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JANUARY MEETING

For the first meeting of 2020 Ed Bayham will present
“U.S. Navy Yangtze Patrol – 1854-1949”.

2020 SCHEDULE

February..St. Louis Stamp Dealers..Gary Hendren
April.....Oil.....Jerry Schultz
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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Greetings everyone, and Happy New Year! Another year has gone by and a new one started. I don't know about anyone else, but where did the past year go? Time just flies by anymore. I suspect that this year will be no different, and before you know it we'll be talking about the annual Christmas party again! Speaking of Christmas and the party, which already seems like 6 months ago, I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season.

The annual Christmas gala was a lot of fun. Thank you, Ed (our VP) for putting on a great evening of food, fun, and frolic. Everyone who attended seemed to have a great time. Those that couldn't or just didn't attend, they missed a good one. However, we'll have another one next year and those that missed this year can attend then. Congratulations also go to Gene Stewart for his selection as this year's Prexie award recipient for his great service to the club over the past many, many years.

The New Year brings another round of activities for the club to enjoy. One of those activities is the monthly program put on by our club members. Right now we only have three confirmed dates, and commitments from three others. Those who have said they will do a program, but haven't committed to a date yet, please do that this month so our VP knows just what months are left open. That means that we have 3 months left to fill for this year. I ask each club member to volunteer to do a program especially if the member has never done one or it's been 3 years or more since the last one. The monthly programs, or activities, is what makes club meetings fun. They can be anything one wants to do and it can be in any format. Please everyone do your part in supporting the club and having fun.

Coming up. This month is auction month. Bring those nice lots in and let's see what happens. There will be some nicer items too, but remember that nicer items will go for more than a couple dollars, and they

should. March is Expo month. This year's St. Louis Stamp Expo is 27-29 March at the same location, the Airport Renaissance in Bridgeton. I know the club will be asked to provide some volunteers to support a show that is easily in the top five in the nation. More details to follow, but please be prepared to volunteer. Stampfest. August seems like a long way off, but it's not. We need a new venue to hold the show. Anyone with ideas or that knows of a place, please let our relocation committee chairwoman (Katrina) know soonest. We need to get this determined within the next 60 days at the latest.

Phil said for me to keep it shorter this month for his stuff. Done! That is all!

Guy

Did you know: It was the penalty envelopes, created March 3, 1877, that eventually forced out the Departmental Official Stamps after only 11 years (1873 – 1884).

DUES

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MEETING LOCATION

Our new, hopefully permanent meeting location is Room 200 in the Kirkwood Community Center at 111 South Geyer Road in Kirkwood. Google Maps or any other navigation system will give you the best route to the building. Coming from the north down I-270 the best exit is probably Dougherty Ferry. From the south you can't exit at Big Bend, so try Watson to Geyer and straight up Geyer. From Lindbergh (Kirkwood Rd.) either Argonne or Madison will take you right to one of the drives around the building, which is on the west side of the street.

When you reach the building, pull around to the west (the "back") side of the building, which will bring you to the main entrance. Enter through the outer glass doors and turn right. Enter through the glass doors into the office area, then veer left past our banner into the short hall and the elevator will be on your left. Exit the elevator on the 2nd floor and the meeting room is right in front of you across the hall. Give me a call if you have any questions.

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FEBRUARY MEETING

For the February meeting Gary Hendren will discuss St. Louis area stamp dealers. There may be more than you think, and they can be good sources.

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Hi All! It's that time again. Time just keeps slipping by. I'm usually on top of getting this column done even though Phil reminds me every month, but not this month. The past month flew by and I have been busy as ever to the point that I'm glad that Phil reminded me. I lost track of the days and didn't realize my deadline was approaching. I'm glad we have Phil to keep your president on his toes, but isn't that what secretaries are for. It was Alan, our immediate past secretary that got me to start writing these columns in the first place!

This month I want to talk a bit about shows. We are all lucky live in this area when it comes to stamp shows. There is a stamp show of some type every month. I can't think of any area except for Orange County in Southern California that also has a show every month. We have the big big show, Expo, in March; a big show, Stamp Fest, in August; and the monthly small shows, SOCOPEX, in South County. That's a lot of shows! You're probably thinking about now what's my point of all of this? My point is attendance.

One of our club members, on his own, did an analysis of the number of club members who attended SOCOPEX in 2019. The number is surprising. There are 59 club members. The total number of different club members who attended throughout the entire year was only 16, or 27%! This does not count the seven club members who are dealers at the show. When I look back at the number of club members who attended Stamp Fest, that number was not much better. If my memory serves me correctly, it was about 24 or 41%. That, ladies and gentlemen, is just not good. One would think that over a period of a year, twelve shows, that

almost all of the club members would attend SOCOPEX at least once.

The question then becomes why is that? We are members of a stamp club. We all collect stamps in some way or some type of philatelic material. That means that we have to acquire material for our collections. How are you getting your stamps and such or are you? Has the majority of the club gone to buying online? If the excuse is the dealers never have anything I'm looking for, how do you know if you don't go? The dealers who work SOCOPEX bring new material with them all the time. Go see and find out. If you can't find anything you are looking for, talk with the dealer who handles your type of material and tell them what you are looking for, and ask them to try and find it. Guess what? They will! It may take some time, but they will.

