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THE PERF-DISPATCH

Official Newsletter of the Greater St Louis Stamp Club

January 97

Meeting: Monday, Jan. 27, 1997

The monthly meeting will be the Monday evening, at Parkway Central High School, as usual...

Juniors Meeting will be at 6:30 PM

This month will be give-away time.

Adults Meeting: One More Try

8:00 PM: Our program will be a second try at our second ever "Auction Bucks" Auction sale.

We will have a short QUIZ GAME as our program first, and **everyone** will be given extra bux just for attending, so **everyone** will have something to spend. A good time is guaranteed.

Important Business

This meeting begins our new year, which means there are two important business items to take care of: dues and elections.

DUES -R- US

Membership fee time is here once again. Dues are still \$5.00 (an incredible bargain), and if you pay before March 1st, it's worth Auction Bucks (for 1997, that is). Pay at the January or February meeting, or mail your check to our mathematically-inclined Gary Hendren; 12737 Glenage; Maryland Heights; MO 63043.

ELECTIONS -R- HERE

Thanks to the missing November meeting, no discussion has been had on elections. The election slate presently consists of all existing officers. In the case of Vice-President, we have two candidates: Alan Barasch and David Bledsoe.

If you wish to make nominations (or you want to volunteer), call any of the officers before the meeting.

Auction Bucks 1996

Remember: Any auction bucks you have from 1995 are worth only half face value, so COME EARLY, see Hollis before the meeting, and exchange your old bucks for new ones. Old bucks will not be accepted during the auction: new ones were rubber stamped saying 1996, etc.

Lots will be set out for viewing early before the meeting.

Members must use their auction bucks and pay off each sale item as it is bid (no credit), so as to avoid problems with overspending.

Leftover auction bucks will again be usable next year, but will be devalued by half.

AUCTION CATALOG

Foreign Lots

Great Britain

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| 1. Scott #1 used Penny Black | \$110.00 |
| 2. Scott #49 1867-80 no gum | mint \$200.00 |

Grenada

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| 3. Scott #4, 5 1863-71 used | \$20.00 |
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Israel

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| 4. Scott #14, 1948 used VF with tab | \$25.00 |
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Germany

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| 5. Scott #8a 1872 used | \$200.00 |
| 6. Scott #9N62 used (1949 Berlin set) | \$50.00 |

Bulgaria

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| 7. Scott #843A VFH Souvenir Sheet | \$27.50 |
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Canal Zone

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| 8. Scott #38,41 1912-16 Rep. of Panama ovpts used | \$12.00 |
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There may be some other small lots for sale, as time permits.

AUCTION CATALOG continued

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3. #65	PAID cancel	\$1.35
4. #65	year date cancel	\$1.00
5. #78	trimmed perf	\$50.00
6. #87	grille w fancy cancel	\$70.00
7. #88	creased	\$11.00
8. #94	grille	\$2.50
9. #114	trimmed edge	\$7.00
10. #147	creased	\$.50
11. #148	NY foreign mail cancel	\$12.00
12. #157		\$10.00
13. #159		\$10.00
14. #161		\$11.50
15. #178,183	negative cancels	\$6.50
16. #182	negative F cancel	\$1.25
17. #184 (2)		\$.30
18. #187		\$15.00
19. #206		\$.40
20. #209	cancel	\$2.50
21. #210	star cancel	\$.15
22. #212	St.Louis cancel	\$.65
23. #213	maltese cross	
24. #215		\$11.00
25. #219D		\$.45
26. #226		\$1.75
27. #231 (2)	normal & broken hat	\$.35
28. #233		\$5.50
29. #234		\$6.50
30. #235		\$18.00
31. #236		\$8.00
32. #237		\$5.50
33. #247		\$.85
34. #254		\$2.00
35. #258		\$5.00
36. #267	star cancel	\$.15
37. #268		\$.65
38. #271		\$2.50
39. #275		\$14.00
40. #282c, 283		\$2.20
41. #295		\$.75
42. #302	perf 10	\$2.00
43. #303		\$.90
44. #331, 332, 333		\$2.05
45. #335		\$1.50

46. #340		\$3.75
47. #422	perfin	\$9.50
48. #438		\$2.50
49. #452		\$1.40
50. #465		\$1.00
51. #470		\$3.75
52. #476	precancel	\$7.50
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54. #489		\$2.50
55. #518		\$1.20
56. #537		\$2.75
57. #E3		\$15.00
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59. #U09	Unused cut square Official	\$35.00
60. #U017	Unused cut square Official	\$5.00
61. #U049	Unused cut square Official	\$30.00
62. Post Off Truck Souvenir Sht, gum		\$50.00
63. PNC 20¢ cog rail strip of 7		\$3.00
64. #948, 948a&b Souvenir Sht		\$1.00
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Special Thanks

Thanks to all who donated something for the BUX Auction: (see November Issue).

THE PERF-DISPATCH

Official Newsletter of the Greater St Louis Stamp Club

February 97

Meeting: Monday, Feb. 24, 1997

If the weather gods do not once again curse us, we will meet Monday evening at Parkway Central High School. Pray for us.

Juniors Meeting will be at 6:30 PM ?

This month will be give-away time.

Adults Meeting: Gluttons for Punishment

8:00 PM: Our program will be a **third** try at our second ever "Auction Bucks" sale.

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Auction Bucks 1996

I am not going to repeat the AUCTION BUX notes yet again. Refer to the last two newsletters, and come early- wev'e got lots to do.

ST. Louis Stamp EXPO: Mar. 7-9

March 7-9, 1997: The annual St. Louis Expo will take place in just two weeks!! It's moved up this year, and the location will be different: The Henry VIII Hotel on N.Lindbergh, just north of I-70 (west of the airport).

