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Dr. Mike Francis

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President, Tallahassee Stamp & Cover Club Passed Away
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Dr. Mike Francis passed away in the early morning of May 14, 2026. Born in Tallahassee and raised in St. Petersburg, Mike developed a lifelong love of music, especially drumming. In 1971, he returned to Tallahassee with his wife, Christine, where he became a respected and beloved member of the community.

Mike studied mathematics at Rollins College and later earned his doctorate from Nova University. His service in the United States Air Force gave him the opportunity to travel the world and broaden his experiences. During his distinguished career, he also worked with NASA on the Apollo program, where he had the honor of personally meeting members of the Apollo 13 crew.

Dr. Francis was a proud citizen of Tallahassee, Florida, and a Silver Star honoree recognized by the Tallahassee Senior Center & Foundation. He was associated with the Senior Center for many years, generously teaching photography classes to senior citizens and enriching countless lives through his patience, knowledge, and enthusiasm.

Known for his boundless energy and willingness to help others, Dr. Francis was deeply admired among collectors and philatelists. In 1991, he assumed the presidency of the Tallahassee Stamp & Cover Club (TSCC), and for more than 30 years his dedication and service helped shape and sustain the organization. It is fair to say that without his invaluable and selfless contributions, the club might not have survived through the years. He was, and will always remain, the backbone of TSCC.

Meeting Dates & Presentations, 2026

Jan. 13, Dr. Mike Francis 80th Birthday
Feb. 10, ---------

March. 10, TALPEX Preparation
April 14…….
May 12, Dr. Hemanth Setty (Stamp Exhibit)
June. 09, Ms. Sahitya Setty

July 14, TBD
Aug. 11, Jeff Saulich–New Website Demo
Sahitya Setty – BOSTON Exhibit
Sept. 08, TBD
Oct. 13, Single Page Exhibit
Nov. 10, TBD
Dec. 08, Annual Christmas Party

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NOTICE:

1. **Annual membership dues should have been paid by the time you read this bulletin. If you have not paid your dues, please give them to Dana at the next meeting or mail him your check.**
2. **Looking for articles for the Postscript. Anything that is philatelic related will do.**
3. **Upcoming Show**
   - **Once in a decade show BOSTON 2026 (May 23 - 30)**
   - **Two Day Tallahassee Coin Show, August 22-23, 2026**

As president, Dr. Francis demonstrated extraordinary commitment and leadership. He served as the publisher and editor of the club's newsletter, *The Postscript*, and was the driving force behind the annual Tallahassee Stamp and Coin Show, "TALPEX," which began in 2010. A true expert in stamp identification, he assisted countless members and non-members alike with his knowledge and guidance. In every sense of the word, Dr. Francis was a complete philatelist.

Dr. Mike Francis leaves behind a legacy of service, friendship, scholarship, and generosity. He touched the lives of many through his dedication to the community, the Senior Center, and the Tallahassee Stamp & Cover Club.

May his soul rest in peace. He will be deeply missed by the Tallahassee Stamp & Cover Club, the philatelic community, and the people of Tallahassee, Florida.

Memorial Moments of Dr. Mike Francis at the Tallahassee Stamp & Cover Club

2026 Club Activities Highlights

TALPEX 2026 was a tremendous success. Special thanks go to our Show Chairman, Dr. Tom Ahlfeld, for organizing a flawless event. We also extend our sincere appreciation to all the members who contributed throughout the show, from setup to breakdown. Dealers and collectors alike were highly pleased with the experience and have already expressed interest in returning next year.

TSCC will hold its annual **one-page exhibit** during the October meeting.

TSCC also hosts its annual **Christmas party** during the December meeting. The food is catered, and members contribute homemade cookies and brownies, which everyone thoroughly enjoys.

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Members and other stamp collectors are encouraged to follow the club's Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068250032229.

You can also just search on Facebook for TSCC. The page currently has 135 followers. Most posts are contributed by Club Treasurer Dana Bryan, although others are encouraged to contribute. The posts are designed to encourage interest and knowledge about stamp collecting, as well as to report relevant news stories and announce club events. If you're new to the page, we encourage you to scroll back to see what you have missed! The page also receives regular questions from the public, usually about what they can do with their inherited stamp collections. All of these inquiries are answered, and many of the collections eventually find their way to club meetings for members to peruse.

Vice President's Message from Tom Ahlfeld

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our longtime President, Dr. Mike Francis. The void left by his passing will be very difficult to fill. He was instrumental in the success and growth of our club, and because of his leadership, our organization remains strong, active, and enjoyable for all members.

We encourage everyone to continue supporting and participating in the club in his honor. The prize drawings with donation tickets and silent auction continue to be popular features of our meetings, with a wide variety of items available for everyone to enjoy. Thank you all for your continued enthusiasm and support, keep up the great work.

We are still looking for articles for the Postscript and for volunteers for speaking and presenting at the meetings. A fifteen or twenty minutes presentation is more than enough for our meetings. This year we will try and get back to regular Postscript issues. Thanks to Hemanth Setty for taking on the role of editor and overseeing the publication of the Postscript.

Dr. Ahlfeld