty years ago air service was in its infancy. Airplanes were rather small and had short ranges, and carried few passengers. No service was available across the oceans.

Dr. Hugo Eckener, who ran the Zeppelin company after the death of Count Zeppelin in 1917 had had a lot of experience with operating airships before World War I when the Zeppelin company had passenger service throughout Germany and in the operations of Zeppelins during the war. He or his pilots took the Graf on a number of flights between 1928 and 1930, including one around the world in 1929. The flights were financed largely by newspapers, and various organizations interested in the development of air travel, and also in a large measure by stamp collectors, who sent mail on almost every flight. After about 35 flights, Dr. Eckener thought it was time to develop commercial flights

and as there was a large German population in South America, especially Brazil, it seemed to be a good place to start as the trip by boat from Germany to Brazil took about 14 days.

He made arrangements to have hydrogen and gasoline, etc. available in Recife de Peruambuco, Brazil, as well as having a mooring mast erected there. To help in the financing of this trip he came across a very unlikely source, the United State Post Office! Under his persuasion the U.S. Post Office issued the Zeppelin set of 65¢, \$1.30 and \$2.60 stamps (Scott #C-13, 14, 15) and turned most of the proceeds over to the Zeppelin Company for carrying the US Mail! This amounted to about \$100,000. Can't you see the Post Office doing something like that today?

A number of other countries did likewise.

On May 18, 1930 the Graf Zeppelin left Friedrichshafen at 5 o'clock in the afternoon on the first leg of the "Triangle Flight" Germany to Rio to Lakehurst, New Jersey and back to Germany. Aboard were 22 passengers and a crew of 43. The ship ran into a rainstorm over France and took on so much water on its high bulk that it switched its engines to gasoline, thus lightening the ship by 400 kilos an hour to compensate for the accumulation of rain. The Mistral, a strong north wind, increased the speed of the ship to 200 kilometers per hour. After passing over Gibraltar the ship landed at Sevilla, Spain at about 7 PM on May 19. Mail and passengers were exchanged. At 9 AM on May 20 the ship lifted off again.

Favorable trade winds were encountered and the ship shut down 2 motors, running on only 3 and still making 130 kilometers an hour. The Canary Islands were passed over, as was the Cape Verde group and then the hot air from the Sahara desert brought the speed up to 140 kilometers per hour. Crossing the Atlantic, the ship flew through the tropical rain belt at the mouth of the Amazon river at a low altitude.

As this was the first airship to cross the equator, proper ceremonies were held for those crossing the equator for the first time, and Aeolus, the god of the wind and weather arrived to preside over these ceremonies, instead of Neptune, who took care of ships, not airships. Then the ship landed shortly afterward at Recife de Peruambuco and tied up at the mast there.

On May 23, close to midnight, the ship took off for Rio and encountering heavy rain squalls and much turbulence, followed the coast to arrive at Rio. The ship cruised above all parts of the city but then landed for only about an hour as there was no anchor mast there and it had to be held in place by a full company of Brazilian soldiers. The reception was fantastic, and it seemed that of the city of 1 1/2 million people all were out there to see the ship.

Plans had called for a visit to Sao Paulo, but the storms had so depleted the gas supply and as this city was at a higher elevation than Rio, Dr. Eckener decided not to risk it.

On May 26 at 8 AM the Graf was again moored at Recife where it remained until May 28 when it weighed off at 11 AM. Dr. Eckener did not choose to take the shortest way to Lakehurst as this would bring the ship over the Amazon again and this was to be avoided. Instead, it curved seaward and passed the equator at 40° west longitude.



Barbados was reached, then the Lesser Antillies, and by morning the ship hovered over the north coast of Puerto Rico in the directions of Havana, Cuba. Havana was a scheduled stop as there were a few Cubans aboard. However, 4 extra tons of gasoline had been used in battling the storms, so the direction was altered directly to Lakehurst. The Cubans were sorry, but understood.

