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The Cover Story

Holiday Gathering — 2016 — Wow!



Program Schedule (Jan/Feb/Mar)

January — The first meeting of 2017 on 01.05 is the ever popular No Fee Cried Auction. The second meeting on 01.19 is the Annual Business Meeting and is required to be held according to our By-Laws. There will be a presentation and silent auction at this meeting.

February — The first meeting on 02.02 will have Josh Furman talking about, “You collect what?”. The second meeting on 02.14 will have Ed Evans presenting on a unnamed topic.

March — The first meeting of the month on 03.02 will have Jim Pullin presenting on “How do you manage your collection?” The meeting on 03.14 will have Bonnie Streeter giving her hurricane delayed presentation of “Pony Express Mail.”

BoD meeting for 2017; 03.30, 06.29 & 08.31.

November/December Meeting Recaps

The first meeting of November had 41 signed in after a dinner attended by 13 folks. The cried auction by A. Stephen Patrick (assisted by Robert Fisher, David Allen, and Jim Archbold) sold 34 of 46 lots for a total of \$857. The second meeting had 40 in attendance with 10 showing up for the pre-meeting food and conversation. The presentation of “Collecting JFK” by A. Stephen Patrick was highly interesting and educational to boot! The auction sold 18 lots for a total of \$187.75.

The first meeting of December was attended by 20 folks as there was a direct conflict with the setup of FLOREX. There was an unplanned dinner gathering at Burger King, with four members in attendance. A. Stephen Patrick presented on “Christmas Seals”. The silent auction sold 7 lots for a total of \$44.50.

The final meeting of 2016 was the wildly popular Holiday Dinner with a cornucopia of food and a room packed with a crowd of 62. Further information can be found by reading and looking at the pictures on Insert A.

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. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

Event Calendar 2017

CFSC-Winter One Day	January 28
CFSC-Spring One Day	April 8
SUNPEX 2017	June 3-4
FSDA Fall 2017	September 16-17
FLOREX 2017	December 1-2-3

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

New Members X 4

We have four new members to report; **Dean Anderson** of Oviedo who collects: general world wide; **Gary Byrd** from The Villages who collects: Tunisia, 1945, World Wide to 1979; **Darlene K. Price** of Everett, PA who collects: mint and light hinged United States; and **Frederic Gaines** of Sanford who enjoys collecting: early United States. Welcome everyone!

2017 Dues are Due

Please pay by 01.05.17 to remain a member in good standing with all the privileges and rights so given.

Club Shirts to be Ordered

We will be placing a small order of club shirts to replenish our stock. Should you want/need/desire a shirt please see The Editor to submit a preorder. This will assure you of getting your correct size. Cost is \$10 each.

Balloting — Second Meeting of January

Please be in attendance at the Annual Membership meeting that will be held on January 19th. Three ballot will be passed out to each member in attendance for consideration. The first one will be the voting for the best presentation of 2016. The second will be for the best article printed in the Philatelic Missive. In both cases there will be a first place prize of \$50 and second place prize of \$25 awarded to the finishers. The third ballot is to recognize the individual who has given of their time and efforts for the betterment of the club and philately in general. This is the CFSC Service Award. We hope to see everyone at this meeting to vote!

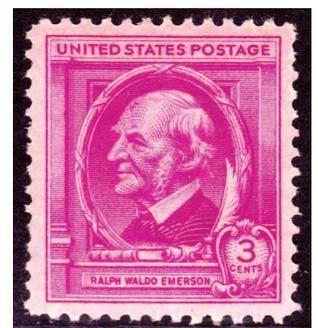
FLOREX Awards

The Chairman’s Award was given to James Graue, a long time APS judge and extraordinary supporter of the hobby. The Contributor Award was presented to Thomas Lera for his multi-faceted support of the CFSC and philatelic community. Please congratulate both , when you see them!

Quoted

“The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson,
American essayist, lecturer and poet.
[1803—1882]



President's Message by Francis Ferguson Welcome to 2017!