As of this date, the official program had not been mailed out, but all of us should be on the Expo mailing list.

March meeting: Special location

The March meeting will be a program on using on-line computer services and the Internet. We will meet at EPC Technologies in Hazelwood and play with their wonderful toys.

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425 1996 CATALOGS 140-7 fluid (H2O)
360 GREAT BRIT #1

50 ITALIAN STAMPS 110 SOUV SHEETS
5 DURLAND CAT 220 #350 SCOTT

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75 ISRAEL TAB
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Special Thanks

200 GB #47
80 CANAL ZONE SET
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Auction: (see November Issue).

95 LETTERSHEET
95 USPS OLYMPIC STAMPS & FRAME

25 CIGAR BOX
330 PATRIOTIC COVER

600 STAMPS IN FRAME (2)

400 BRIT CARIB ALBUMS

575 1997 US SPEC. CAT

45 BINDERS

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100 PC EYE PROTECTOR

40 HUNGARY ALBUMS

THE PERF-DISPATCH

Official Newsletter of the Greater St Louis Stamp Club

March 97

Meeting: Mon. March 24, 1997

Junior Club To Meet March 31

Due to Parkway's Spring break occurring during this week, juniors will meet one week later than usual. It will be at Parkway. Please bring your Missouri sheets to finish up.

Adults meeting: Special location

The March meeting will be a program on using on-line computer services and the Internet. We will meet at EPC Technologies in Hazelwood at 8:00 PM, and Dan Fuller will use his computer lab classroom to show us tips on using the Internet.

There will be a computer for every 2 or 3 people, so everyone will have a view. We are also asking more experienced members to bring their knowledge to share.

As usual there will be 50/50 and attendance drawings. There will also be a **special auction** of club owned material (good US items).

Stamp Related Sites: St.Louis

- ① [Http://www.stlcyberjew.com/philatelic](http://www.stlcyberjew.com/philatelic)
operated by Alan Barasch. Alan has information on all stamp activities in the St.L. area and links:
- ② [Http://members.AOL.com/GSLSC](http://members.AOL.com/GSLSC)
operated by Joshua (son of Tom) Minor
- ③ [Http://www.regency stamps](http://www.regency stamps)
operated by Regency Stamps

Please check the mailing label for your newsletter. If it says 96, you owe this year's dues. Dues are still \$5.00; pay at the meeting or by mail to Gary Hendren.

Upcoming Bourses:



April St. Charles, MO: Star Stamps Festival McKinley School Mall, 1701 N 2nd get flyer at meeting Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4



April 17 St. Louis, MO: Stratford Inn at I44 & Bowles Ave. exit, South Outer Road 10AM to 4:30 PM. (the monthly bourse for true addicts)

1997 GSLSC Program

April 28 *Creating Album Pages* workshop conducted by Minor, Bueker, Barasch et al

May 27 Harry Lischer speaks on *Charles Lindbergh*

June 23 *Captain Cook* by Roger Grider

July 20 Club BBQ

August 25 *Israel* by Alan Barasch et al, A joint meeting with the Israel Philatelists Club

September 22 *Early Self-adhesives*, George Wren, speaker

September Our own annual **GSLSC STAMPFEST** at Crestwood Community Center

October 27 Spray markings Gary Hendren

November 24 "Auction Bucks" Auction

December 8 Christmas Party

INTERNET

What is it? Imagine an old-fashioned party-line. Now imagine a party-line connecting between big computers hooked together with permanently open lines. If you tap into the system with your little computer, your messages can be relayed all over the world by the boss computers.

Directions to EPC

The Street address is 5992 Howdershell, suite 202. The building is situated between Lion's Choice and 84 Lumber, 1/2 mile north of the I-270 and McDonnell Blvd. Exit, on the right side of Howdershell. The suite faces the road and is the third one from the top. See map .

