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Program Schedule (Mar/April/May)

March meetings — The first meeting on 03/07 will have David Zambon presenting on "Machin Security". The second gathering of the month on 03/21 is scheduled with a cried auction.

April meetings — The first meeting on 04/04 will have A. Stephen Patrick presenting on Cinderellas. The second meeting on 04/18 is A "Round Robin Exchange of What We Collect".

May meetings — The first meeting on 05/02 will have Jim Pullin presenting "Exhibiting by the Judge". The second meeting on 05/16 will have Randall Priest talking about "Getting Youth Involved in Stamps".

Board meetings for 2013; May 30, August 29 and October 31.

February Meeting Recaps

The first meeting of the month started off with a 10 for dinner — and 44 signed in for the meeting. The team of Dowrick & Dowrick presented a humorous adventure through spousal collecting. The silent auction sold 16 lots for a total of \$126.25.

The second meeting of February was record setting with the most folks we have ever had for dinner — 16! The meeting had an astounding 47 signed in. Josh Furman did his always excellent job of presenting Precancel Collecting. Ann Dowrick won the first quiz of the year. The Silent Auction sold 21 lots for a total of \$141.25. It was an incredible meeting to say the least!

Dinner Plans

Come join the group for dinner at Viet Garden at 5:00pm before each meeting. [Location northwest corner of the intersection of 50 and Shine.] Bring your appetite – and your wallet. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

Monthly Quizzes

• Mar Louisiana Purchase Matching

• Apr Antique Automobiles

• May Sports

Quizzes normally are the 2nd meeting of the month.

CFSC Membership Rosters for 2013

The new 2013 membership rosters will be available at the first meeting of March. If you would like to have one mailed to you, please contact the Josh Furman or Francis Ferguson. There is also a PDF version available. A big "thank you" to Ann Dowrick for doing the preparation work on this yearly project.

New Members X1

Welcome Orlando resident John T. Bailey who collects used Canada to the club. We look forward to seeing more of you!

CFCS—Spring One Day Show

The Spring One Day Show at the Marks Street Center will be held Saturday April 13 — Mark your calendars and be there — or be missed! The sign up sheet for the greeting table will be available at the first meeting of March.

Service Award for 2012

The membership of the CFSC voted at the annual meeting at the second meeting of January — Roy Anderson who has been a long time member (March 1985) has been presented with a plaque for his consistent support of the club's mission. Congratulations to Roy for this well deserved recognition!

Club Shirts — Did you order one?

For those folks that ordered shirts — they will be available at the second meeting of March. There will be a couple of extra of the more popular sizes in the event someone neglected to order......

Wow — Something is a Happening?

The club attendance numbers for the first two months of 2013 have been amazing. In order from the first meeting in January; 35, 33, 44 & 47! These kind of numbers are breath-taking. In my thirteen years of association with the club, I have never been witness to meetings this well attended. Is it something in the water? Are we seeing a significant and active membership for the long term? We shall be watching closely as the year 2013 continues....... The milestone of 100 folks on the active roster is attainable in 2013!

Event Calendar 2013

CFSC-Spring 2013 April 13 SUNPEX 2013 June 15-16 FSDA-Fall 2013 September 21-22 FLOREX 2013 December 6, 7 & 8 For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

Quotable

"Fear less; hope more. Eat less; chew more. Talk less; say more. Hate less; love more."

Swedish toast with much more meaning than 'skoal.'

HOW I GOT INVOLVED By Sarah Priest

I married a stamp collector. I first agreed to go to one meeting a month. Then it got to be every meeting. I got there and did nothing. One meeting they needed a greeter, I was sure I would do something wrong, but it worked out fine. I love to greet people and talk to them. So now they want to know about the club. Then I began to get information about the club to share with the visitors. The chance to greet people became my incentive to go to the meetings.

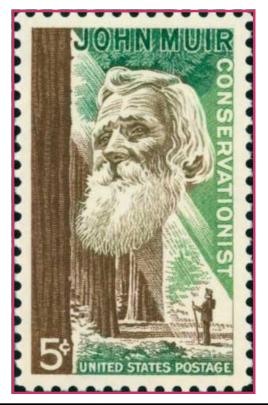
The next activity that I was involved in was the annual Fair. Randall and I manned the stamp booth and handed out stamp packets to all youth we could see. The kids at the fair were unbelievable — how a pack of stamps made a kid happy, parents too!

As some youth started coming to the meetings, Randall began to hold classes to teach them about stamps. I also went with Randall to the Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and also some Schools, to promote stamp collecting. I went along for fun, but the more I went and listened the more I learned. Still — I don't collect stamps!!!

Stamp shows were a new experience for me. I started to meet Dealers, a new part of stamp collecting. The shows are to help promote stamp collecting for all ages and also for the club. I watched the youth peek their interest in stamps from around the world. At the club Youth Night programs it is a thrill to see what excitement there is, when youth find stamps and find out that stamps can be fun. Watching their faces light up when they receive gifts. I am the Youth Coordinator Asst. -- What a title.

In the last few years there have been some new jobs. Cake for the birthdays, I have asked others to help me and they have gotten involved, what fun. At the Christmas pot lock, helping put them together with other folks to help is always a pleasure. We make a great team!

At this point what do I enjoy? Working with youth of all ages! Going to the great Stamp shows. Greeting visitors, and telling them about the club. Answering questions if I can. If I can't I will find the answer. But—I still don't collect stamps. I married one. You can always get involved one way or the other.



Contest time!

In 1964 nine of the stamps issued showed a person or persons in the design — there is something very unique about one of the stamps in particular. The stamp in question has even been provided for your inspection. The question to be answered is — What makes this stamp unique in the annals of the stamp world?

Please submit your answers in writing to the Editor by 8:15pm on March 7. Those that are unable to attend the meeting may play via e-mail.

The winner will receive a \$10.00 Certificate good for use in any of the clubs auctions.

Thanks to Josh Furman for submitting this for use.

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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