On the night of the 30th of May a low pressure area was reported in the Caribbean sea that extended northward and contained heavy adverse winds. Initially, tail winds added to the forward speed but between the Bermuda islands and the mainland the ship went through a low pressure area that had not been predicted by the American weather service. The ship had to plunge through a large black cloud and there were some anxious moments.

However, at 4 AM on the morning of May 31, Atlantic City was sighted and the ship landed at Lakehurst at 6 AM. The ship was no stranger to Lakehurst, and it remained there until 10 PM on June 3, when it took off and flew over New York before heading east over the Atlantic.

The return trip took it over the Azores, back to a landing at Seville and then back to Germany. However, the worst moment of the flight was still ahead. Going up the valley of the Saone there was a thunderstorm and it became so dark that lights had to be turned on in the gondola. Flying blind through rain gusts the ship was inclined by 15° at 300 meters in height, then to 350 meters and then back to 300 meters again. Hail stones the size of hazel nuts cracked against the hull. Then the storm was over with. Dr. Eckener later said it was one of the worst moments he had ever experienced. From then on the way was uneventful back to Friedrichshafen.

This flight was so successful that the Graf for a number of years made flights to South America and the commercial possibilities of air travel and commerce seemed about to be established on a permanent basis. The Graf was even on a trip to South America when the Hindenburg disaster ended airship operations.

The philatelic aspects of this flight were many. The US of course, issued the set of three, Germany overprinted two values of their Zeppelin stamps for the flight. Argentina issued about a dozen stamps for this flight, Bolivia issued about a dozen, Brazil issued about 16. Letters were carried from the United States, Germany, Argentina, Denmark, Holland, Lithuania, the Saar, Switzerland, and Spain. There were also covers from Uruguay, Chile and Paraguay, also the Canal Zone, Honduras, and Mexico, Nicaragua, Gibraltar, French Morocco, Tangier, and probably a few more. To collect one of each would be quite a task.



MAP OF SOUTH AMERICAN FLIGHT

Today, there are no more airships with the exception of the pressure ships, the Goodyear blimps, which, while impressive, are only a feeble shadow of the mighty ships that carried international commerce for several decades before the airplane reached the development to enable it to do so. In an airplane, you sit in a narrow seat, eat from a tray on your lap, fly so high that you can see almost nothing. In an airship you had a real dining room, like a ship, and you could walk around and not be so confined.

With the present fuel shortages the low cost of the airships would be a very big plus today. Think what 50 years of upgrading could bring to the airships, yet no one seems to consider them viable any more. When any mention is made in the papers of airship, the editor turns to the files and pulls out a picture of the Hindenburg exploding and burning! This has cast a pall that should be lifted, especially as the passengers who died in the Hindenburg fire WERE THE ONLY PASSENGERS EVER LOST IN AIRSHIP TRAVEL! Every time an airplane makes news a picture of the engine falling off the plane over Chicago should be printed.

Sometimes, we must look to the past to plan the future. In the midst of the gas shortage for instance, AMTRACK stopped running the daily trains from St. Petersburg to Chicago.

We fret about the drugs coming into Florida, when a fleet of blimps could monitor the ships that bring them in.

And we could even use the hydrogen that lifted the airships before the general use of helium to power our cars and trucks as ways are now available to store it in tanks which could fit on a car.

But what is being done in these areas today! Practically nothing!

Thus we have the story of the "Triangle Flight". Its implications are just as viable today as they were 30 years ago.