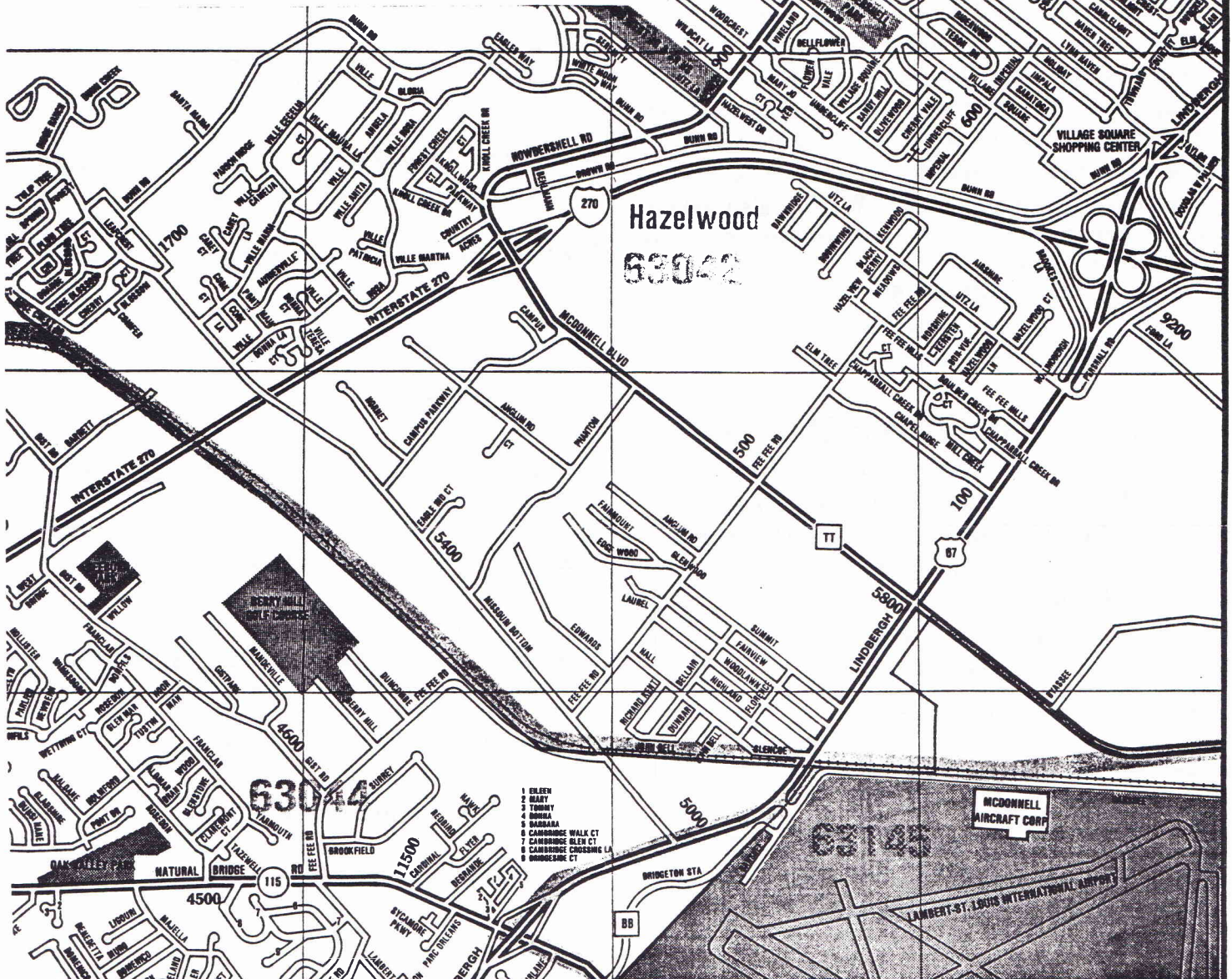
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Official Newsletter of the Greater St Louis Stamp Club

April 97

Meeting: Mon. April 28, 1997

The next monthly meeting will be Monday evening at Parkway Central High School, as usual.....

Juniors Meeting will be at 6:30 PM

Bring your *Lost Stamps of Missouri* sheet to finish up. We will also start getting ready for the exhibit in May with a program on how to set up a stamp exhibit. June is the annual juniors auction.

Adults meeting:

Our program will be on "making your own album pages." This will be an informal talk with computer demonstrations by Prez. Dave Bueker, V.P. Alan Barasch, and yer Editor T Minor. We'll also be bringing books, papers, and samples.

If you have made your own album pages, please bring some to compare. We would also like members to bring collection material that could be used as example problems. Since none of us are world experts, everyone should gain from sharing.

There will be 50/50 and attendance drawings, and an auction of members' items.

Upcoming Bourses:




April 26 & 27 St. Charles, MO: Star Stamps Festival McKinley School Mall, 1701 N 2nd get flyer at meeting Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4



June 17 St. Louis, MO: Stratford Inn at I44 & Bowles Ave. exit, South Outer Road 10 AM to 4:30 PM. (no bourse in May)

Club Notes

 Any Adult club members wishing to donate items for the Jr. Club auction in June (stamps, supplies, etc.); please bring to the April or May meetings.



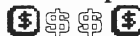
Congrats to Treasurer Gary Hendren, who plans to begin stamp collecting full time this summer.



Special speaker Alan Barasch will talk about how to protect your good stuff from Fire.



The official date for the annual club BBQ Party is July 20. We are still looking for volunteers to bring some of the food: appetizers, pasta salad, or deserts. If anyone is willing to bring a homemade ice cream maker, please call the Buekers.



Please check the mailing label for your newsletter. If it says 96, you owe this year's dues. Dues are still \$5.00; pay at the meeting or by mail to Gary Hendren.

MARCH MEETING

A special thanks to Member Dan Fuller for the generous donation of his store and computers last month for our "Computers On-line" program.

Philatelic Terms for Beginners

Archival =

According to the dictionary, this word refers to something stored as records (archives).

But for collectors, this term, used by a company, means that their product will not rot away, even over a long period of time, or hurt something a collector has put with it. This word is especially common with plastic sleeves or paper pages used to protect photos, artwork, or stamps.

ZEPPELIN TALES: the end

The round-the world flight of the *Graf Zeppelin* in 1929 was a huge success in several ways: monetarily, thanks to philatelic mail (\$3.50 per letter), record-wise, it set a number of flight "firsts" (including first flight across the Pacific), and in publicity. It brought great popularity to the both Zeppelins and to Hugo Eckener, the captain and company head. It was because of this incredible popularity that the US POD created its Zeppelin airmails (C-13,14, and 15) for the inaugural South American flight of May, 1930.

The Zepp stamps went on sale only from April through June of 1930, and only at the 100 biggest cities in the country. And the stamps were expensive, especially considering the depression. Only 220,000 stamps were sold of 3 million printed. 55,000 cards and letters were mailed, mostly on the New Jersey to Germany leg.

In April 1933 the dirigible *USS Akron* crashed off the east coast, and in February 1935, the *USS Macon* crashed off the west coast, and US military interest in airships ended. The *USS Los Angeles* was stored away. Spectacular crashes by a British airship and a French airship in the 20's had ended those countries' interest in rigid airships. The secretive Russians had built airships using an Italian expert, but they were unseen—except on stamps. So the Germans were all alone in having a long-term success with rigid airships.

The Nazi government bought a controlling interest in the Zeppelin company's airline and it continued and prospered. The *Graf Zeppelin* again inspired a special stamp (C-18, the "baby zepp"), for its visit to the Chicago world's fair in 1933. Captain Eckener carefully kept the side of the ship with swastikas facing away from the fair site as he circled Chicago.

