



CENTRAL FLORIDA STAMP CLUB

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Program Schedule (Jan/Feb/Mar)

Welcome to January of 2008, the first meeting is the annual club auction. The most important meeting of the year is held on the second night, as this is the annual business meeting, when the elections for Board posts will be made for the term 2008-2010.

February the first meeting will have Steve Rajtar presenting "See the USA Through Stamps". The second meeting is currently with no topic.

March meeting nights have not been nailed down yet.

December Meeting recaps

The Holiday Party was well attended with a nice crowd of 27 that included many spouses. The turkey and ham pretty much ended up as scrapes, along with most of the side provided by the members. It was a pleasant evening with food, friends and stamps. What more could you ask for? (maybe a set of plate blocks of Zepps!)

The second meeting in December had the second part of the always entertaining Larry S., presenting the rest of the Yangtze Patrol story and a rare appearance from Mike R. --- who talked about some of his professional experiences.

Dinner Plans

It is pretty much a standing order at this point in time --- some of us eat dinner at Viet Garden at 6pm before each meeting. (Located on the NW corner of Shine and Colonial, one block east of the intersection of Colonial and Mills) While the number of people can vary considerably—all are welcome. Just bring your appetite – and your wallet. If you need directions or more information

call Francis at 407.493.0956. Everything goes better with food --- be there or be missed!

APS – Winter Show

Charlotte, North Carolina is the site of this year's APS Winter Show. The three day show runs from January 11 to January 13. I will be there for a show managers meeting on Saturday, otherwise I will be strolling the show looking for treasures that I have to own. I hope to see a lot of club members there – bring your warm cloths. This time of year in Charlotte can be just a little unpredictable when it comes to weather.

Writers needed (still)

Another plea for material from members --- you can see by the large amount of empty space on the back page, a good deal more could have been printed!

CFSS- Winter

The next local show will be the Winter Central Florida Stamp show, held the weekend of January 26-27 at the Bahia Shrine Center. Currently the show is sold out with 18 dealers committed. This is the first local show of the year – the next local show is in mid June.

Event Calendar 2008

CFSS-Winter (BSC)	Jan 26-27, 2008
Precancel Show (LaQuinta)	Feb 6, 7, 8, 9, 2008
Central Florida Fair	April 17-27, 2008
SUNPEX (BSC)	June 14-15, 2008
CFSS-Fall (BSC)	Sept 27-28, 2008
FLOREX 2008	Dec 5, 6, 7, 2008
For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com	

Monthly Fun with Stamps Quiz

The series of fun-filled quizzes for 2008 will continue, starting in February with "Fifteen Owls".

Elections 2008/2010

It is extremely important that all club members attend the second meeting in January. The election process determines the life of this club. Please be an active participant in this process.

Holiday Travels

by the Editor

All good holidays involve family, food, travel and of course stamps -- some how. Mine did for 2007. A long planned drive from Florida to spend the Christmas Holiday with my Aunt resulted in many stops along the way. Two nights in Kill Devil Hills, NC was a great way to breakup the long drive north and involved a nice stop at the birthplace of aviation. Cape Hatteras (and the Lighthouse) is a great experience, but one I feel is a lot better, if it is NOT 45 degrees and raining. Family events kind-of-filled the first couple of days we had in Maryland, but at last a free day presented itself, and off to the District of Columbia we went.

My mission was simple – the National Postal Museum to view Part II of the Miller Collection....and I was not disappointed. The second part of the collection contains many of the most rare of US stamps – things that only exist in tiny numbers, resulting in these items infrequently, if ever showing up at auction. The mint pair of the Orangeburg coil was an interesting thing to see – only four of these pairs are known. A single has a Scotts 2008 catalog value of \$150K. Many other rare and difficult items can be seen on display.

If you have any time while in the District, take an hour or two and go visit the NPM, you will not be disappointed. The Miller collection is on display until early 2009. If you have internet access this link will take you to the site, where you can view many of the key items in the collection.

<http://www.postalmuseum.si.edu>

Service Award

The club membership will vote at the annual meeting on a list of names for service to the club and philately in general. The names presented can

not be club member's currently holding a seat on the BoD. This award was created to acknowledge and thank, those club members who have gone the extra mile and done things above and beyond the call of duty during the previous year. The physical presentation of the award will take place at one of the meetings in February. This service award is very much different from the Bomar Award, which is meant to acknowledge those individuals who consistently are the leaders and doers.

Club Officers (2006/2008)

❖ President	John D. S.
❖ VP-Programs	A. Stephen P.
❖ VP-Operations	Francis F.
❖ Treasurer	vacant
❖ Secretary	Jim A.
❖ Director-at-Large	Al N.
❖ Director-at-Large	James R. P.

Quotable

"The President of today is just the postage stamp of tomorrow." *Gracie Allen, 1895-1964,*
½ of the famous Burns & Allen Comedy Team

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