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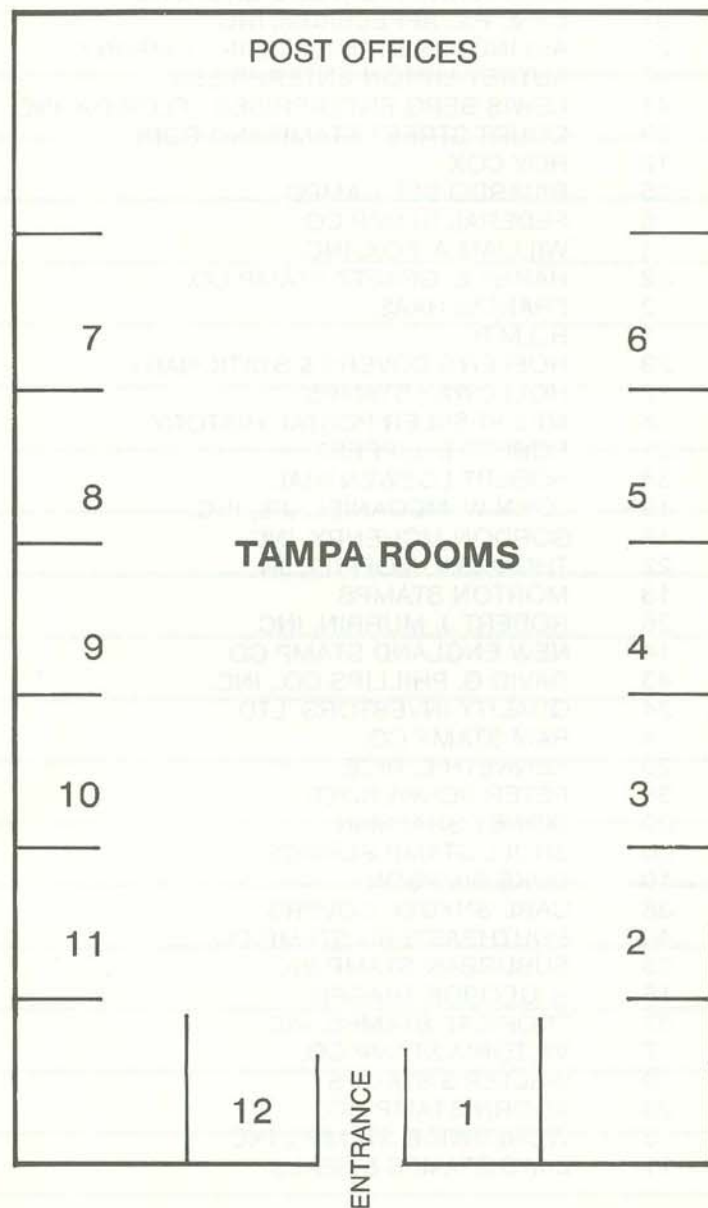
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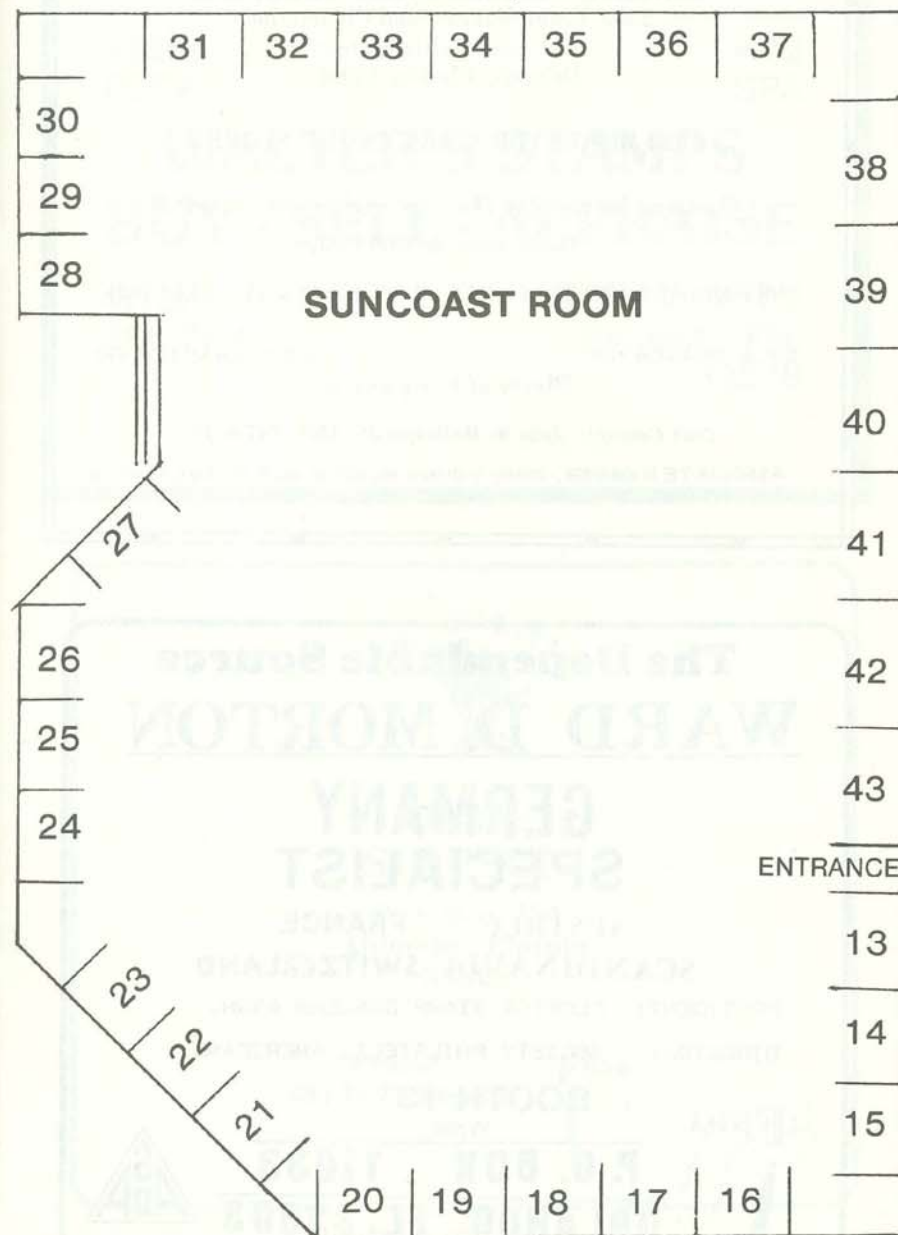
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10:00 AM	Exhibition & Bourse Opens	Suncoast & Tampa Bay Rooms
11:30 AM	GPS Buildings Study Group	Perdido Bay Room
12:00 N	Judges Luncheon	The Greenhouse
1:00 PM	GPS Post World War II Group	Perdido Bay Room
1:00 PM	Jacques C. Schiff Lecture "How to participate in a stamp auction"	Sarasota Room
2:30 PM	Alain de Cadenet Lecture - Stamps of King George V	
		Biscayne Room
2:30 PM	GPS Luftpost - Zeppelin Group	Perdido Bay Room
4:00 PM	GPS Colonies Group	Perdido Bay Room
5:30 PM	GPS Cocktail & Social Hour	Grand Ballroom North
7:00 PM	Exhibition & Bourse Closes	
7:00 PM	David Phillips Postal History Auction	Grand Ballroom South
7:30 PM	GPS Banquet	Grand Ballroom North

