



The Cover Story



Figure 1

Okmulgee Oklahoma
Trade Script Stamps

Figure 2



Program Schedule (June/July/August)

June meetings — The first meeting on 06/07 will have Newt Kulp presenting “Fire in Philately”. The second meeting on 06/21 will have Phillip Fettig presenting “Dealing with Dealers”.

July meetings — The first meeting on 07/05 will have Francis Ferguson presenting the beginnings of his effort to make sense out of the British Machins. The second meeting on 07/19 has been scheduled for the \$5 Cried Super Auction.

August meetings — The first meeting on 08/02 will have Randall Priest presenting “Stamps issued in Florida”. The second meeting on 08/16 will have Francis Ferguson presenting “How to use the Club Microscopic, Part II” — remind him to take the cap off this time!

The last Board meeting for 2012 is August 30.

May meeting recap

The first meeting of the month started off with dinner for 11. The meeting had 35 folks signed in, with a couple of new members joining. The presentation by Robert Fisher on exhibiting was an education for many. The auction sold 27 lots for a total of \$262.50. For the first time in the 10 years of doing monthly quizzes, we had two perfect scores in one night! Randall Priest was the first place winner followed by Anne Dowrick. Good job folks! :)

The second meeting night reported in with 8 attending dinner. Twenty-seven folks signed in for the meeting, with ASP presenting on Post Office Souvenirs. The auction sold 9 lots for a total of \$71.50.

Event Calendar 2012

SUNPEX 2012 June 16-17
CFSS-Fall September 15-16
FLOREX 2012 November 30, December 1-2
For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

Dinner Plans

Come join the group for dinner at Viet Garden at 5:00pm before each meeting. Bring your appetite – and your wallet. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

New Members X3

Jerry Eller returns after a 6 year hiatus; Jerry calls Altamonte Springs home and collects Hawaii & Canal Zone. Woody Witt who lives in Fairfax VA and will be visiting during the warmer months. His interests are in autographs and space/air related material. Our third new member is John Latter from Orlando, who is a dealer in British material. Welcome all!

SUNPEX 2012

The show is almost here. The Bahia Shrine Center will be the site of the 15 dealer show. You may find the dealer list at www.FloridaStampShows.com. Please sign up for shifts at the greeting table. This is our CLUB show and very important to our financial success. We need to fill 20 frames of exhibits, please contact Robert Fisher ASAP!

FLOREX 2012

The show is still many months away — and we have already received paperwork and deposits on 40 frames out of the 180 available. In addition as 05.30.12 the dealer booth space is sold out. The theme for 2012 is the 100th Anniversary of the Titanic. There are plans to have a show cancel, cachet and Zazzle stamp at this point in time.

Monthly Quizzes

- Jun Great Americans from 32 to 78
- Jul Post Patriots
- Aug Scientists: American
- Sep “Shelled”
- Oct Hocus Pocus X
- Nov Greetings

All quizzes will be the second meeting of the month unless there is a conflict.

Can You Write?

The newsletter is always in need of articles — short or long it makes no difference. If you have a talent for writing — please do so. What interests you, may just be festinating to another member. The Editor is always on the look out for new talent. It would be tragic to print a newsletter with blank pages!

Quotable

“If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.”
Insightful American — Mark Twain [1835-1910]

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Okmulgee Oklahoma Trade Script Stamps

by Phil Fettig

In the early 1800's, a group of Native Americans settled into a portion of what is now the State of Oklahoma. These people, the Muscogee, or Creek Tribe eventually were joined by a U.S. Army contingent and the town of Okmulgee, Oklahoma came into existence. By 1930, thanks to the hunt for oil, the population had reached a high of 56,000 but was already starting a slide down from "Boom to Bust". The search for oil was starting to wind down and the Great Depression had the country in its grips. During this period many ideas were attempted to stimulate economic growth. One such idea resulted in the creation of Okmulgee Oklahoma Trade Script, the subject of this article.

This script was intended to build trade with the storekeepers within the city. When a purchase was made, the customer was given a stamp, shown in **figure (1)** to place on the back of a piece of paper script, provided by the city. The stamp would be marked with the date and name or place of the purchase. The front and back designs of the script are shown in **figure (2)**. When 35 stamps were placed on the script, the Okmulgee City Commissioner of Finance would redeem the item for \$1 in cash. The script was then pin cancelled with the word "PAID" and the date.

In 2000, the city had a population of 39,000 and remains as the Capital of the Creek Tribe.

Working on your stamp collection during stressful times?

by Phil Fettig

I know a lot of us have probably escaped into our collections during times we needed to keep our minds off of various problems. We also know that President Franklin D. Roosevelt was a major collector. I recently finished an excellent account of the Pacific War during 1941-2. The author of "Pacific Crucible" is a noted Naval Historian, Ian E. Toll. Mr. Toll has provided an insight to details I have not been aware of before now. On Sunday afternoon, December 7, 1941, President Roosevelt was in his Oval Study (above the Oval Office), working on his stamp collection and having a friendly discussion with his friend and advisor, Henry Hopkins. His philatelic interlude was dashed upon being notified of the Japanese attack on

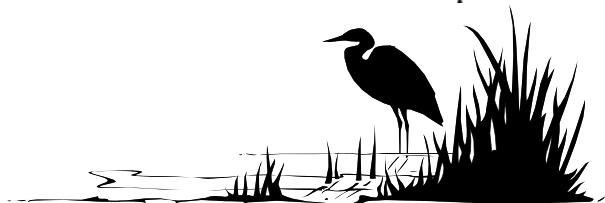


Pearl Harbor. On Monday he appeared before a Joint Session of Congress and war was declared. On Tuesday evening, Roosevelt made a radio address to the nation advising the American Public of the hard road ahead for the Nation. Within an hour after delivering the speech an aide went to discuss a situation with the President and found him back in the Oval Study, serenely tinkering with his stamps. The author feels that the President was "clearing his mind" in order to get a good night's sleep and start the next day fresh. And we think we have problems!

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 \$18 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.
- The meeting 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 12 years and provides a pleasant meeting room with easy access and plenty of free parking.
- The informal part of the meeting runs from 6:30-7:00. The business side of things from 7:00-7:20. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 7:25 until 8:00. Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions from 8:00 to 8:25. We must be out of the building by 8:30 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, we 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.

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