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The Cover Story

How I Beat the Cuban Embargo and eBay with the Aid of the Japanese



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Figure A2



Program Schedule (Oct/Nov/Dec/Jan)

October — The first meeting on 10.04 will have Tom Lera presenting on “Halloween Surprise — Count Dracula.” The second meeting on 10.18 will have Mel Borofsky talking about the “History of Israel Through Stamps.”

November — The first meeting on 11.02 will be the ever popular Fall Cried Auction. Bring your material and your wallet! The second meeting on 11.16 will have Henry Jehan presenting on “Stamps That Glow”.

December — The first meeting on 12.07 will have Robert Fisher presenting on “A History of FLOREX Souvenirs”. The second meeting on 12.21 will be the event of the year, which is of course the Holiday Gathering Pot Luck. Come one — Come all. Doors open at 6pm, dinner is served no later than 6:30pm.

January — The first meeting on 01.04.18 will have the return of the well known — Club Donation Auction. The second meeting on 01.18.18 will be the Annual Membership Meeting that is required by our By-Laws. This meeting will involve voting for the next Board of Directors along with discussion.

BoD meeting for 2018; 01.18, 03.29, 05.31, 08.30 & 10.25(?)

September Meetings Recap

The first meeting of the month started with 8 for dinner and a smallish group of 22 signed in for the meeting. The pre-Irma jitters apparently impacted our meeting! A. Stephen Patrick filled in for Gary Byrd who was unable to travel. The silent auction sold 22 lots for \$329.35.

The second meeting of September began with a hungry group of 10 for dinner followed by a nice size crowd of 35 signed in for the meeting in the ball room. Newt Kulp did a nice job of presenting the largest U.S. joint issue of stamps topic. Rodney Robertson was presented with the \$10.00, 3rd quarter birthday certificate for his winning guess of the number of 25. The silent auction sold 18 lots for \$230.90.

Dinner Plans

Come join the group for dinner at Viet Garden at 5:00pm before each meeting. Located on the NW corner of Shine Ave & 50 at 1237 E. Colonial Dr. There is plenty of parking on the north side, behind the restaurant. Bring your appetite — and your wallet. The record attendance for dinner is 17 — if we can break that number someone will get a free dinner. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

Event Calendar 2017

FSDA Fall 2017 October 7-8
FLOREX 2017 December 1-2-3
For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

After Meeting² Subjects October

The team of Bob and Ann Dowrick will be doing a demonstration of how to soak modern U.S. stamps, after the first meeting of the month. Stick around and learn how it is done. After the second meeting there will be an open membership bourse — bring your material to sell — and your wallet to buy. The more who participate, the more fun it will be!

Fall FSDA Stamp Show

Make sure you have the weekend of October 7-8 on your calendar. At this point we have 10 dealers attending the show. On-site food will not be available for this show because of a unresolvable scheduling conflict with the food vendor. Plan accordingly.

Holiday Pot Luck Dinner

Remember to place December 21st on your schedule for our annual wing-ding. Be there or be missed!

Things to Note!

- (1) Remember there is a combined Nov/Dec newsletter which will be available at the first meeting of November. We shall return to our normal monthly schedule January of 2018.
- (2) Membership invoices for 2018 will be available at the two meetings in November for you to pickup and pay. If you do not attend a meeting in November your invoice will be mailed to you towards the end of the month. Please pay promptly as it helps everyone involved if the process does not drag out far into 2018!
- (3) We continue to ask for material for this newsletter. *The Philatelic Missive* has managed to have three inserts — or more — in every issue going back to July of 2015. That is a commendable record for such a small pool of writers — thank you!
- (4) If you are representing the club at the greeting table of a show please wear your club shirt to show your pride in membership.

Quoted

“Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you.”

Princess Diana
[1961-1997]



President's Message by Francis Ferguson History Does Matter

Some months when The Philatelic Missive is being put together, I have not a clue in what direction the articles will go. Thankfully most of the time, everything falls into place in a somewhat coherent manner. This month's effort was headed in a history of Orlando/Florida direction from the beginning. I personally have a love of Central Florida history specifically and Florida history in general. I have always felt that one's appreciation for their surroundings is magnified and validated by the understanding of the history of the area.