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8:30 AM	Florida Stamp Dealers Assn. Breakfast	Websters
10:00 AM	Exhibition & Bourse Opens	Suncoast & Tampa Bay Rooms
10:00 AM	GPS Board of Trustees Meeting	Perdido Bay Room
11:00 AM	Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs - Annual Meeting	Grand Ballroom
11:00 AM	GPS Stationery Study Group	Perdido Bay Room
11:00 AM	Jacques C. Schiff, Jr. Lecture - "How to protect yourself Against Doctored Stamps"	Sarasota Room
12:30 PM	GPS Danzig Study Group	Perdido Bay Room
1:00 PM	U.S. Philatelic Classics Society	Biscayne Room
2:00 PM	GPS General Meeting	Perdido Bay Room
3:30 PM	GPS Slide Program "Martin Luther & the Protestant Reformation in Philately"	Perdido Bay Room
4:00 PM	British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group meeting and program	Biscayne Room
4:15 PM	GPS Chapters 7 & 23 Joint Meeting	Perdido Bay Room
5:00 PM	GPS Third Reich Study Group	Perdido Bay Room
6:00 PM	Exhibition and Bourse Closes	
6:45 PM	Dutch Treat Happy Hour	Grand Ballroom
7:30 PM	Banquet - Luff Award Presentation and Banquet Speaker Herman (Pat) Herst	Grand Ballroom

