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January 99

Meeting: Monday, January 25, 1999

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

Juniors Meeting will be at 6:30

Juniors will have a "workshop" on Scott's Catalog- bring one if you have it.

Adult meeting:

8:00 Our program this month will be given by new president Alan Barasch, concerning the stamps of St. Helena Island (see back page).

We'll also be handing out the updated club officer lists at this month's meeting.

Gary's Breakfast Club: February 9

A special Breakfast Club meeting:

February 8 we will tour the Hazelwood Bulk Mail Plant. Meet 8:30 am at the Denny's near McDonell Blvd. and Natural Bridge Rd., or at the plant at 9:30. We need to inform USPS of the people count in advance, so please call Joe Conti (838-6342), who will be coordinating the program.

This tour is open to anyone interested.

Philatelic Terms for Beginners:

Collateral:

Things related to stamps, such as route maps, postally related autographs, picture postcards, photos, cinderells, etc. used to enhance a stamp collection.

Spice is always good, but usually in small amounts.

ST. LOUIS STAMP EXPO 1999

The annual St. Louis Stamp Expo is coming up sooner than you expect.: this year it will again be held in early March. The location is the same as last year, the Henry VIIIth Inn on N. Lindbergh, just north of I-70.

Volunteers are always needed. If you would like to help, please speak with one of the club officers, or call one of the most needy committee chairs:

☐TG Rehkop (Registration desks) 694-4996

☐Dave Bueker or Ken Lucas (Youth room)

285-3680

☐Betty Nettles (Exhibits) 721-4848

Remember: helpers earn big **Auction Bucks**.

This year, as usual, there will be lectures and special meetings on Saturday and Sunday, and a dinner with a prominent guest speaker (tickets will be available through the GSLSC.) Gary Hendren will have an organizational meeting concerning the Missouri Postal History Society which he helped to found.

Make plans to be there March 5-8, and help support philately in St. Louis.

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It's Dues Paying Time Again

Please check your mailing address sticker. You are paid up through the year shown. If it doesn't say 99, it's time to renew. If you can't pay at a meeting, mail your money to **Gary Hendren, treasurer; 12737 Glenage; Maryland Hgts., MO 63043**. Still only \$5.00 per person or \$6.00 per family (write check to G.St.L. Stamp Club). Pay before March 1st and receive Auction Bucks.

A Faraway Place

Saint Helena is a tiny mote in the south Atlantic Ocean about 1000 miles from anywhere. Its closest neighbor is Ascension Island, situated 1100 kms to the northwest.

It is most famous for being the site of the second exile of Napoleon Bonaparte.

The Population

The St. Helenians (who refer to each other as "Saints") are of mixed origin, being descended from British settlers sent out by the East India Company and from many company employees and slaves from the South Asian sub-continent, the East Indies and Madagascar as well as a small number of Chinese and Africans. There are about 6000 Saints, more than 750 working on Ascension Island and in the Falklands.

History

St. Helena was uninhabited when discovered by the Portuguese navigator Joao da Nova Castella on May 21, 1502 and was named in honor of St. Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine the Great, whose festival falls on that day in the Eastern Church calendar. The (British) East India Company started the first permanent settlement at "Chapel Valley", now Jamestown, in 1659. After a brief Dutch occupation in 1673 the company kept the island until 1834, when it was brought under the direct government of the Crown. It's still a colony of Great Britain.

Napoleon

The best-known episode in the history of the island is Napoleon Bonaparte's exile here from 1815 until his death in 1821. The houses in which Napoleon lived, one at the Briars (close to Cable & Wireless) and one at Longwood (now neighboring the Jamestown golf course), and his original gravesite are owned and maintained by the French Government and attract much interest.

Between 1900 and 1902 some 6000 Boer prisoners-of-war were imprisoned on St. Helena and a large British garrison was stationed there.

Now that you know some history, come to our meeting in January to see the stamps of this fascinating faraway land.

A recent souvenir sheet of St. Helena:



Ascension Island, St. Helena, and the Tristan da Cunha Islands are administered as one colony. In land area, St. Helena is around the size of St. Louis city.

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February 99

Meeting: Monday, February 22, 99

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

Juniors meeting at 6:30

The Juniors will continue working with the Scott's Catalog (bring one if you have it).

Adult meeting:

8:00 PM: Our program will be **Computers and Philatelic Websites**, given by Kathy Sanders. stamps). Come hear about auctions, research libraries, chat groups, etc.

New Liberry an a New Meetin'Comin'!

Coming soon (tentatively April 10): A New Library Location. The books will be kept in a room at the office of Kathy Sanders, open every Second Saturday, and on request during office hours.

We'd like to get the room painted, and if anyone has some items for donation please consider giving: Carpet remnant 10x10, file cabinets, bookends, bookshelves, book donations, folding table or chairs, magazine holders, office supplies, (or \$\$). Auction Bux will be given for libray help.

Gary's Breakfast Club: March 8

Another Breakfast Club meeting:

February 9, 1998 at LePeep Restaurant Hwy 141 & Olive (just west of Dierbergs) at 8:30 am. We'll be reviewing the expo and assorted subjects. Give Gary Hendren a call if you'd like a little more info.


STL STAMP EXPO March 5-7, 1999

The annual St. Louis Stamp Expo is here. The location is the same as last year, the Henry VIIIth Inn on N. Lindbergh, just north of I-70. You should be receiving the official program sometime soon in the mail.

FRIDAY MARCH 5:

Bourse 11 AM to 6 PM Kid's tours today.

SATURDAY MARCH 6:

Bourse 10 to 6 Lectures from 10 to 2.(see ) Cachets signed by famous artist Tom Minor. Saturday evening banquet at the Hotel, bar opens at 6:00. Awarding of prizes for exhibits, Janet Klug dinner speaker. Tickets may be bought through the club (or ask at Regency).

SUNDAY MARCH 7:

Bourse 10:00 to 4:00 Lectures at noon. Regency will be holding their March Auction during Saturday and Sunday, starting at 11 AM both days. And don't forget the exhibits, which several club members are involved in

Volunteers are **still needed**, especially on Friday. If you would like to help, please contact a club officer. Remember: helpers get in free, and get Auction Bux.



The Missouri Postal History Society will be holding a first meeting here, 1:00 PM on Saturday. Please attend if you have any interest in any postal history of any part of Missouri. There will be a short slide program and a business meeting to determine the direction of the organization.

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1999 PROGRAM

JAN 25	St. Helena Island	Alan Barasch
FEB 22	Computers & Philatelic Websites	Kathy Sanders
MAR 5-7	ST. LOUIS EXPO	Henry VIII Inn
MAR 22	Missouri Postal History	Gary Hendren
APR 26	Parcel Post Issues	George Wren
MAY 24	Diamantina, Brazil	Betty Nettles
JUN 28	Philatelic Libraries	John Marquardt
JUN 17-19	Missouri Precancel Meeting	St. Charles, MO
JUL 26	No Meeting	
AUG 23	Show & Tell	All Members
SEP 27	British Occupation of Batum	Larry Weisz
OCT 25	U. S. Revenues	Don Woodworth
NOV 22	"Auction Bucks" Auction	
DEC 13	Christmas Party	Orlando Gardens
?????	SCGSL Fall Stampfest	Crestwood

Don't forget the 2nd Sunday shows at the Stratford Inn in Fenton

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March 99

Meeting: Monday, March 22, 1999

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

Juniors Meeting will be at 6:30

Juniors will be reviewing how to check watermarks. Bring in any early US stamps in your collection that might have a watermark and we'll show how to check it out.

Adult meeting:

8:00 Our program this month will be given by Missouri Postal Fiend Gary Hendren. The MO.PO.HI.SO. is up and running now. Gary will give us a rundown on the group, membership, etc., and will also be showing slide entertainment of assorted nice Missouri covers.

We'll also be getting organized on the library.

