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The Cover Story

Philatelic Jeopardy Important Firsts on U.S. Stamps



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Program Schedule November and December

**** Pre-meeting session 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm update: Word is the October pre-meeting sessions were a success. Thank you to Stephen Patrick and Newt Kulp for taking the lead on the October pre-meeting sessions! The Pre-meeting sessions for November will take place as scheduled. However, the pre-meeting sessions will NOT take place in December!**

November (1st meeting) Will be a Called auction. Time to clean out those unused stamps and make a little pre-holiday monies.

November (2nd meeting) Newt Kulp will do a presentation on "USPS Postal Firsts" followed by a silent auction.

December (1st meeting) A Club members "Show and Tell" as attendance will be light as many members will be helping with FLOREX setup. **2nd December meeting HOLIDAY PARTY !!**

October Meetings Recap

First October meeting had 28 folks attending and 11 folks gathered for dinner. The door prize was won by Mel Borofsky. A very successful Called auction was conducted. Auction results: 38 out of 54 lots sold; total sales \$1187.00! Well done to all the club members who helped with the auction!

Second October meeting had 26 folks in attendance and 7 who met for dinner. An amazing presentation on Halloween Stamps and Covers with treats was conducted by Tom Lera!!! The door prize was won by John Catiller and a silent auction was conducted. Auction results: 9 lots sold for a total sales of \$92.75.

Event Calendar 2022

Club meeting Holiday Party December 15!!!

FLOREX 2022 December 2-3
Volusia County Fairgrounds—Deland
For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

Newest Members

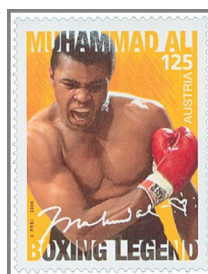
Once again—welcome to CFSC's newest members: Jeff Small; Stan Martin; and Jose Raul Martinez.

Who will be member number 760?

Dinner Plans

There are plans to meet at 4:30pm at the Chuan Lu Garden at 1101 E. Colonial Drive. Located on the north side of Colonial Drive one block west of Mills Ave. There is plenty of parking behind the restaurant. Bring your appetite – and topics for discussion.

Quoted



*"If my mind can conceive it,
if my heart can believe it,
then I can achieve it."*

Muhamad Ali.

So true, when it comes to Philately—my mind can conceive that I will complete that collection; or find that elusive undiscovered gem and my heart certainly believes that I will achieve the finest collection amongst the world elite philatelists, so my name will go down in history.

The Editor's Box



Submit your (two cents or five cents worth) articles and members will enjoy them.
Let the CFSC newsletter reflect you philatelic knowledge and interests.

Submit articles to: Editor@CentralFloridaStampClub.org



One last reminder!

FLOREX 2022 is coming! December 2nd & 3rd.



Volusia County Fair Grounds, Tommy Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave. Deland, FL

Sponsored by the Florida Stamp Dealers Association and staffed by the Central Florida Stamp Club. Talk to Mike Smith or Mike Schumacher about how you can get involved and help out. Plenty of opportunities!

www.FLOREXStampShow.com

President's Message by Mike Schumacher

Anniversaries to Celebrate! Congratulations to this fine group of young men for a whole lot of Philately! The first three (from left to right) John Bailey; Phil Fettig and Josh Furman all recently were awarded their **50 year anniversary membership awards** from the American Philatelic Society! **Congratulations to the three of them—that is quite an honor and accomplishment!**

50 years of stamp collecting for each of them—that leaves one to wonder just how many stamps have they examined and handled in those years? A whole lot of time and enjoyment on a hobby!

And the last person in the picture (of course that would be me) and I have a lot of work to do to catch up to those three, as I only recently received my certificate for my 25th Anniversary APS membership. But still many hours of enjoyment, great memories and friendships. What a delightful hobby!



CFSC members were treated to snacks and a most amazing and interesting presentation on Halloween stamps and covers by Tom Lera. Thank you Tom, for the treats and the presentation!

For those of you like myself that missed the presentation, not to worry as Mike Smith is working on a project to have the presentations preserved on the club website and then it can be viewed at a later time. But you will have to bring your own snacks when you watch it.

How quickly 2022 seems to be flying by, as it is already November. Of course if it is November that means we will be spending time with family and enjoying great food and company for Thanksgiving. May you all have a wonderful and safe holiday.