Zeppelin number LZ129, the *Hindenburg*, was finished in 1936. It was bigger (50+ passengers) and better than the *Graf Zeppelin*. With two ships, the airline could begin regularly scheduled flights between the US and Europe, on top of the South American service. The first season went well, (Atlantic weather was too dangerous in the winter), and 1 more airship was under construction.

In May 1937, the *Hindenburg* was landing at New Jersey when it burst into flames. 36 people out of the total 97 crew and passengers were killed. News-movies were there, so it became the best photographed disaster in history. That was the end of the Zeppelin airline.

The German government was not willing for the Zeppelin story to end badly, however; they had used the airships constantly for propaganda and goodwill publicity. So the LZ 130, named the *Graf Zeppelin II*, was finished, and another airship begun. Dr. Eckener was unwilling to carry any regular civilian passengers, however, unless they could get Helium (which is non-flammable) to use instead of flammable Hydrogen. Only the US had Helium, and when Germany annexed Austria in 1938, FDR backed out of a previous promise to sell some.

The *Graf Zeppelin II* made a number of short flights in Europe, mainly for propaganda, and some attempts at spying on British radar were made. But when Germany invaded Poland in 1939, and WWII began for real, Zeppelins were grounded for good. They were too slow and susceptible to be a weapon, and some of the Nazi leaders had never liked the Zeppelin Co. (which was anti-Nazi). The hangars and airships were dismantled for scrap.

In the US, the *Los Angeles* was dismantled too, but blimps, the smaller airships without a rigid frame, served to good purpose during WWII as sub spotters.

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Official Newsletter of the Greater St Louis Stamp Club

May97

Meeting: Tuesday, May 27, 1997 Not on Memorial Day!

The next monthly meeting will be Tuesday evening at Parkway Central High School, *not* as usual.....

Juniors Meeting will be at 6:30 PM

This month's meeting is the Exhibit. Please be sure to arrive with your exhibit by 6:30. June is the "Auction Bucks" auction.

Adults meeting:

Will be at 8:00 PM. Harry Lischer will talk about Charles Lindbergh, in honor of the Seventieth Anniversary of the first solo flight across the Atlantic (which was May 20-21, 1927).

Maybe Harry will be able to tell us why a plane that flew from New York to Paris was called the Spirit of St. Louis.

Upcoming Bourses:



June 6 St. Louis, MO: Stratford Inn at I44 & Bowles Ave. exit, South Outer Road 10 AM to 4:30 PM. (no bourse in May)



May 29 to June 8 San Francisco, CA: *Pacific 97 World Philatelic Exhibition*; once every ten years the US has an international expo- this is it.



Club Notes

Any Adult club members wishing to donate items for the Jr. Club auction in June (stamps, supplies, etc.); please bring to the April or May meetings.



We're looking for someone with an ice cream maker for use at the July party- contact Prez Bueker if you have one

Philatelic Terms for Beginners

Stamp tongs:

Like tweezers, but NOT the same thing.

Philatelic tongs are must-haves for every real collector, to preserve valuable stamps by keeping skin oil and dirt off.

There are several types of ends and sizes: Some have very pointy ends, some have rounded, "spade" type ends, some have squared ends; some have a bend in direction near the tips, etc.. I have not found that any particular type is better than another, except that the thinner the ends, the easier one can grab a stamp lying flat on the table.

What's the difference between tweezers and tongs? The stamp gripping area is smooth and polished, with edges rounded off, to avoid accidentally scratching or tearing the stamp face.

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June-July 96⁹⁷

Meeting: Tuesday, June 23, 1997

The next monthly meeting will be Monday evening at Parkway Central High School, as usual— but not in July.

No Juniors Meeting

The junior auction was held last week; there will be nothing until August.

Adults Meeting

Will be at 8:00 PM. The program will be by our member Roger Grider on *Captain Cook* as a topic for a collecting. Our Auction will be member material.


We'll also be asking for an attendance count about the July party. Please check your calendar now. Coming up in September: our annual Stampfest!(volunteers will be needed.)

June-July Quiz:

FIRST DAY COVERS

1. What is the design called that is often found on the left side of a first day cover?
2. In what year did the U.S. first identify first day covers?
3. What is the name given to covers using one or more different stamps?
4. What is the name of the collector group specializing in first day covers (who held a convention in St.L. 1 year ago)?
5. Who created the first modern first day cover?
6. How can first day covers be identified when they have no special cancel?
7. What happens if a stamp of a denomination less than the first class rate is submitted for first day cancel?

BBQ Party: July 20, 1996

 You and your family are hereby invited to the annual Club BBQ on Sunday, 2:00 PM, July 20 at the home of President Dave Beuker, 8901 Westhaven Court. This will be our meeting for the month of July.

The club will supply food and drinks, however, members may bring appetizer or dessert. Children are welcome. In case of extreme heat or snow, we will retreat inside (to the Beuker-Basement-Bunker).

Pleeease RSVP Mr. or Mrs. Beuker as soon as possible. Leave a message at their home or their office, 822-2123.

Directions for Party Goers

It's the same house as last year. Give Mr. President a call and he'll mail you a map of the neighborhood. What I do is exit 44 at Lindbergh/Kirkwood, go south to East Watson, go (left) 12 blocks east to GlenRose, turn (right) and follow GlenRose south as it curves right twice, into Fox Park and then Westhaven.

Upcoming Bourses:



September 20&21 St. Louis, MO: Crestwood Community Center **GSLSC 21th Anniversary StampFest** 10-5 Saturday and 10-4 Sunday.