Gary's Breakfast Club: April 12

Someday the editor will get all dates right, I swear! Breakfast group will meet Monday April 12 at the old same place and discuss the "list of things to tell a new collector." We'll be talking about the library meetings also.

Upcoming Bourses:



April 24-25; St. Charles, MO; Star Stamps and More Stamp Festival; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4, refer to enclosed flyer for details and map.



April 11 St. Louis, MO; Fenton Stamp show: Stratford Inn at I44 & Bowles Ave. exit, South Outer Road The second Sunday bourse, 10 to 4:30.

LIBRARY Open House April 10, 1999

The Greater St. Louis Stamp Club will hold an Open House on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 12:00. Come look over our new location and view the over 300 volumes in the library. There will be refreshments served (juice, donuts, bagels, coffee).

We are working on an updated library book index list. If anyone has a book checked out, **please** return it at the meeting (Mar. 22) so that an accurate inventory can be taken.

We are still accepting donations of carpet, bookends, 4 drawer files, file folders and office supplies, folding table, books, or **energy**.

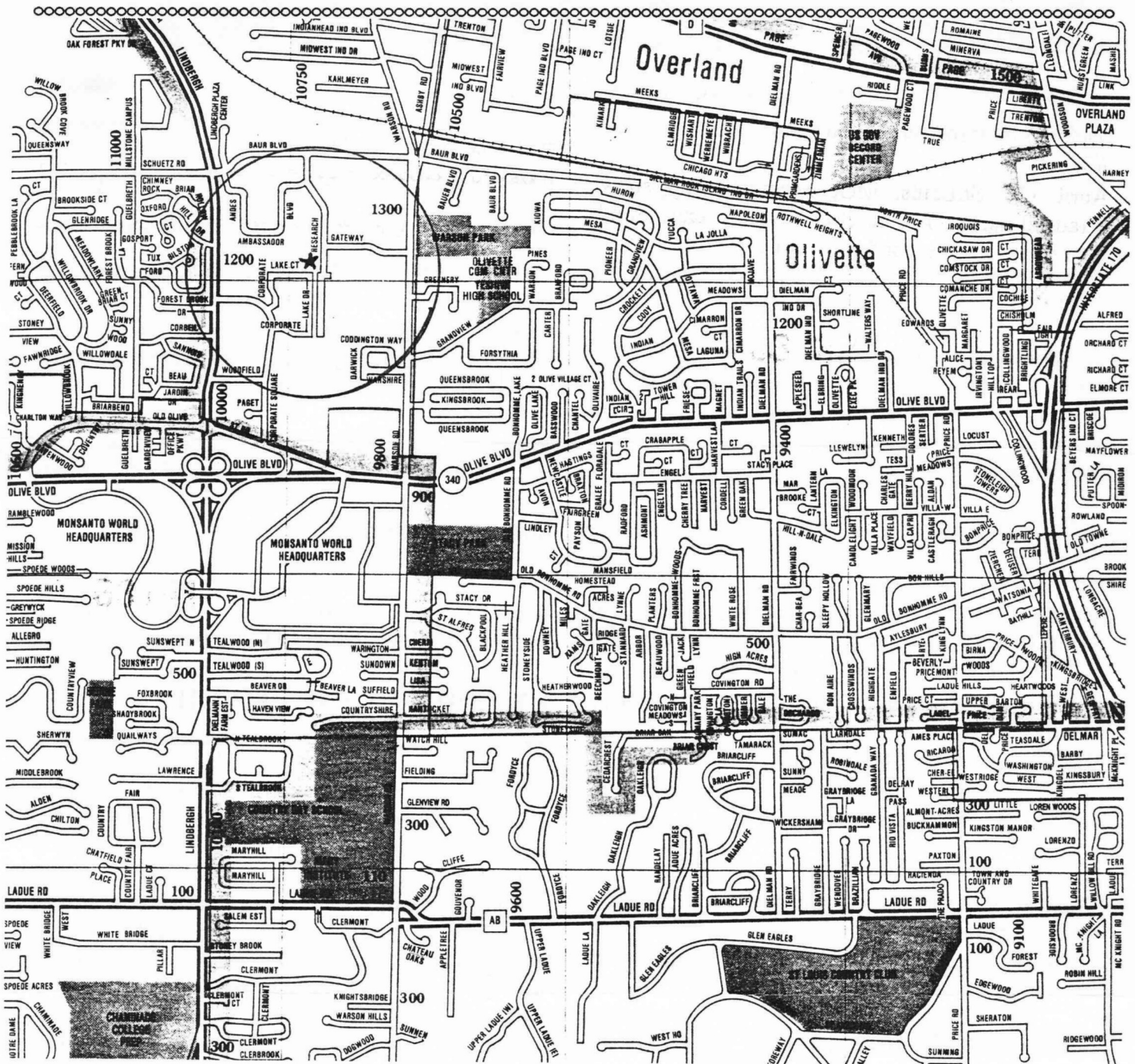
ST. LOUIS STAMP EXPO 1999

The officers wish to thank everyone who helped out at the annual St. Louis Stamp Expo. It was a great success, with probably the best attendance so far. If you were a volunteer, please give yourself a pat on the back. More than one dealer told me they thought it was one of the best shows in the country. Two judges made similar comments. This reflects well on GSLSC and St. Louis, too.

Volunteers are absolutely essential to all this—witness a formerly large expo in Florida which folded last year, mainly for lack of willing workers. If everyone is willing to chip in a little, no one has to work too hard, and great things are accomplished. That's what clubs like this are all about..

Philatelic Terms for Beginners:

Watermark: A mark in paper which can be seen when the paper is held up to the light.



Map to the Library Room

Long time members will notice that the library is about a half mile west of Olivette Community Center. The address is 1161 Research, phone 872-0200. If you take Lindbergh, turn at the Scheutz/Baur Road intersection, head east on Baur, turn right (south) on Research, last building on the right.

There is some parking in front, more in the back, or park in Allied's lot next door if need be.

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April 99

Meeting: Monday, April 26, 1999

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

Juniors Meeting will be at 6:30

How to properly use the perf gauge will be the main topic. Bring any material that may need the use of a perforation gauge. Information for the May Exhibit will be available. The Auction is coming in June.

Adult meeting:

8:00 pm. Our program will be on "The Life and Times of Winston Churchill" by Alan Barasch, showing stamps from the centennial of Churchill's birth in 1974.

The planned program, to be by George Wren, has been canceled due to illness. We wish George the best of health.

Gary's Breakfast Club: May 10

Breakfast group will meet Monday May 10 at LePeep Restaurant Hwy 141 & Olive (just west of Dierbergs) at 8:30 am. Those attending should give Gary Hendren a call to confirm, as he is temporarily back with his nose to the grindstone.

Celebrate the Century Train

The USPS is sending a promotional train around the country, painted on the outside and filled with displays on the inside, all to sell more "Celebrate the Century" stamps sheets. The train is due in St. Louis May 15-17 and sounds very interesting: One car is a Railway Post Car outfitted in early 1900's style. Watch for a local announcement. There's an WWWeb site at usps.com/ctc.

Upcoming Bourses:



April 24-25; St. Charles, MO; Star Stamps and More Stamp Festival; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4. McKinley Antique Mall 1701 N.2nd St.



May 9, Mothers' Day St. Louis, MO; Fenton Stamp show: Stratford Inn at 144 & Bowles Ave. exit, South Outer Road The second Sunday bourse, 10 to 4:30.



July 10-11, 99; Kansas City, MO; StampEx Holiday Inn, Overland Park KA, 10-6 Sat, 10-4 Sun



Philatelic Terms for Beginners:

Printing-on-the-back:

I don't know if there is a term for this, but there ought to be... The Celebrate the Century Stamps all have explanatory printing on the backs, but some earlier stamps had other things:

Due to paper shortages, Latvian stamps #1-2 were printed on German military maps, and some Russian stamps were printed using money paper, and were used as paper money too. Latvia 63, 68-9 were printed on the backs of various unfinished bank notes as the government changed; Many Spanish stamps of the early 1900s have control numbers on the back (to discourage theft), similarly for Mexico in 1872, Prussia, etc..

