



CENTRAL FLORIDA STAMP CLUB

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

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Program Schedule (Nov/Dec/Jan)

November meetings, bring us a \$2 Club Auction night for the first meeting. The second meeting will have a presentation of "Government Officials of Canada" by our continental traveler, Al N.

December is Holiday season. The holiday party will be held on December 6th, at The Marks Street Center. We will serve dinner at 7:30pm sharp, so please be present and accounted for --- before then. Sign up sheets for side dishes are available. Tasty treats for one and all.

The last meeting of the year will be December 20th, will have the second part of the presentation (Yangtze Patrol) started by Larry S. earlier in the year.

Welcome to January of 2008! The first meeting is the annual club auction, and the most important meeting of the year is held on the second night, as this is the annual business meeting, where the elections for Board posts will be made.

October Meeting recaps

Presentation on Edison was enlightening for all. Sorry that is all I can say about something I talked about..... Auction was fairly active with nearly a \$35 total. It looks like our members who are Florida residents have returned from vacation. Tom H. won the quiz with a near perfect score – hopefully his \$5 scratch-off ticket won something!

James Garfield made an appearance at the meeting. No it was not a dead president, but rather an interesting presentation done by Stephen P. We even learned about a pickled brain..... The Hocus-Pocus quiz was won by the combined team of Al N. and Josh F., with another near perfect total of 24 out of a possible 25.

Event Calendar 2007-2008

FLOREX 2007 (CFF)	Nov 30, Dec 1,2 2007
CFSS-Winter (BSC)	Jan 26-27, 2008
Precancel Show (LaQuinta)	Feb 6, 7, 8, 9, 2008
Central Florida Fair	April 17-27, 2008
SUNPEX (BSC)	June 14-15, 2008
CFSS-Fall (BSC)	Sept 27-28, 2008

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

Monthly Fun with Stamps Quiz

The on-going series of quizzes continues in 2007 with the following scheduled,

➤ November (2nd meeting) Wilbur & Orville Started it

There are no quizzes scheduled for December 2007 or January 2008. The continuing series of quizzes will return in February of 2008, for another round of enjoyment by everyone.....

Elections 2008/2010

The nominating committee has been appointed by our President. The two members of the nominating committee are: James P. & Josh F. If you are interested in serving on the BoD please make your intentions known.

FLOREX 2007

Everything is moving along well with 48 dealers signed up, occupying 63 booth spaces. Many dealers have double booths. The show cancel, cachet and stamp are all completed with the Jamestown theme. There will be a show cancel for all three days of the show. The show needs volunteers to function in many different capacities, many of which require nothing more than talking and being friendly. If you have time, please let us know.

Once again Al N. has done a great job with the FLOREX stamp and cachet, which will be available at the show. The show cancel pictured below was done by our graphics artist from the last couple of years, who also helps us with the Hocus-Pocus series of quizzes.

FLOREX Salutes

Jamestown



Celebrating 400 Years



Museum Event

The attendance could have been described as light. The total attendance numbers approached 50 with about a 40% of that number youth. Of the 9 dealers present, all at least covered their gas bill – except for one. The club made numerous promising contacts with prospective members. Thanks to Jean, Bill, David, Larry, Al, Josh, and everyone else who came out to help. The event will forever be etched in my mind for the artic like temperatures inside --- and the tropical conditions outside. The image of Michael from Titusville wrapped in a white and blue shawl (for warmth) was worth the price of admission!

Dinner Plans

A group dinner will once again occur, at Viet Garden at 6pm on November 15th. If you are able to attend please call Francis at 407.493.0956 so a head and body count can be taken. Everything goes better with food --- be there or be missed!

Priceless Memory by JDS

As WW2 European campaign was winding down, the 500 bed 74th Station Hospital was ordered to Bologna to service the Fifth Army in Northern Italy. A large private hospital was taken over for USA troops. The wounded came in so fast that most non-medical personnel assisted in the unloading of ambulances. Included with our wounded were some German soldiers. The hospital was so crowded that some of the Germans had to be left on stretchers for lack of hospital beds. The Fifth Army was aware of our problem. They

captured a complete German Field Hospital - doctors, nurses and orderlies, tagged them as wounded and send them back. When they arrived at our hospital, they became healthy and were assigned to take care of the German patients. Now we have former enemies working together in the same building taking care of the suffering. There were no problems. The Germans appreciated the medical care, food and facilities. The US Army was RESPECTED because we had earned a victory in battle and had not offer a "Prague" type appeasement.

One Sunday afternoon, I took time off and visited the park area of the hospital. A young Italian approached me and wanted to talk, his English was better than my Italian, and we talked a long time about the USA. Then I, asked him about his background. He had worked as a clerk in the local Post Office. I then informed him that I had started a W/W stamp collection. He then pulled an envelope from his pocket. This envelope contained a complete set of the last Italian Issue under Mussolini. This was Scott's # 444/459 are mounted on a page in my Italian collection. The catalog value is \$10.20, a dealer would sell them for about \$3.00. To me - they are PRICELESS - a memory of a Sunday afternoon in Bologna, Italy.

Club Officers

❖ President	John D. S.
❖ VP-Programs	A. Stephen P.
❖ VP-Operations	Francis F.
❖ Treasurer	John/Francis Acting
❖ Secretary	Jim A.
❖ Director-at-Large	Al N.
❖ Director-at-Large	James R. P.
❖ Director-at-Large	Larry S.

Quotable

"Laugh and the world laughs with you, snore and you sleep alone."

Anthony Burgess

[British novelist of Clockwork Orange fame, 02/25/1917 – 11/22/1993]

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