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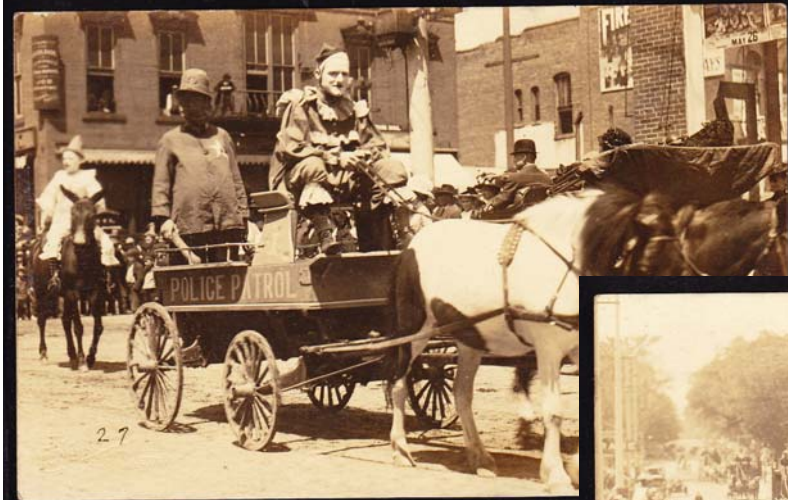


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Program Schedule (Nov/Dec/Jan)

November meetings — The first meeting of the month on 11/04 will feature a \$2 minimum Club Auction — bring your material to sell and your wallet to buy! The second meeting will have our very own judge, Jim Pullin talking about “Something Airmail”.

December meetings — The first meeting of the month on 12/02 will be a mound of stamps . The second meeting on 12/16 is the annual Holiday Party.

January meetings — The first meeting of 2011 will be held on 01/06 and will be the annual club donation auction. The second meeting on 01/20 will be the annual meeting that is required by our By-Laws. This is the time for discussion and comment. There are no elections this year.

October Meeting recap

The first meeting of the month started with a riotous dinner gathering of 14 folks — this was double the number we have had for dinner in recent times. The meeting was well attended with 30 signed in. Auction results; 16 lots sold for a total of \$102.25.

Jim Archbold reports that the second meeting night started off with an average group of 8 for dinner — and 33 showed up for the meeting. Robert Fisher presentation on *Ruthenia* was widely enjoyed by all — and will have to be concluded at a future time. The auction sold nine lots for a total of \$51.25.

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.

Challenge 2010

The conclusion of the year long challenge, will be at the holiday party on December 16th. At this point we have at least two contenders for the solution. Who will win? You have to attend the holiday party to find out.

Monthly Quizzes

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This is the last quiz until February of 2011.

Membership Dues for 2011

The invoices for dues will be passed out at the first meeting of November. If you are not present at any of the meetings is November than the invoice will be mailed to your address of record. Please pay the amount due promptly. All payments are due by the last day of February, which will allow for the printing and distribution of the 2011 CFSC Membership Roster at the first meeting of March. The dues for adults is now \$18 a year while the youth fee remains at \$6.

Almost New Member Part II

Forest Smith has returned to our fold after a 10 year gap in membership. Forest collects U. S. (All aspects), & France — he calls Deland home. Welcome back!

Holiday Party Help

Sarah Priest and Ann Dowrick have offered to cook the turkeys for the Holiday Party. There also will be a ham provided. We still are looking for an individual to coordinate the pot luck portion of the event. Please see a Board Member if you are available to assist. Food will be served promptly at 7:00pm. Come and enjoy the food and companionship of your fellow club members.

No Newsletter in December

There is no newsletter in December, but rather you will note this is a November/December combined issue. The normal monthly publications will continue January 2011.

FLOREX 2010

The show is almost here! There are 49 dealers attending, with a wide range of material for almost any desire/wish/want. The three day event kicks off with the setup day on Thursday December 2. The show runs Friday (Dec 3) at 10am until Sunday (Dec 5) at 3pm.

Sign up for greeting table duty by seeing Robert Dowrick. This is an important event in the WSP calendar and for the membership of the CFSC. Come out to be seen and to help make this a great show.

Quotable

"I've got all the money I'll ever need, if I die by four o'clock this afternoon" **The one and only —Henry Youngman [1906-1998]**

Cover Story

The Circus Comes to Town by Phil Fettig

I know my articles wander all over the philatelic scene, but then that is what makes it fun to be looking for something to write about, find something that had been put aside for a rainy day — and here we go!

I grew up in a small Indiana farm town during the late 1940's into the 1950's. If you are too young to remember those times, this means no computer, electronic games, fancy cell phones or in our modest home, no television. So when the Circus came to town it was a major event in our lives! In my case it was the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus and it arrived on the Pennsylvania Railroad in Logansport, Indiana. What I found was a handful of Real Photo Postcards. Unfortunately it appears there were at least thirty seven cards and I only have a small portion. In any event, what follows is a look back to around 1912 as the Gollmar Brothers Shows arrived in Maquoketa, Iowa, possibly on the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railroad.

Figure (1) shows the circus arriving in town. This card gave two major clues to the this short story. The town name of Maquoketa is visible on the Train Station sign. A computer search indicated it was in Iowa and confirmation was found on a later card. The railroad car has Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound on the side. This name lasted only from 1909 until 1912. This is not conclusive proof that the circus arrived via that rail line, but it does help pin the date down to at least that period or a little later as the rolling stock would not have necessarily been repainted with the new name in 1912.

Figure (2) is a view of two “Policemen” Clowns riding in a parade. As was customary the circus always tried to move from the train yards to the actual site of the event by parading through the middle of town – the best advertising possible. Another clown follows on a mule.

Figure (3) is another shot of the parade and it holds another significant piece of information. A building is clearly visible with the name “Cundill Photographer” and “Postcards” on the side. Research indicated Will Cundill was a prominent photographer who practiced his trade from 1880 to well into the 20th century. I was amazed to realize all these Real Photo Cards were a product of his concern! A period automobile can be seen on the side street near his building. The Cundill Building is on the list of Historic Buildings and is reported still in use in Maquoketa.

Figure (4) Camels in the parade.

Figure (5) Shows the crew putting their backs into setting up the tents.

Figure (6) Illustrates some type of work wagon, possibly making wooden stakes. The Gollmar Brothers Shows were a traveling circus around the Midwest from 1891 – 1916.

Figure (7) Nothing else to say – can't have a circus without an elephant.

Figure (8) My guess would be the blacksmith is not happy about being interrupted in his work.

Figure (9) Shows a worker on horseback or maybe a local cowboy riding in the see the circus.

Figure (10) Has “The Big Top Crew” written on it along with some crew jobs listed – Magician, Sword Swallower, Snake Charmer, etc.

Well, the tour is over – I hope you found your cotton candy, popcorn or peanuts!

[Figures 1-3 are located on the front cover while figures 4-10 can be found on Insert B]

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 \$18 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 the last 10 years and provides a pleasant meeting room with easy access and plenty of free parking.
- The informal part of the meeting runs from 6:30-7:00. The business side of things from 7:00-7:20. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 7:25 until 8:00. Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions from 8:00 to 8:25. We must be out of the building by 8:30 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, access to loaner equipment & catalogs, participation in door prize drawings & quizzes, the right to bid in cried/silent auctions — and much more.

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