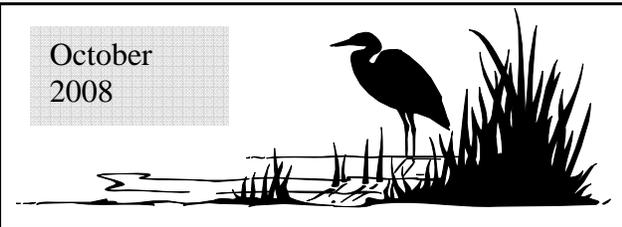


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CENTRAL FLORIDA STAMP CLUB

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Program Schedule (Oct/Nov/Dec)

October meetings --- the meeting of 10/02 will have Tom H. talking about Stamp Show Cinderellas. The second meeting on 10/16 will have retired teacher, Larry S. talking about the 1936 Berlin Olympics – he is always entertaining.

November meetings --- the first on 11/06 is \$2 auction night while the second on 11/20 we will have Al N. presenting: “Zeppelins Revisited”.

December meetings --- the first meeting on 12/04 which conflicts with the setup for FLOREX 2008, will revolve around a very large mound of stamps for those that can make the meeting. The second meeting on 12/18 is of course the Holiday Party.

The last Board meeting for 2008 is October 30th. Please mark your calendars accordingly and be present.

September Meetings

The first meeting of the month started with one of the smallest dinner groups in recent memory, but the four enjoyed the company and the food. The meeting was active with nearly 30 people (including 5 youths), and a wiz-bang auction cried by our own Steve P. With about 70% of the items selling, the total realized of nearly \$390 was very nice to see! Quiz winner was our esteemed and knowledgeable US expert Tom H.

The second meeting started off a little slow with only 5 people gathered for dinner at Viet Garden, but the club meeting was far from slow, with a standing room only crowd – 27 youthful and potential stamp collectors attended with a smattering of club members present to help. The evening continued with a nice auction that had 23 lots changing hands for just short of \$70. All in all,

it was an incredible, fantastic, stimulating, and wonderful night! The next Youth Nights will more than likely be scheduled for March of 2009.

Times are a changing

As of the first meeting of October our official time for occupying the room AND being able to transact any and all business is 7:00pm. The doors will be opened at 6:50pm. *While we now have a full 2 hours for stamp related fun – we MUST be out of the building by 9:15pm at the latest.*

CFSS-Fall

Fifteen dealers participated in the show at the BSC. The crowds while consistent Saturday and Sunday, did not reach the levels of SUNPEX in June. Sales seemed to be mostly average to slightly above average. Three dealers reported excellent sales. “Thank you” to all club members that staffed the reception desk. Special thanks to the duo of Scot & Joan of the Golden Triangle Stamp Club for coming down and doing desk duty on Saturday afternoon.

Membership Dues 2009

Memberships dues invoices will be available at the first meeting in November. Please pay the \$12 promptly (cash or check) – thank you to David A. and Rick S. who have already paid their 2009 dues. For the first time in many years, our membership roster is growing. That is very nice to see for a change!

Dinner Plans

Come join the group for dinner at Viet Garden at 6pm before each meeting. Bring your appetite – and your wallet. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

www.centralfloridastampclub.org

Everything goes better with food --- be there or be missed!

Holiday Party

Come one, Come all! Mark your calendars for the annual Holiday Party that will be held starting at 7:00pm on December 18th. Jim A. will be coordinating the event. A turkey and ham will be provided. Side dishes are requested as in previous years. The Glue Awards will be given out for 2008 --- be there --- or be missed!

Event Calendar 2008/2009

FLOREX 2008 Dec 5, 6, & 7
CFSS-Winter Jan 24-25, 2009
Florida Precancel show Feb 11-14, 2009
For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

Membership Survey

If you have not filled out the membership survey and returned it to Larry S. please do so ASAP. The club will begin to recognize birthdays on a quarterly schedule beginning January of 2009. We expect to have a small sheet cake four times a year for all to enjoy.

Taxing issue – resolved at last

After 2+ years of back-and-forth paperwork the efforts of John S. & Carl U. have finally paid off with tax-exempt status for the club --- 501 3 C. Please take a minute the next time you see these individuals and thank them for their efforts on our behalf.

Monthly Fun with Stamps Quizzes

- Oct Hocus Pocus VI (1st meeting)
- Nov High Five Liberty (2nd meeting)

Very Early Notice!

There will be no scheduled meeting held on 01.01.09 as this is a holiday and the building is closed. In accordance with our By-Laws the second meeting of the January is required to be a Business meeting to discuss and inform the membership on what has happened the previous year. Since this is not an election year, the business side of the meeting should last no more than 15-20 minutes. We will also be holding a cried auction.

This is the Annual Club Donation Auction, so come prepared to participate.

Serendipity By Stuart B.

My revised definition for serendipity: "finding agreeable things not sought for".

Driving to Jacksonville from South Orlando my wife and I decided to stop for a picnic lunch. We got off Exit 108 on I-4 in the DeBary/ Enterprise area just north of Lake Munroe. Then we found ourselves on Dirksen Drive. It was serendipity; I remembered I had a stamp of Senator Everett Dirksen of Illinois. Later I learned it was issued on January 4, 1981. Only one other senator from Illinois was so honored, Senator Stephen A. Douglas in 1958. Senator Dirksen used DeBary as his winter home for many years. He was well known for his expressive features as well as his manner. A skilled compromiser and negotiator, he served in the House and Senate for 36 years. He once said, "I am a man of fixed and unbending principles, the first of which is to be flexible at all times." He died in 1969.

On national T.V., the "Ev and Charlie Show" made him a celebrity. Charlie was Charles Halleck, Republican leader in



the House. Another Dirksen remark, "We are becoming so accustomed to millions and billions that 'thousands' has almost passed out of the dictionary."

Dirksen was quite active in DeBary, urging the state of Florida to purchase DeBary Hall. DeBary Hall was built in 1868 by Baron Samuel Frederick de Bary, an agent for Mumm's champagne. Presidents Grant and Cleveland stayed there. Now DeBary Hall is a museum.

Oh, by the way, we continued east on Dirksen Drive and ended up at Gemini Springs County Park, a great place for a picnic. If we had gone west we would have ended up at DeBary Hall.

Then back on the road to Jacksonville.

Quotable

"A hospital bed is a parked taxi with the meter running." *The one and only Groucho Marx [1890-1977]*

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