LIBRARY Open

The club library opened on Saturday, April 10, with a few people dropping in during the 9 to noon opening: Alan Barasch, Joe Conti, Gary Hendren, Tom Minor Ken Paulsen, and Kathy Sanders. The room has been repainted- walls, window, and molding- in a gray motif. New carpet is in the building, but hasn't been installed yet. Woden shelves were put together, the library was transferred from David Bueker's home to the new location and roughly sorted into categories and placed on the three shelves the club bought. Due to the yet-to-be- installed carpet, the shelves have been temporarily left in the main lobby. **Every 2nd Saturday**, we extend to all of the membership a chance to view the holdings, check out the latest philatelic newspapers, and pick out a box of used U.S. material at 5 cents a stamp, the money to go for operating expenses. If enough interest is shown, the club will try to get circuit books from APS to have available during library hours.

The next date will be **Saturday, May 8**, from 9 to noon.

David Straight has donated 2 more shelves which will be wall mounted after being painted. After the books have been inventoried, there will be a list of the club's holdings available to the membership. Supplies needed for the library includes four drawer metal filing cabinet, folding chairs, folding table, manila folders, book-ends, office supplies, books, material for a clipping file, \$\$\$. We have a donation list available, so that you may be able to obtain tax relief for your donation when we achieve tax exempt status.

When checking out a book, there is a sign-out sheet to be completed and then the book can be kept for a month. Books can be returned at the regular Monday meeting also. Members with their membership card may drop in and use the library as well as check out books during regular office hours, Mon-Thurs 8:00am- 4:30, Fri 8-noon. The address is 1161 Research, phone 872-0200

Churchill The Resilient Politician

Although Winston Churchill's finest hour was his leadership of Great Britain during the Second World War, this was not all there was to his career. Churchill was born in 1874, graduated from a military school and became an cavalry officer in India- then got out. He went to the Boer War as a news correspondent, was captured and escaped across S.Africa, became a national hero, and was elected to Parliament all in a year's time. By the time of WWI, he was First Lord of the Admiralty (and only 40 years old).

In 1915 Churchill was one of the originators and prime supporter of the Dardanelles Campaign. The idea was to attack Turkey, ally of Germany and Austria-Hungary, at the "Dardanelles Narrows" (or Bosphorus Straits) at Istanbul, so as to split the Ottoman Empire (Turkey), connect with ally Russia by the Black Sea, and end the stalemate in Europe. It didn't work (see the movie Gallipoli),- in fact, it was such a failure that eventually a total withdrawal was made, after 250,000 Allies were killed or injured. Churchill resigned, and went to France for a short time as a volunteer battalion commander. By late 1917 he was back, needed for a coalition government cabinet.

In 1922 his political party, the Liberals, collapsed, so he joined the Conservative Party, and was back in Parliament in two years; not to be out of political involvement until his retirement at the age of 81.

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May 99

Meeting: Monday, May 24, 1999

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

Juniors Meeting will be at 6:30

May is exhibit show month. If you plan to enter (a 1 or 2 page exhibit) try to arrive a few minutes early to set up. Please call Gary Hendren if you are coming, so he can plan for judges, etc. Remember the "Auction Bucks" Auction will be held on Monday June 21 instead of the 28th.

If any adults have stamps or supplies to donate for the kids' auction, please bring it to the May meeting. Auction Bucks for your donations.

Adult meeting at 8:00

We will have a special guest this month. Our program will be given by Dr. Elizabeth Nettles, on her unique collection on Diamantina.

Gary's Breakfast Club: June 10

Breakfast group will meet Monday May 10 at LePeep Restaurant at Hwy 141 & Olive (just west of Dierbergs) at 8:30 am. There will be a show & tell.

Upcoming Bourses:

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May 28-30, COMPEX 99; Chicago, IL; Rosemont Convention Center, River Rd. at Bryn Mawr, Rosemont; 10-6 Sat, 10-4 Sun

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June 13, Mothers' Day St. Louis, MO; Fenton Stamp show: Stratford Inn at I44 & Bowles Ave. exit, South Outer Road The second Sunday bourse, 10 to 4:30.

Library News

OPEN HOUSE June 12, 1999 9:00 am- Noon

The GSLSC is having an open house for members of other clubs and the general public on June 12! Refreshments will be served. If you plan to attend Regency's Auction which starts at 11:00, why not stop by on your way to the auction, have a cup of coffee and check out the books on the shelf which will now be in the freshly painted and newly carpeted book room.

If you think you might have a foreign forgery in your collection, why not check a few of the books in the library related to that topic? There is an 8-volume set of *Album Weeds- How to Detect Forged Stamps* awaiting your use. I overheard someone at COMPEX say that they referred to that set often when trying to determine if a stamp was real or not. Also in the library is a copy of *Focus on Forgeries* by Varro Tyler, one of the leading authorities on forgeries. A copy of the *Fournier Album of Philatelic Forgeries* and the recently published *Serrane Guide*, which is the book form of the series of articles that appeared in the APS Journal, await your perusal.

When checking out a book, there is a sign-out sheet to be completed, and then the book can be kept for a month before it has to be returned. Members with their membership card may drop in and use the library as well as check out books during regular office hours, Mon-Thurs 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Fri 8:00 - noon. (Give Kathy a call first).

Remember, a map was included in the March newsletter. The next library meeting date will be Saturday, July 10.

G.H.

Airmail in the Depression

In May 1930, in the midst of the new Depression, Republican Postmaster General Walter Folger Brown called a series of closed door meetings- (later referred to by Democrats as "Spoils Conferences") - to divvy up airmail contracts. Brown, who had spent the year since his appointment by Herbert Hoover studying the country's fledgling airmail system, was eager to put into effect a new piece of legislation known as the McNary-Watres Act that had become law during the previous month.

The legislation, authored by Brown himself, contained 3 important provisions: Operators would be paid for flying mail according to the space available for mail in their planes (as much as \$1.25 per mile for a large aircraft such as a Ford Trimotor); the postmaster could extend or consolidate routes at his discretion; and routes would be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder who had owned an airline operation on a daily schedule of at least 250 miles over a six-month period.

Brown's goal was to use the money involved in mail delivery to build a viable and safe commercial airline system. This had been going on since late 1925, when the existing routes were privatized, but the flexibility given to the USPOD was powerful. Once put onto place, the airmail contract system subsidized large operations at the expense of smaller carriers, giving substantial incentives to airlines to acquire large multiengine airplanes and develop passenger routes.

The airmail money increased in 1932, when the rate system was raised from its bargain basement 1928 price of 5¢/ oz. to 8¢. This was also the era of Zeppelin stamps, which had more to do with subsidizing commercial air development than with express mail.

The new system actually did result in a much stronger commercial aviation system early in the 1930s. But the postmaster soon alienated many airlines by his insistence on forcing mergers- for

example between Southwest AirFast Express and American Air Lines. His heavy handed management resulted in charges of favoritism by large and small operators alike. The election of FDR meant things were bound to change, especially when a Senator Black started a well publicized campaign. Following allegations of fraudulent practices on the part of the USPOD in allocating contracts, the system was canceled by FDR February 1934. Later in 1934, the airmail was reduced to 6¢/oz.

Of course, no alternative arrangement was handy, so the Army was simply ordered to take over the airmail system. The result was a fiasco, with several pilot deaths and crashes within a few weeks.

One aircraft company was especially affected. Young William E. Boeing had founded Pacific Air Company in 1916, using money from his lumber business. In 1927 he began expanding and buying related small firms, organizing what became United Aircraft and Transport, an all in one company (aircraft maker, airline, flight school, etc.) which was one of the big beneficiaries of the new mail business. But part of the political fallout over the controversy was a forced breakup: the government felt Boeing had too much of a monopoly. Boeing aircraft and United Airlines resulted. The incredibly wealthy Boeing was so angry he retired from business.

