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### JANUARY MEETING

This month Katrina Whitaker will take us all on a visit to "Snoopy". Is this about Snoopy from Peanuts or about something else entirely? Come to our meeting to find out for sure.

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

February.....Oil.....Jerry Schultz  
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### WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

**H**appy New Year everyone! I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas, New Year's, and thoroughly enjoyed the entire holiday season. Unfortunately, the club didn't get to have its annual Christmas bash so it's been a little while since we've been able to get together and do anything. However, the New Year is here and it's time to start things back up again!

Nothing has changed with our ability to continue to have club meetings at the Community center. I suspect that we will be in the gym again, but we'll find out for sure when we all arrive.

Let me start the New Year off by thanking our outgoing Vice President, Ed Bayham. Unfortunately, Ed's other demands of his time prevented him from standing for re-election. I enjoyed working with Ed the past 2 years, and I thank him for his insight and contributions in helping to make for a more enjoyable and better club. I will miss that; the club will miss that. Great job, Ed!

Now it's time to announce of the results of the election from our November meeting. It is with great pleasure and please join me in congratulating our new Vice President, Katrina Whitaker, and the re-election of our Secretary, Phil Schorr. They will both serve 2-year terms as per the club's Constitution. Katrina is no stranger to the post as she served as the Vice President before Ed. I thank you both for volunteering to serve and look forward to working with all the officers as we go forward.

The New Year also brings with it the renewal of everyone's membership. Phil mailed out dues notices with the November newsletter. Please do renew your membership, and please do pay your dues early. Prompt payment of your dues helps keep

Phil's blood pressure normal and his email traffic to me down to a minimum!

The breakfast club meeting is still on hold until we can find another location to hold it. As soon as I have something, I'll let everyone know.

SOCOPEX is still on for the second Saturday of every month notwithstanding a change of date once in a while in any given month. It appears that the show will go on from now into the future barring any other unforeseen circumstances. If there has been any hesitation to attend since the show started back up last summer, I can assure everyone that the show runs in accordance with current County protocols and safely. There have not been any reported problems with anyone who attends the show.

The St. Louis Stamp Expo is the next big event coming up. The show will take place 19-21 March at the usual location, the Airport Renaissance hotel in Berkeley. One can find information about the show on the club's website or the show website, [www.stlouisstampexpo.com](http://www.stlouisstampexpo.com). Due to the current COVID restrictions this year's show will once again be scaled back from the usual pomp and circumstance of a WSP show. This year's show will be a bourse only. There might be a youth room, but that is still up in the air too. Even though Expo is a bourse only this year, the show will still need some volunteers. I'll have more information on volunteers in next month's newsletter. I ask that everyone please help out when and where needed.

I received an email today from the APS notifying me that this year's Summer Seminar (Stamp Camp) will once again be a virtual event. I didn't get any information on the why, but given that the planning and logistics for this event are massive, I can guess it is because there is still too much uncertainty as to what the country's COVID situation will be like in June. There will be more information on the virtual classes and events forth coming.

What else? Since this is the start of a new year that means that the club needs another year of programs. Right now we have several programs already scheduled, but still need to fill a few months. Who would like to give a presentation this year? Please let Katrina know. Another good way to start off the New Year is with an auction and the first meeting of the year is a good place to do that. Bring those lots this month, a pocket full of bills, and let's see if we can't get some vigorous bidding going to start the year off right.

I'll see everyone on Monday.

That is all.

Guy

**Did you know: The first woman to design a U.S. stamp was Elaine Rawlinson, who at the time was an art student in New York City with no previous experience in designing stamps. So which stamp did she design? Stay tuned!**

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## **Tip of the Month: Searching the Member**

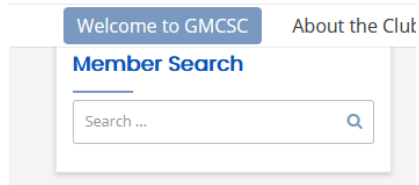
### **Directory**

*by Pat Morgan*

Have you ever wondered who could help you or had a similar interest? Using the club website can help. Here is how to do it"

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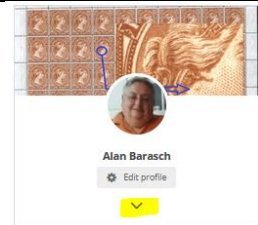


Type in what you are looking for.

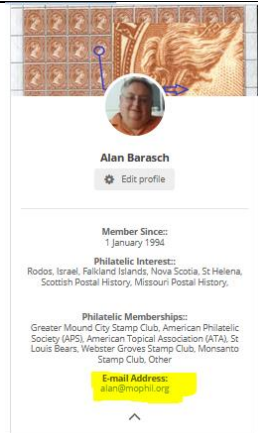
Examples: Roses, German, Verna Mann, Covers, Exhibitor, Cupcakes, Accordion

It might take a little bit but you will get back a screen with Club Members that share that interest.

To contact that member click on the DOWN ARROW highlighted in yellow.



Then click on the email address (yellow highlight) and it will open your email tool to send the member an email where you can begin corresponding.



**VERY IMPORTANT NOTE:** In order for this to work well everyone needs to update and maintain their profile on the website. If you need the instructions for maintaining your profile email Pat Morgan at [webmaster@greatermoundcity.org](mailto:webmaster@greatermoundcity.org) Only other members of the club may access your profile, so don't think maintaining your profile opens you up to anyone outside the club learning what you have.





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### FEBRUARY MEETING

This month Pat Morgan has stepped in to present a program on Stamp Projects. What do you do with all the extra stamps, many less than good quality, that seem to accumulate as we collect? Come and hear some of Pat's ideas.

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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### WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

**B**rrr!!! Damn it's cold outside! I know that's an understatement. This cold weather almost reminds me of the old homestead where highs in the single digits was normal for winter. The only difference is that the lows were well below zero ambient, not from wind-chill, and snow, lots and lots of snow like 2 or 3 feet on the ground and sometimes more. No, I don't miss it one bit.

It's a good thing that our hobby is an indoor activity for the most part. The nice thing about that is that it's a year around hobby that neither snow, nor rain, nor the gloom of night can affect. So bundle up and come on out to the Kirkwood Community Center where talk is cheap and philatelic stories prevail. I suspect that we will be in the gym

This is as good of place as any to remind those who have not yet renewed their dues to please do so. Our secretary tells me that there are only a handful of members left to renew. I thank all those who have already renewed for their prompt attention to this task.

