



CENTRAL FLORIDA STAMP CLUB

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Program Schedule (June/July/Aug)

The first meeting of June is a club auction night with a \$2 minimum. The second meeting has no topic currently.

The first meeting in July is unscheduled, while the second meeting will be on grading of stamps.

August meetings --- the first one is unscheduled the second meeting is a \$5 Super Auction night.

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

May Meeting recaps

Jim P. gave an interesting presentation on the world of exhibiting. Thanks to Jim for taking the time and trouble in preparing the talk.

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.) While the number of people can vary considerably—all are welcome. Just bring your appetite – and your wallet. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956. Everything goes better with food --- be there or be missed!

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 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 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! See Steve P. or Jim A. for me details.

Youth Night Recap/Redux

The night was a nice success with a manageable crowd of 13 youths with their respective parents. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Maybe, just maybe, we have started some youngsters on the road to being collectors. Many thanks to everyone that participated in the event from mentoring to donating material – your efforts are appreciated. Plans are in the works for a repeat performance at the second meeting in September. More as it happens.

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

Tell Us More..... By Jim A.

First of all, I collect only a few different topicals. I collect only those stamps that I consider beautiful, interesting, attractive, and large. These are the topical stamps I save: ships, elephants, basketball, and stamps on stamps. I don't pursue them by country or Scott catalog number – more like when I stumble upon them!

I collect ships because when young, I loved reading about explorers sailing ships. I suppose it was the adventure of the sailing ships that captured my imagination. The ships were beautiful, graceful, and dangerous. The adventure and danger were so unlike me. Also there were the dangers and adventures of the first sailors and armies that traveled to wage war and then those who sailed for only treasure – the pirates.

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The reasons I collect elephants are many. First, they are like the ships – large, dangerous, but very useful. I was attracted to them because they were the largest wild land animals. In many distant lands, elephants are used for riding and work. I enjoyed seeing them at the zoo. And last but very important, I had a very strong grandmother who followed the elephant, always carrying her own load and helping others. She passed it on – all the way to my grandchildren. There are no Donkeys in my collection.

Next topical is basketball. I grew up in Indiana – and that's where crazy and insane basketball comes from. I did not play ball in school but when I applied for my first teaching position I was asked to be the coach for two teams. I loved it. In recent times, my granddaughter started playing basketball in 4th grade and continued through 12th grade. So today I collect basketball related stamps from anywhere.

The last one is stamps on stamps. I just started this one about 3 years ago. I always found it intriguing to see old stamps pictured on newer stamps. Many of these older stamps would never be in my collection, but in a way I could still have them since they were on real stamps. And an added bonus was that many of these new stamps were commemorating stamp collecting or stamp month or a special stamp show. Collecting these stamps on stamps is like celebrating my own hobby.

Reflections on a Torn

Walter Reed Stamp By Stuart B.



I tore it accidentally in 2008. The tear made me think of the bad news revealed by the Washington Post that at Walter Reed Hospital, some returning wounded from Iraq were receiving disgraceful housing, delayed medical care and were frequently in

Catch-22 situations. What a contrast for an institution with a longstanding reputation as an excellent hospital as well as a memorial for the man who discovered the route and causes of typhus and yellow fever.

Initially I was removing the stamp from an album for use in a current stamp club newsletter. This was to be a note about myself, as a frightened freshman medical student in 1953 at George Washington University. At that time, I saw a picture at GW Medical School of the faculty at the turn of the 19th century. There was Dr. Walter Reed, professor of bacteriology in the faculty composite photo.

What was important to me while I was growing up was baseball, stamp collecting, and becoming a doctor. Being away from home for the first time as a student, it was a comfort seeing Dr. Reed's picture, whose stamp I had so often seen as I looked through my stamp album and those of my peers.

In my mind, his reputation is not tarnished.

Clue on Glue

In process -- is a new member's recognition program that acknowledges all club members for their contributions during the year. More details as it happens. You will want to be present and accounted for at the year ending Holiday Party in December.

Monthly Fun with Stamps Quizzes

- June 1869 Matching (2nd meeting)
- July Service (2nd meeting)
- Aug Captain Kirk said (1st meeting)
- Sept Point A to Point B (1st meeting)
- Oct Hocus Pocus VI (1st meeting)
- Nov High Five Liberty (2nd meeting)

Quotable

"I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me."

Fred Allen, Comedian (1894 -1956)

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