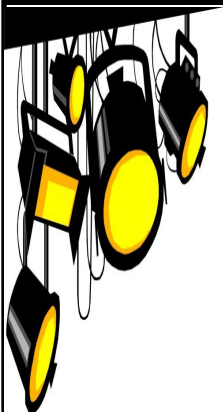
And then we will start out December with the annual **FLOREX Stamp show** to be held this year at the Volusia County Fairgrounds in Deland, FL. Dec. 2nd and 3rd. Dealers and exhibitors are signed up and ready to be a part of the show. Your attendance and lending a helping hand goes a long way to ensuring the show's success. Let Mike Smith or myself, Mike Schumacher know when you are available to help and we will find some fun things for you to do.



Member Spotlight - Richard Cohen & Jim Tinkoff

Richard Cohen has been a CFSC member since August 2014. His philatelic interests include U.S. stamps, revenues and stationary, along with topicals like bicycles. He is a Board member and the club treasurer. He regularly assists with the registration table at the stamp shows. Thank you Richard!

Jim Tinkoff has been a CFSC member since November 2012. His philatelic interests include FDC's with singles and plate blocks, as well as the U.N. and Monaco. Jim assists as back up Treasurer when Rick Cohen is unavailable. Thanks Jim and happy 10th Anniversary with the CFSC!



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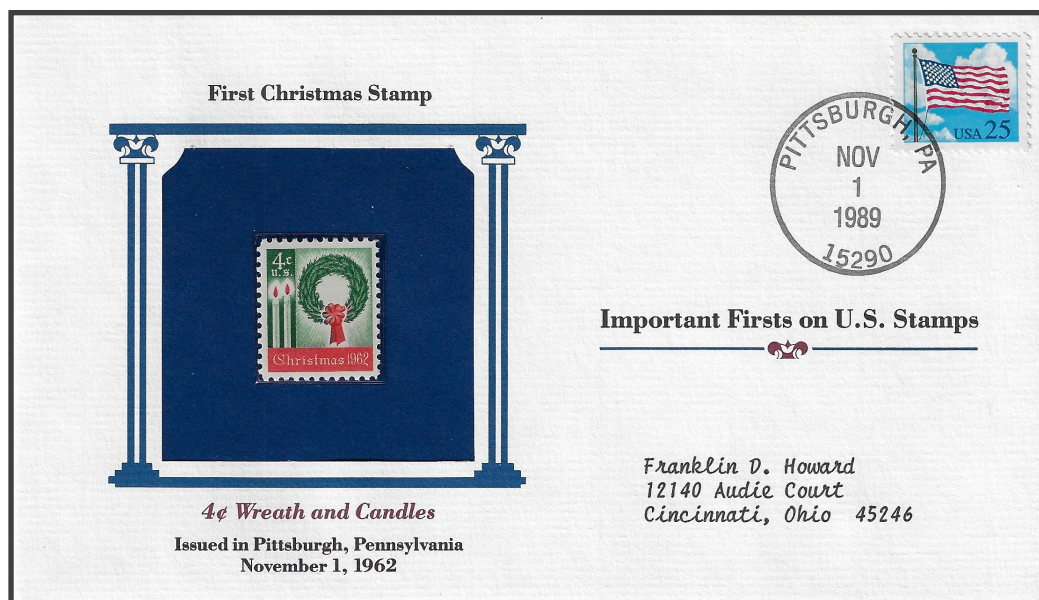
Important Firsts on U.S. Stamps

by Newt Kulp

1. In what year was the first U.S. Christmas stamp issued?
2. What was the subject of the first pre-postmarked stamp (not a perfin or pre-cancel)?
3. In what year was the first gravure printed stamp issued?
4. In what year was the first stamp issued honoring the space age?
5. What was on the four stamps that made up the first issued block of four different designs?
6. In what year was the first self-adhesive stamp issued?
7. What was the subject of the first vertical and horizontal pair of stamps?
8. In what year was the first "Love" stamp issued?
9. What was the subject of the first Olympic stamp?
10. What was significant for the 13 cents Indian Head penny stamp?
11. What was the subject of the first intentionally printed error stamp?
12. What stamp was used on the first stamp on stamp issue?
13. What was the face value of the first fractional denomination stamp?
14. What was the subject of the first panorama on a block of four stamps?
15. The first airmail/regular mail issue with a common design had what as an object?
16. What was the subject of the first stamps to have messages printed on the reverse side?
17. What animal or bird was featured on the first wildlife conservation stamp?
18. In what year was the first "alphabet" stamp issued?
19. What country was the subject of the first foreign country honored on a U.S. stamp?
20. What postal service had a stamp issued in 1955 which was the only stamp issued for that service?
21. What group of stamps were part of the first multi-colored stamps?
22. In what year was the first stamp issued honoring the postal service?
23. What was the face value of the first U.S. flag stamp?
24. What building is on the first commemorative document revenue stamp?
25. What country partnered with the US for the US's first joint issue stamp?
26. What was the subject of the first oversize pair of stamps?
27. What National Park is featured on the first National park stamp?
28. What major event is shown on the first jumbo airmail stamp?
29. What was the subject of the first twin panorama stamps?
30. In what year was the first airmail special delivery stamp issued?
31. What was the face value of the first bulk-mail stamp?
32. What event was the subject of the first stamp without a printed denomination?
33. Which stamp was first to be issued in the Prominent American Series?
34. Which state was the first state honored on a stamp?
35. What plant was featured on the first wildlife stamp?
36. Which President was on the first commemorative (not regular issue) presidential stamp?