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:15 AM	FLOREX Awards Breakfast	Grand Ballroom
10:00 AM	Exhibition and Bourse Opens	Suncoast & Tampa Bay Rooms
10:00 AM	Judges Critique	Sarasota Room
11:00 AM	GPS Slide Program - The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich	Perdido Bay Room
11:00 AM	British Caribbean Study Group Auction	
	FOR MEMBERS ONLY	Sarasota Room
12:00 N	GPS Slide Program - The Berlin-Rome Axis	Perdido Bay Room
1:00 PM	GPS Inflation Study Group	Perdido Bay Room
4:00 PM	Exhibition and Bourse Closes	

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Silver Awards  
Silver/Bronze Awards  
Bronze Awards

### **BRITISH CARIBBEAN PHILATELIC STUDY GROUP AWARDS**

Gold Award  
Silver Award  
Bronze Award

### **GERMANY PHILATELIC SOCIETY AWARDS**

Grand Award (President's Award)  
Reserve Grand - Chris Hunt  
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Gold Award  
Vermeil Award  
Silver Award  
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29-40	United States Pan American Issue covers showing various postal usages.	Joanne M. Haag and Millard Mack
41-56	Confederate States of America. Covers showing various usages.	Benjamin Wishnietsky
57-65	Specialized collection of 10¢ 1861 Issue showing proofs, over-prints, issued types, shades, "TAG" varieties, cancellations, domestic and foreign usages.	Kennth D. Gilbert
66-72	Post office Panorama, 1890. The stamps of the 1890 regular issue and a cross section of the mail that carried them.	Robert C. Ladd
73-78	A study of precancel varieties of the U.S. Parcel Post Stamps of 1912.	Paul Rosenberg
79-84	Selected Pages. Town cancellations in Confederate North Carolina.	Gary G. Flatow
85-89	U.S., Reconstructed Plate Coils and booklet panes with plate numbers.	Arthur Abrams
90-92	A collection of mint and used stamps of the Canal Zone.	Anonymous
93-101	Early Postal Markings of Jamaica. Exhibit covers all major postal markings of Jamaica for the period 1770 to 1890, excluding the obliterators. Stress is placed on purpose and use of each type of marking.	Dr. Walton Van Winkle
102-112	First Flights of Trinidad. Comprehensive presentation of air mail history of Trinidad.	Dr. Reuben A. Ramkissoon
113-123	A look at British Honduras Postal History.	Russell E. Ott
124-134	Leeward Islands, Federal Issues 1890-1911. Selection of Victoria and Edward VII definitives, plate varieties, usage, stationery, and postal markings.	Paul A. Larsen
135-139	Postal History of Jamaica 1713 to 1860 including Great Britain used in Jamaica.	Arthur H. Spear

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155-160	British Virgin Islands 1890-1956 collection showing the valid period of postal markings for the concurrent issues of both the Virgin Islands and Leeward Islands.	Anonymous
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167-173	Stamps printed 1879 to 1956 by De La Rue & Co. from key and duty plates including plate numbers, flaws, cancellations and covers.	Harold G. Gosney
174-183	The World First Postage Stamps, Britains Mulreadies, penny blacks and Propaganda covers.	Herman Herst Jr.
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209-222	Latvia between the Wars 1914 - 1945. Mail used in W.W. I and W.W. II, including Ober-Ost, Ostland, Kurland, Fieldpost and SS mail.	Arnold Engel
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By Jacquelyn S. Alton, Publicity Director