No other individual, before or since, has held as much power over America's airways as Postmaster General W.F.Brown.

Primary source Aviation History Magazine, May 99

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June-July 99

Meeting: Monday, June 28, 1999

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

Juniors Auction: special day, separate mailer.


Adult meeting at 8:00 pm


We will have a special guest this month. Our program will be given by John Marquardt, well-known to most active members as a bourse dealer. Mr. Marquardt will discuss his specialty, **Philatelic Books** for information or collecting: He is bringing along an assortment of things to see and buy.


Gary's Breakfast Club: July 12


Breakfast group will meet Monday July 12 at LePeep Restaurant at Hwy 141 & Olive (just west of Dierbergs) at 8:30 am. Bring something for show & tell.

Upcoming Bourses:

 July 11, St. Louis, MO; Fenton Stamp show: Stratford Inn at I44 & Bowles Ave. exit, South Outer Road The second Sunday bourse, 10 to 4:30.

 September 4-5, **GSLSC Stampfest**; Crestwood Community Center; 10-5 pm Sat, 10-4 Sun

 August 26-29; **APS Stampshow 99**: Cleveland, Ohio, Convention Center, 500 Lakeside Ave.; Thurs-Sat. 10-6, Sun 10-4.

 September 10-12, **INDYPEX 99**; Indianapolis, IN; Indiana Convention Center, 100 S. Capitol Ave.; 10-6 Fri-Sat, 10-4 Sun
members.aol.com/indypex/isc

In Memoriam

Member George Wren recently passed away, services were held this past weekend. George was an accomplished philatelist, as well as a warm and generous person, and will be missed by all of the collectors of St. Louis.

George spoke to GSLSC last year on his collection of early self-adhesives, and we had asked him to speak again this spring, but he was hospitalized at that time.

As an energetic and experienced collector, (with attitude to spare) George often wrote letters to, and was published by, the American Philatelist, Linn's, etc. George was nationally known for articles concerning the rarely used Parcel Post and Parcel Post Postage Dues stamps.

As editor of this newsletter, I also received a few, always appreciated, friendly notes. Thanks again, Dr. Wren

Library News

Next Library meeting date will be Saturday, July 10. Bring **Canadian** stamps if you're interested in selling or trading. Also, G.Hendren should be back from a week at APS headquarters, so there will be APS circuit books to pick from, probably with Canada, Revenues, and some mixed Foreign stamps.

Philatelic Terms for Beginners:

When pigs fly:

A collector's term referring to length of time it takes to organize an "accumulation". Example:

Collector: "I'll have the desk cleared off dear, as soon as I get this collection sorted."

Spouse: "Yeah, W.P.F."

Playing Hookey

The editor is playing hookey this week, so here is a big cover and a small article.

Slightly reduced you see a first day cover from the Bicentennial series of souvenir sheets: four famous paintings, each with 5 stamps perforated into the painting. About 2 million were sold of each denomination. If anyone has a cover with individual stamps torn out and used, I'd like to see it--the denomination is so faintly shown, real mail use would have been a nightmare for any postal clerk.

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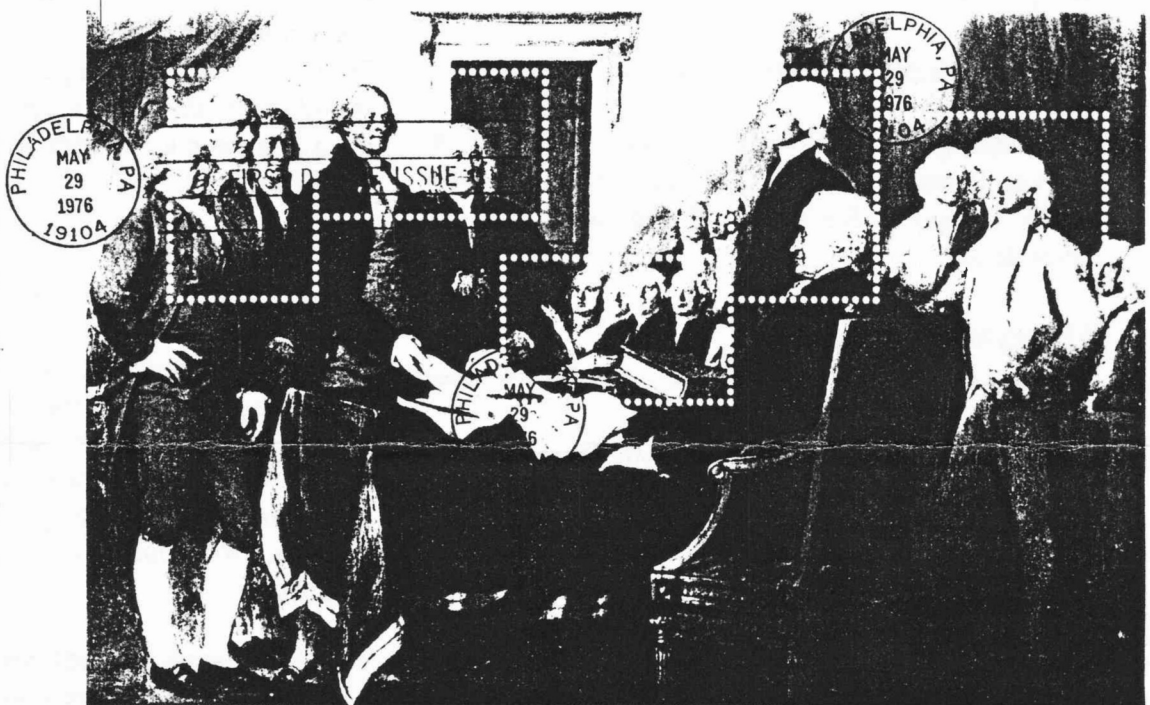
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A DETAIL FROM THE PAINTING
"THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE"
BY JOHN TRUMBULL

*The Declaration of
Independence
at Philadelphia*

JULY 4, 1776



The Declaration of Independence, 4 July 1776 at Philadelphia
From a Painting by John Trumbull



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August 99

Meeting: Monday, Aug. 23, 1999

The monthly meeting will be at Parkway Central High School.

Juniors meeting at 6:30

You will find a stamp hunt sheet enclosed. Bring 5 items and your sheet.

Adult meeting at 8:00 pm

Our Program will be two parts: **Part One** is *Getting Ready for Stampfest*. We'll be twistin' arms an' takin' names, because we're always short of volunteers for all the things that need to be done. But don't worry, you won't have to stamp postcards, that's already been done.

And we'd like to know how many we will have at the BBQ on Saturday- remember that we'll need to coordinate what Pot luck dishes will be brought. Please call one of the officers if you want to come to the BBQ but won't be at the meeting.

•Friday Happy volunteers help Boss G.H. set up, from 4-6 pm. •Saturday open from 10 to 5 pm. **GSLSC annual picnic:** fill up with BBQ 5pm to 7+ •Sunday open from 10 to 4pm. Spend the Bourse Bucks coupon you won last year, or enjoy the exhibits, your money's gone. 4pm to 6pm: Happy volunteers take down exhibits, help clean up kitchen and hall as dealers leave.

Part Deux is *Show and Tell*. All members should bring something they've bought/found etc. It will be worth a few auction bucks.

Gary's Breakfast Club: September 13

Breakfast group will meet Monday September 13 at LePeep Restaurant at Hwy 141 & Olive (just west of Dierbergs) at 8:30 am. Discussion on the Stampfest, bring something you got there.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: GSLSC STAMPFEST 99 Is Here !!

I am pleased to invite you to share your weekend with us at StampFest, Sept. 4 & 5.

First to answer your question, why on the holiday weekend? There are times when outside forces determine when the room and our dealers are available. Last year INDYPEX was on the Labor Day holiday; they have moved their show to our usual week. And later on, the room is not available. As you know, putting together a show of this type takes work. Gary is busy months in advance securing the hall, lining up dealers, and publicity.

