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THE COVER STORY, Insert 1 My First Stamp Collection Purchase -- Scott US #5A

Scott 5A
In full glory!



Birthday Cake for 2nd quarter!



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Pre-Meeting Dinner Plans:

Club members are invited to meet for dinner prior to the first meeting of the month at Anh Hong Vietnamese Restaurant (SW corner of 50/Mills at 1124 E Colonial Dr. with parking in the rear). At the second meeting of the month, we meet at the IHOP restaurant at 646 E. Colonial Drive at 4:30pm. Bring your appetite & topics for discussion.

Upcoming Meetings:

August 6: Called Auction.

August 20: Members Show & Tell and
New Stamp Issues.

Recap of July meetings:

The first meeting of July had 32 signed in and 10 for dinner (two locations). Jerry Eller was the greeter. The door prize went to Jerry Eller and the Birthday Door prize of \$30 went to Carolos Guffain with a perfect guess of 66. The presentation by A. Stephen Patrick was educational. The AfterGlow session on US & WW Watermarks by Jerry Eller was well attended. The silent auction sold 19 lots for a total of \$268.50.

The second meeting of July had 14 at dinner (2 locations) and 34 signed in. Jerry Eller was the greeter and the door prize was won by Richard Blanchard. The presentation by Robert Fisher on German Semi-Official Airmails was entertaining and interesting! The silent auction sold 23 lots for a total of \$261.75.

AfterGlow Sessions 2026

08.06	ID of Stamped Envelopes, N. Kulp
09.03	The Strangeness of Special Paper, F. Ferguson
10.01	Die Cuts Explored, J. Small
11.05	TBD
12.03	None

Sessions start around 7:30pm and have to wrap by 7:55pm without fail.

Newest Members

We added one new member in July. Robin Rowand from Deland has joined. He collects US, Canada, Bermuda and UN. Welcome!

FLOREX 2026 December 4-5
www.FLOREXStampShow.com

**** FLOREX Planning meeting is set for 2:30pm September 3rd. Please be present.

Writers are Needed

We are always looking for articles for this newsletter. Help us to make the magic happen every month.

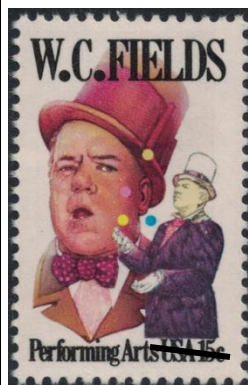
German Philatelic Society Meetings

The GPS Chapter #23 group meets from 2pm until 4:30pm at the second meeting of the month. Come on and join an interesting group.

FSDA Fall One Day Show, Sept 5th

We will have a full house of 12 dealers at the last show to be held at the Maitland Civic Center. Come on out and enjoy a couple of hours of hunting for treasures – you never know what you may find! **www.FloridaStampShows.com**

Quoted



*"I cook with wine, sometimes
I even add it to the food."*

W.C. Fields, American
comedian and master of a
witty one liner. [1880-1946]

President's Message by Francis Ferguson

Unexpected Kindness



What surprise I had recently. Kindness does exist in this world. I was at the pre-meeting dinner of the Central Florida Stamp Club, with 7 others at a small Asian restaurant that seats maybe 35 people – in very close quarters. The food is good to excellent so I put up with the tight quarters.

As we were finishing up our meals some started to look for our checks. Conspicuously the server who had handled us was missing – which was odd. I noticed a guy get up – who was seated very close to our table, maybe in his middle 30s, dressed very casually with somewhat disheveled hair – and out the door he went.

As soon as he was out the door the owner came to our table to inform us that our tab had been paid in total by the person that just left and he had instructed her to tell us after he had left. Everyone was puzzled but very happy to be on the receiving end of a random act of kindness. This was not a cheap gesture as our total bill had to be around \$150 plus the tip. I would not know the guy if I saw him again.

As we discussed what happened and why – those of us nearer to where the man had been seated figured out, he had to have overheard at least part of our conversations that ranged through politics, religion and the current state of the Washington DC swamp environment.

It was pretty obvious that we all knew each other and most of the 8 were wearing the same blue club shirts that clearly show the CFSC logo. We are a diverse group of older men – the common denominator is white hair (or lack thereof) and we all adore little pieces of fragile paper. It was by all means a nice surprise.

Until next month enjoy the summer (in the air conditioning) – be safe and above all else be kind.

Editor's Box

Details! Details! Identifying an unusual stamp can be as absorbing as a good mystery novel. The 5A article is a good example of why a serious collector should strive also to collect relevant resource books and articles. Do you have an interesting undiscovered gem hiding in your collection? It is time to put a few brain cells to work, dig up old memories, or brag about your philatelic endeavors and treasures. Long or short articles gratefully accepted.

The club also needs more members to do presentations. Share your knowledge and research with the rest of us. I promise that we won't throw rotten tomatoes. Contact Steve Patrick to schedule a presentation. Contact me if you need help putting a presentation together.

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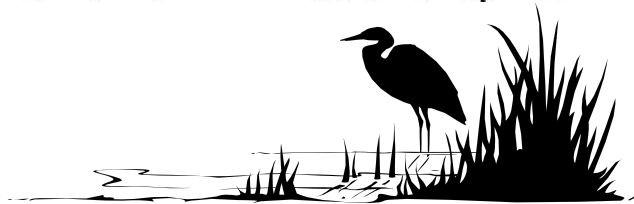
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The Central Florida Stamp Club is a 80+ year old organization governed by a Board of Directors elected by the general membership every two years and dedicated to the enjoyment of the hobby of stamp collecting.

- Membership is a reasonable \$30 per year, \$6 for youth (free the first year).
- 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 30 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 6:15 until 7:10 Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions. We must be out of the building by 8:00 without exception. AfterGlow sessions once a month.
- The Membership of the CFSC participates as the host and/or sponsor of the one day shows in February, April, June & September. 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; monthly newsletter, access to loaner equipment & catalogs, participation in door prize drawings, the right to submit and bid in cried/silent auctions — and much more.
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