

Central Florida Stamp Club – Newsletter

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In Remembrance

Victor Perantoni passed away in the late spring. He is fondly remembered by many in the club. He was Italian, of course, but his family had a business in Lvov in Central Europe. The town has been under the Austrian Hapsburgs, Russia, and Poland. For this reason, Vic had a great holding of Polish material.

After WW II Vic lived for a time in the 1950's in Australia where he did some small time stamp dealing and created event covers. He later moved to the United States and retired in Central Florida.

Vic was active in club auctions often bringing esoteric offerings from Italian colonies and other out of the way places. Several club members have holdings of attractive modern covers from Italy with colorful stamp combinations.

If he felt you were a potential customer for his booklets, in his broken English he would implore, "You like?" or "You want." "I make you a good price." "Take it with you, you can pay me later."

Many members remember the one time Vic gave a talk at stamp club. One of his sons who is a non-collector, came with him and helped him read and translate his talk. You could see the pride of accomplishment in both their faces. All of us are saddened by this closed album.

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Long time Central Florida dealer Ward Morton passed away recently. He was one who bent with the times. He changed his specialty to France and Colonies in later years. The dealer community especially misses him.

Relocation

Former club president **Tom Mizak** has relocated to Las Vegas. He seems to be enjoying the desert air according to Francis Ferguson from a recent phone call.

Alan Weinstein moved to Lakeland, FL, over Labor Day weekend. He has found a great retirement community and already knows many of the local stamp collectors. Alan is a strong member of the Lion's Club and his favorite collecting interest is Cinderella's.

NEW Auction Rules Announced

The Board took the following action in meeting August, 29. Starting with the next club auction in October, there will no longer be a reserve auction on that night. All auction materials will be cried by the auctioneer.

The minimum bid will still be \$2.00; however, sellers may enter items at a higher reserve, and if the reserve is not met, the item will be set aside with **no penalty to the seller.**

This means that more expensive items may be entered for bid, and the owner does not have to bid to protect his item or pay a 10% commission for buying back his own material.

The auctioneer will offer these items with more deliberate speed, and if there is no action at the reserve price, he will pass on the item with no penalty.

It is felt by the Board that better items will be offered. More items can be handled as the pace picks up. As this new plan goes in effect, there will be a limit of **five items** from any member.

Of course, donation items will still be accepted. It is hoped that up to 50 items may be handled in one session.

UPCOMING SHOWS

The next **Bourse at the Maitland Civic Center** will be September 28 – 29. There will be a silent auction that closes on Sunday afternoon.

The **Florida State Stamp Show** will be held at the Expo Center November 8 – 10. There will be a 60 frame exhibit with material by our club. Start planning you exhibit now. Each frame holds nine pages, and one frame exhibits are encouraged.

Club Recognizes Loyal Members

If you see a member at club meetings with a silver badge, then you are seeing a member with at least 25 years of active participation. The first seven members to get this recognition are: **Wade Beery, Lynn Cohen, Charles Janosi, Paul Kolb, Herb McNeal, Charles Siddaway, and Michael Rogers.**

Program Change

The November 21 meeting has been changed to another **Members Bourse**. Hopefully, we will not be bumped from our usual room, so there will be plenty of space. Plan now to bring your extras to sell or trade that evening.

Reminder of Meeting Protocol

The Board wants to remind members that our official rent covers two hours from 7:30 to 9:30. Although the doors open at 7:00, no business, only socialization, may be done before 7:30. That is when members are to sign in and start business. We don't want to endanger our current rental policy.

Once the meeting is called to order, all business must be suspended until the speaker is finished with the program. Please give every courtesy to the speaker.

The Board is considering alternating the seating in such a way to reserve areas for any dealers.

New Survey to be Taken

A new survey sheet is being prepared so that members can update their collecting interests. Be ready to indicate your specialties and to whether you are buying, selling, or trading.

CATALOGS – The club is purchasing a set of 2003 Scott Catalogs. These can be checked out between meetings. Volumes I to IV are in.

Club Member Helps Catch Thief

Ann Fettig, owner of A & R Stamps in Kissimmee recently received a reward of \$2500 from the Federal government for aiding capture of a con artist. The person caught has been referred to as “the John Dillinger of the internet.” Our club president promises to tell the rest of the story in the near future.

Dues Policy Announced

Carl Ulstad announces that the dues policy has been changed so the new members who join mid year only have to pay for that portion of membership. However, if a lapsed member comes back after several years, he or she must pay all back dues in order to keep the original membership number. If not, then a new number will be assigned as though a new member has joined.

Financial Report

John Shirley reports that through August 29, income is ahead of expenses by \$284.79. However, another rent payment is due, and we should end the year with a deficit of about \$150. Since the club has over \$5000 in the bank, it is felt that dues will remain \$12 for the coming year.

The budget is helped by over \$335 gained by working at the Central Florida Fair. Thanks to all who volunteer in such efforts.

HINTZ AWARD

The Sunpex Show in May was the first to recognize the **Alvin Hintz Award**. With money donated by **Michael Rogers**, a nice prize goes to the best exhibit of British Commonwealth material, a favorite of the late dealer Alvin Hintz. **Wade Beery** was the first recipient of the award.