



CENTRAL FLORIDA STAMP CLUB

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Program Schedule (May/June/July)

The first meeting of May will have Steve Patrick, discussing French FDCs. The second meeting will have Larry Stiles presenting the second part of the Yangtze Patrol.

June meetings will be a \$2 minimum auction night for June 7th and David Allen will talk about "Three Takes on Exhibiting" at the second meeting.

The first meeting in July has Jim Pullin giving us the low-down on the "Black Ball Line 1818-1822", the second meeting as no assigned topic booked (any takers?)

The second board meeting of 2007 is May 31st. Board member's please mark your calendars.

April Meeting recaps

Larry Stiles, did a great job, presented the first part of the Yangtze Patrol. Larry is always an interesting and entertaining speaker. The quiz "Order This 1922/25" was won by Phil Fettig, with what can only be described as a serious WAG. Thank you to Team-Priest for staffing the stamp mixes in the back of the room – their effort netted \$14 for the club.

The second meeting had a trip down memory lane with Ernie Muro, talking about Orlando and Westpoint (NY) postcards that he collects.

Event Calendar 2007

SUNPEX (BSC)	May 12-13, 2007
CFSS Fall (TBA)	Sept 22-33, 2007
FLOREX 2007 (CFF)	Nov 30, Dec 1,2 2007

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

SUNPEX 2007

The club needs to fill 30 frames of exhibits. Contact Jim Archbold for more information. There is no exhibit fee for club members.

Central Florida Fair 2007

The ten day run of the Fair for the year has been completed. Thanks are extended to everyone that was involved directly or indirectly with the CFSC booth. This year's club effort was organized and made possible by the generous allocation of 10 days of Bill Bomar's time. Bill was present every day of the Fairs was open to the public, and now has sore feet..... ☺

For the most part, the Fair enjoyed pleasant weather with no nasty weather issues (cold, rain) that have plagued previous years. Attendance numbers seem to have rebounded slightly from 2006. The club earned \$200 for staffing the booth, and \$81 in sales of covers & stamps --- all the while distributing 1,500 packets of stamps to youths of all description.

Each and everyone who signed-up for a shift warrant acknowledgment, with special thanks for those who staffed the booth for three or more shifts; Tom Kinney, Larry Stiles, Jim Archbold, Jim Edmunds, & Josh Furman.

The nice blue backdrop was again loaned by the quickly recovering, Al Nagy and transported by the able moving team of J & J. To all those club members that put together packets of 25 stamps, your efforts made this whole give-away possible – thank you!

Final acknowledgement to all those that have not been specifically named – your contribution, whatever it maybe have been, helped to make this

an outstanding opportunity for the CFSC to reach out to the youth of today and acquaint them with stamp collecting. Give yourself a nice round of applause!

Welcome (times two)

April brought us two new members. Please welcome Juan CastroAngelo and Jure (George) Vucemilovic. We hope to see a lot more of you!

Mixture Finds

Proving that diamonds can be found among the stones -- Bill Bomar, found two moderately priced items in the mixtures, as he was making up packets for the give away at this year's Central Florida Fair. One of the finds has already been offered in the club silent auction, and earned the club a nice \$12 for the treasury. Thank you, Bill.

Monthly Fun with Stamps Quiz

The on-going series of quizzes continues in 2007 with the following scheduled,

- May (1st meeting) Top of the World
- June (1st meeting) Christmas in the 90s
- July (2nd meeting) Swiss Cheese Anyone?
- August (1st meeting) Not "I-rated"
- September (1st meeting) Sun + Three

Serendipitous Philately

If You Collect German Stamps,
It's Nice to Have a German Friend.

by Bruce Mc Pherson

In 1968 I accepted a position as Manufacturing Engineering Manager at Essex International. The facility was located in Zanesville, Ohio, the home of Zane Gray. Essex had been awarded the contracts to manufacture the first column mounted ignition switches in the automotive business, from both Ford and General Motors. As usual, by the time the manufacturer is given the go-ahead the planning and engineering sections have over-run their time allotments but the date to have the components ready for final assembly never changes. Essex was anxious for me to start immediately. My wife was still in Indianapolis, and in fairness to her employers she needed to stay and train her replacement. So I was behind schedule

when I started the job and needed to find a place to live. Essex arranged for a very adequate room at the local Motel where I lived for several months. My evening meal at the local restaurant was routine and I became friendly with another man that had a similar routine.

My new friend was personable, short, heavy, smoked cigars and had a German accent. His name was Danny Blumenthal. He was born and lived in Bremen until 1939, when Hitler was not being very nice to Jewish people. His father, mother, brother, and Danny were scheduled to leave Germany by ship but were stopped by the Gestapo prior to boarding. However, Danny managed to get on board and sailed for South America. His family was left behind. Within a year they were put to death. Danny worked his way through school and became an electrical engineer. His skills brought him to Zanesville.

And wouldn't you know, he collected German stamps. He carried his collection with him as he moved about. He had a nice collection and I learned a lot from him. Particularly since he could read and write in German and I could not. He was very helpful when it came to translating the notes in the German Michel catalog.

After several years in Zanesville I moved to Ithaca New York to work for NCR Corporation and Danny return to Germany to retire. We maintained our relationship by mail for about five years before he became terminally ill. Each year I would send him all of the U.S. stamps issued for the year and he would reciprocate by sending all of the new German stamps.

Quotable

"History will be kind to me, for I intend to write it."

Sir Winston Churchill (1874 - 1965)

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