

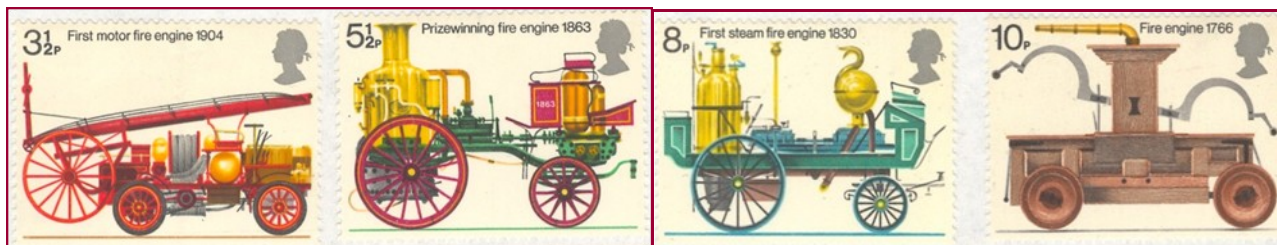


## The Cover Story

# Fire Service on Philately



Chile 1047 and 1048 – issued 1/30/1993; 1902 Waterous fire steamer 'La Clarita' and 1872 Merryweather fire steamer 'Auturo Prat'.



Great Britain 716 to 719 – issued 7/13/1965; 1904 Merryweather 'Hatfield' 250 gpm pump (one of the first fully motorized trucks that combined hose and ladder on same unit), 1863 Merryweather steam engine 'Sutherland', 1830 Braithwaite and Ericsson steam engine 'The Novelty' and 1766 Phillips manual pump 'Denham'.

## Program Schedule (Aug/Sept/Oct)

**August meetings** — The first meeting on 08/02 will have Francis Ferguson presenting the beginnings of his effort to make sense out of the British Machins. 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!

**September meetings** — The first meeting on 09/06 will have A. Stephen Patrick presenting on “Philatelic Travels”. The second meeting on 09/20 will have Jim Pullin taking about “Pioneer Steamers”.

**October meetings** — The first meeting on 10/04 will be the second Youth Night for 2012 — Randall Priest and cohorts will handle the night. The second meeting on 10/18 will be a Cried Auction night. Bring your items to sell — limit three per person and your wallet!

**The last BoD meeting of 2012 is scheduled for August 30 — board members please be present and accounted for.**

## July meeting recap

The first meeting of the month started off with dinner for 7. The meeting had 32 folks signed in — This number is surprising for the day after July 4th! Randall Priest did a great job with First Days in Florida — who would have thought so much happened in our State! The silent auction sold 19 lots totaling \$125.25 (Thank you D. M. A.!).

The second meeting began with a massive crowd of 15 folks for the pre-meeting dinner. The meeting had 32 members signed in — and a couple of visitors who came, sold and left! The auction cried by Stephen Patrick sold 26 out of the 44 submitted lots for a total of \$425. Nice job auction crew! Bill Johnston won the difficult quiz with 20 points (a near perfect score) — blowing away the nearest competitor by 9 points! Dave Zambon won the club history trivia contest and was awarded a \$10 door prize certificate.

## Event Calendar 2012

CFSS-Fall                      September 15-16  
FLOREX 2012                November 30, December 1-2  
For more info: [www.FloridaStampShows.com](http://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.

## Holiday Party 2012

We are considering moving the annual Holiday Party to the first meeting of December (12.06.12) and cancelling the second meeting of December (12.20.12) because of the closeness to the holiday. If you have any comments about this proposal please communicate them to a Board Member before the end of August.

## Marks Street Center 2012-2013 Use

We received word that the annual contract for the period of October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013 has no changes as to our cost or use of the facility. This is extraordinary news in the era of tight budgets in county government.

## FSDA Orlando Fall Show

We will have the reception table signup sheet out in August for those that want to participate. The show is scheduled at the Bahia Shrine Center on the weekend of September 15-16. There will be 14-16 dealers present at the show. Place the dates on your calendar. This is the last small local show until April of 2013.

## Monthly Quizzes

- 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.

## Quotable

*“Those who wander are not always lost.”*

The Ring writer, J. R. R. Tolkien [1892 — 1973]

## Did You Read This Far — Answer

The answer to the question that was posed in the July newsletter was — the change to the Gregorian Calendar caused the confusion in the year of birth for Ben Franklin. Dates adjusted by 1 year and 11 days. His dates of birth and death are recorded as; **Benjamin Franklin** January 17, 1706 [O.S. January 6, 1705] — April 17, 1790. The initials O.S. representing “Old Style” (or the Julian Calendar) before the conversion. The change over happened, in the British Empire and the U.S. in 1752. Robert Fisher was the winner out of the five who played — Enjoy your \$10 Gift Certificate. Congratulations!



# What is in a Color?

By the Editor

So many of the finer points in the endeavor called philately — turn on what one would think are minor considerations. Often times those minor considerations mean a huge difference in value. [I do realize these pictures in black/white are almost useless — take a

gander at them on the website in full color.] At the left the first two columns are the very common booklet pane of 634d (carmine) which has a never hinged price of \$2.50. The column to the right is showing only one half of the booklet of 634e (carmine lake) which has a never hinged price of \$1,000.

Can you tell the difference? After years of being shunned from having a catalog listing, in recent years the uncommon color varieties are now gaining acceptance — often with eye-popping prices assigned.

This stamp, as most any that is considered a color error, should only be purchased with a solid certificate to back it up.

Another of my favorite color varieties is the 30 cent Prexy error. The common deep ultramarine stamp #830 has a catalog value of \$4.00. Now things get interesting — 830a (blue) is valued at \$15 and 830b (deep blue) is valued at \$240! The

deep blue variety can be found in the middle of the bottom row laying on top of the block of 6 of the common deep ultramarine variety. It is very distinctive — when you know what to look for.

You may ask — Why collect color varieties? I am extremely fond of US Classic material and have achieved a level of completeness that involves only adding one or two items a year, as the cost of acquisition is so high. Color varieties allow me to continue to collect, add to my holdings and maintain a level of interest that I still find addictive.

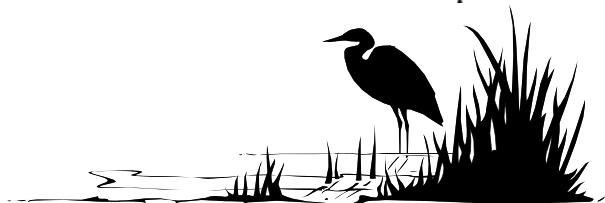
If you have not been there — you will some day!



**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](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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