

The Cover Story












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Program Schedule (Apr/May/June)

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”.

June meetings — The first meeting on 06/07 will have Newt Kulp presenting “Fire in Philately”. The second meeting on 06/21 will have Phillip Fettig presenting “Dealing with Dealers”.

Board meeting schedule for 2012 are; May 31 and August 30

March meeting recap

A forgotten piece of information from the last meeting of February — David M. Allen won the first quiz of the year!

The first meeting of the month started off with 11 folks for dinner, 28 attended the meeting that was highlighted with Randall Priest doing a fascinating presentation on the Senator in Big Tree Park. A follow-up article by Randall will be included in the May newsletter. The silent auction sold 33 lots for a total of \$385.75!

The second meeting of the month started off with a near record group of 15 for dinner. The meeting had 28 signed in members and 4 guests. The presentation by ASP was educational and enlightening. A. Stephen Patrick won the second quiz of the year with a near perfect score. The Silent Auction sold 19 lots for a total of \$191.04. Thank you to all who perform every meeting to make the auctions run smoothly!

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

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.

New Members x2

We would like to welcome two new members — Ruth and Rachel Pearl from Orlando. Both collect US Mint. Please give our new members a hearty “hello” next time you see them!

April 14 One Day Show

The show to be held in the Oak Room at the Marks Street Center will have 6 dealers in 7 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 full.

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.

Central Florida Fair 2012 Recap

A big thank you to all the club members who gave of there time to sit on very hard seats to staff the club’s booth at the 100th Central Florida Fair. The club gave out 327 packets and engaged numerous youth and adults on the topic of being a stamp collector. A total of 20 individuals covered 40 shifts and gave 116 hours to support this effort. A special thanks to Jim Archbold and the Dowrick’s for setting up and taking down the display. If you have any comments or suggestions please make them known to a BoD member for consideration at our next board meeting in May.

Monthly Quizzes

- 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

“The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves.”

The extraordinary Helen Keller [1880 - 1968]

The Cover Story by The Editor

The Buffalo Balloon Stamp

The wonderful philatelic treasure that is featured on the front cover is owned by a member of the CFSC, who wishes to remain anonymous. This world class rarity is one that most collectors will never see in their lifetime — let alone own. The Buffalo Balloon stamp from 1877, is in reality the first “Air Mail” stamp ever issued.

Issued in connection with balloon flights by Samuel Archer King — to help defray costs associated with the endeavor. Two copies are known on flown covers from Gallatin, TN addressed to Harrodsburg and St. Louis, MO — with an additional 3¢ green postage and a post office cancellation. Printed in tête-bêche blocks of twenty. All copies are imperforate. There is no larger surviving multiple larger than a pair. Of the tête-bêche, only 11 are known today, of which virtually all are faulty in one way or another.

From the listing in Scott’s 2012 Specialized the following summation is taken. “This stamp was privately issued by John F.B. Lillard, a Nashville reporter. It was used on covers carried on a balloon ascension of June 18, 1877, which began at Nashville and landed at Gallatin, TN and possibly on other flights. The balloon was owned and piloted by Samuel Archer King. The stamp was reported to have been engraved by (Mrs.?) J.H. Snively and printed in tête-bêche pairs from a single die. Lillard wrote that 300 were printed and 23 used.

The story continues on the insert which has been provided by the publisher of Mekeel’s. Enjoy the reading!

.....a Little (Near) Space History

By Phil Fettig

Living this close to Cape Kennedy might make you think that is the only place rockets are launched from; that is not the case. This cover, dated November 19, 1959 commemorates a launch from Wallops Island, VA, which was the location of many scientific experiments. A Nike rocket was sent 160 miles up to spew out a cloud of yellow sodium for scientists to study wind currents at high altitudes. This attempt failed as the cloud of chemicals did not eject into the atmosphere.

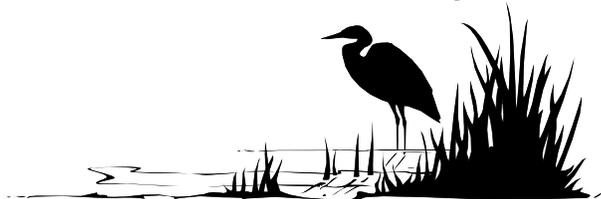


George Goldrey
Canton, Texas

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
- 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.

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