The days of the show, we need lots of volunteers to man the registration table, help with concessions, loading and unloading, table and frame setup and arranging.

Don't forget our "pot luck" BBQ on Saturday night. Dave will be cooking up the meat all afternoon, but we need your veggies, etc.

I urge you to come out, volunteer for a short time at the registration desk or one of the other odd jobs. You will still have plenty of time to visit all the tables and we will greatly appreciate your help.

Other Bourses:



August 26-29; **APS Stampshow 99:** Cleveland, Ohio, Convention Center, 500 Lakeside Ave.; Thurs-Sat. 10-6, Sun 10-4.



September 10-12, **INDYPEX 99:** Indianapolis, IN; Indiana Convention Center, 100 S. Capitol Ave.



September 18-19 **SIRPEX** Southern Illinois Rural Post Office Exhibition, University Mall, Carbondale, IL;

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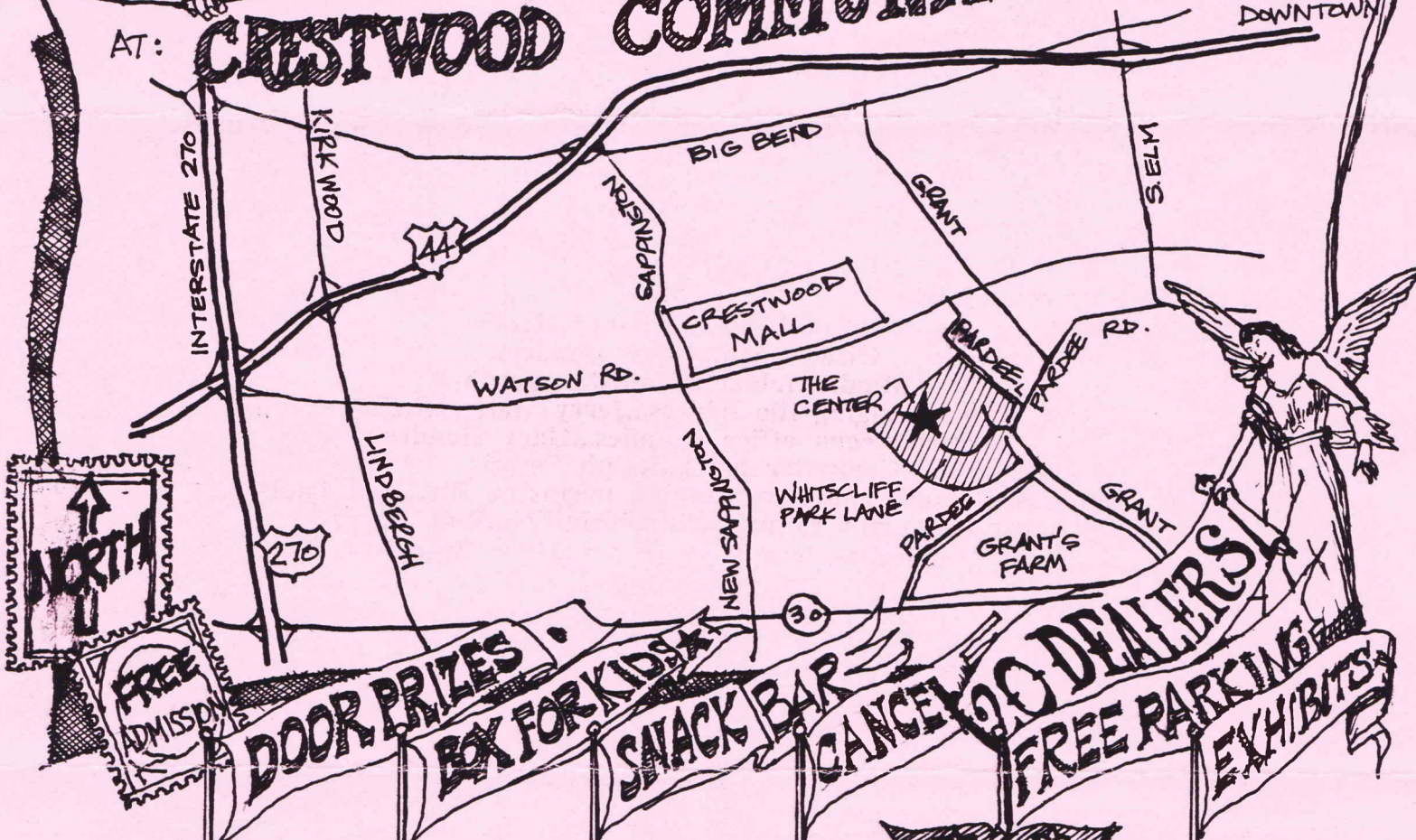
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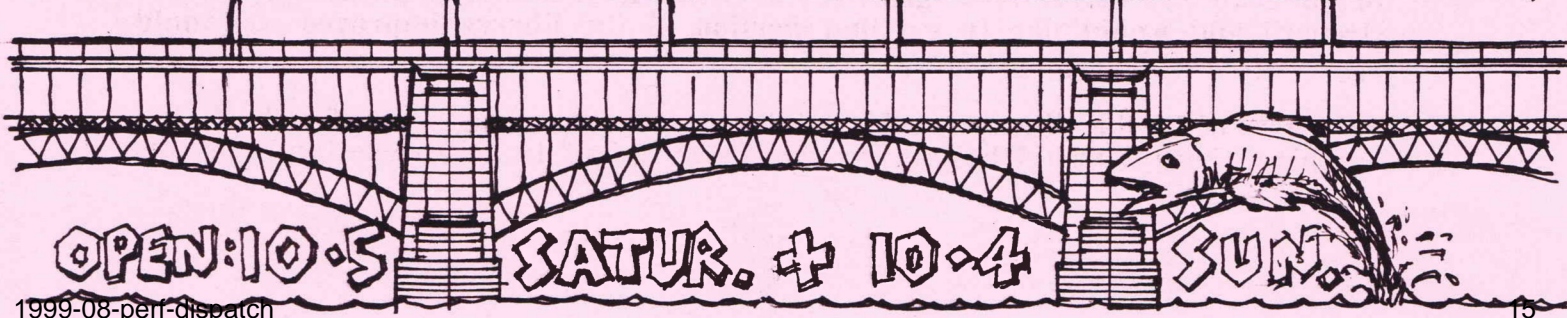


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September 99

Meeting: Monday, Sept. 27, 1999

The monthly meeting will be at Parkway Central High School.

Juniors meeting at 6:30

Will watch a video on the Basics of Stamp Collecting.

Adult meeting at 8:00 pm

Our Program will be on **The British Occupation of Batum** given by Larry Weisz. Batum is a port city in Russia, on the Black Sea near Turkey. Larry is the winner of our "most obscure specialty" award-- come learn about something you're guaranteed not to have seen before.

This month's program has been mailed using the special cancel used at the StampFest, celebrating Eads Bridge. Ask me if you want to know more.

Gary's Breakfast Club: October 11

Breakfast group will meet Monday October 11 at LePeep Restaurant at Hwy 141 & Olive (just west of Dierbergs) at 8:30 am. Bring your smallest cover or largest stamp; also something that would fit into a Columbus collection for Columbus Day.

Coming UP

To be discussed at the meeting:

November is the annual Auction Bucks sale, and we have nothing to sell yet. We need members to donate items to make this any fun. Remember donations are worth auction bucks, too. Bring things to the meeting, or call a club officer if you can't make it

December is the XMAS Party, tentatively set for the Second Monday (Dec. 13)- mark your calendar

Upcoming Bourses:



October 10; Stratford Inn Bourse, Bowles exit at I44, S.Highway Dr., Fenton; 2nd Sunday monthly bourse



October 22-24; **Midaphil 99** Kansas City, KA; Lenexa Community Center 13420 Oak; Xmas Seal & Charity Stamp Society will be having their convention.



October 23-24, **Star Stamps & More Co. Festival**; McKinley School Antique Mall 1701 N.2nd; Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4; see enclosed flyer.