The show is also a great place to meet and greet other collectors. It's a chance to socialize with people who have a common interest. One can't do that from home! Show attendance is also critical to keeping a show running. I remind everyone that dealers don't do shows for free. While they are hobbyists, they are also business people. Dealers have to make money to keep doing shows. Therefore, I'm asking every club member to attend at least one of the twelve SOCOPEX shows during the year, just one! And while not directly sponsored by the GMCSC, SOCOPEX is really a club show. I'm also now asking every club member to attend your show, our show, the club's show, Stamp Fest, this August.

This month is voting month for last year's stamps issued by our postal service. Therefore, if you have the December issue of *Linn's*, please bring it as it has all the stamps, envelopes, and wrappers issued in 2019. It's fun to talk about what we liked and didn't like from the past year. After we vote we will send our ballots to Linn's for counting and the club will get recognition when Linn's publishes the results in May. This month Gary will also enlighten us about St. Louis stamp dealers. I have a suspicion that he's not going to talk about current St. Louis stamp dealers either. This should be very interesting. Come vote and come listen. That is all.

Guy

Did you know: MAD magazine began spoofing stamp designs in 1956 and continued to do so throughout its run.

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PHILATELIC PNEATURES

From time to time I would like to add feature stories on stamps our members collect and on other philatelic items of interest. Thanks to John Deutch we can begin with an article from him this month.

My Philatelic Interests

By John Deutch

My stamp collecting interests? Wow, where do I begin? Like so many others of my vintage, I started collecting stamps back in 1950 or 1951 when I was in 4th or 5th grade in north St. Louis. There was no one in my family who collected stamps, but I had several friends in my class at school who did. In those days we all sent our nickels and dimes off in the mail to various stamp companies for those “wonderful offers” (with approvals, of course) that were advertised in the back of comic books and BOYS LIFE. I continued to collect sporadically until marriage and kids, and then I sold my stamps.

Ten or fifteen years ago I got interested in stamps again. I built a pretty good collection of Scouts on stamps, which I sold, Belgium, which I sold, and Denmark, which I also sold. Today my collecting interests are centered around the stamps and postal history of the Pontifical or Roman States, and the stamps and postal history of Vatican City up to the death of Pope John XXIII in 1963. I also have a small U.S. collection of stamps, souvenir sheets, covers and other ephemera from the International Philatelic Exhibitions that were held in this country in 1913, 1926, 1933 and 1947, and the same sort of material from the 1933 APS convention, the 1934 Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Exposition, and the 1937 meeting of the Society of Philatelic Americans. It is enough to keep me occupied, and mostly out of trouble.

(To be continued next month)

Stories of the Dead

By Phil Schorr

We will also share stories of the “dead”, dead countries that is. There are many of these and they all have a story.

One of the good things about collecting dead countries is that you get to decide what counts as a dead country. If you feel that a country that issued stamps for several years, then stopped for many years, then started again counts as a dead country for the earlier period, then it counts. If not, then it doesn't. If “offices” established by one country within another country counts, such as French offices in China, then it does.

Another good thing is that you get to decide what is “complete”. If you feel every stamp issued within the country counts, then they do. If you feel a stamp overprinted or surcharged by a local post office shouldn't count, then it doesn't. However, you know they won't be issuing more stamps next month, so you really can reach completion.

Where do I start collecting dead countries? First think of smaller states that were combined into a larger, new state such as the old German or Italian states. Another possible group are the native tribal homelands within the Union of South Africa (Bophuthatswana, Ciskei, Transkei and Venda). Each of these four states issued their own stamps from about 1980 until 1994.

If you don't want to start with a dead country that issued hundreds of stamps, some of the pricey, then you don't have to. There are places for which only a very few stamps were issued. Imagine how good it feels to buy only three or four stamps and you have a complete country collection.

We will begin telling the stories of dead countries and their stamps in future issues. Stay tuned.



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MARCH MEETING

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Hi All! So where shall I begin? First off, I need to make a correction from last month's newsletter. In it I stated that Alan Barash was our immediate past secretary. That is not correct. Dave Marsh is our immediate past secretary. I don't know what I was thinking except that I had Alan on my mind as he was the one that got me started doing this monthly column in the newsletter. Dave, please accept my sincere apologies for this oversight. Please forgive me.

The corona virus pandemic has wreaked havoc on just about everything that involves people getting together for any type of social function. That includes the philatelic world. Given the recommendations from the CDC and the restrictions imposed by the leaders in our governments, many events have changed for at least the next couple of months. The latest restriction as of now, and that might change tomorrow, is no gatherings of more than 50 people or more than 10 high risk people for the next 8 weeks, which means the middle of May. This does affect club meetings and you will see how below. Depending on how combating this virus goes, it could be longer. Here is where we are at right now as of this writing.

The Kirkwood Community Center is now closed indefinitely; therefore, this month's club meeting is cancelled. We'll have to wait and see about next month. If this situation with the CC doesn't change by next month's meeting, does anyone want to volunteer their home for a meeting? If so let me know.

The second Monday breakfast club meeting is still a go.

The St. Louis Stamp Expo has been rescheduled to 14-16 August 2020. That falls right on top of

StampFest. We will now have to decide how we want to handle StampFest this year. It's either cancel it for this year or find some other time to reschedule as we can neither compete with Expo, nor do we want to even try. Since we will not be gathering for a meeting any time soon, please send me your input.