Coming up. This month is our annual voting on which stamps we liked and didn't like that the USPS issued last year courtesy of *Linn's*. Anyone who subscribes to *Linn's* I ask them to bring their December or January issue with them to the meeting. One of those two monthly issues has a spread of all the stamps issued last year. The more we have the easier it will be to vote. Our secretary will supply the ballots. Also this month there is a change in the scheduled program. Pat will now enlighten us on some different stamp projects that one might like to do. A project sounds like work to me, but surely that can't be what he means, or could it? There's only one way to find out and that is to attend the meeting.

The St. Louis Stamp Expo is now a month away. The show will take place 19-21 March at the usual location, the Airport Renaissance hotel in Berkeley. One can find information about the show on the club's website or the show website, [www.stlouisstampexpo.com](http://www.stlouisstampexpo.com). Again due to the current COVID restrictions this year's show will be a bourse only. There won't be a youth room, but there will be a youth area set aside on the show floor where the exhibit frames are normally located. The show will still need some volunteers. I'm asking for one volunteer to assist me in setting up the show floor all day Wednesday and Thursday morning. I'll also need three more volunteers Wednesday afternoon (1:00 to 3:00) to help set up tables. The show may also need volunteers each day of the show for the youth area. The show organizers haven't yet finalized what the youth area is going to provide, but I'm thinking we might need one person in the youth area to oversee what the youth are doing. I'll have signup sheets at the meeting for this with hours one can choose to participate. There may be a need for one or two other volunteers for other things not yet figured out. If that is the case, I'll email the club with what is required and needed.

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Who would like to give a presentation this year? Please let Katrina know as we have 3 or 4 months left to fill for this year. That is all.

That is all.

Guy

**P.S. Scott #804**

**Did you know: The Pilgrim Tercentenary stamps are the only stamps issued by the United States that did not have the country name or initials on them. They are Scott numbers 548-550, issued in 1920.**

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# World War II and the Gold Supply

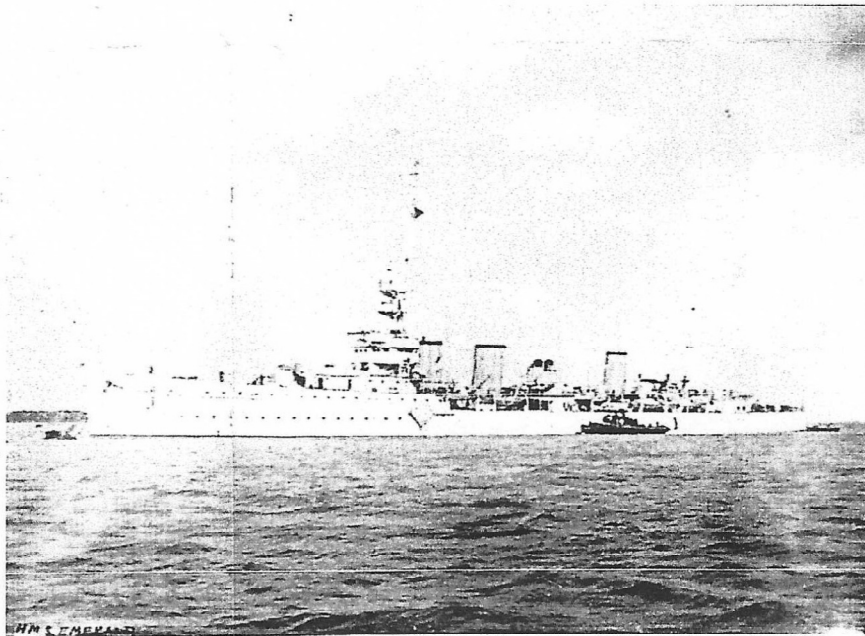
Did you know that during World War II England sent all its gold to Canada for safekeeping? It was mostly carried by ship to Halifax, from where it would be transferred by train to Ottawa for storage in the Bank of Canada's vaults. *Operation Fish* was the largest movement of physical wealth in human history – equating to over \$160 billion in today's dollars.

Sending the gold to Canada meant it would be safe if England were invaded and could be used to buy military equipment and supplies from the US. Without this ability to buy materials, Britain would have experienced greater difficulty in the early part of the war.

The first shipment arrived in the spring of 1939 when King George VI and Queen Elizabeth visited. £30 million in gold was secretly carried on two Royal Navy ships that accompanied the royals.

The first wartime shipment involved the light cruisers (HMS Emerald and Enterprise), the cruiser Caradoc, and two battleships (Revenge and Resolution). Each ship carried £2 million in gold bars. They arrived in Halifax on October 16, 1939. Despite huge losses in the Battle of the Atlantic, some 3,500 Allied merchant ships and 175 Allied warships, every gold shipment sent made it safely to Canada.

Some other European countries, such as France, Norway, Belgium and the Netherlands also sent gold to Canada for safekeeping. All told, Canada stored 186,332 gold bars and over 8 million ounces of gold in other forms (mostly coins). The Bank of Canada did not charge our Allies for safeguarding this huge quantity of gold and none went missing. In England the emptied Bank of England vault was turned into a staff canteen during WWII.



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### MARCH MEETING

This month Mimi White and Norb Wright will fill us in on Canadian Mini Sheets, a subject most of us probably know little about. Come to the meeting and learn.

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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May.....US Navy Receiving Ships.....Ed Bayham  
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### WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

**G**reetings everyone! It's finally Spring! Well, by the time we meet it will be since the first day of Spring is the 20th, which occurs during the big shew, the Expo. That also means that when we meet the big shew will be a recent memory, and hopefully a nice memory.

Since I'm writing this a week before Expo takes place I can only assume that everything turned out well, and we'll have nothing but good things to talk about at our meeting. A lot of work went into putting on a great show this year even with all of the uncertainties of the ongoing pandemic and the current restrictions adhered to for the show. While I have more to say about the show next month, let me thank those who volunteered now for all the help they provided to make Expo a show to talk about throughout the philatelic community.

Now that the big event is over, it's time to look forward to the next big event for the club, and that is Stamp Fest. I know that Stamp Fest seems like a long way off, but everyone knows that time flies when we're having fun and August will be on us before we know it. The club officers have already begun planning for this show. I also think that by the beginning of August we'll finally be out from under the current pandemic restrictions and should be able to hold the show as in the past. I'll have more information in the coming months to include the help the club will need to put on this show. I do know now that the show will need someone to chair the concession stand and someone to chair the auction. Who would like to volunteer for that? Please let me know. One can contact me for more information first. Let's put Stamp Fest on the calendar now and plan on attending. The show dates are 7-8 August 2021, and will take place at the



same location as our meetings, the Kirkwood Community Center.

