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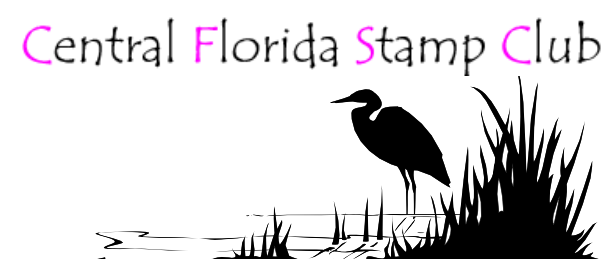
SUNPEX 2009



What interests you?

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 SUNPEX 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
- 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.



NOTE: Opinions expressed in this newsletter are solely those of the authors placing articles, and are not reflective of the CFSC or any members.

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The on going saga and adventures of

"Phil the Postage Stamp"

Chapter 5

We are all spread out on a table and arranged and then re-arranged until we are all placed on pages. At this time I am not sure just what the reason for all of the attention to each one of us.

We all try to see just what is going on, one of my friends tells us that each page has stamps and envelopes on them. After checking us out again, each page is placed into a see through sleeve.

As the pages with stamps on them are gathered together we are set aside from the rest. It seems that the page I am on along with some other pages is to be used for something special. I say this because of the extra time that is spent, checking over each page. Over the next few days, our group of pages has spent a lot of time spread out on the floor, (I don't know why!)

One day we are all collected up and put into a book. Next it appears the book is placed into a box. All goes dark. I am on the road again. (sorry). After a long time someone has opened the box, and removed the book. It is nice to see light and not feel closed in. The pages in the book are removed and we are placed on a display board. We are spread out just like we were on the floor. Talking to my friends I find that we are on 16 pages. When we take stock of our location, I am on page three.

As I look around to see where I am, it is a shock, because most of the time my view is straight up, with very little side views. This time my view is such that I can see everything!! Let me tell you what I see. To my right and to my left as far as I can see are display boards with pages of stamps and envelopes of all different kinds. Now in front of me is a break in the rows of display boards. This gives me a view of where we are. We are located on one side of a very large room. In addition to the rows of display boards on one side, on the other it appears to be small groups of people gathered together. Just what they are doing is not clear.

Looking at one group that is very near the display board I can see what is so interesting.. What I can make out looks to be a large group of books and small boxes. And what do they contain, of all things STAMPS!

What kind of a place is this? In my travels, I have found myself on an envelope, loose in a box with

many others, placed on a page and placed into a book.

This time it seems that this place has put together many people who have brought their stamps to buy, sell or trade, with others.

Just then a group of people are walking down the row. They stop in front of me and my friends. They are talking about what they see. One says to the others 'This is the best exhibit I have seen.'. The others agree. After some other comments they move on.

Later another group that is different than the others, they have a book in their hand and they are busy righting in their books. This group spends time in front of each display.

The next day after the group with the notebooks was there some other activity. Down the row I can see a person that is stopping ever so often. As best as I can tell he is attaching something to the display. When he reaches our location, he pulls something from the box he is carrying. Then moving to the corner of the display he is holding a large fancy ribbon with some extra things on it, he attaches the ribbon to our display case. Soon others are coming over to admire our display, boy do I feel proud to be a part of the most interesting display.

We have been on display a few days. Late one day the activity changes, we are removed from the display board and placed back into our book and then back into the box. It has gone dark again.

What will my next adventure be????

The editorial staff thanks Randall for this edition of "Phil the Postage Stamp" and we look forward to the next installment of the on going saga and adventures of Phil.



SUNPEX 2009

SUNPEX 2009, our club stamp show, was a great success. Except for an AC glitch, it went off without a hitch. First, attendance was up about 20% both show days; most of the time dealers had two to ten buying customers; and our members who signed up showed up to man our tables. There was great interest in the exhibits by those who took the time to vote on the peoples choice of exhibits. The judges, chosen from the dealers, did a careful and thoughtful job. Blue ribbons were awarded to Al Nagy, Josh Furman, and Francis Ferguson. Red ribbons were awarded to Wade Beery, Jean Lee, Phil Fettig, Steve Patrick, Francis Ferguson, and Jim Edmunds. Yellow ribbons were awarded to Miranda & Ariana Lepich, Jim Archbold, and Steve Patrick. The five trophies for the show will be awarded at the first club meeting in July. The show was a success for the dealers, the customers, the exhibitors, and for our stamp club. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Update on the missing Editor

As most of you know the surgery was done on June 15th. Everything went well, with no unexpected surprises. After 4 nights in the hospital I was released to recover at home with 14 staples holding me together. Mostly I sleep, eat, watch TV, and read -- anything more physical is not in the cards at the moment. Recovery will be slow. I hope to return to the monthly meetings at the end of July. Until then thank you to all who sent get well wishes and visited. It was appreciated!

Program Schedule (July/August/September)

July meetings — 07/02 will be "Trans Atlantic Mail" by Jim Pullin. The second meeting on 07/16 is currently unscheduled.

August meetings — 08/06 is currently unscheduled. The second meeting on 08/20 will be a Club 5\$ auction.

September meetings — 09/03 is Youth Night 2009, Part II. Second meeting will find A. Steve Patrick talking about "Constitution Day"

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

June Meeting Recap

We had a nice gathering of 11 people for the pre-meeting dinner — conversation was fast and furious and you had to pay attention or the topic changed! The meeting was nicely attended with 26 people signed in including a couple of youth members. The auction which featured 59 lots sold better than 85% with a total just short of \$340. Nice job, Steve Patrick and Jim Archbold for doing the heavy lifting.

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.

Writers

If you have a writing itch you need to scratch, please do. Everyone is encouraged to write something stamp related. It could be a short piece on how you first became involved in collecting to a review of a stamp related book, or even a show you attended. You can think of something to write about!

APS Shows 2009

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

FLOREX 2009

Dec 4-6 Orlando Exhibition Grounds
All 50 dealer spaces are sold out
All exhibit frames are assigned.

CFSC Event Calendar 2009

CFSS-Fall Sept 26-27
FLOREX 2009 Dec 4, 5, & 6

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

Monthly Fun with Stamps Quizzes

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| • July | none |
| • August | Americana Top Five |
| • September | Matching High Four TME |
| • October | Hocus-Pocus VII |
| • November | Toppers |

Quotable

"To have a great idea, have a lot of them."

The Wizard of Menlo Park, Thomas Edison [1847—1931]