



CENTRAL FLORIDA STAMP CLUB

A WHOLLY OWNED ENTITY OF THE MID-FLORIDA PHILATELIC SOCIETY, INC.

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Program Schedule (April/May/June)

The first meeting in April will have Francis F. presenting "The Transport Series" and the second meeting is Florida First Day covers, by Steve P.

The first meeting night in May is scheduled with Jim P. presenting the ins/outs of exhibiting. The second meeting is Youth night with Steve P. officiating.

The first meeting of June is a club auction night with a \$2 minimum. The second meeting has no topic currently.

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

March Meeting recaps

First meeting report: We had a good meeting, with most of our officers missing, a rainy night, we had 14 members in attendance; plus a new member signed up present with wife and children, we did mounds of stamp. The silent auction was rather feeble with only four lots finding a new home, which was a negative income for club! We had packets turned in for Fair (100 I think and some extra stamp) Larry Stiles told an interesting Civil War Story - Wade Beery was present!!!! A good time was had by all!!! Reported by Jim A.

Second meeting was a very active cried auction with a little over 50 lots under the gavel – just about 80% sold. The quiz was won by Steve P. with a perfect score. There have been roughly a half dozen perfect scores in the 5 years of doing the quizzes. Congrats to Steve.

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!

Meeting times

Please keep in mind, that officially the start time of the "business" portion of the meeting has been changed to 7:45pm. This has been done to give the speaker and the auction more time, without pressure being felt. This was discussed at the January annual meeting and has been agreed to by the BOD. If you have any concerns or comments, please discuss them with a Board Member.

Central Florida Fair 2008

The club currently has roughly 1,000 packets for distribution for the ten day event. We are in need of at least another 500 to give us a comfortable margin. If you need material to make up packets, please let us know quickly. Sign up sheets are available for the time slots needed to cover the Club's commitment – please give of your time for this major event. You might actually enjoy it!

Membership Roster 2008

The current membership list was distributed at the second meeting in March. If you missed receiving your copy – let us know and we can mail you one. For the first time in many years, our total membership number went up, rather than down! We hope this trend continues.

Youth Night – Change!

May 15th is scheduled as a youth night, bring your best smile and bountiful knowledge to help a youngster just beginning in the hobby. More information as it becomes available.

SUNPEX 2008

This year show is configured for 18 dealer booths and 20 frames of club member exhibits. These are the standard APS 16 page frames. The plan is to have up to 20 single frame exhibits by club members. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd best. Find some of your material that can tell a story and put it together into 16 pages. We look forward to seeing what our talented members can conjure up!

Mega (weather) Stamp Show & More

Editor's Report

The four day show at Madison Square Garden was interesting with 60 dealers present. Many of these dealers are not ones we see in the South.

The vibrancy of the heart of NYC was very evident while traveling to and from Madison Square Gardens – traffic gridlock and the general lack of driving manners, makes our wonderful I/4 look tame. Lots of things going-on, and nothing is laid back or calm. The more public areas of MSQ are great, but the meeting area that was used for the Mega Show, only scored a 2 out of 10, in my opinion. One word comes to mind ---- “Renovation”.

The weather which included strong measures of rain, cold, and wind made for some interesting adventures while trying to walk. The return trip home on Sunday was one of the worst adventures I have ever had while traveling. The six hours between midnight and 6am are not good hours to be in the Atlanta Airport, and I know this from recent personal experience.

Besides myself, two other club members found their way to MSQ; our secretary **Josh F.** was there for an extended hunting mission that seemed to turn out well, and also **Wayne S.** looked really FINE, in his business formal wear. **Wayne S.** was able to pull off that very vibrant pink shirt with an air of sophistication that few others could challenge.....

Writers needed

The plea continues for someone to write something for this newsletter. So far the plea has fallen on mostly deaf ears. This newsletter is supposed to be reflective of the whole club, not just the editor's thoughts --- or lack there of. Come on folks --- sit down and write something for the enjoyment of doing it! I would love to be in the situation, of having too much material to place in a timely manner, but so far that has not happened. There is always hope.....

Event Calendar 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 Quizzes

- April Lighter than Air (2nd meeting)
- May Stars of Screen (2nd meeting)
- June 1869 Matching (2nd meeting)
- July Service (2nd meeting)

In Search Of

The Editor is looking for pre Scott Specialized Catalogs (1922-1985) and Scott Standard catalogs from prior to 1923. If you have any or know of any for sale, please let him know.

Club Officers (2008/2010)

❖ President	Francis Ferguson
❖ Vice President	A. Stephen Patrick
❖ Treasurer	Jim Archbold
❖ Secretary	Josh Furman
❖ Director-at-Large	Larry Stiles
❖ Director-at-Large	Tom Hart
❖ Director-at-Large	Al Nagy

Quotable

"The less you talk, the more you're listened to."
America's Advisor, Abigail Van Buren
(B 07.04.1918)

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