



CENTRAL FLORIDA STAMP CLUB

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Washington 2006

Wow! Standing on the balcony over looking the floor configured with 200+ dealers, and 3,500 frames of exhibits, with the aisles bustling with activity – it was a sight to behold. The first three days of the show can only be described as very, very busy, with many booths stacked deep with customers searching for treasures. My arrival on Tuesday was the first “normal” day for the show, from what I was told. One dealer I spoke to, cleared all his expenses (which are not insignificant for a show of this nature) at 2pm on Saturday – four hours after the show opened. Everyone I talked to was happy with the attendance numbers and general activity levels. I have to say an international show is something everyone should attend at least once.

Numerous Florida based dealers had booth space, including Browse House, Bejjco, New England Stamps, Collectors Exchange, and Steve Crippe to name a few. Club members that made the trip include: S. Patrick, J. Lee, L. Cohen, J. Pullin, A. & S. Nagy, and S. & R. Priest. One former member was seen: R. McCoy – who now lives in Virginia if memory serves.

SUNPEX 2006

The show was a success by every measure used to define a bourse. Of the 19 dealers all reported better than average sales, except for one. The Club cleared a little over \$450.00 for being the sponsor/host of this show and many thanks go out to everyone that helped directly or indirectly with the show. Without the numerous volunteers a show of this nature can not succeed or survive. Thank you to all -- these dollars go a long way towards paying our monthly meeting bill!!! Contracts for SUNPEX 2007 will be mailed to all returning dealers in the early fall. The show now has a waiting list to work from.

Board of Directors Meeting

The next CFSC Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for August 31st -- 7:00pm at John Shirley's home. Please mark your calendar and be present.

FLOREX 2006

Show planning is on track. If you have the time and inclination to help FLOREX in any way, please see me. This is the second year of the four year process to regain WSP status. Everyone can be of assistance! Show dates are December 1, 2 & 3 – mark your calendar now!

Way-Past-Dues for 2006

Dues for the calendar year 2006 are past due for payment to the club Treasurer. The following people are missing in action; S. Borstelman, G. Butner, J. Eller, L. Erickson, G. Fulford, D. Pere, L. Ulstad, and T. Weisman. These names have been dropped from the club roster with the release of the updated Membership Roster.

Dues for 2007

Yes I know, it is too early to collect them. Starting this year (December) we will have invoices generated for the membership dues payment. If you do not attend the meetings in December the membership invoice, will be mailed to your address of record. Please return it at your convenience with a check for \$12 made out to the CFSC – It is hoped that this procedure will smooth out our dues collection issues.

Holiday Party

Mark your calendar for December 21st at 7:00pm for the annual holiday party. We need three volunteers to coordinate the pot luck dinner. Don't be bashful.....If many do a little, then there is little to do by the many.

Monthly Fun with Stamps Quiz

The on-going series of quizzes continues in 2006 with the following scheduled,

- July -- Christmas in the 80s (1st meeting)
- August -- Big Stuff (2nd meeting)
- September -- Half There (2nd meeting)
- October -- Hocus-Pocus Part IV (1st meeting)
- November -- Nightlights (1st meeting)

Editor's Space

A random thought pattern that was reinforced by something I heard on talk-radio – made me think....The life we live influences and effects many people. Have you made a difference in someone else's life? Volunteer work can be rewarding and move your life in directions you have not imagined. There are always opportunities in the CFSC to have things done that go "wanting" because no one cares. The CFSC need more people to care.

Any appropriate news for this newsletter can be given to Francis Ferguson in person or via email at fergapk@gmail.com.

Membership Privileges

A member is entitled to participate in the club activities at the twice monthly meeting. According to our By-Laws, non-members (i.e. visitors) are not permitted to participate in the raffle drawing, place items in the auction, or bid on auction items.

Membership Roster 2006/B

The updated roster has been printed and distributed. Your collecting interests have been added --- **if you have communicated them.** The next major revision will be March of 2007.

Thoughts -- Please

At this time we have two long time members who should be remembered in everyone's thoughts. Phil Fettig is recovering at home, as is John Shirley. Please remember these club member's in your daily thoughts.

Long time club member and public "crier" has pulled up stakes and headed for the hills of Tennessee. Jim Estes and his lovely (and better looking) wife have begun to build their retirement home – Jim has been a force in the CFSC for many years, and his absence will be hard to fill.

Newsletter news

This newsletter is sent out to those that have not been able to attend the meetings on a regular schedule. So far we have been able to reconnect with three club members who infrequently come to a meeting. This newsletter is a great communications tool for staying in touch. If you do not attend the first meeting of the month, when the newsletter is handed out, it will be mailed to your address of record by our accommodating Secretary Jim Archbold. The CFSC pays for the postage for this mailing, as a membership benefit. Please do what you can to help to spread the news and keep people in the loop.

The schedule for publications is the first meeting of each month, except when circumstances prevent it. Now that is a schedule everyone can live with.....including the Editor!

It is hoped that sometime soon, someone will present the Editor of this rag material to use. Scrounging for material is going to get old fast.....

Quotable

"Never attempt to teach a pig to sing.
It is a waste of time and it annoys the pig."
(Robert Heinlein, 1907-1988)

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How life on Earth really got its start