



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 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

Greetings all! We've been fortunate in that our winter this year so far has been very mild. Will it continue? One never knows, but I would guess we are ripe for at least some more cold weather let alone the white fluffy stuff. Mild or not, the winter is always a time for many philatelic endeavors and the club has several coming up as we move into spring. The call for volunteers now goes out as I will discuss further in this month's column. Plus, I'll take a look at what the GMSCC accomplished in 2015.

Last year, like most past years was a busy year for the club. We signed up six new members. Yea! It was a little short of our goal, but still a positive. Unfortunately we lost a couple too. I don't have the final tally yet as our secretary is in the process of getting all of that sorted out.

We did a good job in supporting the St. Louis Stamp Expo and Stamp Fest, and both shows saw an increase in attendance. Hopefully we will see another increase in attendance at Stamp Fest this year as we continue to try and build that show back up to where it was a few years ago.

In a big change from the status quo of at least the past 10 years, we reinstated a club meeting in July and moved the June and July meetings to a spot more conducive for conducting meetings. The club now meets once a month throughout the year, which I think is important for the club. Attendance at the meetings in June and July were down from the other months, but I attribute that to mostly club members not remembering the change. I think this year will be better as everyone comes on board with a meeting every month of the year.

I think the biggest thing we did in 2015 is to select a new club logo. Everyone seemed to be pretty excited about that. I am in the process of getting the logo finalized with some professional artistic touches, and I hope to have that done by Expo. Stay tuned! I ask that everyone give something of their time and talents to support the club during the year. Now is the time as we approach Expo 1-3 April 2015. I

FEBRUARY MEETING

Alex Haimann, current APS Vice President, will present the February program on **"Some February Philately – a Fun Postal History Presentation."**

In addition to our featured program, we will be deciding upon whether our club will second any nominations for APS officers and upon our club vote on the best and worst of U.S. 2015 stamp issues for the Linn's stamp poll.

2016 SCHEDULE

February 22.....Regular Meeting
 March 14..... Breakfast Club
 March 28.....Regular Meeting
 April 11.....Breakfast Club

BREAKFAST CLUB MEETING

The Breakfast group meets the second Monday of the month. The next meeting is **March 14th** 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.

know that we will need volunteers to help with the visiting elementary school children on Friday, help with setting up the youth room on Thursday, help in the youth room all show days, help with the Boy Scout Merit Badge qualification on Saturday morning and, most of all, help with manning the club table throughout the show. Please check your schedules for this weekend and see if you can find some time to help with one or more of these activities. And above all else, attend the show to enjoy all the things it provides in educational opportunities, finding something for your collection, attend an auction, and enjoy the exhibits.

Remember our hobby is a journey, not a destination. Enjoy the journey!

EDITOR'S NOTES

Newsletters and meeting minutes are posted on the website near the bottom of the page.

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THIS MONTH

Almost 10 years ago, we last asked our members to tell us, in writing, more about their collecting interests, whether it be specific countries, 19th century classics, plate proofs, parcel post, covers, wrappers, perfin, topicals, zeppelins, revenues, pony express, civil war era, ephemera, Cinderellas, pre-cancels, plate proofs, catapult mail, etc. etc. Your interests have probably evolved since then. We would also like to know your current phone number[s] and an email address so we can reach you quickly, if needed. In addition, if you would consider presenting or exhibiting your primary interest at a club meeting or show, that would be magnificent. There are several club members who can mentor and assist you with preparation,,,just ask and they will be happy to help. So please take a few minutes to complete and return to our Secretary the enclosed form, which serves numerous purposes. Be assured that whatever you share with us will be retained solely for the private use of our club.

UPDATE

Long time club member and local dealer Nancy Moellering informs us that her new store location and contact details are:

Star Stamps & More
502 South 5th Street
St. Charles, MO 63301

phone: 314-346-4401
email: n.k1052@att.net

Store hours are Monday thru Wednesday 10:00am - 3:00pm

Reminder: In March note that days will be Wed,Thur,Frid beginning April 6.

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