Cover Story: Philatelic Jeopardy cont.

The November 17th presentation will consist of 36 slides highlighting firsts for United States stamps as determined by the Postal Commemorative Society. These firsts were highlighted in a series of cachet covers issued in 1989 and 1990. You may or may not agree with which was the first stamp(s) issued in the category. You may want to do some research on your own before the second meeting in November to see if you agree with the Postal Commemorative Society. The 36 firsts are listed on the previous page in the order that they will be presented.



POETIC PHILATELY

By Rick Cohen

How would you react if you learned that the postal rate for letters was going DOWN? Well in 1883, one gentleman, then living in Chicago, wrote a poem to express his thoughts on that very subject.

So how do I know this? I came across the item below while continuing to empty boxes and boxes of my father's philatelic accumulation.

My research juices began to flow! Who was the author? What was he telling us? Is there significance to the date shown? Do I have something of "real" value? Here's what I have learned...

Eugene Field (September 2, 1850 – November 4, 1895) was an American writer, best known for his children's poetry and humorous essays. He was born in St. Louis, MO where his boyhood home is today known as the Field House Museum.

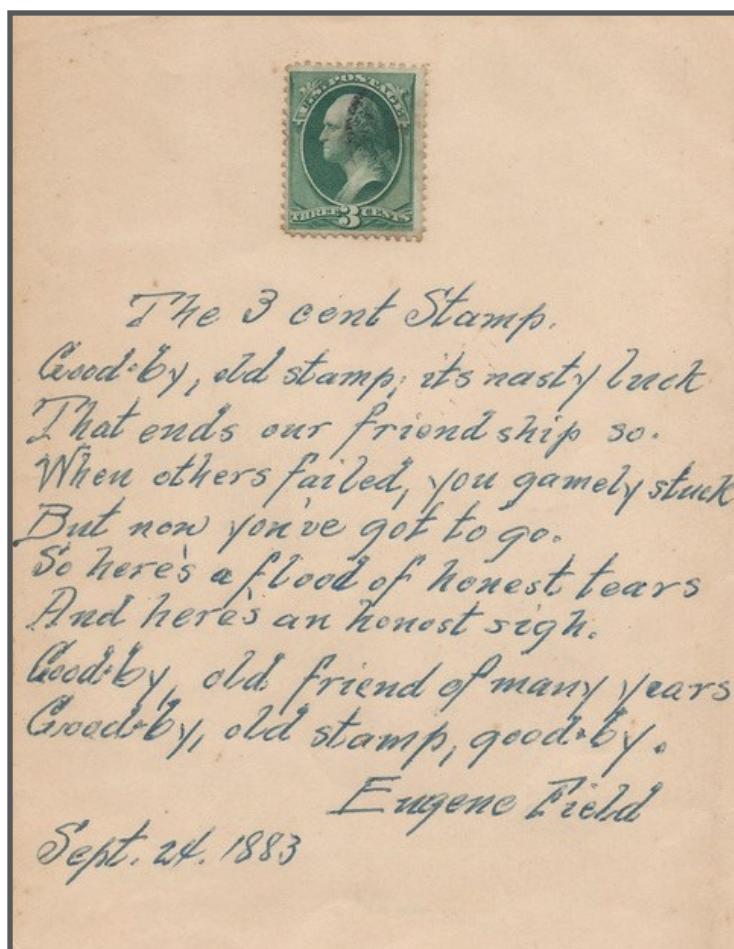
Field's father, attorney Roswell Martin Field, was famous for his representation of Dred Scott, the slave who sued for his freedom. Field filed the complaint in the Dred Scott v Sandford case (sometimes referred to as "the lawsuit that started the Civil War") on behalf of Scott in federal court in St. Louis, whence it progressed to the U.S. Supreme Court. (Wikipedia)