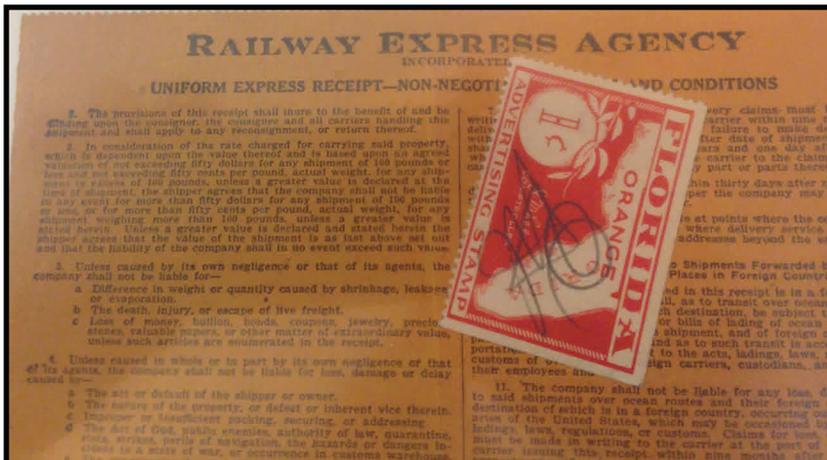
I have to say that the year 2016 was not one I will ever recall as being a pleasant experience. It was filled with angst and frankly was a challenge of monumental proportions in my professional, philatelic and private life. As I look to the future of 2017, the wish is for a more civilized universe. I have always been loath to do New Year Resolution Lists, however this year I am doing just that.

- ⇒ Spend more time as a collector with my collection
- ⇒ Spend more time reading a book— e-books count
- ⇒ Spend more time researching and writing
- ⇒ Organize my philatelic library
- ⇒ Get out and enjoy the sunshine more often (damn the mosquitoes)
- ⇒ Find the humor in everyday life that sometimes is difficult
- ⇒ Follow more — lead less
- ⇒ Share philatelic knowledge when possible
- ⇒ Stretch outside my comfort zone
- ⇒ Say “please” and “thank you” more often
- ⇒ Attempt to actually be able to proof read my own writing (yah sure!)
- ⇒ Strive to delegate more and obsess less

Well that is an impressive list. I wonder how much will be accomplished in 2017. The best of intentions will have to do for now!

Serendipity — XXV by The Editor

Being a collector means there is always “stuff” to collect. One of the members of the CFSC has been a avid collector of citrus revenue stamps for almost 4 years now. It all started with a chance article in a local newspaper that touched on the subject. Little did they know what far-flung roads that would be traveled in pursuit of these collectable pieces of paper that are NOT listed in Scott's. The collecting options have now expanded from just mint/used singles to complete sheets and even epherma! Pictured below is an interesting piece of epherma. What an interesting twist for something that has a pretty insignificant catalog value — and is incredibly hard to locate. This 1¢ stamp was issued in the 1935/1936 and is frequently found with the inspectors initials, a date stamp ‘cancel’ or a rubber stamp of the company that was responsible for the product. The stamp shown is the lowest value in a set that goes to \$4. A quick search on World Wide Web turned up all the stamps in this set — many for under \$5 and a couple for \$15. Interested yet? I certainly am!

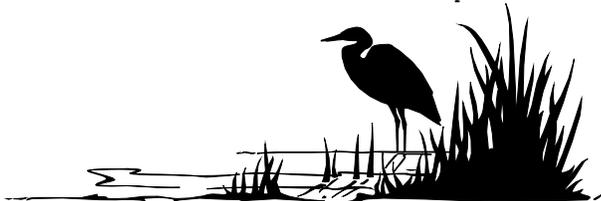


The **Railway Express Agency (REA)** was a national monopoly set up by the United States federal government in 1917. Rail express services provided small package and parcel **transportation** using the extant railroad infrastructure much as **UPS** functions today using the road system. The United States government was concerned about the rapid, safe movement of parcels, money, and goods during **World War I** and REA was its solution to this problem. REA ceased operations in 1975, when its business model ceased to be viable. [source: wikipedia.org]

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 the last 16+ 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 7:55. Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions until to 8:25. We must be out of the building by 8:30 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, 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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