

Central Florida Stamp Club – Newsletter

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In Remembrance

Bob Ward passed away in early May in Lake Wales, FL, where he had retired to be near a daughter. He was preceded in death by his second wife. He was a member of the club for over 20 years and had served as a member of the Board of Directors.

Bob lived much of his life in the Miami area and worked in insurance. He attended the Pershing Avenue Christian Church with Ruth Bomar.

His collecting specialty was the Canal Zone where he had made several passages. He usually had items in the club auction and made sure that it would never go cheaply as he would buy it back if the bid was too low.

Bob was a stalwart of the club and helped set up frames when FLOREX first came to Orlando in 1986. Although he had moved away several years ago, we remember him fondly.

Summer Seminar

The Central Florida Stamp Club will have two representatives taking advantage of the summer seminar of the American Philatelic Society. **Phil Fettig** and **Jim Pullin** will take the class on Fakes and Forgeries this month.

The class is offered at State College, PA, the headquarters of the APS. They will have the opportunity to use the research library and view sales booklets.

The club recently voted to donate \$250 towards the building fund the "Match Factory" of the new headquarters. Phil hopes to make a ceremonial occasion at State College.

Rogers Speaks at Club

Mike Rogers, local dealer and club supporter, came to the May meeting in order to receive his member badge representing 25 years of membership. When the speaker for the evening wasn't able to make it, Mike stepped in to answer questions about dealing in stamps and gave good advice about disposing of collections.

In order to celebrate 25 years of the Winter Park Stamp Store, Mike recently donated \$250 towards the purchase of new equipment for the club. Very soon, we will have a meeting which will be for demonstrating things like an electric watermark detector and other tools that may be used by the membership.

Members should be aware that for the month of June, Mike Rogers will be giving a 25% discount of virtually everything in the store to celebrate 25 years of business.

Editor's note: I personally recommend that members visit the store soon and pick up supplies and supplements because the discount is significant.

Club News Notes

All the 2003 Scott Catalogues are now in. Members may check them out between meetings.

John Shirley reports that the Bomar Award will be presented later this year. A revote is being made by the qualified voters.