



PERF-DISPATCH
GREATER MOUND CITY STAMP CLUB

Established 1884
 Saint Louis, Missouri

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Where Parkway Central High School
 South end of the building
 369 N. Woodsmill Road

When 4th Monday each month at 8 PM

Membership \$5 for Regular members
 \$6 for the family

Membership year runs January
 to December

SPRING MEETINGS

Our meeting in March is called “A Postcard from Paris” and is presented by **T.G. Rehkop**. TG was on the philatelic trip to London and Paris two years ago with Alex Haimann and company.

The rest of the schedule is still in flux until after the officers meet.

2015 SCHEDULE

March 23 .. “A Postcard from Paris” – TG Rehkop
 March 27-29 St Louis Stamp Expo
 April 13Breakfast Club
 April 27 Ecuador – Frank Kollinger
 May 11Breakfast Club
 May 18Hands on: How to Use a Perf Gauge
 June 22 TBA
 July 27 TBA
 August 25 TBA
 August 29-30StampFest
 September 21..... Show and Tell
 October 26 Philatelic Jeopardy
 November 23 Auction Bux and Election
 December 5Holiday Party

BREAKFAST CLUB MEETING

The Breakfast group meets the second Monday of the month. The next meeting is **April 13th** at **Hilary’s Roadhouse**, 11488 Dorsett Road in Maryland Heights near the intersection with Fee Fee Road at **8:30 AM**. The Breakfast group meets year round.



SHOWS

Gene Stewart has a bourse the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Stratford Inn from **10AM to 4PM** across from the former site of the Chrysler Plant in Fenton.

Saint Louis Stamp Expo

This year, Stamp Expo is hosting the annual convention of the **Germany Philatelic Society**. Members of that society are bringing over 80 frames of exhibits. Seminars are planned throughout the 3 days of the show.

Regency-Superior will have a major auction. Much of the Nettles collection of St Louis World’s Fair is being sold as well as the last of the Straight collection.

Seminars on a variety of topics are planned each day of the show.

Lots of volunteers are needed all days of the show during setup, youth activities, Boy Scout merit badge, and take down.

www.StLouisStampExpo.org

HOLIDAY PARTY

Got pictures of the party; more will show up during year



OFFICERS

President..... Guy Gasser (314-330-8684)
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Down the Road

I am thrilled with having been elected President of the Greater Mound City Stamp Club (GMSCS), and I'm excited about our future. I look forward to working with everyone, hearing any concerns, and making changes that enhance our club.

Alan wasted no time after the election asking me if I would like to do a president's column for the newsletter. I said no! Then I thought about it. Then I reconsidered and decided that a column might be a good idea. I don't know that I will write one every month, but from time-to-time as needed to keep everyone informed of what's going on with the club, what's coming up in the future, and what the club needs from its members to support club activities. I also want to keep these columns short, to the point, informative, and also keep the newsletter to one page!

This first column is about my vision for the club. First is to grow the club. There are currently 59 members of the GMSCS. Eleven of them reside outside the St. Louis metropolitan area. While I greatly appreciate their support, there is little chance that they will be attending any club meetings. My goal is to increase membership by 15 in 2015. We can do this through active recruiting. The VP is responsible for recruiting, but everyone is a recruiter and has the responsibility to the club to bring in new members. I challenge everyone to bring in one new member this year.

Second is to increase attendance at club meetings and activities. How do we do that? By providing a meeting that is fun, educational, provides a wide range of topics, and more hands-on activities. If you attend meetings, what do you like and don't like? If you don't attend meetings and it's not because the meeting time conflicts with work or some other must do activity, what

would it take to get you to attend? This also includes the breakfast club meeting on the second Monday of the month. Talk to me; let me know. I will not guarantee that the officers, the membership, or I will accept every suggestion, but we will not know until we try. My goal is to have three hands-on programs this year to help generate more interest and increase participation, which leads to my third point.

Third is more participation in club activities by the members. Currently I see the same people stepping up to volunteer and participate over and over. It's time to spread the wealth; share the responsibilities. I challenge every club member to either volunteer or participate in something this year. It can be anything; a program, teach something, help at one of the shows, be part of a committee, or anything else one can think of to be a part.

Okay, there you have it. Now let's do something with it and have fun along the way. Also take note that all club officers now have a club email, which you will find in this and future newsletters. Drop us a line!

Saint Louis Stamp Expo is this month. We still need some volunteers for the traditional tasks at hand and one new one. The club is going to have a table in the walkway this year to promote the club and sign up new members. Here's a chance to volunteer!

Until next time...stamp on!

Guy Gasser

OFFICERS EMAIL ADDRESSES

We have had an address for the secretary for years at Secretary@GreaterMoundCity.org. We have added 3 new ones:

- President@GreaterMoundCity.org
- Vice-Prez@GreaterMoundCity.org
- Treasurer@GreaterMoundCity.org

The way the accounts are setup, the email automatically forwards to the designated person. Using this method, when we get a different officer, the email is re-directed and we don't start over.

