

## MAIL FIRST CLASS



### President's Message *from Mike Francis*

I would like to personally thank all the members who come to the monthly meetings and participate in the raffle. For 25¢ a ticket, it is a challenge to try and get your number drawn and hope the item you desire has not already been picked by someone else. Donating items for the raffle is a great way to support the club. When you are cleaning out some of your philatelic "accumulation" remember the club's raffle. As all of you have witnessed, the nicer the items on the raffle table, the greater the participation level.

Thanks to those members reminding me to start the raffle around 8:20pm, we have been finishing up our club meeting by 8:30

or slightly later instead of making people hang around toward 9pm just to see if they get their number drawn.

The family of Dick Bradley extends their gratitude to the club for buying auction items from his estate.

At the June meeting, club members agreed that it is time for another member survey. With many new members, not everyone is familiar with each other's collecting habits. The last survey was completed in 2005. So, it is time for a new one. I will try to complete the data collection part of the survey in August and publish the results in September. Mike



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#### NOTICE:

- Remember to bring your favorite part of your stamp collection for the show and tell at the August 9th meeting.
- Email Mike Francis at [drmikef@comcast.net](mailto:drmikef@comcast.net) if you have any areas you think should be included in the 2011 member survey.
- Check out the APS Mighty Buck Club webpage at [www.stamps.org/mightybuck](http://www.stamps.org/mightybuck) where you can donate to the American Philatelic Society
- Mike Francis is offering his Microsoft Access stamp database software free to any member of the club. The system support US, Worldwide and British Commonwealth inventories with full reporting capabilities.

### Unique City Name in the USA by Dr. Hemanth KN. Vasanthaiah

The United States of America has adopted names of some of the well know cities of the world. But, adopting a fruit name to a city is exceptional: Mango. Mango is a small township in Florida near Tampa with the population of 10,310 according to the 2007 census. Mango is an unincorporated census designated population (CDP) in Hillsborough County, Florida, United States with Zip code 33550. According to the [United States Census Bureau](http://www.census.gov), the community has a total area of 4.7 [square miles](#) (12.1 [km<sup>2</sup>](#)), of which, 4.6 square miles (11.9 [km<sup>2</sup>](#)) of it is land and 0.1 square miles (0.2 [km<sup>2</sup>](#)) of it (1.50%) is water (Wikipedia).

The mango is one of the most important fruit crops in the world having a socio-economic significance in many countries. It is known as the "King of Tropical Fruits" owing to its delicious quality of the fruit which is rich in vitamins and minerals. The fruit is used in many ways, with fresh consumption being the most significant. It can also be frozen, dried, canned, or cooked in jams, jellies, preserves, pies, chutney and ice cream. Mangos have been cultivated in India for more than 4,000 years. Beginning in the 16th century, mangos were gradually distributed around the world, reaching the Americas during the 18th century. The first recorded introduction into Florida was at Cape Sable in 1833.



I had an opportunity to recently visit Mango. There is one post office with two female staff members (see above photo.) The PO is located at 11507 Dr. Martin L King Jr. Blvd., Mango, FL 33550; Their phone number is (813) 651-1709. They were very happy to learn about my enthusiasm to visit and learn about Mango, FL. I was able to

### Meeting Dates & Presentations, 2011

January 11, Mike Francis	July 12, Hemanth Vasanthaiah
February 8, Mike Francis	August 9, Show Your Collection
March 8, Mike Francis	September 13, Gerry York, Pitcairn/Norfolk
April 12, Annual Club Auction	October 11, Single Page Exhibit
May 10, TALPEX Vote, Mike Francis	November 8, Bob Mesterton, Member Bourse
June 14, Mike Francis	December 13, Christmas Party

## Unique City Name in the USA (con't. from page 1)

have a brief discussion with them about Mango and the Post Office. Mango fruit cultivation in the United States is limited only to southern Florida due to the climatic requirement. Although United States has not released any mango related stamps, they have applied the fruit's name to a township and Navy vessel called the "USS Mango". USS Mango (AN-24/YN-19) was an [Aloe-class net laying ship](#) which was assigned to serve the [U.S. Navy](#) during [World War II](#) with her protective anti-[submarine](#) nets. The USS Mango received one [battle star](#) for its service in World War II.