July 13 St.Louis, MO: Stratford Inn at 144 & Bowles Ave.exit, South Outer Road 10 to 4:30 PM.



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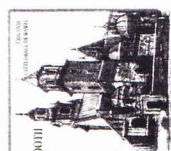
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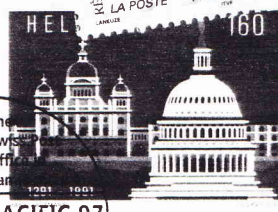
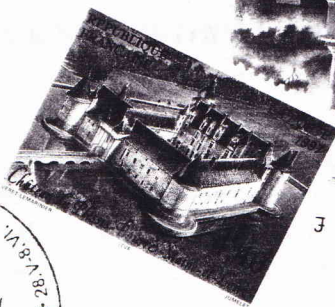
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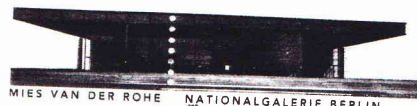
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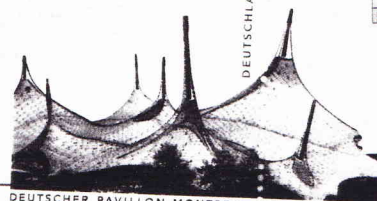
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 wie die Konstruktionen der Natur.

Quiz

1. Cachet 2. 1937 3. combination covers 4. Amer. First Day Cover Society 5. George W. Linn 6. The date is what counts 7. Postage must be added

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August 96

Meeting: Monday, August 25

The next monthly meeting will be Monday evening at Parkway Central High School, as usual.....

Juniors Meeting will be at 6:30 PM

Juniors start the new season with "Basics of Stamp Collecting".

Adults Meeting

Will be at 8:00 PM. Our program will be on Israel (& Palestine), given by Alan Barasch and the intermittent Israel Collectors Club. Members of that club have also been invited. We will be not be stamping postcards for Stampfest.

Upcoming Bourses:



September 7 St. Louis, MO: Stratford Inn at I44 & Bowles Ave. exit, South Outer Road 10AM to 4:30PM. (the monthly bourse for true addicts)



September 20&21 St. Louis, MO: Crestwood Community Center **GSLSC 21th Anniversary StampFest** 10-5 Saturday and 10-4 Sunday.



September 20&21 Mountain Home, AK: NARPEX 21st Annual 9-5 Saturday and 10-4 Sunday.



September 27&28 Des Moines, Iowa: CIAPEX'97 Howard Johnson Convention Center: 10-5 Saturday and 10-4 Sunday.

STAMPFEST September 20-21, 1997

DON'T FORGET! Our grand stamp exposition will be held in less than one month. Since it will happen just before our September meeting, we will be discussing our schedule this month. We will need volunteers to man the front door, help with set-up, clean-up, food etc. Exhibiting: We will again have a local stamp etc. exhibition using frames of the St.Louis Stamp Expo. Everyone is encouraged to exhibit (remember 16 pages make one frame, so 16 page groupings are best). We will have some local award winning exhibitors showing also. Contact any of the club officers if you are interested.

Philatelic Terms for Beginners

Mixture: by tradition a mixture is a batch of stamps sold together, not highly sorted- so there may be many copies of the same stamp over and over and over and over and over.....

JULY BBQ

About two dozen people of all ages took part in the July GSLSC BBQ. A special thanks to everyone who took part and brought something to eat. The food was great, the company was pleasant, and the weather was bearable. Special thanks to Dave and Debbie Bueker for all their preparation and organizing efforts.

EDITOR Refrains from Editorializing!!

I'm not making any comment about the obvious stupidity of a Congressionally required semi-postal.

STAMP HINGES

The following table shows the results of stamp hinge testing by the Arthur Salm Foundation (part of the Chicago Collectors Club). Thirty hinges were used from each brand. These were mounted on a stamp album page. After drying one week, the hinges were pulled off manually. Each brand seemed to adhere about as well as the next. Some brands seemed to tear and leave a hinge remnant every time ("100% tear"), whereas some brands came off more cleanly ("peelable") and some were in-between.

Brand	Peelability	pH (acidity)
CMC	Peelable	4.79
Western Stamp	Peelable	5.09
Dennison #54002	Peelable	5.62
Exactaphil	10% Tear	5.02
Dennison #4	50% Tear	5.45
Fold-O-Hinge	50% Tear	5.77
Scott	50% Tear	5.77
Dennison #64	50% Tear	5.08
Novofold	50% Tear	7.11
G&K Hobby	50%+ Tear	5.62
G&K prefold	50%+ Tear	5.28
Gibbons	75% Tear	5.67
Dennison prefolded#48-064	75% Tear	6.47
LaMor	100% Tear	5.29
Phoenix Flat	100% Tear	5.63

The third column shows the acidity/alkalinity (of the hinge paper and glue combined). The higher the number the better for archival use: 7.0 is neutral, and archival paper is 7.0 or higher. The only good hinge on that basis is the Novofold, a Swedish product. Next best is Dennison prefolded #48-064.

This means that no hinges typically sold in the U.S. are good for long term mounting of stamps, and Expensive Material should always be mounted in best quality plastic mounts (Showguard, Scott, Hawid, etc.).

FIRST First Day Cover

More than once, in quizzes at club meetings, we have asked questions concerning the first "First Day Cover": by which I usually mean a souvenir envelope with a printed cachet on the left and a stamp just issued that day, sometimes with a special cancel.

Recently I have seen in Linn's News that I was wrong. The first first day cover was mailed December 10, 1920 by the Pitney Bowes Postage Meter Co., from Stamford Conn., to mark the first day of usage for the first officially approved commercial meter stamp.