This is the last meeting before the deadline for renewing club dues. Those that haven't renewed their dues, I think it's less than ten now, please do so before the end of the month to prevent being dropped from the club. We don't want to lose anyone. If someone has concerns about renewing their dues, please contact me or one of the other officers and we can discuss your concerns.

This month is auction month. Please bring your lots to the meeting and let's see if we can get a roaring auction going. This goes without saying, but I will anyway, if anyone would like to see certain types of material in the auction, please let it be known so that our club dealers can bring that type of material to the auction.

The program this month sees the return of Norb and Mimi who will entertain us on Canadian mini sheets. I wonder just how small they are. The best and maybe the only way to find out is to come and see, so come and see! Welcome back Norb and Mimi!

Katrina tells me that this year is full for presentations. Yay! Thank you to all who stepped up to give a program. This doesn't mean that the work is done. There is still next year so who would like to give a presentation next year? Please let Katrina know as she is scheduling presentations for next year now.

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**Did you know: The first flight for the new airmail service on May 15th, 1918, failed. The pilot went the wrong direction and then crashed. The mail was retrieved and the flight took place successfully the next day.**

## DUES

Dues for 2021 are due. The deadline for sending your dues is the end of this month. If we don't receive them by then, this will be your last issue of the Perf-Dispatch. The front of the mailing envelope for this month shows your dues status. If it says "Thru 2020" you still haven't paid your dues for 2021. Don't miss out. Send them to Phil Schorr at the address on the front of the envelope or, better yet, bring them to the meeting next Monday.

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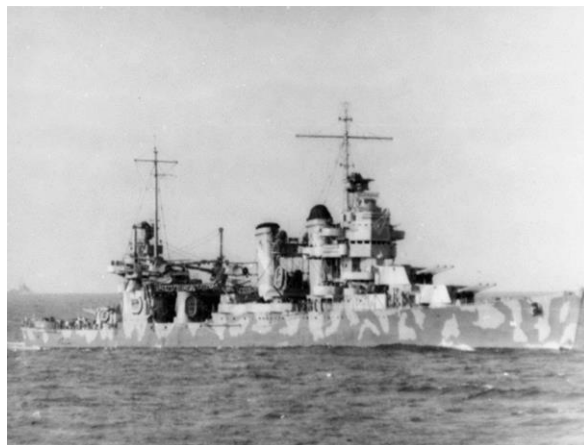
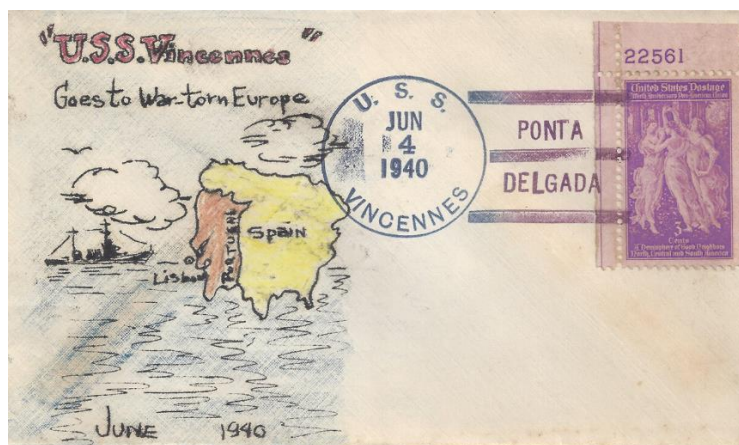
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# World War II and the Gold Supply: The Role of the U.S.S. Vincennes

By Ed Bayham

In the February 2021 issue of the Perf-Dispatch, John Marquardt described the role of the Royal Navy in transferring British gold reserves to Canada for safe keeping during WW II. Did you know that the U.S. Navy played a role as well?

Germany invaded France, Holland, and Belgium on May 10, 1940. 405 tons of French gold reserves were removed to Halifax Canada on a French aircraft carrier and two fast cruisers. Another 212 tons of gold were transported to Casablanca in French Morocco on May 28 and transferred to the U.S. Navy's armored cruiser USS Vincennes (CA-44) that brought it to New York. The illustrated cover documents the ship's return via the Azores.



In March 1941 the USS Vincennes called on Pernambuco, Brazil and continued on to Cape Town, South Africa. It returned to New York City with £67.5 million in British gold bullion to pay for arms purchased from the United States under the Lend Lease Act of March 1941.







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### WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

**G**reetings and salutations everyone! The weather is finally warming up. The big shew is over but for the shouting. Now it's time to move on to the next big event that will be here before we know it. One knows how time flies when we're having fun!

When I wrote last month's column it was actually before Expo took place, but the show was over when we all met for our monthly meeting. I was only able to assume at that time that everything turned out well for the show, and we'd have nothing but good things to talk about at our meeting. I can now say that everything did turn out well and a lot of good things were said. A lot of work went into putting on a great show this year, even with all of the uncertainties of the ongoing pandemic and the current restrictions adhered to for the show. Now that the show is over, I can publicly thank in writing those who volunteered their time and effort that made the show go, and hopefully it was a show that is being talked about throughout the philatelic community.

Three of our club members sit on the Board of Directors for Expo; myself, Nathan Esbeck, and Tom Minor. Those that sit on the board do almost all of the work for the show, and the time contributed is immense. Planning, coordination, and work takes place over most of the year before the show takes place. Now that this year's show is over, the board is already working on next year's show. It's only fitting that I recognize Nathan and Tom for their untiring efforts, time, and work they put in for the show. Thank you, Nathan and Tom, for all you do for the show!

I also want to recognize and thank those club members who volunteered their time and efforts to make Expo the great show that it was. A big thank

you to Larry Weisz, security for the show; Bob Mahoney, the youth area and entrance protocols (Checkpoint Charlie); Katrina Whitaker (VP), registration coordinator; Gary Denker, Dave Mahsman, Lesa Morgan, and Richard Thies, registration; and Frank Kollinger and Gary Hendren for whatever needed to be done! Thank you all!!!

The Expo for 2022 will be back to its original size with all the pomp and circumstance of a WSP show as before the great pandemic. The need for volunteers next year will be much greater. We'll worry about that when we cross that bridge.

