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Where Parkway Central **Middle School**
East side of the building
471 N. Woodsmill Road
Next driveway north of high school.

When 4th Monday each month at **7:30 PM**

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

APRIL MEETING

The program for this month will be given by Jerry Schultz. The topic will be Slania and his engravings. Jerry is developing an interesting exhibit on this topic, so this should be a good program.

2017 SCHEDULE

May.....Cinderellas in WWI era.....Tom Minor
 June.....Special Delivery.....Nate Esbeck
 July.....TBA.....Gene Stewart
 August.....Zeppelins on cover.....Paul Miles
 September..Tools of the Trade.....Rick McCoy
 October.....Philatelic Jeopardy.....Guy Gasser
 November.....AuctionBux Auction
 December.....Holiday Party

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.

WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Greetings everyone! It's all over but the shouting. Two big events for our club have come and gone. The first is the big shew, Expo, which in spite of some nay-sayers, went off without a hitch and was the usual great show that it has been for years even without an auction. The great reputation of this show across these United States continues. The second is the move of the club's library to its new home. It's done, over, finished!

How many of you were able to attend Expo? I saw about 20 of our members. I hope more than that were able to attend since 20 is only a third of the club. If you didn't get to attend, that is too bad because you missed out on a great opportunity to really enjoy many philatelic activities that will not be available again until Expo next year. Those that did attend and the feedback I received stated that they had a great time. The overall attendance this year was down from last year by about 150, for whatever reason, but those that attended were actively involved in all aspects of the show. The 52 dealers that bought booth space for the show were, except for four that I know of, very happy with the vibrant sales from the show's attendees.

Next year's Expo (16-18 Mar 2018) plans to be even better than this year's as the Expo committee is always looking to add things to make the show better. Did you miss there not being an auction this year? If you did, you will be glad to know that the Expo committee is already working on getting another auction company to come in for the show. As always, if anyone has any ideas for what they would like to see offered at this show, please let me know and I'll take it to the committee for consideration.

I want to thank all of the volunteers that donated their time to help make Expo a great show. I don't

have the space to list them all here, but I and the rest of the Expo committee very much appreciate what everyone did and the time put forth to make this happen. I do want to mention that the youth room and activities were once again a big hit for the young collectors/collectors to be. Scott Ward and his crew continue to excel. Thanks to Gary Hendren and his crew seeing to it that the Boy Scouts got their stamp collecting merit badges, and Gary as bourse chairman kept the dealers in line. And a big thank you to Wayne Youngblood who made an early trip from Wisconsin, and a late return home, to oversee the show floor setup.

It was touch and go right up until Saturday morning if there would be enough volunteers to move the library because none of the officers, Alan, or Phil received any reply back to my call for volunteers to help move the items. It was looking like a reschedule was going to be in order, but a few members came through and away we all went. I want to thank Jerry Schultz, Tom Minor, Tom's friend Steve, Dave our secretary, and Katrina our VP for making this happen. Aside for a bump on the noggin and the loss of a little blood by your president, it was all done in about 3 hours.

Now Phil, you remember Phil, the guy who stepped up to be the librarian, has plenty to do as he sorts through, inventories, and catalogs everything we moved to his place. As soon as he gets that all done, he will provide a list of what is in the club library to all the club members, and it will be posted on our website. So stand by for news!

Next up is StampFest. Tom Minor has once again stepped up as show chairman for this year. I'm sure he will be contacting members over the next few months to ask for a hand at getting things done. If you can volunteer to help, please do so.

Time to wrap this month's column up. See you at the meeting. Bring your good times and laughter too!

Guy

Did you know: Great Britain issued the world's first perforated stamp in 1854, perforating the penny red.

NEW MEMBERS

We have two new members this month – Edward Bayham and Amanda Morgenstern. Please welcome them to the club.

BREAKFAST CLUB MEETING



The Breakfast group meets the second Monday of the month. The next meeting is **May 8** 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.

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

www.GreaterMoundCity.org

NEW LOCATION

Please note that our meeting location has been moved. We are now meeting at the Middle School, not the high school. It is just the next driveway north of where we have been meeting. Use Google Maps to help visualize it. Members park on the east side of building and walk through the multiple doors on the Circle. After entering, follow the right wall past a counter desk to wing 7 on the right (less than 100 ft). Down the steps or ramp to first door on the right (Room 710). Doors should be open by 7 pm.

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