In the upper right is a meter mark, printed in yellow. In the upper left is Pitney Bowes name and a printed box explaining that this is the first P.O. accepted meter, etc.. In terms of what my home mail looks like, this cover is more important than any George Linn produced souvenir.

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STAMPFEST September 20-21

Once again its time for our annual GSLSC Stamp exposition. The back side of this newsletter contains a map and general info. Please feel free to spread the word about the Stampfest. Strong attendance is important and necessary for our club and for the Stampfest.

Getting there from 44: exit south on Elm, hard right on Pardee, watch for the right turn onto the park road, and take the left fork in the park.

Meeting: Monday, Sep 22, 1997

The next monthly meeting will be on the Monday after the StampFest.

Juniors Meeting will be at 6:30 PM

Please bring your "stamp terms" paper back this month. There will be some give-aways, too.

Adults Meeting

Our scheduled speaker is member George Wren, who will speak on a specialty of his, *The Beginnings of US Self-Adhesives* (which he has exhibited).

In October, Gary Hendren will talk on *Spray Markings*.

In November, if the crick don't rise, or we don't get hit by a blizzard, or goodness knows what else could happen—we will have our Auction Bucks Sell-Off. (Pray for us). And remember we need donations of stamp material (or of just about anything) to make a successful auction, and you'll get extra points for making a donation...

Our December meeting is traditionally the XMAS Party. Details have not been set yet.

Upcoming Bourses:



September 20& 21 **GSLSC 21st Anniversary StampFest** 10-5 Saturday and 10-4 Sunday.



October 12 and November 16 St. Louis, MO: Stratford Inn at I44 & Bowles Ave. exit, South Outer Road 10AM to 4:30PM. (the monthly Fenton bourse)



October 25& 26, 1997 Star Stamps biannual bourse in St.Charles; McKinley Mall, 1701 N 2nd Sat 10-5, Sun. 10-4.



November 2; Fairview Heights IL bourse, Ramada Inn at I-64; Sunday only.

Philatelic Terms for Beginners

Dead Countries: Refers to a nonexistent nation or colony which once issued stamps. The good thing about collecting dead countries? They've quit printing new stamps, so you can catch up on getting a "complete" collection. You may end up with a surprise when your stiff comes back to life; take Latvia, for example.

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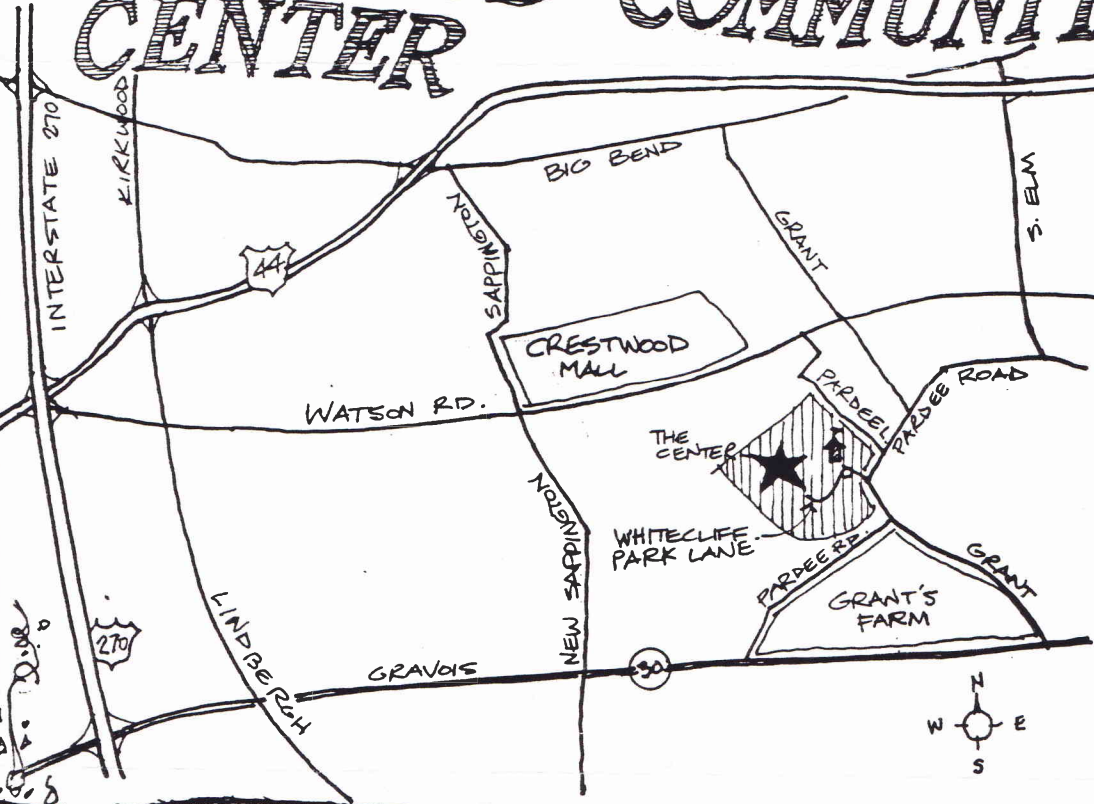
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October 97

Meeting: Monday, October 27, 97

The monthly meeting will be Monday evening at Parkway Central High School. NOTICE: The meeting will probably not be in the usual room-watch for a sign with directions.

Juniors Meeting will be at 6:30

For this month, our program will be on *Spray markings*, as found by Gary Hendren. If we twist his arm, maybe he'll tell us about his vacaton.

