



CENTRAL FLORIDA STAMP CLUB

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Presentations

John Shirley had the first presentation of July on Se-tenant Stamps of the US, followed by the Mound of Stamps Night at the second meeting, which generated about \$35 for the club's coffers. Thanks are extended to Randall and Sarah Priest for their efforts in making this happen.

August meetings will involve \$5 Super Auction, and Discussion of Washington 2006. September, first meeting is a Member's Bourse Night (bring things to sell/trade) and the second night is all about Beer stamps. The first meeting in October is graced with our own Herb McNeil on a postal history topic, while the second meeting will be a \$2 auction night.

Shows

The first show of the season will be in Ocala the weekend of September 9th and 10th. The first local show will be held at the Hampton Inn (Altamonte Springs) on September 30th & October 1st. For a complete up-to-date list of FSDA sponsored shows go to:
www.floridastampdealers.org

History needs writing.....

The CFSC is in need of a person to coordinate and search out fragments of our club's history. This project is important for numerous reasons – the most important being the preservation of our collective history. Being able to interview and take notes, organize information, and hopefully the ability to type would be great. If you can volunteer to take on this project, or a portion, please see any BoD member.

Club History: 1994 World Cup (by John D. Shirley, Sr.)

The CFSC was at the '94 World Cup and profited dramatically from the sale of covers for the games.

Having planned the design and sale of covers for FLOREX since 1988, the CFSC used that experience to produce commercial grade covers

for the '94 World Cup that was held here in Orlando. A first day ceremony was held at City Hall, and some blank covers were made. Sea World held a promotion for the games and the USPS had a cancellation for this event. City Hall had made a replica of a soccer ball to covers the roof and this was used for the cancel design. Using the three stamp souvenir sheet, No. 6 1/2 covers were made using the flag part of the sheet as a cachet and canceling the three stamps and sold for \$3.00. A #10 cover had the full souvenir sheet placed on the left side for the cachet and a single 29, 40 and 50 cent stamp to cancel. This cover had the full set of the USPS World Cup issue and sold for \$5.00

It is often said that imitation is the most sincere form of flattery -- foreign visitors seeing what the CFSC was doing, purchased stamps from USPS and made their own souvenir covers. The club's sales were moderate as a result of this.

At the first game on June 19th, an early visit to the portable USPS station near the Citrus Bowl gave us an opportunity to make up some \$3 and \$5 covers. After the game, sales were made on a street corner and went so well, that it was very difficult to accept the money without a money pouch. We learned from this experience!

From the second through the fourth games the seller's came up with a money pouch, which was good, because sales were increasing each day. After the last opening round game on June 29th, a cover was designed reversing the logo used by Sea World and listing the teams for the July 4th game.

Then came the morning of July 4th --- the USPS clerk called to say -- the portable truck was out of order. With some persuading, he came, in his private vehicle, brought some USPS souvenir merchandise and all seven of the canceling devices. With the help of Wade Beery, sets of seven were made of all of the \$3 and \$5 covers. The July 4th cover was canceled with the 29 cent stamp. Sales were so brisk, that we had trouble

making enough covers to keep up with the demand.

The best part of July 4th was, the club had the only supply for the stamps. The USPS only had expensive souvenirs for sale. After the games, additional sets were made of the \$2, \$3 and \$5 sets. These additional sets have become part of the CFSC inventory of covers for sale and have been made available since 1994 at nearly every fall show for sale to the public. Sales for that 4th of July were nearly \$800 and opened up new avenues for the sales of covers by the CFSC.

SUNPEX 2007

Dates for the next show are May 12th and 13th. Mark them on your calendar --- This show has direct and serious effects on our clubs yearly financial picture. Please make time to help or attend.

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

Everyone can be of assistance! Show dates are December 1, 2 & 3 – mark your calendar now! Cachet theme for this years show is going to be “25 years of space shuttle flight, 1981-2006”. There will be a daily cancel for each of the three days of the show. There has been discussion about a very limited edition of a special cover available for around \$15.00 --- that will highlight a specific shuttle vehicle. More information as it becomes available. The FLOREX website has been spun off, with its own domain: www.florexstampshow.com

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,

- August -- Big Stuff (2nd meeting)
- September -- Half There(2nd meeting)
- October -- Hocus-Pocus Part IV (1st meeting)
- November -- Nightlights (1st meeting)

The quizzes for 2007 have already been done, and will be posted starting in the November newsletter.

Editor's Space

Why does someone get involved? What motivates someone? These are two important and vital questions when trying to get people to take ownership and/or responsibility of a specific task. The bottom line is willingness to be involved and make a difference. Do you make a difference?

This club functions because of the efforts of a small handful of people. You can make a difference by offering to help, no matter how trivial you think it may be --- your efforts can make a huge difference.

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

Quotable

“Never trust a computer you can't throw out a window. “

Steve Wozniak
Co-Founder, Apple Computer

One Hot Soccer Chick



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