



# PERF-DISPATCH

## GREATER MOUND CITY STAMP CLUB

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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

Dear Stamp Club Members,

I decided that I needed to take a sabbatical; get away from it all for a while to clear my mind, relax, and be in a place where I could think clearly. So I headed north to Big Sky Country, the Treasure State, and God's country otherwise known as Montana. I've been here for about a week now and it's time to write this month's column. It's a good time to write it being on a sabbatical. Not really. I don't think my sabbatical is working. It's probably not long enough, but the column is due. Still, I'm enjoying the visit with family, the scenery, and the wonderful weather.

### SEPTEMBER MEETING

The program this month will be on the Shanghai Overprints, presented by Norb Wright. We will also have an auction this month.

### 2016 SCHEDULE

Sept. 26...Shanghai Overprints.....Norb Wright  
Oct. 24.....Philatelic Jeopardy  
Nov. 28.....Auction Bux  
Dec. 8.....Christmas Holiday Party

### BREAKFAST CLUB MEETING



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

Our club show is over and it's time to give a report on how it went. First off I want to thank Tom Minor, Show Chairman; Gary Hendren, Bourse Chairman; Dave Marsh, concessions (sales up and costs down); Janette Grider, advertising and publicity; and the rest of the club members that donated time to do all of the other things necessary before, during, and after to make this show a success. I think it went pretty well and I think those that attended will attest to that fact. The best news is that this year's attendance was up again over last year, and the year before. This year we had 157 sign in at the door. There were a few that didn't sign in. It was hard to keep track of those, but I don't think it was many; probably less than ten. Last year's attendance was 134 if my memory is correct. We are definitely headed in the right direction and hopefully this trend will continue in the coming years. I think that as long as we continue to do the things we are doing to advertise and promote the show throughout the region it will continue to grow. The more it grows the more dealers we will get and the more dealers we get the more people will attend, at least in theory.

## EDITOR'S NOTES

Speaking of dealers, I was able to talk to all but one dealer before they left the show. While not all of them had a good show, all of them said that they would return next year. That by itself is a good thing as the dealers pretty much decide the show. They bring in the collectors who come to a bourse to see what dealers have to offer.

The auction on Sunday seemed to be a big hit as it usually is. I don't have the final numbers on the auction yet, but I think the club made about \$300 in commission on the sales. Gary will give us the final number at the club meeting.

The club dinner, pot luck, BBQ, or whatever name one wants to attach to it was a fun time for those who attended. We had 39 total attend, which includes 17 dealers and 22 club members. The number of club members attending this year was up and that is also a good thing. Again, the club dinner after the show Saturday night is open to all club members and their spouses and/or guests. The price of admission is a side dish of some sort for all to enjoy. The dealers really like it as it saves them on expenses. It is a great time for everyone to socialize and get to know one another better to include the dealers. Dealers like to get to know you too!

The biggest thing we need to work on improving is attendance on Sunday. This is a problem with every show in the country as I can attest to given the number of shows around the country that I attend. I am looking for ideas on how to improve attendance on Sundays. At our club meeting in August (Monday after the show), I talked about this and got a couple ideas already for next year. I'll be asking for ideas again this month and throughout the year. Please think about this and let me know of your ideas at any time. I'll pass these along to the other officers and the show committee for consideration and implementation at future shows. I'll close out my report on the show with the announcement that Tom has once again volunteered to be the show chairman for Stampfest 2017! Thanks Tom and please continue to give him your support with time and completion of the many tasks required.

It's time to close this out and head back out to the mountains. Remember that we have an auction this month. Next month is philatelic jeopardy and if there is a category you would like to see in the game let me know at the club meeting. The Christmas party is set for 6:30PM, Thursday, 8 December 2016, at Syberg's on Dorsett. We'll see you at the club meeting!

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 the Secretary know immediately; it takes USPS a couple months to send us a correction notice.

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## ROSTER UPDATES

We've had three new members join us in recent months. Dave Rosenstock joined during the summer and both Margaret Jones and Kevin LeVart, Sr. joined during StampFest. Please welcome them and encourage them to join us often and participate in our coming activities.