I think that everyone should know, but just in case, StampFest is the next big event for the club. Let's all put it on our calendars now so that we can all plan on participating and/or attending this year. Once again, the dates are 7-8 August 2021 at our meeting site, the Kirkwood Community Center. The show will take place in the west gym, which is the biggest of the gym floors in the building. I would like for nothing more than for 100% of the club membership to be a part of the show in some form or fashion. If everyone plans for it now, there is a good chance that 100% participation/attendance can happen.

StampFest will need several volunteers, just like any show, to make the show a success. We need someone to chair the concession stand and someone to chair the auction. Who would like to volunteer for that? I will keep asking until I get the volunteers for these two very important parts of StampFest. These two parts of the show require planning and preparation well in advance of the show. Please do not leave the club holding the bag on these, and please don't wait until the last minute. Thank you in advance and please let me know soonest. One can contact me for more information first.

The program this month is all about cupcakes. Could there be some yummy treats involved? Hmm..., could be. The best way to find out is to obviously attend the meeting and see what Christina has in store for us. Christina will also be the first youth member to give a program since, well, I don't know since when; maybe she will be the first ever.

The club is always looking for someone to give a program. Even though this year is booked, we want to keep ahead of the game. Whomever would like to give a presentation, please let Katrina know as she is scheduling presentations for next year now.

The breakfast club meeting remains on hold until we can find another location to hold it. I'm open to suggestions for a place to hold it.

SOCOPEX continues on the second Saturday of every month. Attendance appeared to be up this month, which is great! I would still like to see more club members come out and support the show. Everyone is cordially invited. That is all!

Guy

**Did you know: Postage rates for some things went up this year. The additional ounce rate increased from 15 to 20 cents, priority mail went from \$7.75 to \$7.95, and postcards went up a penny to 36 cents.**

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John Deutch favors us with another article about an interesting item in his collection this month. So far only four of our members, including your editor, have provided articles. I'm sure more of you have an interesting item in your collection or an interesting story to tell. Share the wealth! Help us all learn more about our hobby. What's more, you earn Auction Bux for every article.

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## Karl Hennig Covers

This interesting air mail cover, franked with stamps from the Vatican and Italy, is the work of Karl Hennig who produced many such "philatelic" covers for collectors.

The story of Karl Hennig is a fascinating one. From what I have been able to learn from various internet sources, Karl Hennig began dealing in stamps from his shop in Weimar, Germany, after World War I. In the 1920s he regularly published stamp catalogs---*Philatelistische Mitteilungen*, *Briefmarkenhaus Karl Hennig, Weimar* (Philatelic Messages, Stamp Shop of Karl Hennig in Weimar) and his business thrived. When the Nazis came to power, he joined the party. He moved his business to Hamburg. In fact, a post on *StampoRama Discussions* describes him as the "unofficial stamp dealer of the Nazi party". After the war Karl's son, Werner, took over the firm, and they moved the business to the Dominican Republic, as Casa Filatelica Antillana.

This cover, from my Vatican City collection, was cancelled on June 27, 1938. The cachet may have been left over from Hitler's state visit to Rome in May of 1938, and used because pro-Fascist sentiment was still running high in Italy in June, much to the consternation of the Vatican.

Hennig covers, catalogs and other philatelic memorabilia can be found on Ebay.





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### MAY MEETING

This month Ed Bayham gives us a presentation on another of his ship cover collections, this one on U.S. Navy Receiving Ships. Ed's talks always supply us with interesting information. Ships ahoy!

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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### WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Hello club members! We're on the down side of Spring and Summer is just around the corner. Things are opening back up and we're on our way back to a normal environment. This should bode well for future shows and philatelic events as more and more people become willing to start participating in such things.

Those that didn't make last month's meeting missed a very good presentation on cupcakes on stamps by Christina Esbeck, and the cupcakes that she brought in for a nice tasty treat afterward. Christina and her sister Philippa were the bakers. The cupcakes were very good even though I heard that more cupcake ingredients and batter ended up spread around the kitchen than in the cupcake tins!

At last month's club meeting, and this is more for those who were not in attendance, we decided to try a different approach to the bimonthly club auction. The club members decided to try and post the auction on the website ahead of the meeting so that members could see what was up for auction ahead of time. This will hopefully generate more interest in the auctions and speed things up at the meeting as members can come prepared to look at the stamps of interest. The future hope is that this approach will make the auctions better organized and prepared. The goal is for the club to start having auctions every month instead of every other month. All of this requires that someone collect the lot information and put everything together for posting to the website. Dave Mahsman and Richard Thies volunteered to take this task. Thank you, Dave and Richard!

Now, for this to work members will have to submit lots to them or post them on the auction page of the website by the deadline. The information needed for the lots, where to send the information or how to



post it, and the deadline went out in three emails over the past couple weeks. Every club member except for one has a valid email address so everyone received it. However, almost 40% of the club's members never even opened the email to see what information it contained! That, my fellow members, is not good.

The cornerstone to any organization is communication throughout its members. Today's modern conveniences make communication much easier. However, if one doesn't use such technology, communication breaks down and the organization is in trouble. Think about trying to do this through club meetings, phone calls, and snail mail. It would take a very long time indeed. This newsletter is a prime example. Members get it once a month. It is very difficult to get anything done with a once-a-month communication about what's happening.

The club relies on email and its website for rapid communication to all its members. I realize that most of us probably get more emails on a daily basis than we can stand. However, I ask that you check your email on some sort of regular basis for important emails. I, as your president, generate almost all email communication to the club, but I don't do that unless needed. Therefore, the number of emails sent out will be minimal. All I ask is that everyone open them and read them.

The planning for StampFest continues. Many contracts have gone out and Tom Minor, who once again volunteered to be the show chairman, has already received several contracts back. I have heard that Jerry Schultz has agreed to handle the auction, but I haven't confirmed that with him yet. We still need someone to step up and take the concession stand. Who will that be?

The program this month has something to do with the Navy, its ships, and I guess the mail that flows to and from the ships? I'm not really sure what the program is all about, but Ed Bayham is going to clear this all up for us. Come hear what he has to say. I'm sure that he will enlighten us all with some interesting facts and stories.

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19th. Please make a note of it. Everyone is cordially invited.

See everyone at the meeting. That is all!

Guy

**Did you know: The American Banknote Company printed the Overrun Countries set of 1943-1944, Scott numbers 909-921, not the Bureau of Engraving and Printing who had printed all US stamps from 1894 up until then.**

### PAGE 3

This month I give you another story from my Dead Countries collection. I would much rather use a story from one of you about something in your collection, or about interesting philatelic facts that might be of interest to our members. Remember, you get 20 Auction Bux for each published article. That could be the difference between winning and losing an item in the Auction Bux auction.