The second Saturday bourse known as SOCOPEX next month is still a go. This may change. I'm sure there will be more to follow on SOCOPEX.

Cancellations and postponements of all philatelic activities are being decided by the government restrictions and venues that support them. Many shows have already cancelled or postponed. There is a list on the APS website; www.stamps.org. That list will not be all inclusive as smaller shows may not have notified the APS.

None of us know how long it will take for this pandemic to pass, but it will. We will continue to send out newsletters to keep everyone informed with what we, your club officers know. If there is anything that needs to get out right away it will be via email. Until we meet again stay safe and God speed. That is all.

Guy

Did you know: The 1861 3 cent stamp, Scott #64 and #65, is the only stamp ever issued as a substitute for coins. This was for a year during the Civil War, but they couldn't take the wear and tear of pockets or pocketbooks and were soon redeemed at post offices.

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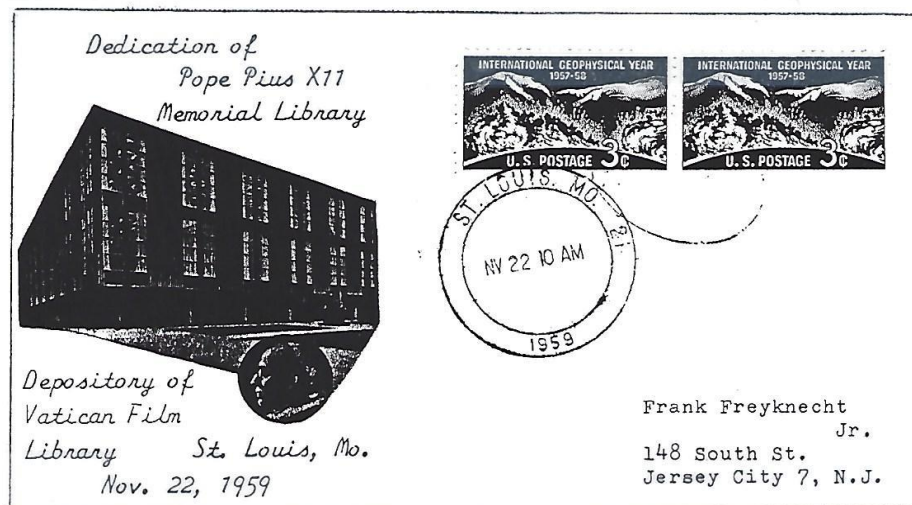
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Pope Pius XII Memorial Library, St. Louis University

I have this cover in my Vatican collection. It was produced by the Greater St. Louis Chapter of the Vatican Philatelic Society in 1959 to mark the dedication of the Pius XII Memorial Library on the campus of St. Louis University. I find it interesting because of its connection to the Vatican, to St. Louis, and to St. Louis University---I am a St. Louie U graduate.

It was early in 1950 when Father Paul C. Reinert, SJ, the President of St. Louis University, and two of his faculty members, Fathers Daly and Donnelly, approached the Vatican about the possibility of microfilming the documents in the Vatican Library in order to make these manuscript treasures available to scholars on this side of the Atlantic Ocean.

In December 1950, permission to do so was granted by the Vatican. With funding from the Knights of Columbus, fifteen technicians with eight cameras and two developers set about the task of microfilming 11 million handwritten documents. Ultimately the Pius XII Library at St. Louis University was the recipient of 840,000 feet of microfilm on 9884 reels. The construction and naming of this library had been authorized by Pope Pius XII some years before his death in 1958.



The cacheted covers prepared by the Greater St. Louis Chapter of the Vatican Philatelic Society were cancelled on November 22, 1959, the date the library was dedicated. The stamp on those covers is the U.S. commemorative (Scott 1107) issued in 1958 to mark the International Geophysical Year of 1957-58. The center design of this stamp---the "two hands" ---is from Michelangelo's painting of "The Creation of Man" in the Sistine Chapel.

From the collection of John Deutch



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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Hi All! Spring is here, the weather is warming up, the grass is turning green, things are blooming or have bloomed, and still it continues; the corona virus social distancing restrictions along with all the other things the Governor and St. Louis County Executive have put in place. No matter though. Look at all the time we all have to work on philatelic activities. I hope everyone is well and in good health.

I think it goes without saying, but just in case the club meeting for the month of April is cancelled. The club meeting for May is still on. If that changes, I'll let everyone know in the monthly newsletter. Remember too, the club meeting in May is the third Monday due to Memorial Day falling on the 4th Monday. Regardless of what restrictions the county lifts or reduces in May, the Kirkwood Community Center has to also reopen. I guess it's possible that the situation is such that we could meet, but not meet if the CC remains closed.

Since the County Executive is not supposed to reevaluate the situation until the middle of May, the second Monday breakfast club meeting for May is cancelled.

StampFest for this year is cancelled.

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All philatelic activities through the end of June, that I know of anyway, have been cancelled or postponed. There is a list on the APS website; www.stamps.org. That list will not be all inclusive as smaller shows may not have notified the APS, but I don't know of any still scheduled.

