



CENTRAL FLORIDA STAMP CLUB

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Central Florida Fair

The ten day event at the CFF finished on April 30th. The club covered nearly every open hour of the Fair, with at least one person in the booth, promoting the club and hobby. We covered almost 50 shifts, and I am happy to report nearly everyone that signed up, showed up. Thank you for what you did! I am happy to report that we greeted many thousands of people during the 10 days, and gave out roughly 650 packs of stamps to kids. The numbers in general are down from previous years. This seems to be reflective of the general downturn in attendance at the gate – estimates put the number at nearly 50% lower than in previous years. Regardless of the total numbers, the club performed a valuable function for the community and should be commended for the effort.

In particular, Bill Bomar should be singled out for his taking of the “point” in handling this event, in John Shirley’s absence. Bill was able to spend a lot of time at the Fair, even though he was supposed to be packing and moving. Thank you Bill.

Al Nagy provided his professional show display for the clubs use. This back-drop makes for a much more professional appearance. In addition, Bill Bomar and Jim Archbold deserve a thank you for getting the show display from Gaylord Palms and making sure the club’s booth was setup and ready to go.

Participation in this event is truly a worthwhile effort and I continually marvel at the variety of people who want to talk to us. I had many an interesting conversation with adults, teens, and youngsters, during my shifts. One conversation started when I noticed a couple looking at my SOTN material --- she was enthralled with the centering of that BIG cancellation on that SMALL stamp – which took her to talking about her Grandfather who collected stamps in the 1930s. The man was interested in the “inverted airplane” stamp, which brought us to a couple of minutes of how it was discovered and some of the history that has resulted. It was an

interesting and totally unexpected conversation, purely driven by stamps.

Board of Directors Meeting

The CFSC Board of Directors will meet for the second time this year on Thursday June 29th, at 7:00pm at John Shirley’s home. Please be present and accounted for.

SUNPEX 2006

The show is ready to go --- with a total of nineteen dealers; eighteen dealers from Florida and one from Virginia. It should be an active two day show. If you are able to volunteer some of your time during the two days, to staff the front reception area, youth area, or help with exhibits, any amount of your time will be cheerfully accepted and greatly appreciated by all. SUNPEX is the one show run directly for the benefit of the club. Please contact Francis Ferguson at fergapk@gmail.com or 407.493.0956 for more information.

FLOREX 2006

The paperwork for returning and prospective new dealers was mailed on May 1st. At this point the show is configured with 59 booths – do keep in mind that more than one booth is often taken by a dealer. The dealer count should be in the range of 45-48. I should have some firm idea of the dealer list by the middle of June when the dust settles! The new website for FLOREX is: www.florestampshow.com

Washington 2006

The place to be for 8 days is --- The Washington D.C. Convention Center. If you have not heard about the “to-do” than you must not be reading any of the hobby rags. Numerous members of the CFSC will be attending --- wave when you see someone you know. I am looking forward to the experience.....

www.centralfloridastampclub.org

Membership Roster 2006/B

At the first meeting in July there will be an updated membership roster which will include individual's areas of collecting interest. Please make sure that you contact Francis Ferguson in person or via e-mail (fergapk@gmail.com). Numerous club members have been asking for this information in recent months, so please help move this project along. Please note – the CFSC Membership List is not to be used for marketing purposes or any sales related activities and remains the property of the club.

Way-Past-Dues for 2006

Dues for the calendar year 2006 are past due for payment to the club Treasurer. The following people are missing in action. If you should encounter any of these individuals please remind them; S. Borstelman, G. Butner, G. Danh, J. Demeter, J. Eller, L. Erickson, G. Fulford, D. Groves, R. McCoy, D. Pere, M. Rogers, L. Ulstad, and T. Weisman. These names will be dropped from the club roster with the release of the updated Membership in July.

Monthly Fun with Stamps Quiz

The on-going series of quizzes continues in 2006 with the following scheduled,

- May -- Nickels (first meeting)
- June -- Statements (second meeting)
- July -- Christmas in the 80s
- August -- Big Stuff
- September -- Half There
- October -- Hocus-Pocus Part IV
- November -- Nightlights

Editor's Space

A club is made up of members who care about something. We care about pieces of paper --- sometimes to the bewilderment of others --- but that is our passion. Your participation in the club bi-weekly meetings and other events can only serve to brighten your life and any one you touch through those activities. Giving of yourself is a rewarding experience --- try it!

Any appropriate news for this newsletter can be given to Francis Ferguson in person or via email at fergapk@gmail.com.

Membership Privileges

A member is entitled to participate in the club activities at the twice monthly meeting.

According to our By-Laws, non-members (i.e. visitors) are not permitted to participate in the raffle drawing, place items in the auction, or bid on auction items.

Newsletter news

Every effort is being made to produce a newsletter to be available at the first meeting of each month. This will serve to recap the previous month and remind members' of future happens. As an added bonus, the newsletter is being mailed to those that do not show up for the meetings on a regular schedule. It is hoped that this effort will help maintain a link with our less mobile members. **There will be no newsletter in June due to work and play (Washington) commitments. If anyone wants to take over for June --- please step forward, quickly!**

April Presentations

Steve Patrick gave a thought provoking presentation on postal history related items. During the course of his presentation, the challenge was set-forth to begin a study of the history of post offices in Orange County. Members are asked to keep this in mind as they rummage through covers. I plan on developing an exhibit around this idea that deals with the citrus industry in Orange County. Any one wanna help?

Quotable

“Never try to out-stubborn a cat.”
(Robert Heinlein, 1907-1988)

May 27th ↔ June 3rd, 2006
Come Join the Fun!



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