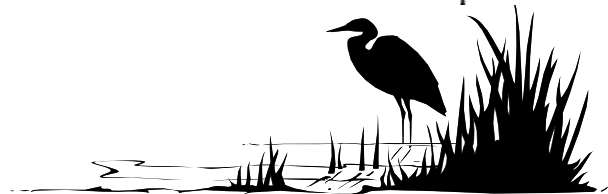


**The Central Florida Stamp Club** is a 70+ year old organization governed by a Board of Directors elected by the general membership every two years and, dedicated to the enjoyment of the hobby of stamp collecting.

- Membership is a reasonable \$12 per year, \$6 for youth.
- Meetings are twice a month on the first and third Thursdays.
- The Membership of the CFSC includes many diverse interests that cover the range from A-Z and everything in between.
- The meeting location is centrally located to downtown Orlando and can be easily accessed from SR 50 (Colonial Drive) and I/4.
- The Marks Street Senior Center has been our host for the last 10 years and provides a pleasant meeting room with easy access and plenty of free parking.
- The informal part of the meeting runs from 7:00-7:30. The business side of things from 7:30-7:50. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 7:55 until 8:30. Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions from 8:30 to 9:00. We must be out of the building by 9:10 without exception.
- The Membership of the CFSC participates as the host and sponsor of the SUN-PEX show in June of each year. In addition, are the resident hosting club for FLOREX, and many of the smaller local shows held in the Orlando area.
- The CFSC maintains a website: [CentralFloridaStampClub.org](http://CentralFloridaStampClub.org)
- Benefits of membership include, monthly newsletter, access to loaner equipment & catalogs, participation in door prize drawings & quizzes, the right to bid in cried/silent auctions — and much more.

Central Florida Stamp Club



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#### CFSC Officers (2008/2010)

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| Vice President    | A. Stephen Patrick |
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| Secretary         | Josh Furman        |
| Director-at-Large | Larry Stiles       |
| Director-at-Large | Tom Hart           |
| Director-at-Large | Al Nagy            |

March 2009



**What interests you?**



Program Schedule (Mar/Apr/May)

March meetings — 03/05 Peter W. will enlighten us on Bi-sected Stamps, 03/19 Youth Night.

April Meetings — 04/02 Steve P. will present “Celebrating Lincoln”, 04/16 Francis F. will talk about “Ona, Florida”

May Meetings — 05/07 will be a \$2 minimum cried auction. The second meeting on 05/21 currently has nothing scheduled. Any volunteers?

The Board meeting for 2009 are: April 30, July 30, & October 29. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

February Meeting recaps

The first meeting was preceded by a small gathering for dinner. The full meeting room was treated to a nice presentation by Peter W. Oddly enough the auction was a little on the light side, with only 15 lots selling from the three tables filled with material. Before the second meeting those hungry folks, once again met for conversation and food. It is nice to see Jean L. & Stephen S, showing up on a regular basis. The meeting was active with a cried auction of 54 lots, of which 45 found a new home — that is an 83% sales rate! Thanks to A. Stephen P. for performing, and Jim A. for his leg work. The quiz was delayed until the first night of March — there will be two quizzes in March.

Dinner Plans

Come join the group for dinner at Viet Garden at 6pm before each meeting. Bring your appetite – and your wallet. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

Birthday cake!

March 19 we will acknowledge all those with birth-days in the first three months of 2009.

Central Florida Stamp Show – Spring

The next local show will be held in the Oak Room at the Mark Street Senior Center. This ONE day show will be held on April 11 and is configured for 9 dealer tables. At this time the show is sold out.

APS Shows 2009

Aug. 6–9 APS Stamp Show, Pittsburgh, PA

Youth Night

March 19th will be the next night devoted to youth. Randal will be handling the meeting along with all activities. Please give him a helping hand if asked.

SUNPEX 2009

Contracts have been coming in, and at this point we have 8 or 9 with deposits. We are looking for a maximum of 18 dealers. Keep in mind that there will be 20 frames of exhibit material to be filled. You have plenty of time to prepare your special material for an exhibit.

Dues?

If you have not paid your 2009 membership dues — you are very late. See Jim A. immediately.

Cover Story

This months cover story has been provided by Josh F. for your amusement. The answer as to what it actually is — will follow next month. — or ask Josh early if you can not wait.

