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The Cover Story

SUNPEX 2015 in Pictures



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Program Schedule (July/August/September)

July — The first meeting on 07.02 will be “Stump the Club” — bring in a philatelic item for show and tell that is unusual if not outright strange. The second meeting on 07.16 will have Francis Ferguson trying to show that he does know how to use the computer linked microscope the club owns.

August — The first meeting on 08.06 will have Larry Stiles presenting the much anticipated “Yangtze River Patrol — Part II”. The second meeting on 08.20 will be the Summer Cried Auction — bring your material to sell and crack open your wallet to buy stuff.

September — The first meeting on 09.03 will have David M. Allen presenting “Stamp Condition Considerations”. The second meeting on 09.17 will have our resident APS Judge talking about “American Sailing Packet on the North Atlantic.”

BoD meetings for 2015; 07.30, 10.29

June Meeting Recaps

The first meeting of the month began with an even dozen showing up for dinner. The meeting had 39 folks signed in. Phil Fettig did an great job of being eclectic. The silent auction sold 21 lots for a total of \$242.50.

The second meeting of the month started with 12 hungry souls for dinner and 36 signed in for the Summer Cried Auction Night. The auction crier A. Stephen Patrick performed well as usual and sold 35 out of 50 lots for a total of \$539.75. Thanks go out to the two Davids for handling the tallying end of the process, Jim Archbold and Phil Fettig for their assistance.

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 2015

FSDA Orlando Fall Show September 12-13
FLOREX 2015 December 4, 5 & 6
For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

New Member

Leonard McClure from Heathrow who collects U.S. 19th Century, Hungary & Russia has joined the CFSC. Welcome to the club, our roster now stands at 91 — 100 is the goal to aim for!

Musing by the Editor

There have been countless gallons of ink spilled in recent years decrying the lack of commemorative stamps on letters being received in households. The questions comes to mind “What do you do about it?”

I for one have kept up a almost monthly letter exchange with a friend in the frozen north country for nearly 30 years. The pleasure of seeing that letter in the mail box with a nice commemorative stamp on it is a pure delight. My letters to Minnesota where my friend lives, are always franked with current commemorative stamps. If the stamp is received in the frozen north without obvious signs of damage the standing procedure is to clip it off and return it to me in the next letter. My friend in Minnesota is a collector of U.S. material but does not collect modern postage.

He is a closet collector who avoids eBay and local clubs, does not subscribe to any philatelic reading material, and has never attended a show to my knowledge. He does however bid in a couple of auctions to add to his collection as funds allow. His wife is totally indifferent to his hobby and only once in all the years of monthly letters commented on a letter received — the one time I covered a number ten envelope with fifteen all different three cent commemorative stamps to meet the first class rate some years ago. It was an eye-catching envelope!

My small effort to use current commemorative stamps is only a small drop in a large ocean, but it gives me pleasure. I challenge you to do the same!

Quoted

“I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.”

**POTUS #3,
Thomas Jefferson
[1743—1826]**



President's Message

Gardening our Collections by Robert Dowrick

It is summertime and the heat is upon us. Perhaps this means we spend more time indoors in the cool and even work on our collections. It is a good time to go back and look at those stamps we acquired long ago when we were happy to buy quantity with our few dollars instead of quality. I remember being excited when a purchase would arrive in the mail and I would see all of those stamps I could put in my album. I wasn't concerned that many were off center or had heavy cancels. They filled that space in the album!!



My wife was going through an album and removing stamps when she came across one I didn't have. As she was putting that stamp in the album, she noticed another on the page that was defective. She asked how I could possibly have put that in the album and I reminded her that many of those stamps were put there when my budget was very low. She immediately decided to do an overhaul of the collection and remove the "weeds" and replace them with better copies. As she was pruning the album, we realized that this was something we should be doing regularly. [The U.S. Classic WEED at the left has a horrible face covering cancel and is missing a good size piece of the upper right corner. Value? Not much.]



Now would be a good time to look at your collection and make a list of stamps you want to replace. Bring your list to the club meetings or the next show. It will be fun again as you look for those gems, and they don't have to be expensive either. There is just something satisfying when you can put a stamp in your album and fill another space.

Serendipity — Part X by the Editor

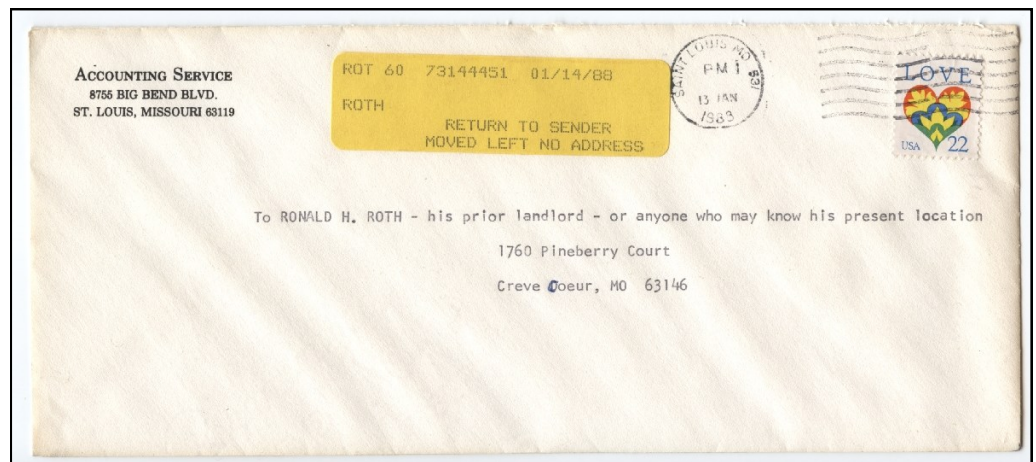
The adventure of digging through postal history can result in more questions than answers at times. Here is one that caught my attention at FLOREX 2014 — first off the way it was addressed was a little off-beat to say the very least, second the Return to Sender label — and then pay dirt was discovered — it had an enclosure! The rather lengthy letter from January of 1988 is too long to reproduce here.

The gist of the letter from the owner of Accounting Services of St. Louis, Mr. Lewis — is to inform Mr. Roth of a rather large IRS refund that is in his name and unclaimed. Mr. Lewis goes on to detail his effort to establish contact via Mr. Roth's last couple of known residential addresses and his previous two employers. It is obvious that Mr. Lewis is going well beyond the call of duty to reunite Mr. Roth with his unclaimed funds.

A brief search of the WWW turned up nothing on Mr. Roth. The town of Creve Coeur, MO has a population of just short of 18,000 according to the 2010 census.

One has to wonder if Mr. Roth ever did get his refund.

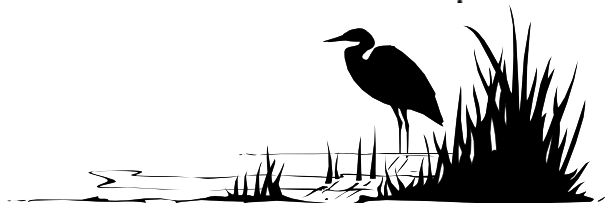
I doubt we will ever know.



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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