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# DEAD COUNTRIES

## Ionian Islands

By Phil Schorr

When I started collecting dead countries I was told the place with the fewest stamps issued was Kionga in eastern Africa, with only four stamps issued. However, as time went by and I did some research of my own, I stumbled upon the Ionian Islands, which only had three stamps issued. I have yet to find anywhere with fewer stamps issued.

The Ionian Islands are a group of seven islands off the west and south coast of Greece, fairly close to the mainland. Possibly the best known of the seven is Corfu (Kerkyra), although that isn't saying a great deal since none of them are really well known.

These islands have been ruled by many different countries throughout history. They were probably first settled by Greeks somewhere between 1,200 and 900 B.C. They remained a backwater area until 434 B.C. when Corfu had a disagreement with its rulers in the city of Corinth. Athens intervened and triggered the Peloponnesian War. The islands fell under the control of Venice in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century. While the Ottoman Turks defeated Greece and took control of the mainland, they never were able to successfully occupy the islands. When Napoleon defeated Venice in 1797, France took over the islands and retained some control over them until 1809, when the British fleet defeated the French navy. By 1815 the islands became the United States of the Ionian Islands, under British protection. The British did a great deal to upgrade the communications, education and justice systems, and issued their only stamps. However, the inhabitants of the islands began to develop strong feelings of being Greek and wanting to be part of Greece. The British delayed any such change since they were valuable naval bases for the fleet.

In 1862 the Greeks overthrew their unpopular king and George I of Denmark was named king. He was the brother of Queen Victoria's daughter-in-law, the wife of the future king Edward VII of England. Queen Victoria then transferred the Ionian Islands to Greece as a coronation gift for George I, and they have been a part of Greece since 1864.

There is a connection in all of this to recent events. One of the children of George I was Prince Andrew of Greece and Denmark. He married Princess Alice of Battenberg, a great-granddaughter of Queen Victoria. The youngest of their five children was Philip, born June 10, 1921 on Corfu. When Philip was one year old, Greece lost a war to Turkey and the Greeks blamed the royal family for the loss of territory. They fled to England where Philip was raised without ever learning Greek. Due to his royal background, Philip met Princess Elizabeth of England as a teenager and began corresponding with her while serving in the Royal Navy during WW2. After the war he proposed to her and they were married in 1947. This is the same Prince Philip who has been married to Queen Elizabeth of England for all these years and just recently passed away at age 99.





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### JUNE MEETING

This month we will be preparing all the show announcements for StampFest. Come prepared to fold, stuff, seal and stamp. This is one of the most important fund raisers we have, and the more help we have the faster we can get it done.

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### WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

**G**reetings my fellow club members! Summer has officially arrived in spite of the weather that says it arrived much earlier, but then again that is the norm for this part of the country. Since we have already had one day above 100 degrees, does that mean that we're in for a scorching summer this year? I guess we'll find out soon enough. Yet, the first day of summer and the high is only in the 70s. Wonderful, but crazy!

At last month's club meeting, we tried the new approach the club is taking to the now monthly auctions. I don't think it was a rousing success, but I think that for the first time trying this that it went well. I realize that we will have to give the new auction format some time to see just how well it will work. The key will be everyone remembering to submit their lots ahead of time. Given that, I hope that those who want to submit lots this month remembered to either send them to Dave or Richard or both, or post them on the website by the deadline, which is one week prior to the club meeting. That will usually be the third Monday of the month. Last month we allowed submission of walk-in lots for the auction. We will no longer do that. Anyone who brings new lots to the meeting will have those lots roll to the next month. Anyone can submit lots at anytime really, just know that anything submitted after the deadline will roll to the next month's meeting.

Dave and Richard not only agreed to take on putting the auction together each month, they also agreed to take over running the auctions each month. It will take a time or two for them to get their feet wet and figure out just how they want to run things. Please take that into account as we move forward with the new monthly auction program.



The planning for StampFest continues. Jerry Schultz has indeed agreed to handle the auction. Thank you, Jerry! StampFest is only two meetings away and we still need someone to step up and take the concession stand. Who will that be?

The program this month is all about StampFest. Yep, it's lick'em and stick'em time! Since StampFest is so early this year, we have to prepare the postcards and letters that go out to potential attendees this month so that we have time to mail everything with enough notice that the recipients can plan accordingly.

Like to give a program? Just let our VP know and she'll get you scheduled. She is working on next year's schedule. The sooner the better as whomever speaks up first will have the best choice of months.

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SOCOPEX continues its monthly show, but again next month, July, it will be on the third Saturday, the 17th. Please make a note of it. Everyone is cordially invited.

See everyone at the meeting. Stay cool! Out!

Guy

**Did you know: The recognized beginning of modern FDC collecting started in 1923 with mourning covers made by George Linn for the Harding issue, Scott #610.**

### **PAGE 3**

This month Lesa Morgan gives us an interesting story about Charles Lindbergh and his cat. I was happy to use this story and would always rather use a story from one of you about something in your collection, or about interesting philatelic facts that might be of interest to our members. You never know when something from your collection might spark an interest in someone else and set them on the way to a new collection. Sharing information and stories should always be a part of collecting. Remember, you get 20 Auction Bux for each published article. That could be the difference between winning and losing an item in the Auction Bux auction.

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At the meeting this month we will be preparing the invitations to collectors around the area and the country to come to our show. The more people who attend the show, the happier the dealers will be and the greater the chances we will have more dealers, with more great stock, in the future. Why not plan to attend our meeting this month, help with the mailings, and take part in the monthly auction.

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## Lindbergh's Cat

By Lesa Morgan



In mid-1927 the entire world, and certainly St. Louis, celebrated Charles “Lucky” Lindbergh for his daring flight across the Atlantic. The flight won him not only fame but also fortune—the \$25,000 Orteig prize which had gone unclaimed since it was first offered in 1919. But had it not been for a Spanish Air Mail stamp issued in 1930, we might never have known of Lindbergh's cat, Patsy.

The 1 Peseta air mail stamp (Spain #C56, p14) commemorating Lindbergh's

flight was issued October 10, 1930 in Seville, Spain; one of a series of eight for the Spanish-American Exhibition, or World's Fair, held that year. It features a vignette of Lindbergh, the Statue of Liberty, the Spirit of St. Louis, and Patsy's silhouette--what is thought to be the first domestic cat featured on postage--looking on at the departing plane.