Further reading:

<http://www.city-data.com/city/Mango-Florida.html#ixzz1OsZqLDFG>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS\\_Mango\\_\(AN-24\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Mango_(AN-24))

Mango is located southeast of the I4 and I75 interchange, east of downtown Tampa, FL. If there are mangoes grown in Mango, Florida, they are for private use only, and not for commercial distribution. The most northern commercial mango grower is located in Merritt Island, Florida where the soil has more sand which is necessary for mango growth.

The community of Mango is simply a suburb of Tampa much like Bradfordville is a suburb of Tallahassee.



Letter cancelled in the township of Mango, Florida, June 6, 2011

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## TS&CC Members using Stamps2Go.com

Check out [www.stamps2go.com](http://www.stamps2go.com) (S2G) for stamp items from club members Andy Navarro, Sam Hendrix and Mike Francis. The user ids on stamps2go are Albert46 for Andy, samh4567 for Sam and Giddie1620 for Mike. TS&CC members will find the site easy to use. Note that the user's id will not show up if that user has no stamps listed on the site. If any other member uses S2G and would like their id published in the *Postscript* please inform the editor.

## Identity Uncovered? by Dr. Mike Francis



To the everyday stamp collector, through observation, this stamp has what appears to be Cyrillic inscription. This means Russia all the way down to the Baltic and Mediterranean Sea origin.

It appears the denomination is 15 para. A search for "para" in Linn's Identification yields Egypt, Turkey or Yugoslavia. Turkey would have Arabic inscriptions and Egypt would have Latin-English-Arabic inscriptions. Thus, by deduction, the stamp is from Yugoslavia. To further verify, looking up "KGCA" in Linn's, you find that this overprint on Yugoslavian stamps was a "semi-postal for Carinthia plebiscite."

This stamp and the other five in the series were issued in 1920 by the Carinthian Governmental Commission, Zone A. This issue represents

semi-postal stamps sold at three times their original face value. The profit from the postal sales was used to finance the Commission's propaganda machine in order to convince the populace to pass the plebiscite. The plebiscite was held on October 10, 1920 to determine if the people of the largest part of Carinthia would become part of what was left of the Hapsburg Empire known as Austria or would become part of Serb-Croatia-Slovenia (known as Yugoslavia.) The people of Carinthia (officially formed in 745AD) voted to become part of the Austrian government administered by the Allied Commission after World War I.

This mint stamp is listed in Scott's under Yugoslavia as number 4LB2, 15 para on 4 filler on greenish gray stamp. The mint and used value of the stamp is \$.20 US.

## Identify This Stamp



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

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## Websites and Newsletters of Interest by Mike Francis

I communicate with Glen Stephens from time-to-time about the condition of the worldwide stamp market. He publishes a fun newsletter that simply tells it like it should be told when it comes to bad dealers. His favorite tirade is about, you guessed it, "ebay." He also has stamps for sale, an auction, and really understands the Australian, New Zealand and South Pacific Islands. You can sign up at [www.tinyurl.com/GlenList](http://www.tinyurl.com/GlenList)

Elizabeth Klect recently sent me an email requesting that I let club members know about her new site on the www. The site offers a limited but free online inventory system. You can also create a wish list and will be notified when a stamp you are looking for shows up for sale on the site. You must be an upgraded user (for a fee arrangement) to sell but everything else on the site is free. Go to [www.klect.com](http://www.klect.com) and investigate the offerings of the site. They are licensed to use Scott Catalog numbers which makes life easy for the collector.

Visit the Virtual Stamp Club site and view the yearly schedule of USPS stamp issues. Starting with the year 2008, the site provides a go-no go traffic light with each issue referring to the ability to soak the stamp. The following link will take you directly to the schedule page: [www.virtualstampclub.com/2008usnew.html](http://www.virtualstampclub.com/2008usnew.html) From this page you can link to other USPS years.

**SCOTT CATALOG NOTE:**  
 Even though Scott's Monthly and Linn's Stamp News mention stamps from South Georgia & Sandwich Islands, the Scott 2011 Catalog (SAN-Z) still lists the stamps under SOUTH GEORGIA. The catalog does note that starting with Scott 101, the name SOUTH GEORGIA & SANDWICH ISLANDS is used on all stamps starting in April, 1986.