



# CENTRAL FLORIDA STAMP CLUB

A WHOLLY OWNED ENTITY OF THE MID-FLORIDA PHILATELIC SOCIETY, INC.

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## Presentations

WOW! The \$5 Super Auction night (first meeting in August) was a great success with nearly \$450 worth of material changing hands. This was the most active auction, I have seen in 6.5 years being involved with the club. The club saw a nice commission on these sales. Every little bit helps towards our financial picture. Special thanks to the intrepid David Allen with his trusty computer and of course our own Mark Friedland and Steve Patrick for their able assistance. The second meeting of the month, we heard a report about Washington 2006 co-produced by Patrick & Priest (sounds like a law firm to me). Nicely done, guys!

The summer meetings have been more actively attended than in previous years, with numbers in the mid to upper twenties. Correspondingly there has been a much stronger interest in the monthly silent auction, with often times 75% or better of the placed lots changing hands. We look forward to the return of our seasonal visitors which will increase our meeting numbers back into the high thirties and beyond.

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 one and only nonagenarian, Herb McNeil on a postal history topic, while the second meeting will be a \$2 auction night.

## Web

The club has had an existence on the WWW since February of 2004. In recent months, we have seen a clear pattern of people finding us using the information available. This is one of the CFSC, best tools for self promotion that involves very little cost and time, with often interesting results.

## Shows

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

## American/German Salon/Stampfest

(by J. Pullin)

Have you ever had the opportunity to view 100 frames of World Class philatelic exhibits? View the material at 20+ dealers from the United States and Germany? Attend seminars and meeting discussing interesting topics in the areas

of philatelic collecting? Or would just like to spend some time with fellow stamp collectors learning, dealing and visiting the sites of Central Florida?

All of this is possible during the period 11-18 April, 2007 at the Crowne Plaza Beachfront Resort in Melbourne. The Germany Philatelic Society is sponsoring the Salon and the GPS Chapter #23 of Central Florida is the host chapter. There are no entrance fees to the bourse or exhibits and parking is also free during the entire event. There will be 20+ dealers from the U.S. and Germany and 200 frames of exhibits. Seminars are planned and a special cachet will be available. The theme of the Salon is "50 years of Space Exploration".

The GPS will hold its annual meeting on Friday thru Sunday (13-15 April) of the event and this will provide educational meetings and three days of world class philatelic activities. The hotel is on the Atlantic Ocean so if the wife and children want to come along they can enjoy the beach or the other many things to do in the area. Trips are planned prior to and after the weekend to Kennedy Space Center, Sea World and Gatorland and all are invited to these.

If you have any questions or would like to make reservations for any of the planned trips or the GPS Banquet on Saturday night call Jim Pullin at 407.644.2156. Don't miss this once in a life time opportunity as this event occurs only every 6 years in the United States.

## Book of Interest (by Rick Scott)

Stamp collectors who enjoy reading fantasy or science fiction may enjoy the new novel by Terry Pratchett, "Going Postal". The central character is a con-man, who is given the choice of death or becoming Postmaster General. Given that the post office in Ankh Morpork is stuffed to the rafters with 20-years of undelivered mail (and is haunted to boot), he has his work cut out for him. The novel pokes fun at postal services and stamp collectors and is an easy read packed with action and humor.

## History will be made.....

P. Fetting and D. Allen have volunteered to move this project along. Please give freely of your time if you are contacted to be interviewed. The objective is to establish a substantial depth and breadth of information related to the club's activities & history over the years.

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## SUNPEX 2007 – Venue change

Dates for the next show are May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> -- the location has been changed to the Bahia Shriners Building located at 2300 Pembroke Drive off of Maitland Blvd. This location provides a larger room and much better parking.

## Board of Directors Meeting

Due to a conflict with FLOREX the last board meeting of 2006 has been rescheduled to November 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at J.D. Shirley's home. Please be present.

## FLOREX 2006

Any one planning on exhibiting at FLOREX needs to get the forms into Josh Furman ASAP --- try not to be a last minute person. We need exhibits to meet the required frame count. Exhibiting can be a fun, and educational process full unexpected twists and turns.

Show dates are December 1, 2 & 3. The selected cancel design is shown below. For more information; [floxestampshow.com](http://floxestampshow.com) or e-mail [show@floxestampshow.com](mailto:show@floxestampshow.com)



## Holiday Party – Changed

The Holiday Party will NOT be held at the Marks Street Center, but rather mark your calendar for December 7th at 7:00pm at Mark Friedland's home (wow....three 'marks' in one sentence!). Dress to impress -- and bring a dish to share. Directions to be provided.

## Monthly Fun with Stamps Quiz

The on-going series of quizzes continues in 2006 with the following scheduled,

- September -- Half There(2<sup>nd</sup> meeting)
- October -- Hocus-Pocus Part IV (1<sup>st</sup> meeting)
- November -- Nightlights (1<sup>st</sup> meeting)

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

## Central Florida Fair 2007

The dates for the Fair are April 19<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>. The Club will once again have a staffed booth during the whole run of the event. Please volunteer when asked!

## Opinion Writer Wanted

Looking for someone to write a short opinion piece (150-200 words) on something stamp related, to appear in the newsletter on a regular or semi-regular basis. This is a great opportunity for someone to vent on a topic that annoys you and more than likely a lot of other people. Submissions are subject to editing. See me!

## Editor's Space

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the people who have stepped forward and offered to assist in some of the writing duties for this newsletter. Bruce McP., John S., Rick S., and Jim P. -- your help is and will be greatly appreciated in the months (and years) to come.

I would like to also thank Randall & Sarah Priest for making the "Mound of Stamps" available at most meetings between 7:30-7:55. Your time and trouble is appreciated by all in the club.

Being an *active and participating* member of the club, not only makes your nightly experience more fulfilling, but also effects directly or indirectly most everyone at the meeting. That is my two cents for this month.

Any appropriate news for this newsletter can be given to Francis Ferguson in person or via email at [fergapk@gmail.com](mailto:fergapk@gmail.com).

## Quotable

You know you're getting old when all the names in your black book --- have M. D. after them.  
Harrison Ford, actor



## Turn on which road?

(A prize to the first three persons who can tell me the state this road is found in.)

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