

CBFA Meeting: February 23, 2008, at the home of Dale Grimes in Sparrow's Point, MD

In attendance: Nick Artimovich, Chris Bedwell, Tom Carrier, Dale Grimes, Jack Lowe, Roy Mock, Jon Radel.

We were greeted by a backyard display of naval flags including Admiral's flags and a submarine warning flag. After a lovely lunch provided by Louise Grimes (with cake by Bedwell), we spent the majority of the meeting examining Dale's immense Naval Flag collection. Nick showed a "Dancing Stars" 48 star flag, probably from 1912-14. Tom showed a huge 45 star flag, in excellent shape, that he got as a bargain on e-Bay. Jack showed his flag stamp collection. Chris showed a number of flags from his collection, including the city flags of Fresno, CA and Denison TX. Items were available for sale and trade. We postponed auctioning off any of Chris's de-accessioned items until the Pittsburgh meeting.

The "business" part of the meeting was taken up by discussion of the joint CBFA-CWAV meeting in Pittsburgh in May. We also discussed possible venues for future meetings, especially focusing on places in Virginia so the southern part of membership doesn't feel left out.