

The Cover Story

Do You Need Diversity In Your Life? — Part I



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Program Schedule (June/July/August)

June meetings — The first meeting on 06/06 will have Forrest Smith presenting “Match & Medicine”. The second meeting on 06/20 will be the first Youth Night of 2013 hosted by the team Priest.

July meetings — The first meeting on 07/04 will not happen as it is a Federal Holiday. The second meeting on 07/18 will have the annual Super Auction with a \$5 minimum.

August meetings — The first meeting on 08/01 will have our resident judge, Jim Pullin, presenting “Pioneer Steamers”. The second meeting currently has no topic scheduled.

Board meetings for 2013; August 29 and October 31.

May Meeting Recaps

The first meeting of the month started off with a large crowd of 15 for dinner. Thirty-one folks attended the meeting on a exceedingly soggy Thursday night. James Pullin did a great job of enlightening folks on the many aspects of exhibiting. The silent auction sold 17 lots for a total of \$125.50.

The second meeting night of May started with large and noisy crowd (until the food arrived) of 14. Thirty-seven folks signed in for the meeting. Randall Priest did a great job of presenting his approach towards youth involvement. A. Stephen Patrick won the quiz with a near perfect score. The silent auction sold 17 lots for a total of \$108.25.

Dinner Plans

Come join the group for dinner at Viet Garden at 5:00pm before each meeting. Bring your appetite – and your wallet. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

Monthly Quizzes

- June* Lighthouses
- July** Ducks for a Buck
- Aug Space Exploration
- Sept Flora & Fauna
- Oct Hocus Pocus XI
- Nov American Arts Issue

Quizzes normally are the 2nd meeting of the month.

*First meeting of June. **First meeting of August

Event Calendar 2013

FSDA-Fall 2013 September 21-22
FLOREX 2013 December 6, 7 & 8
For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

SUNPEX is Here!

Come one — come all! The annual event called SUNPEX is almost here. Mark the dates of June 15-16 on your calendar and plan to attend with your want list in tow. This years show at the Bahia Shrine Center will feature 20 frames of exhibits by the membership of the CFSC and a full compliment of 15 dealers in 19 booths. There will be a BBQ at the Editor’s home at 6pm on Saturday for those that work at the show. Those that exhibit, setup the exhibits and staff the reception table are all invited to come and partake of the food and conversation. Directions will be passed out on Saturday at the show. If you have any questions contact the Editor.

The Presidents Message by A. Stephen Patrick

Mike Rogers recently gave me a box of “sand dunes” to pick through. Those are the countries on the Arabian peninsula that produced prodigiously in the 60’s and 70’s, countries like Ajman, Sharjah, Fujiera, Manama, etc. Most of the issues are topical in nature and never saw the inside of a post office, as they were sent off to philatelic dealers to sell around the world. Scott refuses to include them in its catalogue, so you have to go to the Michel, Minkus, and the Official Trucial States (OTC) catalogues to get numbers and values.

When I first joined the stamp club, the veterans told me to not waste my money on these stamps as they were highly speculative, and since the State of Oman, Kingdom of Yemen, and other phantom countries were no better and somewhat worse than other “cinderellas,” it would be foolish to save them. Most collectors think that gold foil first day covers are a bane on the market, but there are many desirable silver and gold stamps from the dunes. They won’t win gold medals at FLOREX, but they are still beautiful.

I have spent many pleasant hours now picking out JFK material, art, and scouting for some of my pet collections. I am paying for them with “sweat equity” as I pick out many MNH sets for Mike Rogers to sell on line. He has done pretty well selling what other dealers won’t even touch. The lesson is SAVE WHAT YOU LIKE and not what others tell you. I also have some small packets of stamps set aside for club members. Cheyenne collects dinosaurs, Larry shells, Jim likes soccer, and Randall likes art -- like me. They may be CTO material, but hold value to us.

We as members should be careful not to criticize what others collect. We, as veteran collectors, can counsel, give enlightened advice, and encourage new collectors. That is good for the hobby.

Member Profile

An Expanding Universe by James Cooney

It is Nicolaus Copernicus who usually gets the credit for recognizing that the Sun is at the center of the solar system, rather than the Earth. In actuality, several thousand years earlier, in ancient Greece, an astronomer named Aristarchus had the very same idea. Unfortunately for Aristarchus, the Greeks knew their geometry quite well, and understood that if the Earth were indeed revolving around the Sun, the apparent positions of the distant stars should shift slowly as well – the phenomenon of parallax. Since no such shift was observed, the ideas of Aristarchus fell by the wayside. The real reason that the Greeks could not detect stellar parallax was because the stars are MUCH farther away than they could even conceive, thus the apparent movements of the stars are much smaller than can be seen with the naked eye.

I am reminded of this cautionary tale when I think back to my beginnings in philately. I started, as many do, with a bunch of stamps given to me by my grandmother. In my eyes at the time, every single stamp was special and I thought, why not just mount all of them with nice protective, black mounts! I, like the ancient Greeks, could not conceive of the universe, this time of stamps, being as large as it is. Soon enough the enormity of the world of stamps hit me, and the task of mounting every one, duplicates and all, started to become prohibitive, in terms of both time and money. Even when trying to limit myself to U.S. stamps (which I couldn't do then and can't now,) things got out of hand.

Of course my collection now is quite different from when I started, but I still have not quite purged it entirely of the Mount Everything strategy. The Greeks' conclusion, that the Earth was the center of the universe, stuck around for 1500 years. Here's to hoping I am not so stubborn!

Writers and More

If you have a bent towards writing — please consider submitting a piece for publication in this newsletter, which has to survive on content provided by the membership of the CFSC. We have been fortunate to have a solid core of writers over the years that have made this a great monthly read. In particular we have been provided two lengthy pieces in recent months, by relative new writers for the newsletter that have been exceptional. We encourage one and all to think about writing — even a short piece about something you collect — you may be surprised how you may influence someone else.

July Newsletter

Since there is no meeting to be held on July 4th, those folks that receive a hard copy of the newsletter will have it mailed to their address of record. I am expecting to get the newsletters in the mail to you no later than July 2nd. For those that utilize the e-version of the newsletter the e-mail notification will be sent by July 2nd.

CFSC Shirts

We have a small stock of Polo shirts for both men and women available for purchase. See any BoD member to make a purchase (\$15). Show your pride in the club!

No Meeting July 4th

Enjoy your backyard BBQ, or a trip to the beach — there is no meeting on July 4th as it is of course a Federal Holiday.

Quotable

“Kindness’ covers all of my political beliefs. No need to spell them out. I believe that if, at the end, according to our abilities, we have done something to make others a little happier and something to make ourselves a little happier, that is about the best we can do. To make others less happy is a crime. To make ourselves unhappy is where all crime starts.

We must try to contribute joy to the world. That is true no matter what our problems, our health, our circumstances. We must try.



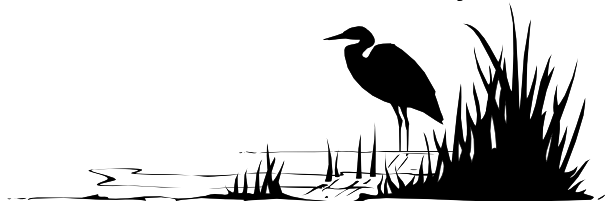
I didn't always know this and am happy I lived long enough to find it out.”

Movie Critic, Roger Ebert [06.18.42 — 04.04.13]

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 12 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
- 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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