All is not lost. The APS is hosting several virtual philatelic activities. The list and schedule is on the APS website. How many of you had piles of stamps and covers and god knows what else lying around just waiting for the owners to have an opportunity to do something with it? I'll bet most of the club members would raise their hand. I don't know of a better opportunity to clean that all up. Then, everyone can start over building new piles of stuff.

Is anyone in need of more philatelic items and/or supplies? It's out there and available. Most dealers have a website, and are also on eBay and/or Hip stamp to name a few. All the dealers also have email and phone numbers. The market is open. Check out your favorite dealer. Give them a call and order something for your collection. They will all appreciate it and it keeps everyone in the game. Whatever it is that everyone decides to do; doing nothing is not the right thing to do.

This month's newsletter has several things in it to help make up for the absence of a club meeting this month. First there is the updated club roster, and one will find an article or two to enjoy. As the newsletter asks elsewhere, please submit an article for future editions for everyone to enjoy. Anything submitted will just provide more content for the newsletter and help offset the loss of meetings right now.

The club had eight members who didn't renew their membership for one reason or another. That brings the club membership down to 53. Now all of us need to find some more members. This is a good time to reach out to that person one was thinking about asking, and asks them to join.

Until we meet again stay safe and God speed. Out!

Guy

Did you know: The St. Louis bear provisional stamps are the only provisional stamps issued that include a denomination greater than 10 cents (20 cents).

CLUB LIBRARY

The public libraries are all closed for now, but your club library is still available. Why not spend some down time catching up on your philatelic reading? Just notify the librarian of what you would like to check out, and he will have it ready and waiting for you. With roughly 400 volumes, there has to be something of interest to almost everyone.

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Stories of the Dead

Dalmatia

By Phil Schorr

The area known as Dalmatia has undergone many changes over the centuries. It has generally been located on the western coast of the Balkan Peninsula, across the Adriatic Sea from Italy. Its recorded history began in 180 BC when it declared itself independent from the king of Illyria. A few years later it was attacked for the first time by the Roman army. By 9 AD it had become a part of the Roman Empire.

Over the years the general area experienced many changes, from many Slavic tribes moving in, to the Byzantine Empire beginning to fail, to Venice and Hungary taking more control, to the wars with the Ottoman Empire, to the Hapsburgs of Austria-Hungary taking control.

During World War I the Italians eventually joined with the Allies, although how much they contributed to the war effort is in doubt. When the war ended, the Hapsburgs lost much of their territory since they were on the losing side. Italy demanded control of the entire Adriatic coastal area. However, the U.S. and others were against it. The entire area then nominally became part of the new country of Yugoslavia. However, the Italians were not ready to give up their claims, so their military occupied an area along the coast that had been part of Dalmatia, running roughly from Zadar in the north, through Split in the central, and down to Dubrovnik in the south. They then surcharged Italian stamps with the local currency and used them in the area from 1919 to 1922. Italy then annexed that area as part of Italy and issued Italian stamps, although it was supposed to be part of the new Yugoslavia. Following World War II Tito took over Yugoslavia, Dalmatia became the coastline of Croatia, and the era of the Italians in the Balkan Peninsula was over.

Below are examples of the stamps surcharged for Dalmatia. The total number issued is only 14, made up of 8 regular issue, 2 special delivery and 4 postage dues.





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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

W hoomf umosh #%&*@!%#*^% shoush hmpf! That's greetings everyone, with a flair, from behind my facemask! That seems to be becoming the norm these days. I don't consider it a new normal either. That's pessimism talking; doomsayers. I call it a temporary normal as this will eventually pass. The one thing I can say is that this situation is a good test of everyone's patience, which is a virtue by the way.

So...let's test some more patience. The club meeting for this month is unfortunately once again canceled. Will we be able to meet next month? That is the 64 dollar question. Since the club now meets at the Kirkwood CC, unless everyone wants to try meeting temporarily someplace different the club is at the mercy of the CC opening back up. No one knows when that will be. The staff at the CC doesn't know when that will be. The CC said that they will let us know when we will be able to meet there again.

What about other events you ask? I'm glad you asked. The second Monday breakfast club meeting June 8th is for now a go provided the Olive Street Café opens back up by then. I don't want to assume that come the 18th when the county lifts restrictions on restaurants that they will open back up, but the chances are pretty good that by the 8th of June they will be open. If it turns out that I have to cancel this meeting/get-together, I'll send out (Phil actually) an email cancelling it. Therefore, no news, see everyone there. Since we have not been able to meet for the past 3 months, hopefully that will bring some more members out for breakfast.

Stamp shows? SOCOPEX is still on for June, but then again it has been on every month until canceled. Let's plan on attending. If the show is a no

go, an email will go out to everyone like the past 2 months with the notification. Stamp shows elsewhere? Nope, nada, zilch, until July as of now. However, your favorite dealer is open for business and I'm sure they can make your experience feel like a stamp show.

There are many virtual stamp activities taking place in the philatelic world headed up mostly by the APS. They have activities on Facebook, You Tube, the APS website, and probably a couple more social media platforms. Summer Seminar (Stamp Camp) will take place virtually this year. While it won't be the same experience, this is a great opportunity to see what this event is all about without making the trek to Bellefonte. This might just be what gets one to attend next year! Check out all the info on the APS website at stamps.org.

