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GREATER MOUND CITY STAMP CLUB

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

When 4th 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

Spring is here, the Expo has come and gone, and summer is just around the corner. The onset of summer means more great and wonderful philatelic things are approaching fast. There's the international show, New York-2016, in late May and early June for those fortunate enough to be able to attend this once a decade thriller. There's Summer Seminar (Stamp Camp) the latter half of June at the APS in Bellefonte, an activity that I highly recommend you attend. Then there's our very own Stamp Fest in mid-August to round out the summer festivities.

Now that the St. Louis Stamp Expo has come and gone, what did you all think? I hope that all the club members were able to attend at least some of the show even though reality is that some would not be able to attend. I saw about 20 different club members, but I didn't have an opportunity to move around much so I hope that there were at least another 20 that I didn't see. I thought the show went well and most attendees had a good time. I heard from various sources that the Confederate Stamp Alliance, the guest society for this Expo, had a really good time. I don't have the final numbers yet, but I know that attendance was unfortunately down this year from last year. Surprisingly, Friday was the day that took the biggest hit attendance wise especially compared to last year. Saturday seemed pretty good and for a Sunday, I thought that Sunday was pretty good too. I thank all of you who volunteered your time and effort this year. Without our generous volunteers, the show would not be the success it is! This year's show is over, but that doesn't mean much of a rest. The Expo Committee is already working on next year's show.

APRIL MEETING

The program this month is going to be on Sherlock Holmes, presented by new member Jerry Schultz.

2016 SCHEDULE

April 25...Sherlock Holmes..... Jerry Schultz
 May 23....Fakes and Forgeries.....Nate Esbeck
 June 27....Poland.....Bob Ogrodnik
 July 25.....Color.....Wayne Youngblood
 Aug. 22....Danish West Indies.....Sean Sunderlage
 Sept. 26...TBD.....Norb Wright
 Oct. 24.....Philatelic Jeopardy
 Nov. 28.....Auction Bux
 Dec. ?.....Christmas Holiday Party

BREAKFAST CLUB MEETING

The Breakfast group meets the second Monday of the month. The next meeting is **April 11th** 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.

Did you know that the majority of stamp clubs around the country meet twice a month? Yep, they do. The GMCSC on the other hand only meets once a month. Or does it? Actually the GMCSC does meet twice a month, but not in the traditional sense. The second meeting you ask? It's the breakfast club and

that meeting is every second Monday of the month at 8:30AM at Hillary's Roadhouse. My point here is that this is not some subsidiary group of the GMCSC. This IS the GMCSC, and it meets regularly just like our Monday night meetings the fourth Monday of every month. However, attendance is, shall I say, small at best. Why is that club members? I've been trying to figure it out and I can't. Perhaps because it is breakfast and anyone who attends thinks that they have to buy breakfast. If that is the case, let me clear this rumor or notion up. One does NOT have to buy breakfast to attend. Some will have conflicts with their day job. That is understandable, but given that the majority of the club is retired, where are all of those members? Anyway, this is a club meeting and all members are always invited to attend. Why not come by and check it out? It might be the best breakfast meeting you ever attended!

QUESTION

There are several different thoughts on the mailing of the newsletter each month. Some say they always want to receive it in hard copy, partly so they can add the stamps to their collection. If that is the case, then there is the question of whether you prefer a single new forever stamp or multiples of older stamps to produce the current 47 cent rate. Rather than continue to guess, I hope you will let me know which you prefer.

1 Do you want it in hard copy, or would you be just as happy with receiving it by email?

2. If you want hard copy, would you prefer a new forever stamp or a small group of older stamps?

I'm going to ask for a response at our April meeting. If you won't be there, please let me know by email to pschorr@att.net. Thanks.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Newsletters and meeting minutes are posted on the website below.

If your **Perf-Dispatch** fails to arrive in a timely manner, pick up the newsletter from the web so you do not miss the meeting. If you move, please let us know immediately; it takes USPS a couple months to send us a correction notice.

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