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TALPEX 2011 by Dr. Mike Francis

At the end of March, 2011, the Tallahassee Stamp & Cover Club staged the TALPEX 2011 stamp and cover show with exhibits. The show proved to be popular and successful although we did not have as many attendees as 2010. This is something the committees will work on for next year. Those who came to the show enjoyed the exhibits and the dealer tables. This year's show had more covers and stamps to select from than we have seen in Tallahassee in a long time. The price range of the items covered the entire market spectrum. Many of the more experienced buyers did notice that the dealers were adding premiums to the investment grade stamps. These premiums represented from 10% to 30% over Scott 2011 catalog prices. Several of the dealers admitted that most, if not all, their profit comes from these items especially when selling to the mainland Chinese market and investors in general.

Many in attendance also noticed that the dealers where more than happy to buy collections from people and club members because the dealers are looking for material for the expanding world market. While some guests walked out not believing the price the dealer offered for the "valuable" collection, others were excited to unload their "inheritance" at a fair price.

A special thanks goes out to our show chairman, Ed Walters and Larry Benson, for doing another excellent job in organizing, marketing and making the show a success. Of course, Ed had outstanding help from many members including but not limited to Sam Hendrix, Gerry York, Becky Reese and, of course, the sign-in desk efforts of Yen Chen and Jerry Davis; and the help of Hemanth, Gerry and Tom with setting up the impressive exhibits. To all, a great big thank you.

Recognition also goes to Tallahassee's Postmaster Mr. Keith Pierle for allowing the USPS to have a table at the show and staff it for the Saturday session. By all accounts, it was a successful event for the USPS mainly because of the enthusiasm of our honorary club member and USPS representative Marlena Hopkins. Marlena coordinated all USPS efforts and was instrumental in helping the club obtain an official show cancellation which is shown below. Thank you Marlena and your staff for all your support and efforts.

My camera was loaned to several different people who took the photos shown on the next page along with those of Dr. Hemanth Vasanthaiah. Thank all of you for also taking these photos.

Tallahassee, Florida 32303
March 26, 2011

Meeting Dates & Presentations, 2011

January 11, Mike Francis
February 8, Mike Francis
March 8, Mike Francis
April 12, Annual Club Auction
May 10, TALPEX Vote, Mike Francis
June 14, Mike Francis
July 12, Hemanth Vasanthaiah
August 9, TBA
September 13, Gerry York, Pitcairn/Norflok
October 11, Single Page Exhibit
November 8, Bob Mesterton, Member Bourse
December 13, Christmas Party

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NOTICE:

- **We have another new member : Jason . Welcome to the club!**
- **For new members, the club uses the website www.maf1.com/tscc**
- **Becky Reese has the club on Facebook. If you are not a Facebook user, you can still get to the site by searching for "Tallahassee Stamp Club on Google and the club's entry should be the first one on the result list.**
- **From June to November (except for August,) Mike Francis intends to load up the raffle and the silent auction tables with great deals for everyone. Try not to miss these meeting.**

Photos from TALPEX 2011

From left to right, top to bottom: Gerry York and Mt. Athos exhibit; a new stamp collector—Hemanth's daughter; activity at the USPS table; front desk; Marlena with show cover; Hemanth, Tom and Ed waiting for the show to start; searching for the right cover; Yen dealing with Peter Schwender; activity at dealer Pat Campbell's tables; cachet for the TALPEX 2011.

Identity Uncovered? *by Dr. Mike Francis*

For the first time in the history of this column, three different members of the club accurately identified this stamp.

This is not a hard stamp to identify because of the key word that appears on most national postage issues of this country: "OSTERREICHISCHE POST" or some other forms of this wording. For the beginner and the experienced, one immediately recognizes this stamp as one from the European country of Austria.

The trick in its true identification relates to the other words on the stamp. Simply looking through a catalog of Austrian issues will not directly identify this stamp. The word "KAISERLICHE KONIGLICHE" can be found in Linn's Stamp Identifier under the alpha listing for K. In Linn's these two words are identified with Austria. But, looking through the regular issues of Austria, you will not find this stamp. You have to go the back-of-the book (B-O-B) and "Offices" issues in the Scott catalog. But, this stamp is not found in any of the standard B-O-B issues so you have to go to the Offices of Austria. An similiar image of a 10 para stamp of Austria Offices in Crete is shown in the Scott 2011 catalog. Looking in the list under the image of the stamp is the 1 piaster deep blue on blue paper issue, Scott #49, which is our mystery stamp. The value of this stamp is $.20 and is 12½ perf, typographic print.

The stamp was issued to honor the 60th year of Emperor Franz Josef I and is part of a nine issue set for Crete. The set was issued in 1908. You can also find this stamp as well as the other eight in the series in imperforate form.

Identify This Stamp

See if you can identify this stamp. Its identity will be uncovered in the next issue.

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Misuse of Booklet Labels **by Mike Francis**

Here is another example of the type of labels people are getting through the mail and being accepted as regular USPS postage.

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President's Message *from Mike Francis*

TALPEX 2011 was a success and all TS&CC members can be proud of the club. By all accounts everyone had fun, the dealers are coming back for another year despite the lower attendance, and the club financially broke even. Next year, with a potential date of March 24-25, we will all make an added effort to promote the stamp show more than we did this year. This is as simple as expanding our mailings to a larger collector population in the region.

Some of you may remember Dick Bradley. He has not been to club meetings for a long time. He passed away at Westminster on March 17, 2011. Our prayers and thoughts are with his family.

The Annual club auction was held in April and it was also very successful. While we didn't have as many items as usual and many members were still recovering from their spending at TALPEX 2011, the club did gratefully benefit from the auction. Thanks to all those who donated items and to everyone who came and participated.

Club membership is growing at a steady rate which is a positive sign in trying times. For the second half of the year we can work on gaining a few more APS members so the club can keep receiving its Chapter dues free each year.

Enjoy the summer with your family and drive safe if you travel. Mike