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GREATER MOUND CITY STAMP CLUB

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Where Parkway Central Middle School
East side of the building
471 N. Woodsmill Road

**Tropicana Lanes – see info
on back – June & July**

**The August meeting will also
be here this year while we
search for a new location**

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

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

AUGUST MEETING

This month Bob Ogradnick will be telling us about Poland 1946 Air Mail. Sounds like another very interesting talk from Bob.

2019 SCHEDULE

September....FDC Artist.....Pat Morgan
October.....Philatelic Jeopardy.....Guy Gasser
November...Auction Bux Auction.....Guy Gasser
December.....Annual Christmas Party/Dinner

BREAKFAST CLUB MEETING

The Breakfast group meets the second Monday of the month. The next meeting is **September 9 at the new spot, the Olive Street Café, 12710 Olive Blvd., at 8:30 AM.** The Breakfast group meets year round.



WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Happy dog days of summer everyone! The show is now over and all that is left is to figure out income versus expenses, and capture what went well and what needs improvement.

Since the show ended yesterday as I write this, I don't yet have the final financials as to how we fared. However, I am confident that this year we will come out ahead thanks to having five more dealers than last year plus the small increase in table fees.

Unfortunately, the attendance this year was poor. I counted only 109 who signed in at the door. While some slipped through without signing in, that number was a very small number so it's negligible in the big picture. I don't know why the sudden drop in attendance this year. Last year we had over 150 attendees and I was looking forward to that number going up instead of down. We did the same thing this year as last year for promotion and advertising. It also appeared, I'll have to do the analysis, that fewer club members attended this year for who knows what reason. That is not good in itself as it takes a concerted effort from everyone to make our events a success. On a positive note, we did pick up three new club members at the show.

My concern, and it should be a concern for all club members, is will we be able to get the dealers back. We only had a couple dealers who showed any profit. The rest either broke even or took a loss. This is a hobby, but for our dealers it is also a business. They have expenses that they have to pay and need to turn a profit to stay in business to provide the material to the collector. If they don't, they will take their business elsewhere.

Our annual post show dinner for club members and dealers went well. There were 32 who stayed to enjoy the rest of the evening. Those that attended had a good time dining and visiting with dealers and club members. Thank you to those who attended and brought the side dishes and desserts for all to enjoy.

I need to recognize those that volunteered their time and effort to put on a good show that unfortunately many in the collecting community missed. First off a hearty and grateful thank you to Tom Minor, show chairman, for running the show and putting everything together. Once again he came through for the club to put on a very good show. A big thank you to Ed Bayham, our VP, for planning, setting up, and running the concession stand. This is no small feat. And a big thank you to Pat and Lesa Morgan for handling the 10 cent sales booth, and the job they did getting the club dinner set up, feeding everyone, and then cleaning up at the end. They also helped with set up and tear down of the show floor, and probably some other things that I have missed. And also a thank you to the other club members for the various parts they did to make this show happen. Some were big and some were small, but they were all important. Thank you everyone who helped in any way for your help! I do greatly appreciate it!

A reminder to the members that they will have until the close of the club meeting this month to submit comments and recommendations to the proposed by-law change. Voting on this change will be by ballot and scheduled to take place at the membership meeting in September unless otherwise changed.

Bob Ogrodnick will enlighten us this month with a program on Polish airmail from 1946. Since his program specifies a specific year, there must be a good reason for it. The way to find out is to come to the meeting and hear what he has to say.

The relocation committee is busy looking for a new meeting place. While that continues, we will meet again this month at Tropicana Lanes. This time we will be in the downstairs meeting room. Hopefully next month we will have a new permanent home for the club.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting. That is all.

Guy

Did you know: The APS has a new Director of Expertizing, Mr. Gary Loew. The APS appointed him Director in June, 2019.

SHOWS

Note: The bourse in September will be on the 3rd Saturday, not the 2nd.

Gene Stewart has a bourse the 2nd Saturday of each month from **9AM to 3PM**. It is now located at Holiday Inn South County on the northeast corner of I-55 and Lindbergh, behind The Mattress Firm. Don't miss out.

JUNE AND JULY

I know the heading says "June and July", but we will also be meeting at Tropicana in August. The meeting this time will be in the downstairs meeting room. The stairs are just to the right of the Tropicana entrance.

Tropicana Lanes are located at **7960 Clayton Rd, St Louis, MO 63117**. Coming from West County on I-64, exit at Brentwood/Hanley. Go left (or north) on So. Brentwood Blvd about 1/2 mile to Clayton Road. Turn right onto Clayton. Once you go under the I-170 overpass you should see the sign for Tropicana on your right.

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