Event Calendar 2009

|                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| CFSS-Spring          | April 11      |
| Central Florida Fair | April 16-26   |
| SUNPEX 2009          | June 20-21    |
| CFSS-Fall            | Sept 26-27    |
| FLOREX 2009          | Dec 4, 5, & 6 |

For more info: [www.FloridaStampShows.com](http://www.FloridaStampShows.com)

Monthly Fun with Stamps Quizzes

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|-------------|-------------------------|
| • March     | Order This — SoS        |
| • April     | Steam Boats             |
| • May       | Blue Order              |
| • June      | Great Looking Buildings |
| • July      | Distinguished Soldiers  |
| • August    | Americana Top Five      |
| • September | Matching High Four TME  |
| • October   | Hocus-Pocus VII         |
| • November  | Toppers                 |

Quotable

*"Even a paranoid has some real enemies."*

The unflappable and brilliant political animal, Henry A. Kissinger [1923 - ]

The Fifth U.S. Navy Ship named USS FLORIDA

by Phil F.

The fifth USS FLORIDA (BB-30) was a Battleship launched in 1910 and commissioned on September 15, 1911. She was 521 feet long and weighed 21, 285 tons. FLORIDA's early years were spent in training exercises and cruises, mainly around the Eastern U.S. Seaboard and the Caribbean Sea. In 1914, problems escalated between the United States and Mexico and the FLORIDA was one of the ships sent to take part in the occupation of Vera Cruz. After the United States entered into World War I in 1917, the FLORIDA was one of the Battleships sent to serve with the British Home Fleet. She performed convoy duty around the British Isles until the end of the war.

On November 18, 1918, FLORIDA was one of the Home Fleet ships that took part in escorting the surrendering German High Seas Fleet. Of interest to philatelists, FLORIDA took part in the Pilgrim Tercentenary Celebration in August 1920. In 1930, the London Naval Treaty dictated the reduction of Naval Forces in five major countries including the United States. As a result the USS FLORIDA (BB-30) was scrapped after being decommissioned in February 1931. Figure (1) is a post card view of the USS FLORIDA. Figure (2) shows a Flag Cancel from the FLORIDA. Note that the cover is addressed to W. G. Crosby, creator of the Crosby Cachets with small photos on First Day and Naval Covers,

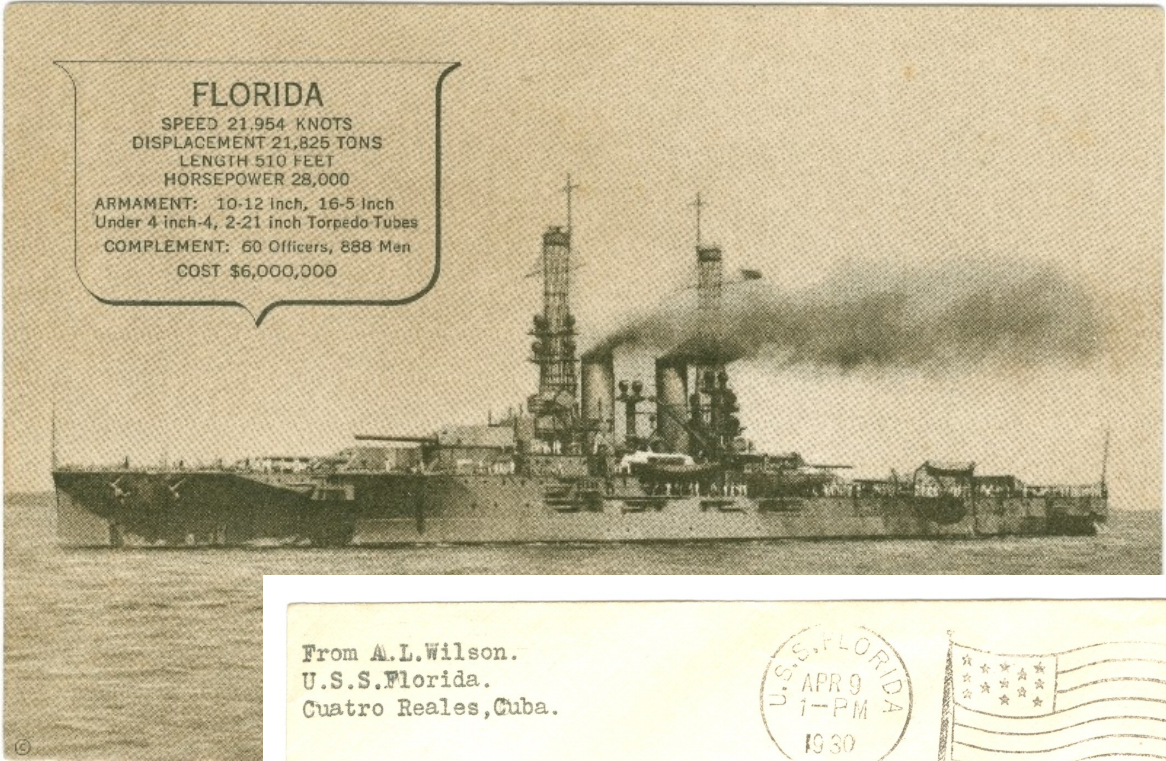


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Figure 2