Upcoming and In the Works

November Meeting:
Auction Bucks? Election of Officers?
December Meeting:
XMAS Party

Your officers are in the midst of planning another year of meetings.
As always, we would be delighted to have members volunteer to give programs. It never happens. So don't be surprised if Alan Barasch comes a knock-knock-knockin' on your door (ok, maybe just a phone call) with an offer you can't refuse. Seriously, if you are willing to give a program, or have a suggestion or a request for 1998, give any of the officers a call.

Old Stuff

Those who attended last month heard a nicely done lecture by George Wrenn about the beginnings of self-adhesive stamps. They also heard a few comments about recent stamp happenings: the GSLSC bourse in September was a good success, with a small profit, new dealers appearing, and fairly good attendance both days. Our next one is planned for September (12-13) 1998. Special thanks to all those who volunteered or attended.

Upcoming Bourses:



November 2; Fairview Heights, IL bourse, Ramada Inn at I-64; Sunday only



November 16 St.Louis, MO; Stratford Inn at I44 & Bowles Ave. exit, South Outer Road 10 to 4:30.



October 25-26; St. Charles, MO; Star Stamps and More Stamp Festival; refer to enclosed flyer for details.

World's Fair Stamps

All of the early US commemoratives were **advertisements**.

Beginning with Chicago in 1893, several world's fairs were promoted by the USPOD. It certainly didn't hurt attendance to have a set of stamps issued to commemorate an exposition (and the anniversary it celebrated). Most of these fairs sought and received state and federal money, (as well as local support & investment), and fairs of this caliber generally made a profit and must have had political pull.

See a list of early stamps on the back

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World's Fair Stamps continued

- 1.The Colombbian Exposition, Chicago 1893;(honoring Columbus a little late) 16 stamps
- 2.The Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition of 1898, Omaha;(promoting and honoring the settlement of the Western US) 9 stamps
- 3.The Pan American Exposition of 1901, Buffalo (celebrating the new century and American technical achievements); 6 stamps
- 4.The Louisiana Purchase Exposition, Here,1904 (celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase a little late) 5 stamps
- 5.The Jamestown Exposition, 1907 (celebrating the 300th anniversary of the founding of the first European settlement in the US) 3 stamps.
Yes there really was an international fair in 1907, near Norfolk, Virginia: the site is now the Norfolk Naval Yard.
- 6.The first real commemorative stamp is the Lincoln Memorial Issue, 1909 Scott 367-369
- 7.The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, 1909, Seattle, Washington (originally intended to be part of the Lewis & Clark celebration in Portland 1905, it became a trade fair to promote Washington State, Alaska, and Pacific rim commerce) 2 stamps.
This is the Seward portrait stamp Scott 370/1 perf and imperf.
- 8.Hudson-Fulton International Exposition, 1909, New York City (celebrating the discovery of the river by Henry Hudson in 1609, and first steamboat in 1807) 2 stamps, although the fair went bust.
Expo intended for a Park site in New York City never got started; Celebrations were held at several towns along the River. Scott 372/373 perf and imperf.
- 9.Panama Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco,1915 (commemorating the completion of the Panama Canal that year) 4 stamps
There are actually nine varieties, Scott 397-404, including a color change and perforation gauge changes.
- 10.WWI Victory Issue Scott 537. Second Commemorative.
11. Was the 1920 Pilgrim Issue made for a fair?
I haven't found out yet...

Dealer Talk

The following complaints are excerpted from a letter by dealer Kenneth C.Arno, printed in the magazine *The Stamp Wholesaler*.

"By actual count, nearly 60% of my new collector customers have committed one or more of the following errors or outright indiscretions...

1. Stealing stamps by mail [by not paying for stamps kept].
2. Not returning stamps or payment on or before due date.
3. Not answering your dealers' request for return or payment.
4. Claiming not to have received stamps you did receive.
5. Paying by bad checks or credit cards.
6. Returning material with postage due.
7. Not preparing return packaging to protect returns.
8. Deducting return postage costs by keeping stamps.
9. Sending loose change.
10. Using multiple names or addresses.
11. Breaking stamp sets.
12. Switching stamps.
13. Ordering less than a minimum order limit.
14. Mis-adding money totals.
15. Cherry-picking packets or mixes (and then returning).
16. No signature or date on correspondence.
17. Lying about being a minor (or adult).
18. Not notifying a dealer when you move.
19. Stealing a few stamps from packets that you think may not be noticed.
20. Trying to pay for purchases with unused stamps.
21. Requesting donations for charity, cherry picking them, and then donating the rest in your own name.

....."Inform your dealer about problems so that he or she has an opportunity to correct them. Do expect to pay a price for stamps that allows your dealer to service your order..."

PICKY, PICKY, PICKY .

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November/December 97

Meeting: Monday, November 24, 97

The monthly meeting will be Monday evening at Parkway Central High School.

Juniors Meeting will be at 6:30

Bring your collection; there will be a mini auction using money you will receive at the meeting. US & Foreign stamps & covers to be auctioned. Trading session afterwards if time permits.

Adults Meeting

Will be at 8:00 PM. Our program will be the third annual "Auction Bucks" sale. Lots will be set out for viewing early before the meeting. We will have a short QUIZ GAME as a program first, so everyone will earn a few more bucks and have something to spend.

Christmas Party: December 8

The December meeting will be our annual Christmas party, December 8, 1997. We will be taking reservations and money for the party at the November meeting, but you may also mail in (see the back page)

Gary's Breakfast Club: January 12, 98

For those of you who are retired or report to work after 10:00 AM, here is a chance to join others for breakfast and philatelic conversation. Call Gary Hendren at 576-5261 if you are interested in attending. The plan:
8:30 Breakfast at Le Peep, Hiway 141 & Olive (just west of the Dierbergs)
9:15 Tools of Philately Discussion

Auction Bucks Sale 1997

1. Members must bring their auction bucks (no credit) and pay off each sale item as it is bid, so as to avoid questions of overspending.
2. Leftover bucks from previous years will be usable at one half their original value. If you have some, please come early enough to exchange a correct amount of new stuff with Hollis.
3. Thanks to all those who donated something for the BUX Auction. WE NEED ITEMS for the auction. Due to the late nature of last year's auction, we've had a short time between sales, and have less to give. Members who donate items will get some auction bucks reward. Please call any of the officers if you have something, and bring it along Monday.
4. Sale items will include some valuable US stamps and foreign stamp lots, some special cover collections, more of our Civil War patriotics, and some non-philatelic goodies.
5. Our auction list will be available at the meeting.