What else? Well, I hope that everyone is taking advantage of this time to spend a lot more time enjoying this hobby in some form or fashion. This is certainly a good time to do so!

Stay safe and see everyone next month???

Guy

Did you know: Malaya's Crown Colonies design VIII, the coconut definitive, issued in 1949, has the world's smallest perforations at gauge 18.2 x 17.6.

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PHILATELIC PNEATURES

Spanish Municipal Issues: Postage Stamps or Cinderellas?

By Ed Bayham

According to Linn's World Stamp Almanac a cinderella is a stamplike label that is not a postage stamp. Cinderellas include seals and bogus issues, as well as revenue stamps, local post issues and other similar items, per. However, a great many cinderella stamps are listed in Scott catalogues. Local postage stamps are stamps that were valid within a limited postal system.

Six stamps picturing King Alfonso XIII and Queen Victoria Eugenia were put on sale October 1, 1907 at the Madrid Industrial Exposition for financial support. They were not valid for postage.



Stamps were issued to publicize the Barcelona Philatelic Congress and EXPOSITION in 1929. Two postal tax stamps are listed in Scott as numbers 371-372. These were the only two listed of the several issues. The others are considered as promotional poster stamps.



The 1929 Barcelona International Exposition provided the pretext to urbanize a mountainous area and connect it to Barcelona. Nine million copies of these "Ayuntamiento de Barcelona" stamps were made of the first issue. Since then, new stamps were issued at Christmas, with some of the proceeds going to charity, a tradition that continued to 1950. Below are examples of local usage.





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JUNE MEETING

No meeting again this month

2020 SCHEDULE

July.....Oil.....Jerry Schultz
August.....Martin Luther.....David Mahsman
September....Swiss Military MailGene Stewart
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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Hello Greater Mound City Stamp Club members! It's almost summer and guess what? Now, you're probably thinking where is he going with this? It's probably either the club is back in action and we are finally going to get to meet this month, or it's another month without a meeting. If that is the case then we are on the same page. The answer is??? Ah,...no. Unfortunately we are going to have to wait another month before we can gather for a meeting.

The Kirkwood Community center is not going to open until July 6th. Now we have a date so we are making progress. The plan is to meet next month unless something else pops up between now and then. Are there going to be any restrictions? Good question. My guess is that there will be some, but at this point I don't want to fathom a guess. The rules would just change by then anyway. So for now, just plan on meeting back up in July. Whatever the restrictions are that we have to abide by then I will spell out in next month's newsletter. Hopefully whatever the restrictions are won't be so stiff that it will make meeting a very difficult task.

The second Monday breakfast club meeting July 13th is a go at the Olive Street Café. I hope to see several club members there.

Expo in August is still on track. We'll need to talk volunteers to support the show at the meeting next month, which will be the only meeting we have before Expo goes off 14 – 16 August. There's a good chance that SOCOPEX will take place in July. It's been like forever since anyone could go to a show. Time to make plans as the day is drawing near!

Please volunteer for Expo. Club member Bob Mahoney could use some help. He could use two for Thursday afternoon setup at 1:00, and two more

throughout the day each day of the show at varying time slots as he doesn't expect someone to volunteer to spend their whole day there. Think about which days, what time, and for how long. I'll ask for names at the meeting. If we don't have a meeting or you can't make the meeting, please email me with what you want to do. The club will also need members to man the club table outside the show in the hallway. Again, think about days, times, and how long. The other area that might need some help is putting up exhibits. That would be on Thursday, but I need to find out more for that one.

I hope that some of you took or are taking advantage of the different courses being offered online through the virtual summer seminar. There are some great learning opportunities being offered and the cost is minimal.

Speaking of virtual, we might try a zoom club meeting this month. The officers are looking into it. If we do try and have one, everyone with an email will get an invite. Participating is easy. One just clicks on the link you get and follow the instructions. If this happens, I hope to see everyone online next Monday.

Stay safe and thinking optimistically, I'll see everyone next month at our usual meeting location! That is all.

Guy

Did you know: Up until 1880, Britain had no system of issuing stamps of different values; they just issued them as needed without any uniformity.

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JULY MEETING

For the July meeting Pat Morgan will present the new club website and walk us through it. It has many new features and a fresh look.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

August.....Martin Luther.....David Mahsman
September...Swiss Military Stamps..Gene Stewart
October.....Philatelic Jeopardy.....Guy Gasser
November....Auction Bux Auction.....Guy Gasser
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January.....Snoopy.....Katrina Whitaker
February.....Oil.....Jerry Schultz
March...Canadian Mini-sheets....Wright & White

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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Greetings everyone! We are back in business; the meeting business that is! The Kirkwood CC is back open and so is our meeting room. That means that after a 4 month hiatus we once again get to get together for a meeting of fun and frolic! Ah, but what are the restrictions? I'm glad you asked.

Our restrictions are pretty much what everyone has been hearing the past 2 or 3 weeks. Temperature check in the lobby before anyone can go upstairs to the meeting room. The CC is providing the thermometer. Katrina has volunteered to check how hot everyone is. See her before going upstairs. Everyone will also need a face mask. Our meeting room holds 79 people so we can have 40. No problem there. We'll spread the chairs out to keep our distance and that's it. Come on out and socialize for a while and have some fun. This meeting is setting up to be a lot of fun regardless as you will see.