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One of the primary benefits of membership is *The German Postal Specialist*, the official monthly journal of the Society. It is an excellent philatelic publication which contains informative articles each month on all phases of German philately, complete with high-quality illustrations. Features which appear on a regular basis in the journal include: New Issues Column; Auction Reports; Book Reviews; Reports of the Study Groups and Chapters; Stories Behind the Stamp; and much more. The editor of the journal is a professional journalist and a respected, knowledgeable philatelist. Everyone interested in German philately will certainly find something of interest in the journal — whether general collector or specialist.

A vital part of the Society is the local chapter. At the present time there are thirty-two (32) chapters located throughout the U.S. and Canada. A club may become a chapter when it has enough GPS members and makes application to the Society. Accredited chapters are able to obtain GPS slide programs, sales circuits, and more.

Within the Society there are currently ten (10) specialized Study Groups which are geared toward the specialized collector by focusing on specific areas of German philately. These groups are: Buildings; Danzig; Hand-Overprints; Inflation; Post World War II; Stationery; Third Reich; Colonies; Luftpost-Zeppelin; and Berlin. Society members are welcome to join any or all of these groups. Each of these groups aids the specialized collector by publishing bulletins containing articles relating to that particular area. They also hold meetings in conjunction with the Society Spring Meetings, Conventions, and other shows.

In addition to *The German Postal Specialist*, the Society publishes specialized handbooks by recognized authorities in their fields. One of the most recent, and very popular, publications is the excellent *Forgery Manual*. Other recent publications include a fine, detailed study of Zeppelin mail, *The Orient Flight of the LZ 127*, by Fred F. Blau and Cyril Deighton; a study of *The Ruhleben P.O.W. Camp 1914-1918*, by Frank Bachenheimer. In addition to these fine studies, the GPS has just published a revised and expanded edition of *The GPS German-English Dictionary*.

A great number of books on various subjects of German philately and related areas are available to GPS members through the Germany Philatelic Research Library. From time to time a list of newly acquired publications is published in *The German Postal Specialist*, and a complete list of all available publications may be obtained from the Librarian.



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If chapters are in need of programs to present at their meetings, the GPS has a wide variety of slide programs available for their use. These programs make it possible to see material that may not be available through local speakers. Each slide program comes complete with its own text.

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A newly established committee, the Estate Advisory Service, has been formed to help heirs handle the disposition of collections of deceased members, and to help surviving members of the family however possible.

The Germany Philatelic Society has set up a program for the accreditation of GPS judges in cooperation and coordination with the American Philatelic Society. This will help provide judges qualified to judge German material at exhibitions throughout the country.

Every year the Society holds an Annual Spring Meeting and an Annual Fall Convention. This year the Spring Meeting was held in conjunction with WESTPEX in San Francisco in April. The upcoming Annual Fall Convention will be held in conjunction with FLOREX in St. Petersburg, Florida, November 7, 8 and 9. Future plans include the Spring Meeting for 1981 to be held at PIPEX in Spokane, Washington; other meetings and conventions are planned for Kansas City, Milwaukee, Chicago, and more. These meetings and conventions are held at major philatelic exhibitions throughout the U.S. At each of these events, the Society presents an exhibition of excellent German material, including stamps, postal history, postal stationery, etc. In addition to the awards of the show, the Germany Philatelic Society presents its own awards on five levels — Gold; Vermeil; Silver; Silver-Bronze; and Bronze; plus its own Grand Award. Society members from all over the country and Canada, and often from overseas, attend and participate in the exhibition, seminars, study group meetings, and more, at our Spring Meetings and Conventions. It is a great opportunity to renew old friendships and make new.