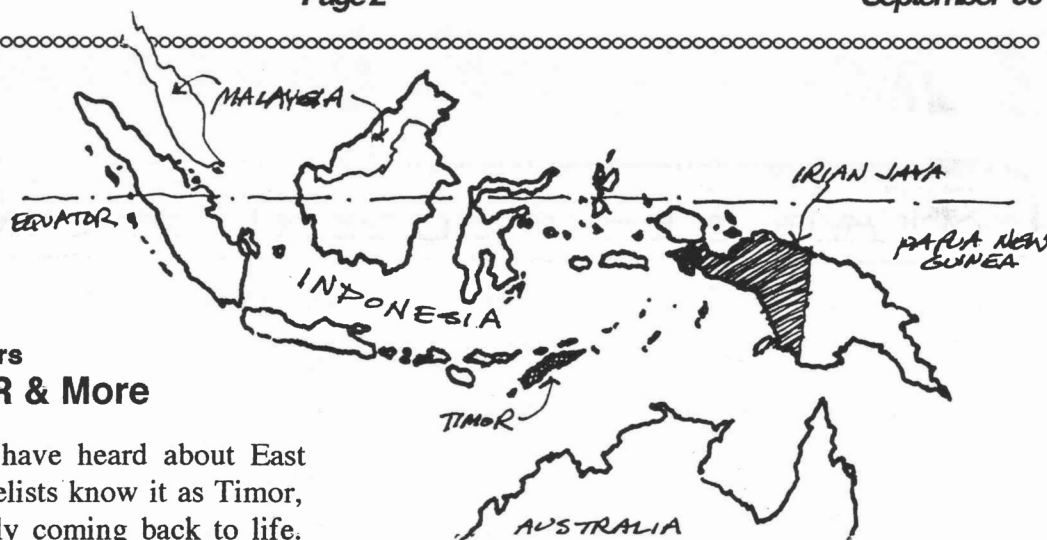
STAMPFEST 99 Thank-you's

Unusual schedule or not, the GSLSC Stampfest was a general success, in terms of overall attendance and dealer/visitor reactions. Mr. Hendren tells me we have received several inquiries as to membership.

Thank-you to all who took time out to attend: that's what this activity is for-- and a crowd of people makes everyone happier, especially visiting dealers. *Special thanks* to everyone who helped set-up, take-down, watch the front entry, helped at the food booth, etc..As usual, we were short of helpers, and needed a few more: some who were willing stayed extra long to fill in.

Extra special thanks to those who spent time helping though they are not members of the club: especially Debbie Bueker who put in many hours preparing and serving food with husband Dave-- profits of which paid for the wonderful BBQ supper they organized on Saturday evening.

If you did not attend the Festival, or at least the free supper, I feel sorry for you: you missed out on a lot of fun and fellowship. Try again next year.



Philatelic Terms for Beginners

TIMOR & East TIMOR & More

Recently in the news you have heard about East Timor, in Indonesia. Philatelists know it as Timor, a dead country now probably coming back to life. Timor was used as a name on stamps from 1885 to 1975.

Back before WWII, the area now known as Indonesia was mostly controlled by the Dutch, and known as the Netherlands Indies, or Dutch East Indies. But one island had been fought over or held by the Portuguese and the Dutch as a colony from the 1500's on, and they had eventually divided up this island, with about two-thirds as East Timor for the Portuguese. Even taken as a whole, Timor is not very big, only about 280 miles by 65 miles wide, with under 2 million people.

The stamps of the Portuguese portion were always marked just TIMOR, but there was no confusion- West Timor was part of the area of the NETHERLANDS INDIES. The E. Timor stamps of the late 1800's are a mix of special stamps printed for Timor and other Portuguese colony stamps overprinted TIMOR. None of them are incredibly expensive or rare.

In 1975 Indonesia decided to take over East Timor: there were rebels, but no outside country got involved that until now. Will there soon be new postal stamps for a reborn country?

Indonesia is a country made up of many small islands, and many people of different ethnic/racial backgrounds and many widely different religious groups. Is there a possibility that more islands would like to, and will try to, be independent? You bet-- That's certainly on the minds of those in the central government and army. Next to go will be Irian Jaya, the easternmost island.

The large island of New Guinea, directly north of Australia, was divided in the 1800's between Netherlands and Great Britain. Britain took the eastern half, now PAPUA NEW GUINEA, and the Dutch took the western half. When the people of Netherlands Indies fought for independence after WWII, the Dutch kept control of their half of New Guinea, the excuse being that they had partially administered New Guinea as a separate colony. So from 1950 to 1962, there are stamps issued for NETHERLANDS NEW GUINEA alone. Fighting continued. Then the UN took over the territory, as a transitional period- and used the Dutch stamps, overprinted UNTEA (United Nations Territorial Executive Authority)- only in 1962-1963.

The area was then turned over to Indonesia. For a few years, the government printed separate stamps for IRIAN BARAT, but that ended in 1970. Since then it has been known as Irian Jaya. Fighting continues, as the central government sends excess population in (from western islands) and takes wealth out (gold, oil, exotic lumber, etc.)

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October 99

Meeting: Monday, Oct. 25, 1999

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Juniors meeting at 6:30

Adult meeting at 8:00 pm

Our program, by local collector Don Woodworth, will be on U.S. Revenues. Don has exhibited from his revenue collection in the St. Louis Expo and is highly knowledgeable about alcoholic beverages (in tax stamps, that is).

Breakfast Assignment: November 8

Breakfast group will meet Monday November 8 at LePeep Restaurant at Hwy 141 & Olive (just west of Dierbergs) at 8:30 am. Show me yours & I'll show you mine.....

November Meeting

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XMAS Party

December is the XMAS Party, set for the traditional time & place, second Monday (Dec. 13) at Orlando Gardens. Price \$15 per, same as last year. Pay at this or the November meeting (map next month).



Upcoming Bourses:



Nov. 10; Stratford Inn Bourse, Bowles exit at I44, S.Highway Dr., Fenton; 2nd Sunday monthly bourse for the true addict, planning to change to Saturday for the next millennium.



October 30-31, OKC Fall Bourse Oklahoma City; Lincoln Clarion Hotel, 4535 N.Lincoln Blvd; email rfritz8283@aol.com; Sat.10-6, Sun. 10-4: Too far to go, unless happen to be in the area.



Nov. 19-21, **Chicagopex** Rosemont Convention Center, 5555 N.River Rd.; Fri/Sat. 10-6 & Sun.10-4. One of the two big annual Chicago expos.

Library News

The next Library meeting date will be Saturday, November 13. Bring stamps if you're interested in selling or trading: the country will be Switzerland. APS circuit books should be available with Germany, Switzerland and Europe.

Philatelic Terms for Beginners

Mexican Xmas Seals:

There are TB Seals used for fund raising, but they almost seem like revenues. The first year of issue was not until 1943.

Mexican seals were produced in the government printing office on government postal paper until 1956. They are usually denominated, and sold for that set price through post offices. They are aggressively pushed by the P.O., and are often found in Mexico stamp mixtures, having been put on cover and cancelled along with a real stamp (sometimes by confused gringos).