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Upcoming Bourse:



December 14 St. Louis, MO; Stratford Inn at I44 & Bowles Ave. exit, South Outer Road 10 to 4:30.

XMAS PARTY

You are cordially invited to the Greater St.Louis Stamp Club Annual Christmas Party on December 9th at the Orlando Gardens Hall.

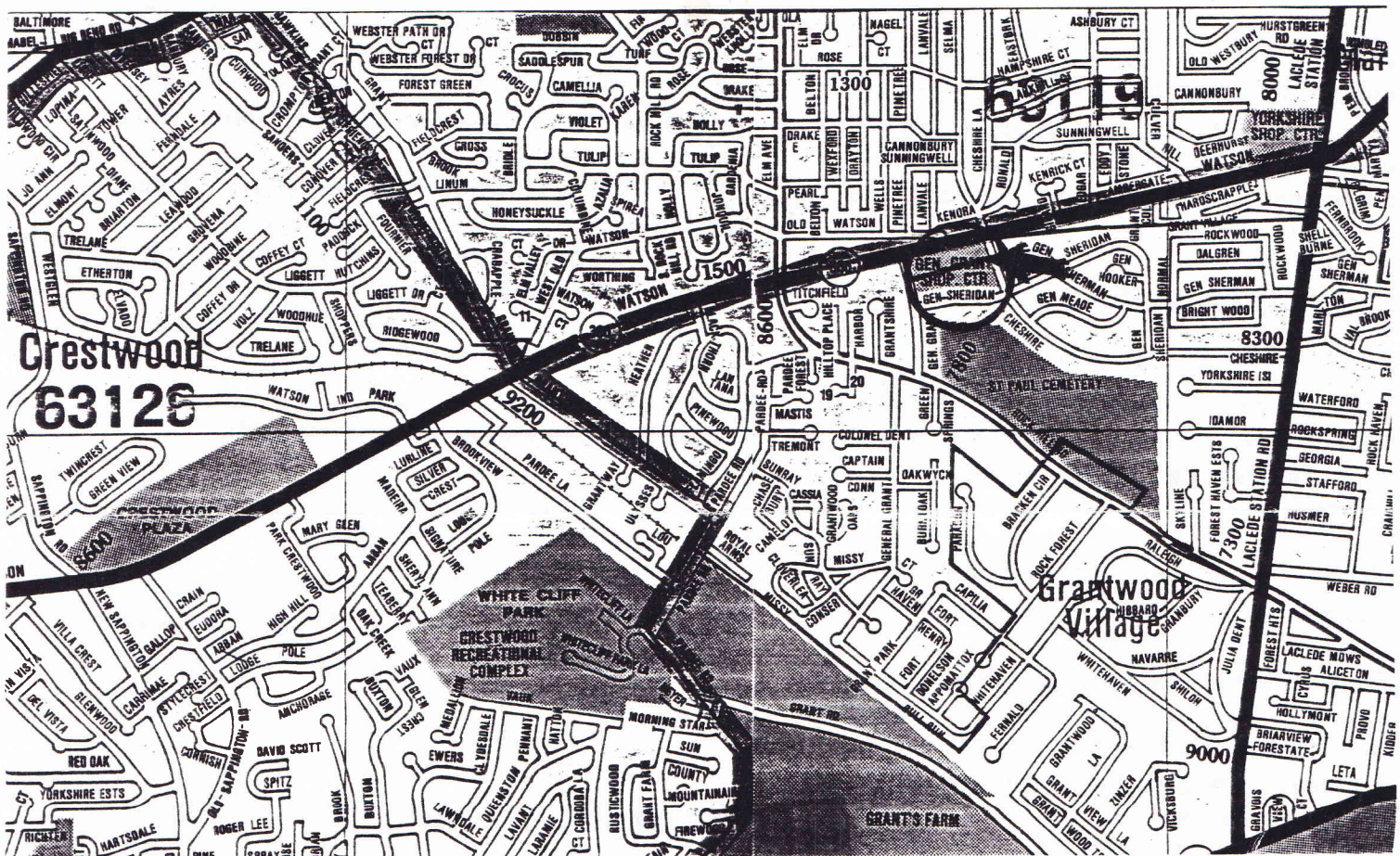
The hall will be open to us for four hours, from 6:00 to 10:00 PM, with buffet dinner at 7:30. The dinner menu will be similar to previous years, with two Entrees, Vegetable and appetizers, Salad bread, dessert, and open bar, so all drinks are included.

Please come help us celebrate the official end of another GSLSC year. Make reservations at the club meeting, or call or write:

Gary Hendren phone 576-5261 12737 Glenage, Maryland Heights, MO 63043

Directions to Orlando Gardens

Orlando Gardens is in General Grant's Shopping Center (formerly "Grant's Cabin"), between Elm and Laclede Street on the south side of Watson. From I44, exit on Elm at 44, go South to Watson, turn East (left) on Watson. Watch on your right for the large Orlando Gardens sign, trimmed in green neon



GSLSC XMAS Party Reservation: _____ persons at \$15.00 each

Name _____

Phone No. _____