

CENTRAL FLORIDA STAMP CLUB

MEETINGS HELD 1st &

3rd THURSDAY AT:

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2 September 1993

Dear Fellow Stamp Collector:

We have had many exciting events at the Central Florida Stamp Club in 1993. Our roomy new quarters have hosted many special guest speakers, famous philatelists, inter-club visitors, international visitors, and several new members.

There has been an increased interest in trading and swapping. New members have given the club a shot in the stamp tongs and all kinds of goodies are on hand at any given time. We now have boxes, bags, satchels, and mounds of stamps to look at and buy or trade at each meeting. Stories (some true) and knowledge are also traded on a regular basis.

We have been blessed with great guest speakers including: Jim Pullin, Wade Beery, Larry Stiles, Bill Jones, Bill Bomar, Clyde Jennings, and many many more. Each special presentation has been well received. 1993 has produced some of the most interesting talks and displays of collections we have seen in years. We have seen everything from "dull" treasures (worth thousands of dollars) to never-before-seen junk and left-overs. (Dollar value does not always seem to have a direct relation to the level of interest, nor to the degree of rarity).

The increased number of auctions has also helped to pique interest in club meetings, and we are planning even more auctions for 1994. The Silent Auctions started off slowly and have built momentum. The idea is to place individual items or small accumulations on the special bid sheet. Interested parties write in their bid and their initials on the bid sheet and then other interested collectors may increase that bid by entering their bid and initialing that bid. A call is made at the end of the evening when it's time to pick up the lots. The highest written bid wins. Now that collectors know that items may be had for a small, and/or reasonable bid, activity is increasing. Proceeds on donation lots and consignment lots for all auctions go into the general fund for the support of the Club.

In July of 1993, we instituted a \$10.00 cash door prize. The cash prize has been awarded eleven times since its inception. You, too, may win up to \$50 when you attend the meetings. You can only win if you are present. Only your attendance will support our growth into 1993.

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In August the Precancel Stamp Society hosted their 72nd Annual Convention at the Radisson Plaza Orlando. The hotel and staff were wonderful. The banquet was regaled by all---absolutely the best banquet food ever served. Guests included Clyde Jennings, several members of the Central Florida Stamp Club, collectors from the United Kingdom (3), Canada, South America, and 26 of the nations premier precancel and perfin dealers.

The exhibits were incredible. There were items displayed that most of us have never seen. How many United States precanceled revenue, documentary, or match & medicine stamps have you seen? How about a complete collection of imperforate Bureau printed lines-only precanceled coils? How about precanceled local post covers? How about an exhibit of produce seals? Did you know that Netherlands precancels look like small post-cancels?

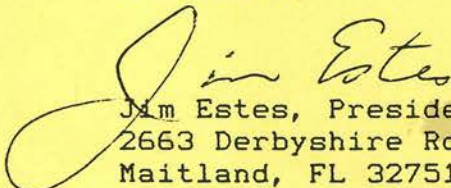
We have two special opportunities to serve the community.

- 1) Carefully read the attached document regarding Habitat for Humanity. We have been presented with an opportunity that will help the community and stamp collecting. Volunteer. You won't be sorry.
- 2) Thanks to the efforts of Bill Bomar, The Orange County Public Library has offered us two display cases to present an exhibit during the months of September and October. If you are willing and able to provide an exhibit of general interest, please call me on 263-3720.

FLOREX 93 is upon us. The attached news release pretty well covers the basics. The Club is grateful for the support in past years and we are looking forward to your support this year, too. We need to man the registration table, a club table, set up exhibits and help take down the exhibits at the end. Your help will be most appreciated. Remember to tell your friends and acquaintances about FLOREX. Donations of stamps for youth may be given to me or to David Allen.

We hope your summer has been fun and profitable. Join in, share the fun, enjoy stamps, participate. Be an active partner in the delight of stamp collecting. We appreciate you and welcome you in all we do.

Sincerely,


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