Member Auction

COUNTRY	SCOTT NO	CAT VALUE	DESCRIPTION	MIN BID	OWNERS NO	
USA	VARIOUS	—	OVER 100 ENVELOPES, CORNERS (MUST SEE)	100.00	055	
IRELAND	792	6.50	MNH - VF	2.00	321	
RHODESIA & NYASALAND	158-171	85.35	MINT - VF	20.00	321	
ANTIGUA	20	17.50	USED - F - 2 SHORT PERFS	2.50	321	2.50
TRISTAN da CUNHA	141-152	19.70	MINT - VF - V. LIGHT HINGE MARKS	5.00	321	
GR. BRITAIN	218	40.00	MINT BLOCK OF 4 - VF	8.00	321	8.-
GR. BRITAIN	217	16.00	MINT BLOCK OF 4 - VF	3.00	321	3.-
SOLOMON ISLS	412	7.00	MINT - VF - REISSUE OF 1982	2.00	321	
OMAN	56-64 LESS 56A	24.20	MINT - VF	6.00	321	
USA	339	57.50	MINT - NH - F - VF	10.00	321	10.-
BELGIUM	B170-177	6.70	MINT - F - VF	2.00	321	2.-
USA	—	—	PATRIOTIC COVER (1862) "LONG MAY IT WAVE"	20.00	CLUB	
USA	—	—	PATRIOTIC COVER AMERICAN FLAG, SHEET HIM ON THE SPOT	20.00	CLUB	20.-
USA	Q-4	2.50	USED - F - VF OHIO CANCEL SOME DAMAGE	.50	CLUB	.60
USA	Q-5	2.00	USED - F - VF - SMALL CREASE	.40	CLUB	.55
USA	118	575.00	USED, GRILL, THIN - REPAIRED, HINGE REMNANT SAVED	20.00	CLUB	20.-
USA	303	1.25	USED, PULLED PERFS, F - VF, PURPLE CANCEL	.30	CLUB	.50
CHRISTMAS ISLE	69-84	7.45	MINT, NH, VF	2.00	LIBRARY	2.-
USA	RW-1	125.00	USED, AVG, UNSIGNED MULTIPLE CREASES	10.00	23 RS	10.-
USA	RW-8	42.50	USED, F - VF, UNSIGNED	10.00	23 RS	
USA	RW-12	25.00	USED, F, UNSIGNED	5.00	23 RS	5.-
USA	RW-13	13.00	USED, F, UNSIGNED	2.50	23 RS	5.-
USA	UC-48 UC-50	1.80	MINT, ENTIRE	.50	23 RS	.50
USA	1004	.35	MINT, HINGED, PLT BLOCK	.20	23	.30
USA	E-1	40.00	USED, OC (CUTS AT BOTTOM)	5.00	23	5.50
USA	E-2	15.00	USED, F SHRT PERF @ BOTTOM	3.00	23	3.20
USA	E-3	20.00	USED, AVG, ROUGH PERFS @ BOTTOM, CREASE	3.00	23	3.20
USA	E-16	.90	MINT, NH, AVG	.30	23	.30
USA	E-17	.60	MINT, NH, F - VF	.20	23	.30
USA	E-18	2.75	MINT, NH, F - VF, 1 PULLED PERF	.50	23	.60
USA	1612	7.50	MINT, NH, VF 5 AMERICANAS	5.00	23	5.75
USA	1612	3.25	MINT, NH, VF 2 AMERICANAS	2.00	23	2.75
USA	1610	1.75	MINT, NH, VF	1.00	23	
JAPAN	541	25.00	MINT, VF	6.00	1146	
TOKELAU	33-36	7.45	MINT, VF	2.00	1146	
ITALY	1N11	15.00	MINT, F - VF	3.00	1146	3.-
ITALY	264	14.00	MINT, VF	3.50	1146	
BRUNET	25	6.25	USED, F - VF	2.00	1146	2.-
BELGIUM	76-78	9.50	MINT, VF	2.00	1146	
KIRIBATI	599-606	8.80	MINT, VF	2.00	1146	
ET E. AFRICA	C-18	15.00	MINT, VF, NO GUM	2.00	1146	
USA	299	25.00	USED, OC (CUT INTO LEFT SIDE)	2.50	1146	3.00
USA	11	35.00	PR, USED, CUTS INTO BOTTOM FRAME	2.50	1146	4.50

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Nov. Dec. 99

Meeting: Monday, Nov. 22, 1999

The monthly meeting will be at Parkway Central High School.

Juniors meeting:

Separate note to juniors included in your envelope.

Adult meeting at 8:00 pm

Our program will be the fifth 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 bucks and have something to spend.

We'll be electing club officers for the new millennium at this meeting, also. If you're interested in volunteering for something, please feel free. The present slate of nominees is approximately the same as last year's.

No Breakfast Club

Monday morning club will not meet in December--a January date will be set at the meeting.

Library News

We'll be discussing the future library schedule at the November meeting, since we may have to shift weekends next year. If you want any books, give Kathy a call to arrange check out.

XMAS Party: December 13

The December meeting will be our annual Christmas party, December 13, 1997. Please pay and make your reservation at the meeting, or mail it with the enclosed form.

Auction Bucks Sale 1999

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. 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 include some US stamps and foreign stamp lots, some philatelic books, Civil War patriotic covers, and some non-philatelic goodies: see the auction list on page 3.



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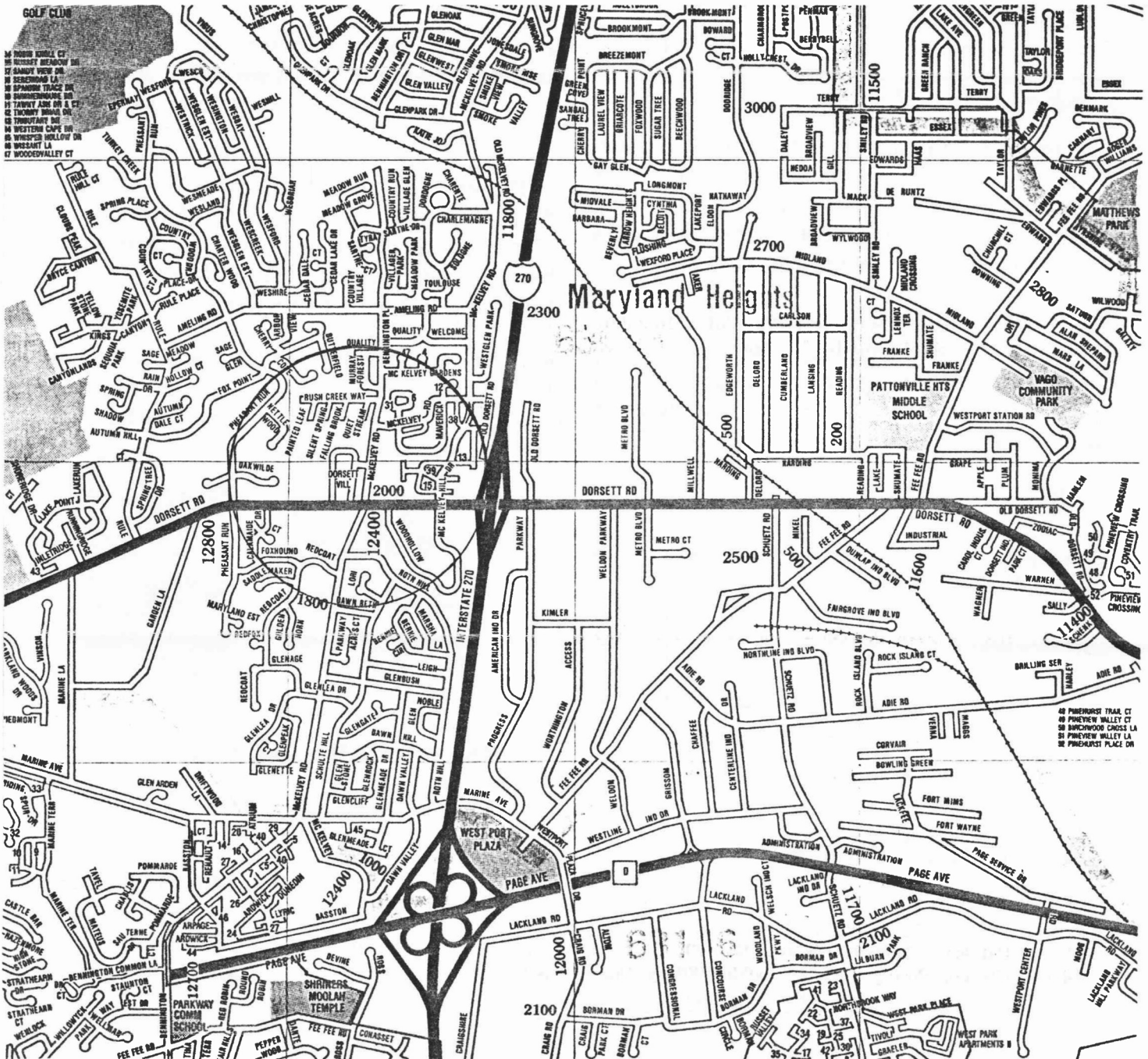
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XMAS PARTY

Directions to Orlando Gardens

Orlando Gardens is in Dorsett Village/Schnucks Shopping Center. Driving North on I-270, exit at Dorsett, turn West (left) on Dorsett. Go through the stop light at McKelvey Road. Turn right at the next light, (there's a big Schnucks sign). Drive along the shopping center, past "Schnucks" and "Golf House" to the "Orlando Gardens" door under a red awning.



