



The Cover Story

**United States Missile Mail
....and the answer to the quiz in the June issue.**

Figure 1



Figure 2



Program Schedule (July/August/September)

July — The first meeting on 07/03 will be the 3rd Quarter Cried Auction. The second meeting on 07/17 will be the Youth Night Summer 2014 — directed by Randall Priest.

August — The first meeting on 08/07 will have Mel Borofsky presenting on “Antarctica Stamps”. The second meeting on 08/21 will be a bonus Cried Auction night.

September — The first meeting on 09/04 will have Leah Dummich presenting on “Disney”. The second meeting on 09/18 is scheduled with Jim Pullin presenting part II of “Freight Money”.

Board meeting for 2014; July 31 & October 30.

June Meeting Recaps

The first meeting of June started with 13 folks enjoying food and conversation — 35 signed in for the meeting. The presentation by a number of members highlighted why we are collectors. The auction sold 26 lots for \$302.

The second meeting of the month started with 13 for dinner and 42(!) signed in for the meeting. A. Stephen Patrick “sprouted” on Brussels. The auction sold a total of 17 lots for a \$222.50.

Dinner Plans

Come join the group for dinner at Viet Garden at 5:00pm before each meeting. Located on the NW corner of Shine Ave & 50 at 1237 E. Colonial Dr. There is plenty of parking on the north side, behind the restaurant. Bring your appetite – and your wallet. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

Club Polo Shirts

For those new and veteran club members who do not have a lovely blue club shirt — we have them for purchase at \$20 each. See a member of the BoD to buy one or two!

Event Calendar 2014

FSDA Fall 2014

September 13-14

FLOREX 2014

December 5-7

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

SUNPEX Recap

The crowds started early Saturday morning and continued almost all day. The two day total came within one person of the numbers from 2013. This annual club event continues to draw the public in, and continues to show strength. The exhibit by the membership of the CFSC filled most of the 20 frames available.

The first place award was given to Robert Fisher, second place went to Francis Ferguson and third place to Jim Edmunds. The People’s Choice went to the youth of the DeLaSalle Academy in Ft. Meyers. If you need to refresh your memory on the DeLaSalle Academy reference the CFSC newsletter for April, Insert A. Thank you to everyone who helped this event happen!

Did You Know?

The history of the early years of the CFSC are rather murky. Our forefathers did not do a very good job of preserving their history, thus we are still discovering pieces here and there.

The thinking is that the genesis of the CFSC goes back to the middle years of the 1940s. The club has been an APS Chapter twice. The first application was in June of 1951 — the club was an active member until August of 1961, when apparently economic conditions caused the APS Chapter membership to be dropped. Currently we have been an APS Chapter since August of 1968 and hold chapter number 699.

The history that has been documented can be found on the club’s website by clicking on the HISTORY button on the left side navigation bar.

Should you — or anyone you know, be able to add to our history please contact the Editor.

Quotable

“Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.”

Theodor Seuss Geisel [1904—1991]



President's Message

Robert Dowrick

Member Opportunities

We have had an influx of new members recently and I wanted to remind everyone of some of the advantages of membership. I'm sure you are aware we have a set of catalogs on the table, but did you know you can check them out between meetings? All you have to do is bring the catalog you want to take home to the registration table and the hostess will have you sign by your name that you are taking it. Be sure to bring it back at the next meeting as there is a \$1.00 fine if you don't.

Another item to take home might be the club digital microscope. It hooks into your computer with software provided and allows you to look closely at stamps. You can also take pictures and store them on your computer. Another item in our 4 drawer cabinet is a UV light. You use this to detect tagging. Both of these items should be signed out at the table as well.

The club maintains a library of DVDs and books that may be checked out. The list of programs and books is available on our website under LIBRARY on the side menu. The means for checking the material out is on the website as well.

The Travels of an Air Post Cover by Phil Fettig



Figure 1

I thought this cover might make an interesting note before it “flew” out my stock. A common practice by cover collectors was to mail it addressed to yourself at “General Delivery” at a selected site and wait for it to be returned since you were not there to pick it up.

Figure 1 is such a cover sent from Madison, NJ to catch a First Flight on U.S. Foreign Contract Air Mail Route No. 7-1 (FAM 7-1) Miami, FL to Nassau, Bahamas. The cover left Madison at 9pm on December 26, 1928 and arrived in Miami at 4:30pm on the 30th. It

received the first flight cachet and departed at 8:30am on January 2nd, 1929.

Pilot Harry Rogers flew from Miami and landed in Nassau where the cover received a back-stamp, Figure 2. Mr. Roberts had modified the return instructions in the upper left corner by crossing out “in one week” and adding in “immediately”. However, the American Air Mail Catalog indicates 28 pounds of mail was carried on this initial flight, so it is doubtful that Pilot Rogers waited around for this to be processed before he made the inaugural return flight.



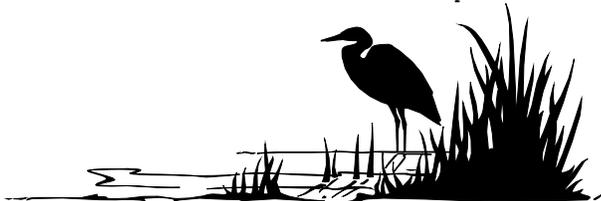
Figure 2

After this we can only speculate that Mr. Roberts did not pick up the cover and it was returned without any further postmarks. The cover was franked with the correct seven cents for a half ounce, although some covers are found with only five cents as an unofficial announcement had reduced the cost in December.

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 15+ years and provides a pleasant meeting room with easy access and plenty of free parking.
- The informal part of the meeting runs from 6:00-6:45. The business side of things from 6:45-7:10. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 7:15 until 7:50. Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions until 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, the right to bid in cried/silent auctions — and much more.

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