Numerous articles assert that Patsy was a frequent passenger on Lindbergh's flights and could often be found curled up in his plane's tail in the hangar. When asked why Patsy did not join him for the famed trans-Atlantic flight, however, Lindbergh stated, "It's too dangerous a journey to risk the cat's life." Instead he opted to take a "Felix The Cat" doll (from the 1919 Feline Follies cartoon) as his mascot.



The air mail stamp itself was created using two plates; one for the vignette of Lindbergh, with the second plate containing the remainder of the design. This resulted in the printing of many unauthorized versions, including these examples:



(Left to right: Lindbergh vignette missing, double-print with upside down vignette, upside down vignette).

It was 22 years later before the next cat appeared on a postage stamp. In fact, cats did not become common on stamps until the 1960s, although the American Topical Association now lists 2,968 cat stamps in 37 categories (mostly based on breed).



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### JULY MEETING

This month Tom Minor will give us a presentation on the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. Tom always has plenty of interesting items to illustrate his talks. Don't miss it.

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**G**reetings club members! Well, it's time, show time that is! StampFest is only 2 weeks away and it's time to finalize what the club needs to provide as this is our last meeting until the big show.

The planning and coordination that goes on behind the scenes has gone well, and we are on track for putting on a good show. I never did get a volunteer to run the concession stand, but we are going to make it work. Tom Minor has volunteered to take on the concession stand in addition to his duties as the show chairman. Thank you, Tom, for stepping up. This does mean though that a couple things have to give so the club officers are stepping in to help Tom out because while he can multitask with the best of them, there are some things that he can't do at the same time. This is primarily the setup and tear down of the show.

Now it's up to the club members to fill in the gaps, which is volunteering to do the things needed to execute the show. The numbers of volunteers needed and for what follows.

12 for setup on Friday afternoon at 4:00 PM; one to Tom for concession stand

1 for the registration desk all day both days (1-hour increments)

2 for the concession stand all day both days (1-hour increments)

2 for the auction Sunday at 12:30 PM until complete

12 for teardown on Sunday after the show closes; one to Tom for concession stand

There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting for those wishing to volunteer. The sign-up sheet will be in 1-hour increments for the registration desk and concession stand. Volunteers can choose as



many hours as they want to volunteer. We just need to cover all of the hours. Anyone wishing to volunteer, but can't make the meeting please contact Tom or one of the officers and let us know what you want to do.

The club will hold its annual pot luck dinner right after the show closes Saturday night in the concession area of the gymnasium. Again, this is a club dinner and all club members and their families are invited to attend. There will be a sign-up list at the meeting to write down what you will bring. This is so that we can get a variety of things and not a lot of the same thing. Bring food items only. The club will provide any none food items and condiments. Anyone wishing to attend the pot luck, but can't make the meeting to sign-up, just bring something to eat and show up. This is the VP's show; therefore, contact Katrina with any questions.

The auction on Sunday afternoon is a big auction and a good one. We have limited the number of lots to 125 so that the auction will conclude in time to do all the paperwork. Club members may only submit a maximum of five lots per person. Anyone wishing to submit lots can bring them to the meeting this month or bring them to the show and give them to Jerry Saturday morning. It is not necessary to contact Jerry ahead of time and let him know what you are bringing, but members can certainly do that if they wish. Auction lots will be first come, first serve until we reach 125 lots.

We will once again give out attendance prizes at StampFest on an hourly draw. However, this year we are going to give out \$10 vouchers that the winner can redeem with any dealer at the show. These vouchers will be for this show only.

The program this month is about the 1904 World's Fair, which I think everyone knows took place here in St. Louis. Tom is going to enlighten us on how the Fair ties into philately. I'm not sure which direction he will go with this, but I know how to find out. Come to the meeting and see!

Like to give a program? Just let our VP know and she'll get you scheduled. She is working on next year's schedule. The sooner the better as whomever speaks up first will have the best choice of months.

I think there will be a SOCOPEX next month back on the second Saturday. Gene will let us know.

Also, don't forget that the Great American Stamp Show is next month, the week after StampFest, in Chicago. Now that's the really big shew! This is a show well worth attending. I hope that many of you will be able to attend. One can find out all about it

by checking it out on the APS website at [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org).

See everyone at the meeting. That is all.

Guy

**Did you know: The cost of sending a first-class letter up to 1 ounce is going up from 55 cents to 58 cents on August 29th. Better stock up now on those forever stamps.**

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111 South Geyer Rd.  
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When 4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month at 7:30  
PM

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### AUGUST MEETING

This month Nathan Esbeck will present a program on Allied Occupied Territories After World War II. That can take in a lot of ground, so it will be interesting to see where Nathan takes us. He always has interesting material to show.

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

September.....5 Minutes.....Katrina Whitaker  
October.....Philatelic Jeopardy.....Guy Gasser  
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### WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Greetings and salutations everyone! The club's big event for the year is now over except for the shouting. It's time for a recap of the StampFest festivities and then move on to the next big event, which will be the Christmas bash in December. Man, that sounds like so far off. Given how time flies, it's really not.

I thought that the show went off well and everyone seemed to have a good time. I was concerned about what the attendance would be for the show. I expected it to be down from 2 years ago, which is the trend I have seen at every show I have attended so far this year. The attendance was down as I feared. The show had a total of 121 attend and about a dozen of those were reentries. This is down 50, plus or minus two or three from 2019. The club has 61 members and 37 attended or 61.6%, which is not too bad, but not good either. It would be wonderful if all club members would or could attend, but while that's probably wishful thinking it's not impossible. I'll keep striving for that and thrilled if we could get 90% attendance. The club did pick up two new members at the show, which is great! The two new members are not part of the club count above.

I won't have the final accounting for the show until right before the meeting, and then Gary will tell us, but I'm pretty confident that the club came out in the black. The auction didn't have many participants, but quite a bit of money changed hands and generated a few bucks, and the concession stand did well. The 10-cent table brought in close to \$100 I think.

Those that stayed after the show for the potluck dinner had a fine feast. We had lots of food and everyone had a good time. This year the club saw 28 attendees for the dinner, which included five of our

out-of-town dealers. Again, I would like to see more club members and their families participate in this event. What will it require to have more participation? I'm open to suggestions.

The thing about annual shows is that as soon as one is done, it's time to start planning for the next one. The Community Center contacted me before we even had this show and ask me if I wanted the only date open in August, and I took it. StampFest next year will be August 13th and 14th, 2022. Please mark your calendars now!

