



# The Cover Story



Figure 1



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## Program Schedule (May/June/July)

**May meetings** — The first meeting on 05/05 will have our world traveler Stephen Patrick talking about “America’s Cup on Stamps” The second meeting on 05/19 will be a \$2 minimum cried auction.

**June meetings** — The first meeting on 06/02 has Francis Ferguson speaking on “Shows — Making it Happen”. The second meeting on 06/15 is Member’s Show & Tell Night — it is also Birthday night for the end of the second quarter.

**July meetings** — The first meeting on 07/07 will have Jim Pullin taking about a topic that still is to be determined. The second meeting on 07/21 will have Stephen Patrick talking about “Castro’s Cuba”.

The BoD meeting for 2011 are scheduled as follows; June 30 and September 30. Please mark your calendars.

### April meeting recap

The pre-meeting dinner was well attended with 9 hungry folks — 25 signed in for the meeting. Randall did a great job with “Joint Issues”. The auction sold 23 lots totaling \$127.50! David M. Allen did extremely well on the quiz — with only two wrong answers.

The pre-meeting dinner was attended by 7 folks and 27 signed in for the meeting. Our scheduled speaker had to cancel at the last minute and Phil Fettig presented “Looking back at the Civil War through modern event covers.” The auction sold 26 lots for a total of \$130.75 — The silent auctions continue to do very well. Thank you to David M. Allen for all his work with the data entry!

### Event Calendar 2011

SUNPEX                    June 18-19  
CFSS-Fall                September 17-18  
FLOREX 2011            Dec 2, 3 & 4

For more info: [www.FloridaStampShows.com](http://www.FloridaStampShows.com)

### Dinner Plans

Come join the group for dinner at Viet Garden at 5:30pm before each meeting. Bring your appetite – and your wallet. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

## Monthly Quizzes

- May Underwater Transportation
- Jun Batter Up
- Jul 5¢ Flags WWII
- Aug Butterfly
- Sep “Stoned Men”
- Oct Hocus-Pocus IX
- Nov Ducks for \$2

### April 16 One Day Show Recap

The small Spring show held in the Oak Room did extraordinarily well with attendance numbers showing strong support from the collecting public. This being the third year for this show — it appears to have legs and will be viable into the future. Thank you to the folks that staffed the reception desk. Don DeGraw has generously supplied us, with six pictures taken during the show. The pictures with captions, can be located on the back of INSERTA.

### Challenge 2011

**Clue #1**, The Pemberton Medicine Company was incorporated with a new name in the year that the famous philatelic individual was born. A famous “Chap” was also born that year.

**Clue #2**, My home town was little comfort, but we had cookies and shoes.

**Clue #3**, All together they were in 1963, on that special “Day”; Mable provided the substance, J. Edward spoke and James A. attended.

**Clue #4**, Uncle Franks best bud ‘Larry’ from The Puritan City, was of great influence.

**Clue #5**, Something is a foot (two of them) in the commonwealth.

### New Member Welcome!

Dean Collins from Longwood who collects, U.S., World and FDCs has joined us, becoming member 73 on the active roster. Thank you to Roy Anderson for introducing him to the club.

### SUNPEX 2011

The show is just around the corner — June 18 & 19. There will be 15-17 dealers for the two day show at the Bahia Shrine Center. We are in need of exhibits to fill 20 frames. Please see the President for more. The sign up sheet for the registration/greeting table will be out at the first meeting in May. Those that work at the show will be invited to a BBQ in Apopka with the dealers that evening. Help is needed.....

## The Cover Story

### A Thanksgiving Coincidence - Seventy Years Later by Phil Fetting

Post Offices were established on Navy ships to help the sailors send and receive mail during the 1909 sailing of the "Great White Fleet" around the world. Many collectors consider the "Golden Era" of collecting naval covers to be from the 1930's until the entry of the U.S. into World War II in December 1941. Two major aspects of collecting navals are the ship's cancel and if the piece has a cachet.

Figure (1) shows a card with a cancel from the U.S. Navy Submarine, USS PERCH (SS-176) along with a very colorful cachet dealing with Thanksgiving. A Navy Medical Officer, Dr. Lacy established a classification system for cancels. The technical aspects of this system is too complicated for this article, but it is a common type 3 cancel. The cancel has a circle or "dial" with the ship's name and date. Arranged out to the right are three bars that sometimes contains information. They are known as "killer bars" as their purpose was to cancel or "kill" the stamp. In this case the wording commemorates the "First Thanksgiving" celebrated onboard since the boat was commissioned eight days earlier. The Thanksgiving cachet is a beautiful combination of a thermographed design that was hand colored.

On March 1, 1942, after the start of World War II, USS PERCH was on patrol near the coast of Java where she stalked a Japanese convoy. The USS PERCH was attacked by two Japanese destroyers; heavily damaged, the ship was driven to the bottom. By early the next day, repairs were made that allowed a return to the surface. An immediate attack resulted in further damage and another trip to the bottom. On March 3rd, PERCH again surfaced and completed more repairs. She made a test dive, to check the repairs and upon surfacing, started to depart the area, only to be attacked for a third time. At this point the order was given to abandon ship and the crew of 59 was taken as POWs. Fifty-three survived to see victory in September 1945.

And now, with credit to the late Paul Harvey, here is "The rest of the story". An international expedition was searching the waters off Java in 2006, looking for the wreckage of the British Cruiser, HMS EXETER, sunk on March 1, 1942. On November 23, 2006, THANKSGIVING DAY, seventy years after this cancellation, the final resting place of the USS PERCH (SS-176) was located and photographed. Figure (2) is a photo of the nameplate taken in 2006. Figure (3) the USS PERCH.

### Electronic Newsletter or Paper?

For those folks that have decided to receive only the electronic newsletter copy — how is it working for you? The BoD would like to hear some feedback. **Remember — and this is very important — IF YOU ARE ON THE ELECTRONIC VERSION LIST — DO NOT PICK UP A PRINTED COPY AT THE MEETING — AS YOU WILL BE DEPRIVING SOMEONE OF A COPY.** We only print the number of copies needed to cover our requirements, plus 2 or 3 extras. Your cooperation on this matter is greatly appreciated!

### Decorum (PLEASE)

One of the definitions of the word *decorum* is "observance or requirement of polite society". It is polite to give the speaker at a meeting your total attention.

That does not mean you are whispering with someone next to you. Remember sounds do carry very easily in a small room.

This also means that you are not looking through a dealers stock for that one treasure you may have missed. Your attention should be focused on the front of the room. For someone to be attempting to give a presentation, that they have labored over while having to contend with distractions from the audience, is just rude. Those of us who frequently speak find the added conversation and cell phones going off to be very rude. How would you like to be treated — if you gave a presentation in front of the room? Something to think about.

### Quotable

*"Nothing is impossible. We simply don't yet know how to do it."*

The one and only — Thomas Alva Edison [1847-1931]

**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 10 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](http://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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