Eugene Field wrote hundreds of works. He may be best known for his poem, Wynken, Blynken and Nod. Several statues stand today in many US cities honoring Field and this poem. Numerous schools throughout the country are named for Eugene Field. Little did I know how famous this man was! So let's get back to my philatelic "treasure." Using a search engine, I found Mr. Field's original poem of 1883, which is actually four paragraphs long. My version is but the first paragraph.

What is with the date? Well, the current rate for a ½ oz. letter was three cents at the time. However, on October 1, 1883, just six days later, the rate fell to two cents for a ½ oz. letter. Mr. Field wanted to say goodbye in a humorous way to the three-cent stamp!

So, is my piece really something he actually "signed?" The words are definitely his. I contacted Stephanie Lake, the curator at the Field House Museum and emailed her a picture of the piece. I asked her to look at the handwriting and compare to anything she has to confirm or dispel if Mr. Field wrote this himself. She replied...unfortunately, not his handwriting!

Another bust, but another interesting research project in which I learned a great deal. Still, a wonderful conversation piece of philately!



Oh The Things You Can Learn Stamp Collecting!

Bicycles on Stamps by Mike Schumacher

Bicycles have appeared on stamps since shortly after they were invented. **Cuba issued the first stamp with a bicycle on it in 1899.** (figure 1) (Interestingly, it contained a misspelling and was reissued three years later with the correct spelling “Inmediata” instead of “Immediata”.) (figure 1a)



Figure 1



Figure 1a

Since that time more than 1500 stamps have depicted all aspects of cycling (i.e. bicycle inventors; postal delivery by bicycle; road and track racing; mountain biking; touring, commuting & the Olympics, etc.).

Baron Karl von Drais of Karlsruhe, Germany the inventor (figure 2) of the

Draisienne (also known as “laufmaschine”, “running machine”) has

appeared on numerous stamps. Likewise, **Pierre Michaux’s velocipede (first mass produced bike with pedals)** has appeared on numerous stamps. (figure 3) Early bicycles like the **Penny-farthing** also known as a “**High Wheeler**” & “**Ordinary**” have also appeared on stamps. (figure 4) **Modern bicycles “Lawson’s bicyclette” (now including chain drive to the rear wheel)** (figures 5-6)



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5 & 6



Figure 2



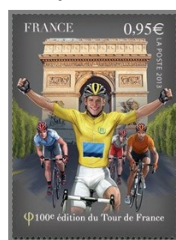
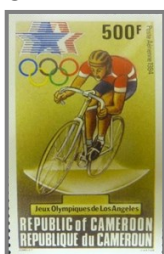
Figure 7

All types of bicycles can be found on many different stamps from numerous countries.

Bicycles have appeared on stamps for many different reasons. One of those reasons is of course - mail delivery. (figure 7) One of the most valuable bicycle stamps is the 1910 Cuban Special Delivery Mail Carrier 10-centavos stamp where the carrier is riding the bike upside down. (not shown)

Other reasons include: the Olympics and Special Olympics - which have been a favorite topic for Bicycle stamps ever since the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki. More than 400 bicycle stamps have been issued relating to the Olympic games.

Bicycle racing events:



Extreme sports



Some countries have issued full sheets showing the history of bicycles. >>>>

What a fun topical area to collect.

An excellent source to learn more about Bicycles on stamps is:
“Bicycle Stamps: Bikes & Cycling on the World’s Postage Stamps”
 by Dan Gindling



The Central Florida Stamp Club is a 75+ 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 more than 25 years and provides a pleasant meeting room with easy access and plenty of free parking.
- The informal part of the meeting is prior to 6:00pm. The business side of things will be brief. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 6:10 until 7:10 Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions. We must be out of the building by 8:00 without exception.
- The Membership of the CFSC participates as the host and sponsor of the one day shows in January/February, April & June. In addition, we are the resident hosting club for FLOREX which is held in the Central Florida area.
- The CFSC maintains a website: CentralFloridaStampClub.org
- Benefits of membership include; bi-monthly newsletter, access to loaner equipment & catalogs, participation in door prize drawings, the right to bid in cried/silent auctions — and much more.
- As of 06.2022

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