



CENTRAL FLORIDA STAMP CLUB

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Program Schedule (Aug/Sept/Oct)

The first meeting of August will have a presentation by Steve P., entitled The Warren G. Harding Memorial Issue. The second meeting is a \$5 Auction Night, come with material to sell and come with money to spend. These auctions have proved to be very popular in past years – let the trend continue.

September brings school and the return of stamping! The first meeting of the month will have presentation by Randall P. called “Perfins II”. The second meeting will have “Something Canada” by our continental traveler Al N.

October brings cooler weather (we hope) and our first presentation is by Francis F. on “Thomas Edison”. The second meeting currently has no assigned topic.

The third board meeting of 2007 is August 31st the home of Francis F. Please be present and accounted for promptly at 7pm. Dinner will be served. Board member’s please mark your calendars.

July Meeting recaps

The first meeting we had another well researched and presented piece from our own James P. on TransAtlantic mail covers. Nice job! It is obvious from the attendance counts, that summer has people more interested in other things on Thursday night!

The second meeting on July 19th --- was a nice time digging in a couple of piles of stamps. Sorry we missed you!

Fall – CFSS

The first show of the Central Florida 2007-2008 stamp season will be held at the Bahia Shrine Center (BSC) the weekend of September 29 & 30. Mark your calendar -- for you have a need to come out and be seen. The show is configured for 17 dealers, a youth area, and the USPS. I hope to have the USPS there longer than 2 hours this time!

Event Calendar 2007

CFSS Fall (BCS)	Sept 29-30, 2007
OCRHC-Stamp Fair	Oct 6, 2007
FLOREX 2007 (CFF)	Nov 30, Dec 1,2 2007

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

Monthly Fun with Stamps Quiz

The on-going series of quizzes continues in 2007 with the following scheduled,

- August (1st meeting) Not “I-rated”
- September (2nd meeting) Sun + Three
- October (2nd meeting) Hocus Pocus V
- November (2nd meeting) Wilbur & Orville Started it

History Center – Stamp Fair

This event is starting to jell-together. At this point 10 dealers will be involved with the event from 10:30-4:30 on Saturday October 6th. This event is aimed at youth, as this is stamp collecting month. Please make yourself available to assist with the youth area at this event, which will be much more involved than a normal youth area effort. CFSC members who volunteer to help and participate in this event will be given free admission. Normal admission to the museum is \$7 for adults, \$3 for youth. Your name MUST be on the volunteer list, otherwise you will have to pay to get in.

Elections! 2008-2010

The full slate of seven board members is up for election for the term of service 2008-2010. John S., CFSC President, will be appointing a nominating committee per the by-laws. Those appointments will be announced when they are accepted by the individuals involved. The actual election process will take place at the second meeting of January of 2008, which is also the annual business meeting. *Please place this very important date on your calendar.*

Serendipitous Philately; the Unexpected Benefits of Stamp Collecting.

By Bruce Mc Pherson

In one of my earlier articles I shared my visit to Germany in 1997. The trip was prompted by my interest in the "Notopfer" tax stamp that was required on every letter posted in Berlin during the period. The income was used to help Berlin recover from the losses of WW2.

My itinerary took me first to Vienna, Austria, then to Berlin by train. While in Vienna I was invited to a dinner where I experienced a selection of German food and a floor show of customary German Folk Dances. By chance I was seated by a German lady and I was pleased to learn that she could speak some English, which was fortunate since I could not communicate in German. During dinner I learned that she was from Berlin and in Vienna with her daughter as a reward for her graduation from high school with honors.

My new friend was excited to meet someone from the United States; since she lived through the Russian blockade of Berlin after WW2. The American and British air forces flew provisions into Berlin in an around-the-clock effort to keep the captive Berliners alive. Before the evening was done we had become acquainted, thanks to her broken English. I explained that I would be in Berlin in 3 days. She gave me her card and asked that I call her. I arrived on Saturday and Sunday morning I called her. She was anxious to pick me up and show me around the city. Michaela, her husband Klaus, daughter Yvonne and son Alex arrived at my hotel in 45 minutes. We drove to an unusual Hungarian restaurant for lunch and then

visited the site of the Spandau Prison, which now includes a Beer brewery. We finished the day with a visit to a very quaint church that was built in the year 1000 and the stone walls were 2 to 3 feet thick. The Berlin church of Marienfelde would accommodate about 60 people. Michaela & Klaus were married there.

We have stayed in touch over time by mail or E-mail. We visited again in 2001 when we were honored with a neighborhood gathering with Red, White and Blue flowers, the dinning room was festooned with many small American flags. Even the desert of Jell-O was a bowl of Red, White and Blue stars. They are such congenial people; it has been a pleasure to have met them. All because of a small Blue Tax Stamp.

Web quiz

I am embarrassed to admit how many times I guessed wrong. Play the game and see how well you do. Some of the questions are simple; others are kind of tough --- especially when you have a timer counting down in big bold letters!

www.postalmuseum.si.edu/activity/challenge/

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❖ Treasurer	Mark A. F.
❖ Secretary	Jim A.
❖ Director-at-Large	Al N.
❖ Director-at-Large	James R. P.

Quotable

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it."

Aristotle (384 BC - 322 BC)

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