**CBFA MEETING OF AUGUST 25, 2018**

**Home of Chris Bedwell in Washington, DC**

**Peter Ansoff, Chris Bedwell, Daniel Broh-Kahn, Al Cavalari, Arthur Etchells (first-timer), Dale Grimes, Dick Libby, Jack Lowe, Chris Maddish, Jon Radel. Guest: Mattia Chasson (Chris’s neighbor and friend of Jack’s).**

**After lunch, we had a session of Vexi-bits. Many people brought interesting flags. Of particular note: Al Cavalari’s “Emperor’s New Flag”, Peter Ansoff’s Malaysian Shipping Company flag and two versions of the Malaysian red ensign, Chris Bedwell’s flags of Peculiar, Missouri and Sea Isle City, New Jersey. Arthur Etchells showed several European books of military flags, including ones in Catalan and Belarusian. Dale Grimes showed, among other things, a silk handkerchief “Pray for Peace” of 1913-14 with many early 20th century flags in the border, including several already obsolete ones (e.g., royal Portugal). Daniel Broh-Kahn talked about the flags he makes for military figurines and told us of how large the market for them is. Chris Maddish brought his flag of the Prime Meridian and the letter from Buckingham Palace acknowledging that it had flown over the Royal Greenwich Observatory.**

**The business meeting commenced with the acknowledgement of Ted Spencer’s death. We were heartened to hear from Dick Libby that Ted’s grandson is interested in flags and is flying Ted’s flags outside his home.**

**It was agreed that CBFA would continue to be an organizational member of NAVA and Jack was tasked with renewing the membership. Jack reported that the CBFA treasury had about $700. A discussion of NAVA ensued with Peter Ansoff bringing us up to date on recent changes as well as the new procedure for voting in the election which will take place in October. The meeting in Quebec City has already got an large number of registrants.**

**Finally, we got to go upstairs to ogle Chris’s collection of some 900 full-size flags; he flies one each day in front of his house. Of course, today’s flag was CBFA.**