The history of the Central Florida Stamp Club is deep with more than seventy years of "stuff" to draw from. I often wish that objects like our club gavel — could talk. The stories it could tell! We are no more than a participant in an ongoing recording of history. How it will be remembered? My guess is the resources of the World Wide Web will be the archiving agent for the future. We have a mandate to preserve and record our history for those that follow us. To that end — we attempt to do exactly that.



As 2017 slips away into 2018, we will be entering our 50th year of continuous membership as an APS Chapter. In reality those 50 years are only a part of a much deeper history that goes back to the early 1940s. I encourage one and all to check out the online history of the CFSC on our website. [Many thanks to David M. Allen for his diligent work.] It is enlightening reading and gives a good background for one to understand the history of the club we belong to. I only wish our history is more complete. Thankfully every-once-in-a-while a piece of history will surface from an unexpected source. We ask everyone to be aware of what can be unearthed in old collections that have not seen the light of day in many decades. Gems can be found in those old musty albums and boxes. Just look. You might get a real surprise!

Serendipity — XXXIV by The Editor

This cover (dated Feb 25, 1932) acknowledging the 22nd Consecutive Central Florida Exposition, came out of hiding a couple of months ago. So what is it? Well — it is a piece of Central Florida history to be certain. While the name of the annual event has altered some over the years — The Central Florida Fair has been an ongoing event since 1910, when it was located in the heart of downtown Orlando. According to an article in the Orlando Sentinel from April 27, 2008 by Joy Wallace Dickinson; "The roots of the fair reach back to the 1880s and winter expositions on the shores of Lake Eola, but the current count of years begins in the 20th century." The yearly event took place just west of present day I4 in the area of Central Ave. Sometime in the 1960s the property at Bennett Park on west Colonial was purchased and has been used ever since.

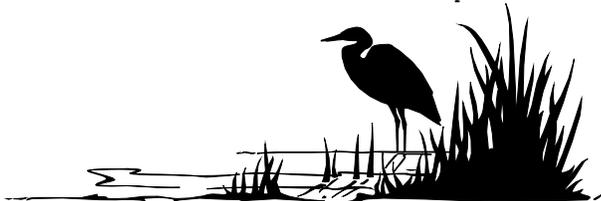
So what is the connection between the CFSC and the Central Florida Fair? For a number of years starting in the late 1990s the CFSC staffed a community outreach booth for the entire run of the Fair — all ten days. One can find covers created by the CFSC to acknowledge the fair. The involvement of the CFSC was ended as the diminishing returns seen made the event less than desirable considering all the hours required. With 1, 2 or 3 members of the CFSC staffing the booth during busy times — and not so busy times, the total of nearly 200 hours of service often was seen to support the event. The many hours that I staffed the booth are some of the most interesting philatelic outreach I have ever participated in — and some of the most dull! The history is out there — look for it.



The Central Florida Stamp Club is a 70+ year old organization governed by a Board of Directors elected by the general membership every two years and dedicated to the enjoyment of the hobby of stamp collecting.

- Membership is a reasonable \$25 per year, \$6 for youth.
- Meetings are twice a month on the first and third Thursdays.
- The Membership of the CFSC includes many diverse interests that cover the range from A-Z.
- The meeting is centrally located to downtown Orlando and can be easily accessed from SR 50 (Colonial Drive) and I/4.
- The Marks Street Senior Center has been our host for nearly 20 years and provides a pleasant meeting room with easy access and plenty of free parking.
- The informal part of the meeting runs from 6:00-6:45. The business side of things from 6:45-7:10. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 7:15 until 8:10 Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions. We must be out of the building by 9:00 without exception.
- The Membership of the CFSC participates as the host and sponsor of the SUN-PEX show in June of each year. In addition, we are the resident hosting club for FLOREX, and many of the smaller local shows held in the Orlando area.
- The CFSC maintains a website: CentralFloridaStampClub.org
- Benefits of membership include; monthly newsletter, a monthly bourse buy/sell newsletter, access to loaner equipment & catalogs, participation in door prize drawings, the right to bid in cried/silent auctions — and much more.

Central Florida Stamp Club



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