Please arrive a little early to view the lots and pick up to 3 lots to be auctioned early, while your money lasts. Tom Minor will give those in attendance to earn money with his famous stamp trivia quiz.

Thanks to Alan Barasch, Joe Conti, Curt Gidding, Gary Hendren, Bob Hanson, David Straight and the SCGSL for donated lots and to Gary Hendren for putting the auction together. You are encouraged to bring additional lots and gain more auction bucks. Other lots including a box of binders will be available on site.

Supplies

#01	Pack of Hinges (#23)	1.50	_____
#02	Pack of Hinges (#23)	1.50	_____

Stamps

#03	Falkland Is. Reindeer set of 4 (#319)	???	_____
#04	Mexico over 300 older and newer issues (#342)	???	_____
#05	Mexico 5 stockpages of modern used singles (#342)	???	_____
#06	Nova Scotia, Sc#2 Used, Cut in right margin (#319)	1997 CV 125.00	_____
#07	Nova Scotia, Sc#3 Used, Margin cut on 3 sides (#319)	1997 CV 175.00	_____
#08	Spain 1987 Booklet of 6 (C)	???	_____
#09	Switzerland 7 Used Postage Dues (#342)	???	_____
#10	U.S., Sc#805, Prexie tied to tag (C)	???	_____
#11	U.S., Sc#933 on First Flight Cover Honolulu to Seattle (C)	1.00	_____
#12	U.S., Sc#1610 MNH, VF (#23)	1.75	_____
#13	U.S., Sc#1907, MNH Pl strip of 3, Pl #10 (#319)	14.00	_____
#14	U.S., Sc#1907, MNH Pl strip of 3, Pl #10 (#319)	14.00	_____
#15	U.S., Sc#1908, MNH Pl strip of 3, Pl #4 (#319)	4.75	_____
#16	U.S., Sc#1934 FDC slightly soiled (C)	.50	_____
#17	U.S., Sc#J80, M disturbed gum Bl of 6 (#319)	1.00	_____
#18	U.N., Sc#26, MNH Inscription Bl of 9 (#360)	7.00	_____
#19	U.N., Sc#26, MNH Inscription Bl of 6 (#360)	6.00	_____
#20	U.N., Sc#29, MNH Inscription Single (#360)	7.00	_____
#21	U.N., Sc#29, MNH Inscription Single (#360)	7.00	_____
#22	U.N., Sc#29, MNH Inscription Bl of 4 (#360)	30.00	_____
#23	U.N., Sc#47-48, MNH 1955 Human Rights Day (#360)	1.00	_____
#24	U.N., Sc#108-9, MNH 1962 Memorial Issue (#360)	1.50	_____
#25	U.N., Sc#719-26, MNH 1998 Flag Set (#360)	3.00	_____
#26	U.N., Mixture of 50 MNH-some multiple copies (#360)	???	_____
#27	Patriotic Cover-Lewistown, ME (C)	20.00	_____
#28	Pictorial Cancel-10/15/1999-Villa Ridge, MO (#23)	1.00	_____
#29	7-1-71 St. Charles, MO (#23)	1.00	_____
#30	7-1-71 St. Louis, MO (#23)	1.00	_____
#31	U.S. Used mix of 200 different (C)	5.00	_____

Literature

#32	1997 U.S./B.N.A. Stamp Catalogue (#321)	3.00	_____
#33	An Illustrated Catalog of Phila. RR & Maritime Markings (C)	7.50	_____
#34	An Introduction To Stamp Collecting-Steven Rod (C)	3.00	_____
#35	Basic Philately- Kenneth Wood (C)	7.50	_____
#36	Catalogo De Selos Brazil '81 (C)	3.00	_____
#37	Catalogue Thiaude (France) '47 (C)	2.00	_____
#38	Chinese Postage Stamp Booklets-Ellery Denison (C)	7.50	_____
#39	Classic Hawaii-Exhibit Photocopy (C)	12.50	_____
#40	Common Sense Philately-Barbara Mueller (C)	5.00	_____

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#41	Early Stamp Machines-W.G. Stitt Dibden (C)	15.00	-----
#42	Fun & Profit in Stamp Collecting-Herman Herst (C)	12.00	-----
#43	How to Collect Stamps-Ralph Kimble (C)	5.00	-----
#44	How To Gain Pleasure & Profit From Stamp Collecting-Ellis (C)	5.00	-----
#45	Minimum Essentials in Stamp Collecting-Gerald Burgess (C)	5.00	-----
#46	Mock U.S. Local Posts-Exhibit by Richard Fajola (C)	12.00	-----
#47	Nassau Street-Herman Herst (C)	10.00	-----
#48	Philatelic Gems II-Donna O'Keefe (C)	12.00	-----
#49	Postage Stamps As An Investments (C)	5.00	-----
#50	Scott 1998 U.S. Pocket Stamp Catalogue (#321)	9.95	-----
#51	Scott's New Handbook for Philatelists (C)	7.50	-----
#52	Stamp Collector's Guide-Harry Zarchy (C)	5.00	-----
#53	Stamp Collecting-Stanley Phillips (C)	5.00	-----
#54	Stamps-R.F. Schoolley-West (C)	5.00	-----
#55	Stamps For Investment-Kenneth R. Lake (C)	5.00	-----
#56	Stamps, Posts and Postmarks-Ian Angus (C)	7.50	-----
#57	Texas Republic Postal System-Harry Knowiser (C)	10.00	-----
#58	The Advertisements in World Wide Booklets-Jeremy Lifsey (C)	8.00	-----
#58	The Beginner's Book of Stamp Collecting-Stanley Phillips(C)	5.00	-----
#60	The Jefferson Davis Postage Stamp Issue of the Conf.-Malpass(C)	9.00	-----
#61	The Postage Stamp, Its History & Recognitions-L.N.Williams (C)	3.00	-----
#62	The Postal History of Christmas Seals-Douglas Hehmann (C)	10.00	-----
#63	The Romance of the Postage Stamp-Gustav Schenk (C)	5.00	-----
#64	The Stamp Collector's Encyclopaedia-R.J. Sutton (C)	7.50	-----
#65	The World of Stamps & Stamp Collecting-Lidman & Appelbaum(C)	15.00	-----
#66	The World of Stamps & Stamp Collecting-Arthur Blair (#23)	15.00	-----
#67	United Nations Stamp Catalogue 1951-82 (C)	3.00	-----
#68	Watermarks and Perforations-Ervin J. Felix Water Damage (#23)	7.50	-----

Odds & Ends

#69	2-Liter CaffeineFree Pepsi (#23)	1.00	-----
#70	2-Liter Regular Coke (#23)	1.00	-----
#71	Bottle of Domaine St. George White Zinfandel wine-1993 (#321)	???	-----

XMAS PARTY

You are cordially invited to the Greater St.Louis Stamp Club Annual Christmas Party on December 13th at Orlando Gardens (Way Out) NW. The cost is \$15.00 per person.

The hall will be open to us from 6 to 10, 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 drinks included.

Please come help us celebrate the official end of another GSLSC year. Make reservations at the club meeting, or send a check to:

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