



# CENTRAL FLORIDA STAMP CLUB

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## Program Schedule (Jan/Feb/Mar)

January 2007 has the annual club donation auction, and the second the annual business meeting. This is your opportunity for constructive dialog with the Board and other club members.

The first meeting in February will be a presentation on Holocaust Stamps. Second meeting is open at this time.

The first meeting in March is open at this time. The second meeting will be the Club \$2 auction night.

The first board meeting of 2007 is March 29<sup>th</sup>. Board member's please mark your calendars.

## Dues 2007

Your should have received the invoice for your club dues for 2007 -- please see that they are paid before the end of January. Thank you --- to those that have paid them already!

## Event Calendar 2007

CFSS Winter (Lee Rd)	Jan 27-28, 2007
SARAPEX (Sarasota)	Feb 2-4, 2007
Precancel Show (Lee Rd)	Feb 7-10, 2007
Central Florida Fair	April 19-29, 2007
SUNPEX (BSC)	May 12-13, 2007
CFSS Fall (BSC)	Sept 29-30, 2007
FLOREX 2007 (CFF)	Nov 30, Dec 1,2 2007

For more info: [www.FloridaStampShows.com](http://www.FloridaStampShows.com)

## CFSS, January 2007

This show will be held January 27 & 28 at the La Quinta Inn on Lee Road. The show is sold out with a total of 17 booth holders. Please mark your calendar to attend and be seen!

## SUNPEX 2007

The show will be held at the Bahia Shrine Center (BSC) located at 2300 Pembroke Drive, Orlando. Contracts have been mailed for the 21 available booths. Show dates are May 12<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Holiday Party --- Thank you!

Many thanks to Mark & Shelly Friedland for hosting this years Holiday party on December 7<sup>th</sup>. A nice crowd of about 30 pretty much filled the house and picked the turkey and the ham clean. A wonderful bell ringing recital by our very own and highly talented, David Allen accompanied by his daughter, was a nice end to a pleasant gathering.

## FLOREX 2006

The show was a smashing success, by all the indicators one can use to gauge a shows performance. Of the 45 dealers present a full 42 of them reported better than average sales, and many reported totals far in excess of their expectations. Attendance numbers, due to a nice boast from the local media (thanks to Al Nagy's work) showed a significant increase over 2005. Of the 45 dealers attending the show, a total of 35 signed contracts for 2007 and placed a deposit on record.

The auction by the professional staff of MRI, sold a very nice 84% of the lots, for a total of nearly \$316,000 (+15% commission).

Many thanks to everyone that was involved to one degree or another in the shows success. Your dedication is what made the difference with it being a **great** show instead of an average or good show.

## Monthly Fun with Stamps Quiz

The on-going series of quizzes continues in 2007 with the following scheduled,

- Feb (1<sup>st</sup> meeting) All Wet
- Mar (1<sup>st</sup> meeting) Purple it be
- Apr (1<sup>st</sup> meeting) Order This (1922/25)
- May (1<sup>st</sup> meeting) Top of the World

## Club Membership Roster 2007

The updated 2007 club membership list for 2007 will be released no later than the first meeting of March. Please bring your dues current to make sure you are included!

*Please update the following address immediately, Francis Ferguson, P.O. Box 1206, Plymouth, FL 32768-1206. The box in Apopka will be closed by the end of March.*

## Editor's Space

As we begin the year of 2007, think about your dedication and involvement in things you like. The single act of giving of your time and effort can make a great deal of difference in how things go. This club functions because of the effort of a very small group of people. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated – tasks great and small are always wanting.

Any appropriate news for this newsletter can be given to Francis Ferguson in person or via email at [fergapk@gmail.com](mailto:fergapk@gmail.com).

## Serendipitous Philately ---

**The Rest of the Story**, by Bruce Mc Pherson  
Stamp collecting has its rewards in different ways for different individuals. Sometimes a serendipitous situation can give added pleasure to ones hobby. My story in the last edition had to do with professor Haber, a German scientist and that story resulted from my acquaintance with another stamp collector.

In 1975 my professional work took me to the college town of Ithaca, New York. My Real Estate Agent was also a stamp collector and invited me to join the local stamp club. The acquaintances that I made included a chemistry professor, which had retired from Cornell University, by the name of Hans Eisner. Dr. Eisner was born and schooled in Germany. Over the years he had built a very nice collection of German stamps. He was

responsible for bringing my attention to Dr. Fritz Haber, the subject of my last story.

After World War 1 Dr. Eisner studied for his doctorate degree under Professor Haber. They had a continuing relationship from 1921 through 1933. With social and economic conditions worsening, Dr. Eisner left Germany for Spain. The 1936 war prompted his relocation to Paris, France for a short period and then he went to Brazil and Uruguay prior to coming to the United States in 1947 to live and raise his family.

During his doctorate studies Dr. Eisner worked with Professor Haber and in 1922 was invited to participate in a secret investigation for the German government. He joined a team headed by Professor Haber with three other scientists. Their study was done at sea on the Hamburg-American Steamship "Hansa". Dr. Eisner allowed me to borrow the original news paper articles outlining their trip so that I could make copies. The newspapers stated the reason for the investigations was for seeking an antidote to salt water corrosion or discovering a new method for the propulsion of ships. Neither reason was true.

The actual purpose of the experiments was to try to develop a feasible method for extracting gold from sea water. This fact was never generally known and was related to me by Dr. Eisner. Obviously the experiments were unsuccessful but they provided work for scientists at a time when Germany's economy was faltering. The scientists were paid 100,000 Marks per month but inflation was rampant and the U.S. equivalent for their monthly income was eight cents.

Dr. Eisner related that Professor Haber was very particular about keeping his scalp closely shaved. During the Hansa trip, only Dr. Eisner was permitted to perform the shaving each morning. Dr. Eisner died in Ithaca, New York in 1983

**(Copies of the newspaper items are available.)**

## Quotable

"Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody's going to know whether you did it or not." *Oprah Winfrey*

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