Individuals who are interested in obtaining membership applications or additional information regarding the Society, are invited to contact Mr. Frederick Behrendt, Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 563, Westminster, Maryland 21157. If you wish to obtain a sample copy of *The German Postal Specialist*, please send \$1.00 to cover postage and handling.

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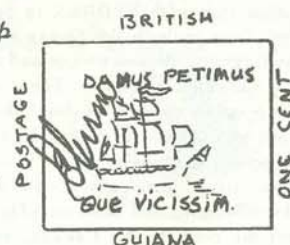
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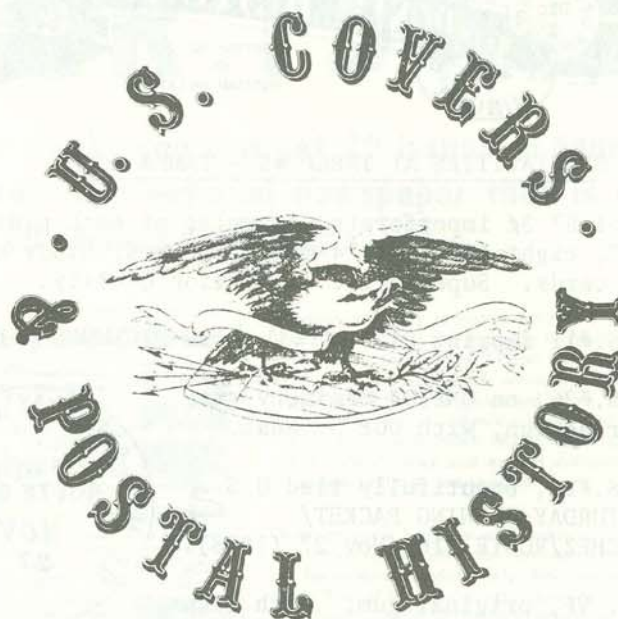
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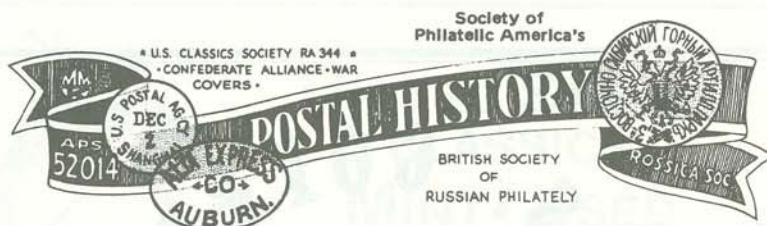


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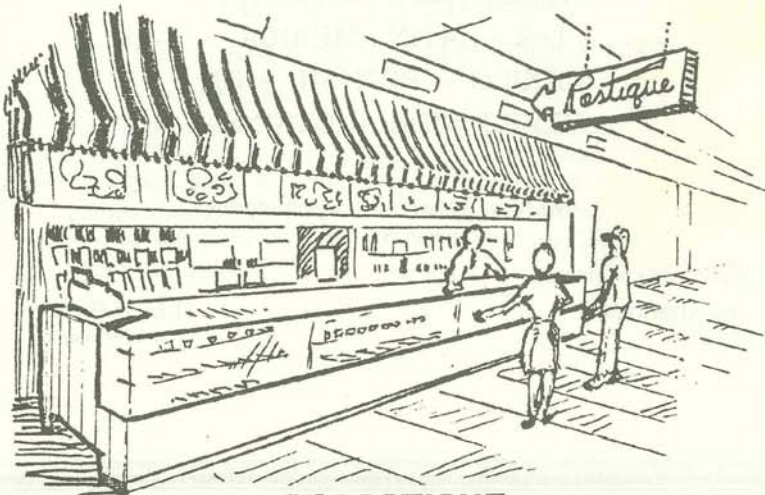
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