Also just concluded is the Great American Stamp Show, the APS show, the biggest show in the land. It was a great show with many activities every day for everyone as well as a wide selection of dealers to find those things one can't find anywhere else. I saw a few club members there. This year was a great opportunity to attend the big show with it being close to St. Louis. Next year not so much. The APS will put on next year's show in Sacramento, CA. Now there's a nice trip to plan on taking!

Nathan has the program this month. He is doing something about allied occupation territories post WWII. Sounds interesting. Come to the meeting and find out.

A reminder that our VP is still looking for volunteers to give a program next year. Some months have already filled up. Make your reservation now while the price is still low!

Yes, SOCOPEX will take place once again next month on September 11th.

That is all.

Guy

**Did you know: The first stamps issued by the Canal Zone were actually from Columbia, not Panama.**



Thanks to everyone who helped with StampFest. Tom Minor took on several different jobs, including being show chair, and pulled them all off well. Frank Kollinger and Gary Denker were working the concession stand most of the time during the show and did a fine job. Jerry Schultz, Pat Morgan and Gary Hendren handled the auction. Plenty of members showed up to help with the physical setup of the show, and were ready to help with the tear down until the Kirkwood CC staff said they would

handle the tear down. They also helped some dealers get their material to their vans. Katrina ran the pot luck dinner in her usual fine fashion, with lots of interesting things to try. Pat Morgan laid out the kids table and the "10 cents a stamp" booth. One man spent over \$40 at the booth. That's a lot of stamps. Kudos to all who helped. It wouldn't be a success without you.

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## Words from El Presidentè

Hello all! Well, fall is officially upon us now. I guess that means that the cold weather is just around the corner. Let's enjoy the nice fall days before old man winter rears his ugly head! I'll bet that we'll get a few more steamy days as summer dies a slow death.

The newsletter this month is what you see here, my column. Our secretary and newsletter editor has been under the weather the past few days to the point that it prevented him from being able to put the newsletter together. I'm sure that I can speak for everyone in wishing Phil a speedy recovery!

I was hoping that we would have the final accounting for StampFest at last month's meeting, but Gary was unable to attend. Therefore, we'll look forward to hearing what Gary has to say this month. I recognized at the meeting last month those who volunteered for the various tasks that made StampFest a success. Now I want to recognize them here for the benefit of the rest of the club.

I want to give a big hearty thank you to Tom Minor who once again put together a great show. He essentially did double duty making sure that we still had a concession stand for the show along with all the other duties of a show chairman. Only a very small number of club members actually see all that goes on behind the scenes and what it takes to put on an event like StampFest. It is many hours of work. Thank you, Tom, for all you do for the club! Thanks and gratitude also goes out to our VP, Katrina, for the pot luck dinner; Jerry Schultz for handling the auction; and Frank Kollinger for running the concession stand during the show. I also want to thank all of those who helped with setting up the show, manning the registration desk, helping with the auction, helping with the concession stand, helping with the dinner, and helping with anything I might have missed. Many people were involved and as they rotated through the various tasks that I couldn't keep up with who was doing what when. I don't want to leave anyone out so I simply say thank you all!

What's coming up? This month in accordance with our by-laws I will need to appoint a nominating committee for the upcoming election of officers in November. This year the offices of President and Treasurer are up for grabs. Anyone wishing to volunteer, but has questions first, please get in touch with me. Next month is Philatelic Jeopardy. If anyone would like to see a specific category, this meeting is the last chance to let me know. November is the election and the annual auction bux auction where we get to spend all the money we earned throughout the year. I'll need a volunteer for that event too. In December we close out the year with the Christmas party. That's the VP's shin-dig so just come and enjoy.

Everyone has the program this month. This is show and tell month. Please bring an item or two that you really like to share with the club. Remember, this is not about will the club like what I show, it's about hearing about what you, the shower likes. This is one way that we learn about the collecting interests of the other members if the club.

A reminder that our VP is still looking for volunteers to give a program next year. Some months have already filled up. Make your reservation now while the price is still low!

Yes, SOCOPEX will take place once again next month on October 16th, the third Saturday of the month. Please make a note of it.

That is all.

**Did you know: The first stamp issued in the series of 1922 (the 4th Bureau), which replaced the W/F series, was the 11 cent Rutherford B. Hayes stamp. That seems like an odd denomination for the first stamp of a new series.**

**Guy Gasser  
President, Greater Mound City Stamp Club**



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**OCTOBER MEETING**

It's time for Philatelic Jeopardy! Brush up on your philatelic trivia knowledge and help your team win the competition and plenty of Auction Bux.

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

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**WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ**

**G**reetings everyone! Is that a chill I feel in the air? Unfortunately, it is. I guess that means that fall is officially here. Fall is a nice season, but I could do without the chill. That also means that the cold of winter is just around the corner. I could definitely do without that. I just don't like the cold weather anymore. Some do though so their days are coming.

Did everyone notice something new with this newsletter? If not, take another look. Still don't see it? Look in the upper right corner of the first page.

See it now? Now you're all wondering just what that is. I will be all too happy to tell you.

Back in June, maybe it was July, Pat Morgan entered our club website and newsletter into the APS Star Route Awards contest. Those of you who get the AP and/or online newsletters probably saw the information about this contest. If not, the APS re-launched the chapter newsletter and website competition this year, and named it the Star Route Awards. A panel of judges evaluated all the entries received and then awarded those that they thought merited such recognition. At the time of submission, I was expecting one website and one newsletter out of all the entries would win. That did happen, but there is more. The APS did choose a grand award winner in each category, but they also awarded medals just like they do for exhibits. Therefore, websites and newsletters received large gold, gold, large vermeil, vermeil, large silver, silver, silver bronze, and bronze medals. That's a passel of medals.

Now that everyone knows what's going on with these awards, it is with great pleasure and a privilege that I announce that the Greater Mound City Stamp Club website received a LARGE GOLD, and our newsletter, the *Perf-Dispatch* received a LARGE VERMEIL! Woo who! Woot woot!



How did the judges determine who received what award and what was the criteria? I have no idea. I'm supposed to receive the feedback/critique at some point, and then I should know how the judges made their determination and to what standard, which will be interesting as I don't know of any written rules or standards. I'll share the information with



everyone once I know. Considering we went into this blind with only what we have put together thus far in our website and newsletter, I think this is an awesome accomplishment. A big well done and congratulations has to go to our website developer and webmaster, Pat Morgan, and our newsletter editor, Phil Schorr, who have put in the time to make these publications what they are today. Great job!

