



# CENTRAL FLORIDA STAMP CLUB

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

P.O. Box 1206 ---- PLYMOUTH, FL 32768-1206

## Program Schedule (May/June/July)

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.

The July meetings are currently without topics.

Board meetings for 2008 are May 29, July 31, & October 30. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

## April Meeting recaps

Dinner at Viet Garden attracted about a ½ dozen, before the meeting. The meeting had a nice attendance on a rather rainy night – even John S. made an appearance! The Transport presentation by the Editor went well, no major gaffs.

The second meeting of April had Steve P. doing an admirable job on presenting Florida First Day Covers. John S. made his second appearance in a row! The quiz was won by Josh F. with what he claimed was nothing more than guesses.

## 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.) Just bring your appetite – and your wallet. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

## Central Florida Fair 2008

This years event has started off with great weather which we hope will increase the traffic counts in the Craft Building. Many thanks to everyone who has given of their time and energy to make this event happen. Your dedication (and availability) is greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Al N, who has gone beyond the call of duty to cover this event.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

## Non-Profit Filing, Part III

Many thanks to John S. and especially to Carl U. for putting together the needed information for another attempt at obtaining non-profit status in the eyes of Uncle Sam. The package was mailed on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We hope for good news in the next 90 days. Keep your fingers, and toes crossed!

## Meeting Times

We have approached the Mark Street Senior Center about having our official meeting hours from 7-9pm. This would allow us to transact any

and all business starting at 7pm when the doors are open. If this is approved by the MSSC management the earliest this new schedule could start would be September 1<sup>st</sup> with the new contract year. If you have any thoughts on this subject please find a Board member.

### Event Calendar 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](http://www.FloridaStampShows.com)

### Monthly Fun with Stamps Quizzes

- May Stars of Screen (2<sup>nd</sup> meeting)
- June 1869 Matching (2<sup>nd</sup> meeting)
- July Service (2<sup>nd</sup> meeting)
- Aug Captain Kirk said..... (1<sup>st</sup> meeting)
- Sept Point A to Point B (1<sup>st</sup> meeting)

### Tell Us More.....

My main collecting interest is US Classic material, MNH where it is affordable and used otherwise. I search for VF-XF material -- of course depending on price. The history and beauty of the classic United States stamps has always intrigued me. In recent years I have been forming additional specialized collections that give me a great deal of pleasure with very little cost – unlike the US Classic material.

Prexie EFO material that really gets my blood flowing. The wide range of material, mostly all in the affordable range, yields a lot of pleasure.

A collection of material centered around Edison (654-655-656) gives me a challenge and allows me to indulge my love of completeness as I strive to find all plates numbers and positions. Postal history items add even more to this side collection.

Recently I have begun to accumulate material from the Transport Series (C25-31) and have been pursuing plate blocks & positions, and appropriate postal history items. Attempting to locate material that has low catalog value (for the most part) is much more difficult than you might think. Efforts are being made to find Florida related postal history items for each of the transport series stamps.

Another interest in socked-on-the-nose cancels has resulted in my forming a small collection of singles, pairs, and even blocks with interesting cancellations. Unfortunately the new methods of cancelling a stamp have pretty much reduced a SOTN occurrence to a very rare find.

Another long time interest that I have recently acted on, is the accumulation of vintage Scott's Specialized Catalogs from 1923-1985 and the Standard edition from before 1923. Most volumes can be obtained in reasonable condition at very affordable prices. I will have to rearrange my library space as my number of volumes increases.

Besides everything I collect, I also write two quarterly columns for journals, where I am a member of the society or group. The writing I truly enjoy.

[I hope this will be the start of a long series. If you would like to participate in the months to come, just let the Editor know. If you wish to remain anonymous – that is fine.]

### 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

"Laugh and the world laughs with you, snore and you sleep alone."

*Anthony Burgess, Author of "A Clockwork Orange" [B 02.25.1917, D 11.22.1993]*

**NOTE:** The Editor of this newsletter, Francis Ferguson can be reached at 407.493.0956 (Cell) or [fergapk@gmail.com](mailto:fergapk@gmail.com).