

Central Florida Stamp Club – Newsletter

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NEWS NOTES

Officers Attend Summer School

Phil Fettig and Jim Pullin attended the Summer Seminar sponsored by the APS (American Philatelic Society) in June. Both received a tour of the Match Factory site of the new headquarters.

Phil reported on his trip in a July meeting and also shared his visit to several Civil War battle sites and a modest collection of covers from those places. Jim took some photos that he plans to share with the club.

New Member

Welcome to new member Dick Oller who joined us in July. Unfortunately, we have been informed that longtime members Harry and Paulette Najarian will be moving soon to Illinois to be closer to family.

APS Show

Members Al Nagy and Francis Ferguson will be in Columbus, Ohio, the first weekend in August to attend the annual World Series of Philately show sponsored by the APS. We will look forward to a report on the show in an upcoming meeting.

Warning

The Board has been advised that the Marks Senior Center will be experiencing a replacement of all the windows in the building in the coming months, and that we may have to be moved to one of the smaller rooms for one or more meetings.

Recently, it was announced that a free meeting room was offered to the club in the Winter Springs area. The Board has decided to turn down the offer due to the non-central location and a straw vote of the members.

Pre-Cancel Announcement

Jim Estes announces that the annual meet of the Pre-Cancel Society will be February 11 – 14, 2004, at the La Quinta Inn (formerly Holiday Inn) on Lee Road. The auction will be on Friday the 13th.

Florida State Stamp Show Meets in December

Phil Fettig announces that the annual Florida State Stamp Show will be held December 12 – 14, 2003 at the Expo Center on Livingston across from the Orena. Francis Ferguson who will serve as assistant chairman announces that 40 dealers have been invited and 15 have already accepted in the first two weeks.

The CFSC Board has decided to give more support than ever to this show and try to upgrade the stamp exhibit. Therefore, our club will have a 60 frame competitive exhibit. Steve Patrick has been named as exhibit chairman. He urges members, "After all, people expect to see stamps at a stamp show."

The tentative plan is to have three broad categories: U.S., World, and Topical. A \$100 budget has been set aside for ribbons and awards. In addition, we hope to have an awards party on Saturday night for the exhibitors. Members can plan one to 10 page exhibits of nine pages per frame.

The show plans to have a USPS booth and a souvenir cancel. The theme will probably be related to the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers flight. Mark Friedland has volunteered to serve as Club Public Relations chairman, and his first project will be to publicize this show.

One thing that will have to happen is a work bee to get the club frames in shape. We will need volunteers in the fall to help recondition some frames at John Shirley's house. Volunteers will be needed for the show to transport frames to the site.

The old Florex show may be gone, but the Central Florida Stamp Club is very capable to help put on a first class show. Prepare your exhibits. Be ready to help set up and take down. Volunteer for the front table, and help in any way you can.

APIC Meets in Orlando

The American Political Items Collectors (APIC) held their annual convention July 30 to August 3 at the Orlando Hyatt Hotel near Disney's Celebration. The 25-year-old organization had about 30 dealers with thousands of political items for sale.

CFSC members **Bill Johnson** and **Steve Patrick** attended the bourse on Thursday. "As a history teacher, I was surprised at the variety of items and wished I could own some to show my classes," stated Patrick.

Bill found two "greasy green" Confederate postmarks from Lynchburg, VA. Steve added 18 political memorial books to his collection of important politicians.

The floor was full of inauguration covers, as well as pins, ribbons, banners, and other collateral material.

Parking was free, but entrance to the bourse cost \$5.00. To attend all four days of the show and the seminars and auctions cost \$30. Stamp collectors get spoiled with free entrances at most shows that other hobbies usually are charged for.

A reporter for WKMG was at the show and noticed a carved tobacco pipe in the shape of a president's head. "How about that," she exclaimed, "You can smoke a president!"

Upcoming Shows

The Ocala Stamp Show will be held September 6 and 7 at the Ramada Inn on 3810 NW Blythe Road. This is a FSDA show with 24 dealers. Check out this site: www.floridastampdealers.org on the internet for more information.

The Tampa Stamp & Coin Expo has two more dates this year. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Express on 4732 Dale Mabry on September 20-21 and again on November 20-21.

The Sarasota National Stamp Exposition will again be the first weekend of February, 2004. They usually host the Florida Postal History Society, the First Day Cover Florida Chapter, and a meeting of the PNC club.

What I Did On My Summer Vacation

by Steve Patrick

I took a whirlwind 17 day trip in June that combined my love of sports, history, family, and collectibles. After a hectic year of teaching, I really needed to get away from it all, so I aimed for Michigan.

For sports, I attended baseball games at the Braves, Tigers, and Reds. This was my third game at Turner Field but first for the new Comerica Field and Great American Ball Park. The highlight was watching Sammy Sosa hitting dingers in batting practice in Cincinnati. It was the last night of his suspension for the corked bat.

My museums included the Abraham Lincoln museums in Hodgenville, KY, and Ft. Wayne, IN, and the M.L. King Center in Atlanta. I saw the Swope Antique Car Museum in Elizabethton, KY, and the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn, MI. It was the 100th anniversary of Ford and antique cars were all over the place. I also witnessed the flight of three Ford and Stearman tri-motors together.

My love of art was partially satisfied by visits to the J.B. Speed Museum in Louisville, KY, and the Dayton, OH, Art Institute. Literature was covered by a visit to the Indiana home of Gene Stratton Porter. Music fun included a performance of "My Old Kentucky Home," the Stephen Foster story in Bardstown, KY.

My hobby interests included a tour of Linn's Stamp News in Sidney, OH, by senior editor Rob Haeseler and two days at the Georgia Numismatic Association (GNA) meeting in Dalton, GA. I was the first to buy a replica engraving of the Declaration of Independence produced by the BEP.

Transportation interests included a tour of the Corvette assembly plant in KY, and the US Air Force Museum in Dayton, OH. Civil War sites included Stones River and "The General" museum at Kennesaw, GA.

Family and friends put up with me as I did genealogy in GA, KY, and IN. Ask me more some time; I have stories to tell including of my favorite restaurant Bea's in Chattanooga.