Speaking of our newsletter editor, and also our secretary, Phil is doing well. Those who were at the meeting last month heard the news when Phil announced to everyone that he has lymphoma. The good news is that the doctors believe that they have caught it early and Phil can beat this with time. Phil has started treatment and is doing well. This also means that we may not see Phil for a while at the club meetings, but it depends on how he feels. He told me that if he is able, he will attend. Given that his treatments cause him to fatigue more rapidly, he may not be able to attend. While Phil is undergoing treatment, our VP will take over the secretary duties. Please keep Phil in your prayers and give our VP your support while she does double duty.

It appears that the club finished in the black this year for StampFest. There are still a couple expenses that Gary has to run down, but it looks like the club made somewhere between \$300 and \$400 this year. It's not a lot, but it helps and anytime the club finishes in the black that is good.

What's coming up? November is the election for President and Treasurer, and the annual auction box auction where we get to spend all the money we earned throughout the year. December, we close out the year with the Christmas party, which our VP is busy working at for an evening of fun and frolic. It's also that time of year to start renewing your annual dues. Dues notices, along with the Christmas party sign up slips, will be going out starting this month.

And if you didn't know, this month is the event that you all have been waiting for all year long. It's Jeopardy! Philatelic Jeopardy that is. Bring your wits with you and we'll see which team prevails this year (VP, secretary, or treasurer).

That is all.

Guy

**Did you know: Star Routes still exist today, but they are now called Highway Contract Routes (HCRs). The Post Office Dept made this name change in 1970.**

## DUES & PARTY

It's time to start paying our dues for the 2022 club year. Along with this newsletter you will find a green dues notice. If you have not yet paid your dues for 2022, complete the green notice and return it with your payment to the address indicated or bring it to the meeting. If your dues for 2022 have been paid, the green sheet will indicate that and no payment is needed.

Also included is a white reservation form for the annual Christmas Party on Dec. 2 at Syberg's on Dorsett. If you plan to attend, please return the form with your check for \$15 per person. It's a fun time with lots of good food. Don't miss out.

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**NOVEMBER MEETING**

It's time for the big Auction Bux auction. Be sure to get your attendance sheet from Gene Stewart since it will show the number of Bux you have earned.

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

December.....Christmas Party.....Katrina Whitaker  
2022  
January...19<sup>th</sup> Cent. French Rev....Keith Stevenson  
February...My Stories of Collecting.....Greg Hake  
March.....Oil.....Jerry Schultz  
April.....Oil (cont.).....Jerry Schultz  
May.....London, 2022.....Ed Pieper  
June.....TBD.....???  
July.....StampFest Prep.....Guy Gasser  
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Season's Greetings everyone! I know it's a little early, but since this is the last newsletter for this year, I'll start the holiday season early. So, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to all. I hope that everyone has a joyous holiday season.

We've got a busy last couple of weeks to finish off the year. We have our last meeting of the year, and then our annual Christmas Party filled with fun and frolic. I know that our VP is busy putting together a great line up for the evening's festivities.

First things first though, and that's our meeting this month. The first thing on the agenda, and the most important thing, is the election of club officers for the next year. Everyone should know, but in case they don't, in accordance with our by-laws the officer positions up for election this year are president and treasurer for 2-year terms. Right now, the nominating committee has presented myself for reelection as President, and Pat Morgan for Treasurer. I will still take nominations from the floor before the election at this month's meeting.

Those that have been in the club awhile will probably take note that I didn't mention Gary Hendren as running for reelection for Treasurer. That is because after serving in that position for 28 years (includes 13 years before the merger), Gary has decided that it's time to retire and let someone else take over the treasurer's duties. I want to thank Gary for his long and dedicated service to the club as an officer. There is no way to accurately list and explain all the things he has done for the club over the years. I'm sure that everyone can imagine that it was a tremendous amount. On behalf of the club, and me as president, thank you, Gary! We will not forget your service. We also look forward to your continued participation as a club member

The second thing this month is the big annual auction where we all get to spend all of those auction bux that we have accumulated over the past year. Come to the meeting ready to bid often and bid high to get the items donated for the auction.

Speaking of donated items, we need more. Please consider donating some items for the auction. We need more items! Jerry Schultz is waiting for your donations. Simply contact him in some way to let him know what you want to donate and then bring it with you to the meeting. It can be anything you want.

Then, 10 days later is our annual Christmas bash! Once again, we will hold our party at Syberg's on Dorsett on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The doors open at 6:30 with dinner served around 7:15ish. The cost is \$15 per person again this year. Please bring your money to the meeting or you can pay at the door the night of the party. We need minimum of 30 people to avoid having to pay the room rental. We have had trouble meeting that minimum in the past, so come on out and support the club, and join in on the fun and frolic that our VP is putting together for us (a lot of work). Those of you who have not participated in the past, now is a great time to join us.

Our secretary, Phil, is doing well. His treatments are going well and so far, so good. He said that he may be able to join us at the Christmas party depending on his progress. Let's hope that progress is good and we'll see him at the party. A reminder that our VP is handling the secretary duties while Phil is out so contact Katrina if anyone has any questions or needs anything.

As of now we have 40 of our 57 members who have already paid their dues for next year. That's a great start. Please get your dues paid soon so that we can take care of this early and move on to better things. You can pay at the meeting or mail them to Phil, who can handle this at home or Katrina. Those of you who missed last month's meeting missed a rousing round of Philatelic Jeopardy. This year was a good battle with team VP coming out on top! Congratulations to team VP!

That's it for this year. See everyone at the meeting and the Christmas party!

Guy

**Did you know:** Beginning with the 2022 issue, the *Scott Specialized Catalog of United States Stamps & Covers* will no longer contain the stamp identifier and value guide sections. These will now be available only as separate sections for purchase.

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It's time to start paying our dues for the 2022 club year. Over 70 per cent of our members have already paid for 2022. If you aren't sure if you have paid, just look at the left front of your green envelope. It says "Thru 202x". If it says 2021, you haven't paid yet. You can pay your dues at the November meeting. Just see Katrina Whitaker. Otherwise, you can mail them to Greater Mound City Stamp Club, 12718 St. Lazare Ln., St. Louis, MO 63127. If you still have the green dues sheet from last month, please complete it and include it.

Katrina will also be accepting reservations for the annual Christmas party. She needs to know about how many people plan to attend so Syberg's can plan the appropriate amount of food. If you can't attend the November meeting, you can send your reservation to the address in the previous paragraph.

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