The second Monday breakfast club meeting August 10th is a go at the Olive Street Café. However, there needs to be more than just me and someone else to go. Come out and enjoy breakfast. The Olive Street Café has everything set up so that all are and feel safe while dining there.

Expo August 14-16 is still on track. The numbers of dealers are down, but that means more space as we spread everyone out across the ballroom. Social distancing rules are in place, wear a facemask, temperature check at the door, and go buy stamps! There are some other changes to this year's show. This year the show will be exhibits and a bourse only. There won't be a youth room, seminars, society meetings, presentations, or an awards banquet. We will need some volunteers to support the show. The show needs three volunteers to help

put up and take down exhibits on Thursday from 2:00PM until probably 5:00PM, and again on Sunday after the show from 3:00PM until again probably around 5:00PM. I'll have a sign up list at the meeting. If you can't make the meeting and would like to help out, please email me and let me know. The show may need a volunteer to work at the registration desk, but I don't know for sure yet. I'll try and have a definite answer by the meeting.

Yes, SOCOPEX is back in action too. The show went off without a problem this month, and I suspect next month's show will also go well. Since SOCOPEX is August the 8th, which is the week before Expo you all have a choice if need be. I hope that the choice will be to attend both shows!

Back to our meeting this month. Yes, there will be an auction this month. July is one of our auction months so starting back up this month works out perfectly. Please bring some nice lots to sell, and also come looking to buy some nice stuff.

This month's program is a special program! If there ever was a program that you didn't want to miss, this is the month. All club members really need to see this! Why you ask? What's so special about this month? I will tell you. I have been waiting to tell everyone this ever since I became president of this club. It is with great pleasure that I announce that the Greater Mound City Stamp Club now has a brand new, fully functional, fully operational, and absolutely wonderful website! Yea!!!!

Pat Morgan will be the person giving this month's program all about the club's new website; how to use it, what it provides, its features, and everything else the members need to know. The best part is that using the new website is easy, speazy!

Pat Morgan, on behalf of the club, I thank you. You see, everyone, it is Pat who took on this project. He designed, built, tested, researched, coordinated, planned, and put into operation our new website. It took God knows how many hours to do this. Please make sure that you thank him for his efforts. Once you all see the new website, I think you will be awed by it and will agree that it will serve us well for years to come. I think that you will also find that it is the best club website out there. If you have ever checked any other club websites, you will immediately see why I say this.

Those who can't attend this month's meeting about the website, don't despair. In the next few days, everyone will get an email from Phil with a power point slide presentation as an attachment that clearly and simply explains the website, how to establish your account, and all of the different areas

on the website. So please, go visit it, search around, and have fun with it. It will serve us well!

Stay safe and I'll see everyone Monday night at our usual meeting location! That is all.

Guy

Did you know: When the US issued revenue stamps in 1862 to collect taxes in support of the Civil War, they also used the same stamps to collect taxes from Southerners in Union occupied areas of the Confederacy.

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AUGUST MEETING

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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Greetings everyone! Well, the big show, the St. Louis Stamp Expo, has come and gone and it's all over but the shouting. Now it's time to move on to the club's next events as we move into fall and winter. Things will be a little quiet for the next few months as the next big event will be the annual Christmas bash in December. It seems like a long way off, but everyone knows how time flies and it will be here before we know it.

Everyone is probably wondering about Expo, especially those who didn't attend. How did it go? Was it a success? Did anyone attend? Was it safe? I'm happy to answer these and any other questions that may arise.

The Expo went off without a hitch. All the safety protocols worked well and everyone was able to conduct business safely. We didn't have any issues involving COVID or COVID related symptoms. No one was turned away due to an elevated temp or flu like symptoms. All the participants appreciated the temperature checks and no one refused to sign the waiver, which was also being used for contact tracing if needed.

Attendance was down as expected. The number of dealers and exhibitors was down, and the number who attended was down, but there were many who came from many miles outside the St. Louis area to attend (Michigan, Mississippi, New York, and places in between). I would guess that the total attendance would be around 250 for the 3 days. We had 171 paid admissions, and with those who attended multiple days I think we came close to the 250 through the door. We never had to worry about exceeding our occupancy limit of 250 at any one time. The feedback I received from dealers and attendees about the show in general was positive across the board. All the dealers except for a couple

said that they had a good show from the business side of things.

I think that the most important thing about the show is what information will go out to the rest of the philatelic community across the country. If you receive or read *Linn's* or the *American Philatelist*, look for an article in the next couple months about Expo. I know that several show organizations contacted dealers at the show, to include myself, wanting to know how the show was going. The reason is simple. The Expo was the first big show, a WSP show, to make an effort to put on a show in the US since March. All eyes were upon us! Many other show organizers wanted to see if it could be done. The answer is yes, it can be done, and it can be done safely. The successful completion of Expo will set the stage for other big shows in the coming months. As a result of Expo, I think we will start seeing more big shows come back much sooner than expected.

Back to home. We'll still have the same restrictions for our meeting this month. Temperature check in the lobby before anyone can go upstairs to the meeting room or we might be in the small gymnasium like last month, and wear a face mask. I didn't think that these restrictions had much of an impact on the meeting last month. We all had fun and the attendance was good.

The usual monthly events are still a go for September; the second Monday breakfast and the second Saturday bourse, SOCOPEX.

