



## The Cover Story



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## Program Schedule (Mar/Apr/May)

**March meetings** — The first meeting on 03/01 will have Randall Priest presenting “Death of a Big Tree”. The second meeting on 03/15 is scheduled to have A. Stephen Patrick presenting “Propaganda in Postmarks”. This is also the meeting that we acknowledge our 1st quarter birthday folks with cake.

**April meetings** — The first meeting on 04/05 will be our first YOUTH NIGHT for 2012, headlined by Randall Priest. The second meeting on 04/19 will be a cried auction with a \$2 minimum.

**May meetings** — The first meeting on 05/03 will have Robert Fisher presenting on “Exhibiting”. The second meeting on 05/17 will have A. Stephen Patrick presenting “Post Office Souvenirs”.

**Board meeting schedule for 2012 are; March 29, May 31 and August 30**

## February meeting recap

The first meeting of the month started off with a very full house of 14 hungry folks for the pre-meeting dinner. There were 38 signed in for the No-Fee Cried Auction night festiveness — the auction 38 lots sold out of 47 entered for a total of \$535.50. Thank you to all the folks that made this auction happen! David M. Allen, Robert Dowrick, Phil Fettig, Jim Archbold, Steve Patrick and Robert Fisher thank you for your assistance.

The second meeting of the month started off with another full house of 14 hungry folks for the pre-meeting dinner. There were 32 signed for the meeting. The presentation by the Editor on the use of the computer driven microscope (damn that cap!) was not sleep inducing — he hopes. The silent auction had 25 sold lots for a total of \$151.75.

## Event Calendar 2012

CFSS-Spring April 14  
SUNPEX 2012 June 16-17  
CFSS-Fall September 15-16  
FLOREX 2012 November 30, December 1-2  
For more info: [www.FloridaStampShows.com](http://www.FloridaStampShows.com)

## Dinner Plans

Come join the group for dinner at Viet Garden at 5:00pm before each meeting. Bring your appetite – and your wallet. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

## Presentations for 2012

We are in need of folks to give a presentation for 2012, especially towards the last 1/2 of the year. If you need help putting together your material —just ask for assistance. Should you be interested in speaking please contact our newly elected VP-Programs, Robert Dowrick. Remember this is your club!

## New Members x3

We would like to welcome to our little family of philatelic friends; **Richard McMillin** from Orlando who collects U.S. Mint, all other. **John T. Woodard** from Mechanicsburg, PA, who collects U.S. material. **J. Larry Beaty** who calls Orlando home and collects, U.S. Commemoratives. Welcome folks — we hope to see a lot more of you!

## April 14 One Day Show

The show to be held in the Oak Room at the Marks Street Center will have 6 dealers in 8 booths. The show hours are from 10am until 3pm. Please come out and patronize this small local show. The sign up sheet for the reception desk is available.

## CFSC Membership Roster 2012

The roster is available for pickup at the first meeting of March. Should you want one mailed to you please contact the Editor.

## Monthly Quizzes

- Mar 1902 Busts for \$7.81
- Apr Odd Ducks
- May Fruit for 27¢
- Jun Great Americans from 32 to 78
- Jul Post Patriots
- Aug Scientists: American
- Sep “Shelled”
- Oct Hocus Pocus X
- Nov Greetings

All quizzes will be the second meeting of the month unless there is a conflict.

## Quotable

*"A bookstore is one of the only pieces of evidence we have that people are still thinking."* Funny Man, Jerry Seinfeld - [1957—]

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### The Cherry Red Airline by Phillip Fettig

Early Canadian Airlines were responsible for a rich supply of Airmail Semi-Official stamps. Figure (1) shows one such item with a face value of 10 cents, issued by the Cherry Red Airline, CL-46.

A young Canadian farm boy, Norman Cherry, left home in 1921 and traveled around the United States, working in Illinois, Florida, California and ending up in Missouri where he purchased a red and silver biplane in 1928. After hiring a pilot, they headed back to Saskatchewan and started to provide services to miners. Part of the service included airmail and package transport and the stamp shown in Figure (1) came into use. After a small expansion, the stock market crash of 1929 took down many of the companies the airline industry depended on. The Cherry Red Airline closed in 1931.

The original aircraft, known as a Pheasant, was sold to a flying school. This model is obscure with only a few made, but amazingly this plane can be viewed today at the Western Development Museum in Moose Jaw. Figure (2) shows a Pheasant, although it is not the one from this article.

## THE MOST POPULAR COLLECTING HOBBIES By Randall Priest

Recently I found a list of the most popular collecting hobbies. This list is based on the collecting interests of 150,000 collectors in 160 countries around the world.

#1 is Postage Stamps. To my surprise #5 is Coins, #10 is Comic Books, #27 is Banknotes, #53 is Postcards & #75 is Video Games.

So how did postage stamps become #1? Is this an indication that the stamp collecting hobby healthy? Do you think your stamp collecting has changed in the past few years?

Let's take the pulse of our hobby. As the charts in Linn's shows, the market value of stamps has been on a decline. 19<sup>th</sup> century stamps have dropped in value more than the 20<sup>th</sup> century and Airmails. Now these are averages, and this is what the stamp market index shows.

I believe that how you view your collection and what it means to you are more important than what the market may say. Are you buying stamps for investments? Are you buying stamps for enjoyment? Yes, you can have both. Just as there are other motives to get stamps, this lets us know that the hobby is for everyone. To some the hobby is just fine, to others it is in trouble. Here is a question for you. 'If every country stopped printing stamps today, would the stamp collecting hobby end?'

Something to think about how many of the stamps in your collection are new (current issues)? Now if you collect current issues then you do depend on the new stamps as they are issued. However anyone, who collects 19<sup>th</sup> century or 20<sup>th</sup> century stamps, has an endless supply of stamps from dealers, individuals, and shoe boxes in the closet.

As was pointed out -- you do not own your stamps, you only hold them for a short time. Therefore our hobby is as healthy as we think because stamps are available for those who are looking for them. I think that the stamp collecting hobby is healthy thriving because of the people that are connected to it. As more evidence just come to a meeting of the club and see just what the people are doing. The meetings are another part of the learning how to enjoy and add to your collecting.

Back to the list of collecting hobbies: #2= Antiques, #3= Autographs, #4= Memorabilia, #5= Coins, #6= Trading Cards, #7= Art, #8= Books, #9= Classic Cars.

**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 \$18 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 12 years and provides a pleasant meeting room with easy access and plenty of free parking.
- The informal part of the meeting runs from 6:30-7:00. The business side of things from 7:00-7:20. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 7:25 until 8:00. Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions from 8:00 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](http://CentralFloridaStampClub.org)
- Benefits of membership include; monthly newsletter, access to loaner equipment & catalogs, participation in door prize drawings & quizzes, the right to bid in cried/silent auctions — and much more.

## Central Florida Stamp Club



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