




**PERF-DISPATCH**  
**GREATER MOUND CITY STAMP CLUB**

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

When 4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month at **7:30 PM**

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

Membership year runs January to December

**WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ**

Happy Thanksgiving! As the year draws to a close, I want to share an observation I have made over this past year. Attendance at stamp shows. Where is it? Does everyone realize that we have it pretty damn good when it comes to shows? There are a total of 16 shows in the St. Louis metro area during the year. There is no other area in all the land that has as many shows. We are spoiled when it comes to opportunities to gather at shows and meet with our friends with a common interest as well as the opportunity to add to our collections. A good thing? Maybe too good.

**THIS MEETING**

The program in November is **“Philatelic Jeopardy.”** You will have a chance to earn additional **Auction Bux** to spend in the Bux. Jeopardy will be immediately followed by the Auction Bux sale and election of officers.

**2015-16 SCHEDULE**

November 23.....Auction Bux Sale & Election  
 Thursday, December 3 ..... Holiday Party  
 December 14..... Breakfast Club  
 January 10..... Breakfast Club  
 January 24, 2016 ..... “The Picture is the Same”  
 February 22..... February Theme

**BREAKFAST CLUB MEETING**

The Breakfast group meets the second Monday of the month. The next meeting is **December 14<sup>th</sup>** 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at the Stratford Inn from **10AM to 4PM** across from the former site of the Chrysler Plant in Fenton.

**W**here am I going with this? **SUPPORT!** We as a club do not do a good job in supporting our local shows. I don’t expect that every member of the club is going to attend every show during the year. But, I would think that of the 59 members in the club we would have more than six or eight attend the shows especially the bigger 2 day or 3 day shows. How many of you have even been to the 1 day bourse the second Saturday of every month in Fenton? How many have been to any other show during the year besides our own club show? How many have not even attended one show?

I would think that a person joins a stamp club to meet new people, make new friends, grow friendships, learn about the hobby, and take advantage of an opportunity once a month to get out and socialize for a few hours with those who have a common interest. Then, use those same reasons for attending shows and perhaps use the opportunity to purchase items for your collection. There is no requirement to buy anything at a show. Even if you don’t, or won’t, or can’t buy anything, you can still go and enjoy the comradery! I invite everyone in the club to attend as many shows as possible this coming year. I know we can do better and I expect better. See you at the show!

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

First, I want to thank the club members and officers for allowing me to say a few words to the club every month for the last 17 years. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you.

You may not be aware; but, I was the editor of the newsletter in Birmingham, Alabama from 1977 to 1987. Then I moved to Rogers, Arkansas and was immediately “conned” into taking over the joint newsletter for the Rogers and Fayetteville clubs from 1988 to 1994. Except for a couple years when Tom Minor wrote the Dispatch, it’s been all mine.

My calculator says that is 38 years. In addition, I’ve been an officer in those clubs all that time.

I have met with my successor as editor, Phil Schorr and am sure you are in good hands. He knows where to find me.

As soon as the new secretary is in place, I will bring him up to speed.

For the past ten years or so, I have been a member of a software developers group that meets the last Monday of the month. I got to meetings about 3 times a year on a 5<sup>th</sup> Monday. I have been mostly dabbling in new technologies.

Suddenly, this year I find that I am getting to work with all the new things I’ve been hearing about. I tried going to both meetings on one night; the first meeting began at 17:30 then, I was rushing over to Parkway.

I’m having fun with what I am doing now. You may have noticed that I missed Jeopardy in October; I was traveling for work (not purposely skipping out on Guy).

You are still going to see me at meetings; perhaps not as often. I am speaking to GMCSC in January. I am still involved with Webster Groves, the Missouri Postal History Society, the St Louis Bears, and Stamp Expo. I’m still maintaining the website.

I have a pile of philatelic writing I want to do without stopping to spend a couple days each month getting a newsletter out. I’m still gathering material for my census of Kosmos Shipping covers from the Falklands. I have the gem of articles for the American Philatelist and Topical Time. In my spare time, I’m working on an interactive database of Missouri postal history.

Give the new guys a break and time to get used to the job! It takes a year to learn what to do and another to be comfortable.

And a final word of advice...get involved with the leadership of your club. It is for the good of philately and good for you and it makes you feel good about yourself.

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## HOLIDAY PARTY

In a few days and certainly before the party, you should receive an invitation to our annual Holiday party. The price has dropped this year to \$10 to encourage more of you to attend. The club provides drink tickets and covers the rest of the meal.

