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The Cover Story

Networking within the Stamp Club Community



Figure A1

Program Schedule (Sep/Oct/Nov/Dec)

September — The first meeting on 09.05 will have Jim Cooney presenting on “The First One Hundred Years.” The second meeting on 09.19 will have Robert Feldman presenting “Charge to Collect”.

October — The first meeting on 10.03 will have John Cattiller presenting on “Collecting Olympics”. The second meeting will be the fall called auction.

November — The first meeting on 11.07 will have Henry Jehan presenting on “Stamps that Glow — Hidden Masterpieces”. The meeting on 11.21 will have Newton Kulp talking about “Computer Vending Stamps”

December — The first meeting on 12.05 will have Jerry Eller presenting on “Canal Zone Meter Mail”. The second meeting on 12.19 is the ever popular Holiday Gathering pot-luck dinner with the GLUE 2019 Awards being presented.

August Meeting Recaps

The first meeting of August started with 10 for dinner and a nice crowd of 36 signed in for the meeting. The presentation on Edison-1929 went as well as expected—with an unanticipated surprise — detailed on Insert B of this newsletter. The silent auction was a little light with only 12 lots sold for a total of \$161.

The second meeting had 10 folks enjoying dinner and conversation; 47 people signed in for the meeting. Jason Wells handled the AfterGlow session — presenting on how to write an article for the newsletter. The cried auction, featured Josh Furman since A. Stephen Patrick is still some place in North America traveling. The auction sold 38 of 50 lots for a total of \$1,064.50. Thank you to Team David, Jim Archbold, Newt Kulp and Robert Fisher for supporting this event.

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. The record attendance for dinner is 20. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

Shirts are Available

We have lovely shirts for our membership to wear. They come with a pocket and cost \$20. Make sure you contact the Editor before hand as they are kept offsite. Show your pride as a member of the CFSC.

Event Calendar 2019

FSDA Fall 2019

September 14

FLOREX 2019

December 13-14-15

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

After Glow — September

The first meeting of the month will feature a Member's Bourse from 8:15 to 8:55. Dig in your closet for your material that needs to find a new home. The second meeting's AfterGlow session will have Francis Ferguson presenting on “Part I, Two Cent Reds, Washington/Franklin & More”.

September 14th Show One Day Maitland

Show hours are 10-4, in the west end of the Maitland Civic Center, also known as The Venue on the Lake. Come support the club show and the dealers who make this possible. There will be around 15 dealers. The greeting table signup sheet is full.

Third Quarter Birthdays

The club will acknowledge those with birthdays in the third quarter at the second meeting of the month. Scot Cornwall, Mimi Tompkins and Mel Borofsky will provide the goodies to eat and drink. Thank you for helping!

Election News

Josh Furman has accepted the position of Election Supervisor and will be handling the nomination process over the next four months and the actual balloting process January of 2020. If you know of someone who to wants to serve — please nominate them, with their permission. This election cycle will see a number of new opportunities for others to step-up and give back to the club. Please be part of the solution!

As 2020 Approaches.....

It seems like it was just a eye-blink ago that 2019 started. The show dates for 2020 have already been set. The Holiday Gathering on 12.19.19 has Team Patrick coordinating the annual event. Elections for 2020 are moving forward with Josh Furman supervising. Things are happening!

Quoted

“I know of no single formula for success. But over the years I have observed that some attributes of leadership are universal and are often about finding ways of encouraging people to combine their efforts, their talents, their insight, their enthusiasm and their inspirations to work together”



Queen Elizabeth II [1926 —]

President's Message by Francis Ferguson

Networking

The concept of “networking” mostly applies to work related environments. We all have at one time or another been involved in networking in our professional careers. The concept also applies to the hobby of philately.



While the hobby has enjoyed a strong social component for a very long time, the hobby is by its nature one of individualism. Every collector makes a decision as to what degree of “social” they want to partake of. I know from personal experience — the bimonthly meetings of the CFSC are something I look forward to. The depth of interaction with the membership gives me a “high” for lack of a better word. For nearly 20 years, my involvement with the CFSC has been one of total immersion — that has benefited the club and forced me to not be the introvert that my basic nature has always been.

When you look at the membership of the CFSC, there is a whole range of extroverted and introverted personalities. Everyone gets out of the club experience exactly what they want. I am not in any way knocking those that sit quietly for they also add to the environment of a club meeting — they just do it in different ways.

Two recent events showcased the benefits of interacting with others and making your collecting interests known to others. In both cases the outcome was a winner!

In my specific case, if Steven Jones or Stephen L. Strobel had not been in attendance at the first meeting of August and taken the time to look at HipStamps — I doubt that I would have made my find. The simple truth is, while I look at eBay almost daily — I poke around other sites on an irregular schedule — as I remember to do so.

This hobby is one that is enjoyed in solitude — or with others. I prefer including others!

Serendipity — LIII by The Editor

A recent ‘look-see’ on eBay turned up this interesting piece of philatelic history that harkens back to a very different era. Many odd things have been mailed by senders — from concrete blocks to humans. I kid you not. The mission of the postal service in years gone by was much different than it has been in the last 50+ years. It was common practice for the station sorter and even the local post man to go too great lengths to deliver the mail to the intended person. By today’s standards it seems almost ludicrous. This rather ratty looking cover was sent December 24, 1931 with the simple address of Medina Ohio — with a pasted on photo of the intended receiver. This special delivery letter — did not pay the correct postage rate for the period; the correct amount should have been fifteen cents for special delivery plus two cents for the normal postage. Thus this letter was short paid by five cents — which explains the auxiliary marking of “Fee claimed by the office of the first address” notation. The lack of a five cent postage due stamp is curious. I wonder if it was a holiday related mailing.



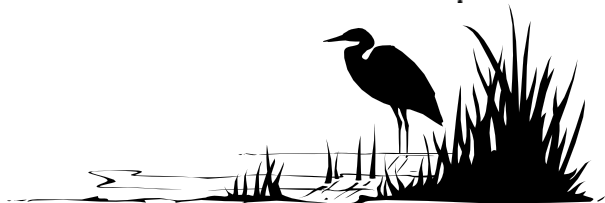
When one considers that someone actually wrote the man’s name in pencil (in different hand) below the photo, one has to wonder if A.B. Randall was located by the postal delivery person. We will never know. A brief web search returned no hits.

This interesting piece of postal history is available on eBay for \$50.

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 \$25 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 nearly 20 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 8:10 Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions. We must be out of the building by 9:00 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, a monthly bourse buy/sell 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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