This month David Mahsman will "enlighten" us about Martin Luther. I don't know what to make of this, but it sounds very interesting. I invite everyone to come to the meeting and find out.

Stay safe and I'll see everyone Monday night at the Kirkwood Community Center! That is all.

Guy

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Gene Stewart will fill us in on Swiss Military stamps at this meeting. I think he said something about beer, if that sounds interesting.

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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Greetings and salutations to all. As I write this, summer moves into our rearview mirror as today is the first day of fall. The fall season always seems to be the time of year for many philatelic activities around the country, but with the current restrictions over COVID-19, there are still not many going on, if any. However, if you are a virtual type of person there are a lot of things to participate in especially through the APS. However, thanks to Expo, shows are starting to come back. Kansas City hosted a show this past weekend. I also know that shows are planned for Evansville, Albuquerque, Grapevine (Dallas), and Cincinnati during the last quarter of this year, and of course our own SOCOPEX continues. Slowly but surely we will get back into the swing of things.

Comments about Expo continue to roll in from around the country. This month's *The American Stamp Collector and Dealer* featured two articles about Expo. Dana Guyer, the Executive Director of the ASDA and Wayne Youngblood, the editor, each penned favorable comments about the show. The November issue of the *American Philatelist* is also supposed to have a very favorable article written by the president of the APS, Bob Zeigler. I look forward to reading that article.

Our fall season as a club will continue to move forward. We'll still continue have the same restrictions for our meeting this month and probably the near future. The restrictions are not such that they interfere with the meeting. We've had two meetings so far with no problems. They have actually gone off without a hitch. Temperature checks will continue in the lobby before anyone can go to the meeting room, which has been in the small gymnasium, and wear a face mask. The only change from pre-COVID meetings is that we are spaced out

and we're all wearing masks. We're all having fun and the attendance is good.

This month is auction month. Let's see if we can get a good variety of lots and generate some more interest and vigorous bidding. Gene Stewart will "put us in formation" and talk about Swiss Military Stamps. I'm not sure what this means, but I'm sure orders will follow! Come on out and find out.

Coming up next month is the usual second Monday breakfast and SOCOPEX, which will be the first Saturday in October due to some scheduling conflict. Please make a note of the change in Saturdays. Philatelic Jeopardy is also next month. This meeting will be the last call for suggested categories as I need to get the answers to the questions put together. Since we lost several opportunities to earn auction bux this year, philatelic jeopardy will be a great chance to replenish the bank roll. This is also a reminder that Ken needs donated lots for the big auction in November. Please clean out your stash and see what you can provide. As a minimum, please let Ken know the description of the lots so that he can get them on the list, which by the way is posted on the website.

Stay safe and I'll see everyone Monday night at the Kirkwood Community Center!

Out!

Guy

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Important notice – The October bourse will be on the first Saturday, October 3, rather than the usual second Saturday.

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OCTOBER MEETING

It's Philatelic Jeopardy! It's time to match wits with the other club members with AuctionBux at stake. Let's see what difficult categories Guy has come up with this year to test our knowledge.

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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Hello Everyone! Fall is definitely here. It's that crazy time when the temperature is 80 one day and 45 the next. Gotta love it! Now that another month has come and gone not much has changed in the philatelic community. The pandemic continues to take its toll on philatelic activities in many parts of the country. Another show has fallen by the wayside (the MSDA show in Cincinnati in Nov) and three more large shows have also gone down (FLOREX, Sarasota, and ARIPEX). Two other large shows after the first of the year are not looking good either. Those are the Southeast Expo in Atlanta and ORCOEXPO in LA. I don't have an actual status on them as of yet, but I'll let everyone know when I do. Small club shows appear to be happening and of course we still have our very own SOCOPEX each month. We've not had any issues with SOCOPEX. How about supporting the show?

Our club meetings are continuing with the same restrictions and with no problems. The CC moved us upstairs last month, but not to our reserved room. The gym now has night classes taking place so I suspect we will continue to meet upstairs someplace. As of last month's meeting, the second floor was closed and we went to a room on the third floor. Based on what the person at the CC told me last month, I expect that we will continue to meet on the third floor until the CC opens the second floor back up.

This month is fun and frolic! It's Jeopardy, philatelic jeopardy that is! This is a great time for all who participate and a chance to pick up a lot of auction box! Given what we have lost this year, there has not been much opportunity to earn auction box. This is everyone's chance to make up for it. Speaking of auction box for the big auction

next month, if anyone has anything at all they want to donate as lots for the auction they need to get that info to Ken Grothoff by the first of November. One can send an email, call him, use social media (well, maybe not that) or here's one, send your info to him via the mail!

Coming up next month is the usual second Monday breakfast and SOCOPEX. The second Monday breakfast will require yet another change as the Olive Street Café closed temporarily due to COVID, and I don't know when they will reopen. We'll have to find another place so stay tuned.

