



June 2014











The Cover Story

The American Legion & Aviation

Development in the 1920s – 1930s Part III of III

Figure 5





Figure 7

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Program Schedule (June/July/August)

June — The first meeting on 06/05 will be the popular Member's Show and Tell (5 minutes each). The second meeting on 06/19 will have Stephen Patrick presenting on "Brussels's World Fair on Stamps".

July — The first meeting on 07/03 will be the 3rd Quarter Cried Auction. The second meeting on 07/17 will be the Youth Night Summer 2014 — directed by Randall Priest.

August — The first meeting on 08/07 will have Mel Borofsky presenting on "Antarctica Stamps". The second meeting on 08/21 will be a bonus Cried Auction night.

Board meeting for 2014; July 31 & October 30.

May Meeting Recaps

The first meeting of the May started off with 10 for dinner and 37 signed into the meeting. Randall Priest did a great job of presenting "Joint Issues"....all jokes aside! The silent auction sold 27 lots for a total of \$228.30.

The second meeting started off with a very full slate of 15 folks for dinner (we tied our previous record — again). The meeting had 33 signed in with the return of Dan McInroe (and wife) who we have not seen in many meeting. Welcome back! Stephen Patrick presented on gorgeous engravings he collects — thank you for reminding those of us who collect Classic stamps why we do it. The auction sold 26 lots for a total of \$253.55.

Dinner Plans

Come join the group for dinner at Viet Garden at 5:00pm before each meeting. Located on the NW corner of Shine Ave & 50 at 1237 E. Colonial Dr. There is plenty of parking on the north side, behind the restaurant. Bring your appetite – and your wallet. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

Event Calendar 2014

SUNPEX 2014 June 14-15 FSDA Fall 2014 September 13-14 FLOREX 2014 December 5-7 For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

New Members X 1

Anna Gruver (junior member) has joined her father Kevin as our newest member. She collects animals on stamps. Welcome!

SUNPEX Exhibits

Mark your calendar for the weekend of June 14-15 for the annual SUNPEX show. There will be 16 dealers present at the show. Robert Fisher is soliciting individuals to submit exhibit frames. Please contact him for more information. Prizes will be given for First, Second, and Third place along with the People's Choice awards. We need to fill 18 frames — use this as a good run-up to doing a one frame exhibit at FLOREX 2014. There are no fees associated with this exhibit. For those working the show, there is a BBQ at the Editor's home on Saturday.

Club Polo Shirts

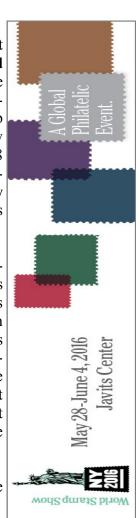
For those club members who do not have a lovely blue club shirt — we have them for purchase at \$20 each. See a member of the BoD to buy one or two!

NYC 2016 Show

It is still several years away, but hang on to your hats as **World Stamp Show-NY 2016** will be here before you know it! The exhibition takes place at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York City from Saturday, May 28 to Saturday, June 4, 2016. Dealers, exhibits, seminars, first day ceremonies, world-class auctions and much more await you!

For those that have never attended a major international show this is a opportunity that only comes around once every ten years in the U.S. This eight day event is expected to attract 250,000 people from every where in the world. This is truly a melting pot of philately in the worlds greatest city. It is an experience for one and all.

For more information go to the website at www.NY2016.org



President's Message

Robert Dowrick

Stamp Clubs, The Good, Bad, and Better

Stamp collecting is, for the most part, a solitary hobby. Most people work on their stamp collections in the privacy of their home and rarely venture out for their hobby now that we have places like EBay and BidStart. Not all cities have stamp clubs and even the ones that do — don't always advertise them.

I belonged to a stamp club in the Denver area in the 1980s. It was my first venture out as a collector other than a few shows. I was very apprehensive at first as I was the newbie amongst many other people. Fortunately, the other members welcomed me warmly and I soon was looking forward to the bi-weekly meetings. I was able to learn a lot from the other members as many were far more experienced in collecting than I was. The club hosted a small show each year at a mall and that is where I found out about the club. That brings me to more recent history, namely how I found CFSC.

I was reading Linn's in late November 2008 and saw that a stamp show, FLOREX, was coming up in early December. I decided to check it out and arrived early afternoon on Sunday. Phil Fettig was manning the registration booth that day and since it was rather quiet for visitors, we spent some time talking. He encouraged me to come and join the stamp club (now you know who to blame). I came to my first meeting in January, 2009. Again I was cautious as I was a stranger in this crowd. It didn't take long for me to see that this was a place I could learn more about stamps and share information with other collectors like myself. I was eager to participate in activities like manning the booth at the Central Florida Fair and helping with registration at our shows. You would be surprised how quickly you can meet new people who become friends.

In general, the same people seem to volunteer to work the shows or help with activities. While it is great to have a core group dedicated to making sure our club runs well, we have to realize that this core is getting on in years. We need to have some of the newer members participate more in doing things like programs, registrations, or helping at FLOREX. People like my wife, Ann, and Sarah Priest, who aren't even collectors, put in many hours helping things run smoothly. Whether it is our youth program, making goodies for our quarterly birthday celebrations, or working at the shows, the club needs members to participate so we can make sure we have a smooth transition over the next few years as the old guard fades into the sunset.

I realize that I have only been a member since 2009. Age wise, I am part of the older guard...still young at heart though. I just want to make sure the club continues to grow and prosper as I think it is a valuable resource to new members that may be just starting out in the hobby. If you see a new face, greet them and make them feel welcome. You never know what great friendships you might make by just saying "Hi!".

Contest Time! by Josh Furman

On June 8, 1959, three thousand letters arrived in Florida. What was the significance of this portion of mail delivered to our state?

There will be a \$10 Door Prize Certificate awarded to the first correct answer delivered to the Editor either by E-mail or in person.



Quotable

"I think we're going to the moon because it's in the nature of the human being to face challenges. It's by the nature of his deep inner soul... we're required to do these things just as salmon swim upstream."

Neil Armstrong [1930 — 2012]



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 15+ years and provides a pleasant meeting room with easy access and plenty of free parking.
- The informal part of the meeting runs from 6:00-6:45. The business side of things from 6:45-7:10. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 7:15 until 7:50. Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions until 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, the right to bid in cried/silent auctions — and much more.

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