



CENTRAL FLORIDA STAMP CLUB

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Program Schedule (Feb/Mar/April)

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.

April meetings night have not been nailed down yet.

Board meetings for 2008 are January 31, May 29, July 31, & October 31. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

January Meeting recaps

It was great to see everyone for the first meeting of the year. The club donation auction went real well with all the lots selling except one. Total net proceeds to the club treasury was just short of \$90. Thanks to all who donated items, and those who bought! The business meeting went well, and finished with a small but active silent auction.

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!

Event Calendar 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".

APS – Winter Show

One of the highlights of the A.P.S. Winter Show held in Charlotte a few weeks ago was the give-away of one of the classics of philately, and perhaps the best known of U. S. rarities, Scott #C3a.

The stamp has been owned by a company named StampWants, and advertised on their web site, stampwants.com for the last year. Anyone could log on to the web site and enter the drawing for this upside down Jenny, and many did, many times over. Your reporter, alas, was one of the unsuccessful entrants.

On Saturday of the show, it was time for Jenny to find a new owner. Stamp Wants winnowed the entry list down to a final two lucky contestants, John Shedlock and Michael Flanagan, both dedicated stamp collectors.

As Mark Rosenberg, President of Stamp Wants explained, "what better way to bring attention to our site and the hobby in general than by giving away arguably to most famous stamp in the world - the C3a Inverted Jenny." Stamp Wants is headquartered in New Jersey, and was able to convince Miss New Jersey, Amy Polumbo, to come to the ceremony and make the final decision on a winner. Amy has to be considered part Floridian, too, since she played Ariel, the Little Mermaid at Disney World for over a year.

Mr. Rosenberg gave a brief history of the stamp, from the time Mark Robey bought it at the Post Office. After Mark Rosenberg concluded the story of the C3a, he explained the process of the live drawing to determine the winner. A bingo ball wheel would be used, which normally has 75 balls, but the 75th ball

was removed to leave 37 even balls and 37 odd balls. It was pre-determined that John Shedlock would be even because his StampWants username - shedlojr had the id number of 108968, an even number. Michael Flanagan was pre-determined to be the odd ball with his username mikey1st and id number of 102005. Mark Rosenberg joked that Michael shouldn't feel too bad for being the odd ball, "I'm sure you're not the only odd ball here, so don't worry!"

Miss New Jersey then spun the bingo ball wheel 11 times (her number in the Miss America pageant), and I-22 was selected. I-22 being an even number, the famous C3a Inverted Jenny instantly had a new home with even numbered John Shedlock! John, a retired CIA agent from Alta Loma, California, accepted the C3a Inverted Jenny in shock, and pulled out a speech he had written in case he had won, thanking StampWants.com and Miss New Jersey for the once in a lifetime opportunity to own the Inverted Jenny. He was shocked and excited, and said he felt "shock and awe" over winning the stamp. He had entered the giveaway around 150 times but never thought he would actually win. He was later asked if he would keep the stamp or sell it because of tax reasons - he said that it is a piece of history and he will honor the stamp and definitely keep it for at least a year, if not more.

CFSS- Winter

Recap

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Elections 2008/2010

The Firm of Pullin, Pullin, & Pullin counted the ballots from the election held at the business meeting in late January. The ballot contained, 9 candidates --- seven have been seated for the next term. Thank you to all involved in the election process. Your time, and effort has been greatly appreciated!

Club Officers (2008/2010)

❖ President	Francis F.
❖ Vice President	A. Stephen P.
❖ Treasurer	Jim Archbold
❖ Secretary	Josh Furman
❖ Director-at-Large	Larry Stiles
❖ Director-at-Large	Tom Hart
❖ Director-at-Large	Al N.

Quotable

"I take a very practical view of raising children. I put a sign in each of their rooms: Checkout Time is 18 years."

Erma Bomback, Classic American Household Funny Lady, 1927-1996

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