Also coming up next month are two big things. I already mentioned the annual auction box auction. The other is the election of officers. This year the VP and secretary positions are up for grabs. These elections are important and as many members as possible should attend this meeting to cast their vote, just like the general election that will take place on November 3rd. There's just no mail in ballots for our election. I know that Phil has agreed to run again for Secretary, but that doesn't mean that no one else can throw their hat in the ring too. The critical position in this election is for the Vice President. The reason it's critical is because Ed has decided to not seek reelection. The club does not want and doesn't need to go through another period with one of the officer positions vacant. A vacant officer position makes it very difficult on the other officers of the club. The nominating committee is in the process of searching the club members for volunteers to run for these positions. Who will step up and give of their time to support and help run the club? I ask that all club members think about this very important part of the club's operation and consider running for office.

Stay safe and I'll see everyone Monday night at the Kirkwood Community Center!

That is all.

Guy

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PROBLEMS

The Perf-Dispatch is printed without color this month. HP announced in mid-October that all the ink cartridges they had distributed to stores and to homes were faulty and would not print. That meant my red and blue cartridges will not print, leaving everything in just black and white. I will distribute the newsletter in color to everyone by email so you can print it in color if that matters to you. HP says new cartridges will be to everyone by no later than November 15, so this should be a one time thing. Philatelic Pheatures will return then as well.

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NOVEMBER MEETING

We will have the election of officers for the coming year and our annual AuctionBux auction. The list of items in the auction is included with your Perf-Dispatch this month.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

December.....Annual Christmas Party/Dinner
January.....Snoopy.....Katrina Whitaker
February.....Oil.....Jerry Schultz
March....Canada Mini Sheets...White and Wright
April.....Cupcakes.....Christina Esbeck

All other months are open at this time. Contact Ed Bayham to volunteer to give a program.

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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Hello to Everyone! Well, here we go again with the increased COVID restrictions within St. Louis County. The county executive has imposed more restrictions within the county; however, these restrictions will not have an impact, or very little, on our club and activities. These restrictions go into effect Tuesday the 17th and last for 4 weeks. What comes after that we'll have to wait and see.

What's not affected is our ability to continue to have club meetings. I've already communicated with the Kirkwood Community center and we are still okay with what we have been doing so far, spaced out and everyone wearing masks. The CC is going to have us in the gym again, which works out great given that we have the big auction this month. That will give us plenty of space to spread out auction lots, spread us all out, and still do the auction.

The most important thing about being able to meet this month is not the auction. It's the election of two club officers (VP and secretary) for the next 2 years. Right now we have Phil standing for reelection as secretary. We'll need nominations for VP and secretary of anyone wishing to run for office. Come prepared to throw a hat in the ring as we need to make sure that these positions are filled especially the VP position since right now I don't know of any nominations. I think we have some that are considering it, but nothing definite. It's very important that we fill the VP position. It makes running the club very difficult when a position goes unfilled, which happened a couple years ago when the VP position went unfilled for a year. The club doesn't want to go through that again.

These new restrictions also do not impact the Christmas party at Syberg's on December 3rd, as of now anyway. They do affect the breakfast club

meeting on December 14th. One of the new county restrictions is no indoor dining at anyplace that serves food and drink. However, according to the banquet manager at Syberg's, any banquets that were already scheduled are allowed to take place. That means that as of the time I'm writing this, we are still on for the Christmas party. If that should change, Syberg's said that they would call me immediately. So, those that plan on attending, please bring your payment to the meeting for the number who will be attending. If you plan on going, but can't make the meeting, you can pay at the door, but please let me or our secretary know by the 25th as I will need to give Syberg's a headcount.

How will the Christmas party work you might be asking? We will be spaced out with no more than six at a table. Masks have to be worn when entering the building, but one can remove them once in our room if they so desire. Depending on the numbers who attend, we will just order off the menu rather than have a buffet. If the headcount is above 24, then we'll go with the buffet. If we have the buffet, then there will be a shield between us and the food/servers. We'll go down the line and tell the servers what we want and they will place the food on the plate. We'll then pick up our plate at the end of the line. We'll have a hostess if anyone wants anything from the bar, which is pay as you go. If anyone leaves the room for any reason, you must wear a mask. Syberg's has assured me that they are following all of the proper protocols, and it sounds like they are. I think we will be fine and there will be fun and frolic for all.

The breakfast club meeting is canceled for this month. Not only do the new restrictions cause this, I have found out that our restaurant location for this event is closed, permanently. That obviously means that we have to find yet another location. If anyone has any ideas, please let me know.

SOCOPEX is still on for December. Another restriction that goes into effect is the limit on a businesses' capacity from 50% to 25%. That will not affect SOCOPEX as the show room capacity is large enough that there won't be a problem with exceeding capacity. If for some reason that happened, the show chairman will control access to the show.

What else? Since this will be the last meeting for this year, we look forward to starting back up in 2021. Right now we have several programs already scheduled, but still need to fill a few months. Who would like to give a presentation next year? Please

let Ed know, or after the Christmas party whoever our new VP will be.

That is all.

Guy

Did you know: In 1925, Special Handling stamps came from a demand by the public. There was a need for shipping unique types of 4th class parcels that required special handling and expeditious shipping like that of special delivery afforded first class mail. Some of these parcels contained live baby chickens, baby alligators, and honey bees.

DUES

Dues for 2021 are now due. You will find a dues notice enclosed with this mailing. You may pay your dues by giving a check and the completed dues notice to the Secretary at a meeting or by mailing it to the address shown at the top of the notice. If you have already paid your dues for 2021, your notice will say so and you will owe no dues this year.

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