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WINTER MEETINGS

Our meeting in November was so rudely canceled by the Ferguson mess when all the Parkway schools closed their buildings early.

You are still holding on to those lovely Auction Bux and Gary's van is still full of auction items. We are ready to have a sale.

2014-15 SCHEDULE

January 26, 2015. Auction Bux Sale & Elections
February 9 Breakfast Club
February 23..... TBA
March 9 Breakfast Club

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BUX AUCTION

What are Auction Bux, one might ask. All during the year, a sheet is passed out at each meeting listing the various club activities. You earn 5 Bux for simply showing up at a meeting. There is a reward for participating in the 50/50 drawing, for working at one of the shows, for contributing an article to the newsletter, for being an APS member, and for being an officer. Some people accumulate over 500 Bux during the year.

The Auction Bux are used in place of money at the annual donation sale.

DEMOGRAPHICS

In my capacity as secretary, I hold bits and pieces of information about lots of people. For example, of the members for whom I have a birthdate, the average age is 67.6 years. The Webster Groves club averages a year higher.

Thirteen of our 57 members joined before 2000 and 18 joined in the last five years.

So, where do our members live? See the map on the back page. Part of the impact is obscured because several members might live in the same neighborhood. 13% of our members live in Saint Charles and environs. 12% are in Chesterfield and more than 8% in Ballwin area. The most surprising number are the 10% that live more than 100 miles from our home base.

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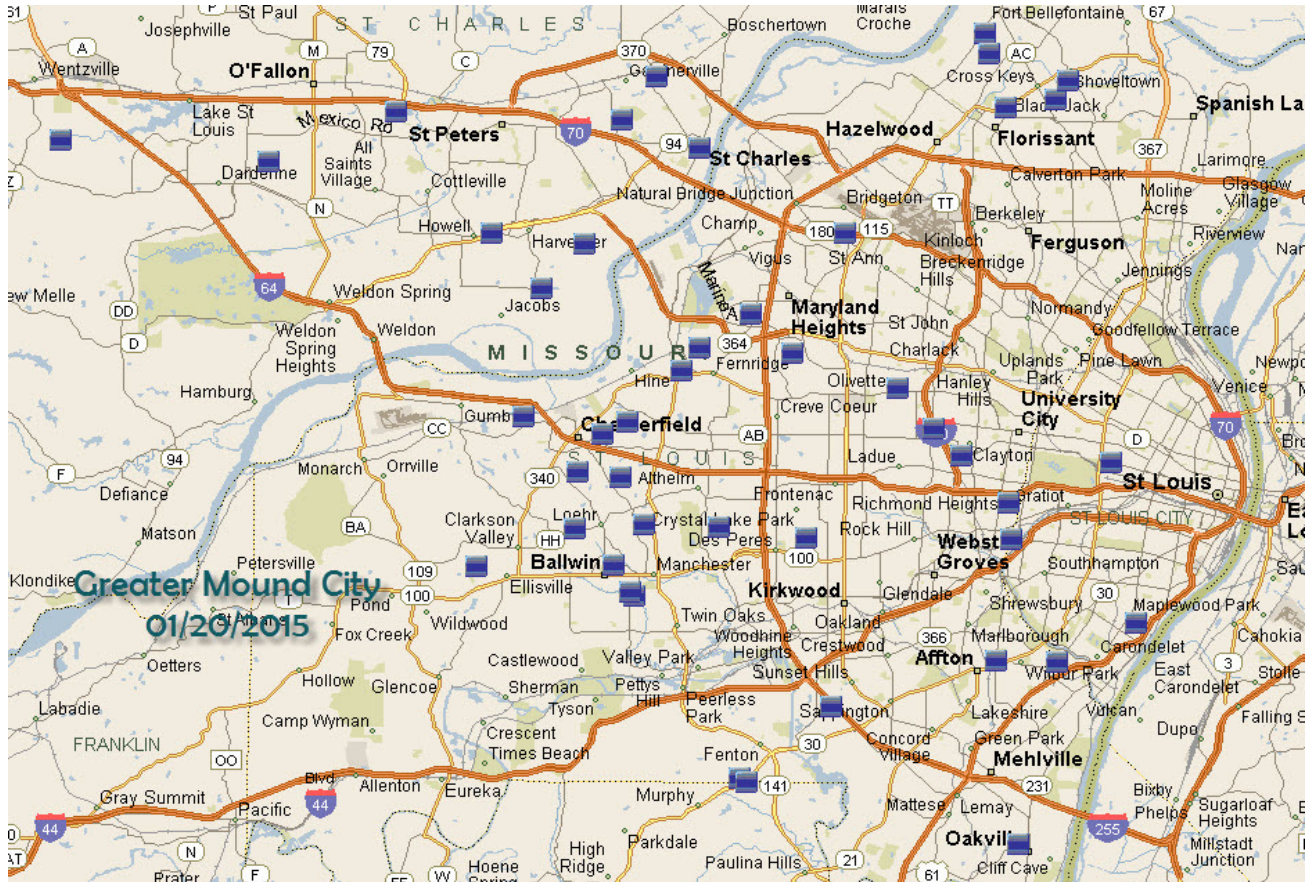
I stand corrected on the Holiday Party. It was not organized by Gary and Lynda but by our esteemed vice-president, **Katrina Whitaker**. I guess I wasn't listening when it was decided.

Great job!

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SPRING MEETINGS

Our meeting in February is called **Victoria's Secret** and is presented by **Donald Woodworth**. He tells me it has something to do with revenues.

The rest of the schedule is still in flux until after the officers meet.

2014-15 SCHEDULE

February 23..... Victoria's Secret (revenues)
Don Woodworth

March 9 Breakfast Club

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March 27-29 St Louis Stamp Expo

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www.StLouisStampExpo.org

BUSY MEMBERS

Our treasurer, **Gary Hendren** is staying busy with winter stamp shows. He won Gold medals in both Southeastern Stamp Expo (Atlanta) and Sarasota National; a week apart for his exhibit of "Street Car Mail." He also won the US Cancellation Club award and the Chicago Collectors Club Book award.

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Figure 1: Old Times – Joe Conti, David Straight, & Gene Stewart



Figure 2: Toasting: Gary Hendren, Joe Conti, Tom Minor and Alan Barasch



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SPRING MEETINGS

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2015 SCHEDULE

March 23 .. “A Postcard from Paris” – TG Rehkop
March 27-29 St Louis Stamp Expo
April 13 Breakfast Club
April 27 Ecuador – Frank Kollinger
May 11 Breakfast Club
May 18 Hands on: How to Use a Perf Gauge
June 22 TBA
July 27 TBA
August 25 TBA
August 29-30 StampFest
September 21..... Show and Tell
October 26 Philatelic Jeopardy
November 23 Auction Bux and Election
December 5 Holiday Party

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Down the Road

I am thrilled with having been elected President of the Greater Mound City Stamp Club (GMSCS), and I'm excited about our future. I look forward to working with everyone, hearing any concerns, and making changes that enhance our club.

Alan wasted no time after the election asking me if I would like to do a president's column for the newsletter. I said no! Then I thought about it. Then I reconsidered and decided that a column might be a good idea. I don't know that I will write one every month, but from time-to-time as needed to keep everyone informed of what's going on with the club, what's coming up in the future, and what the club needs from its members to support club activities. I also want to keep these columns short, to the point, informative, and also keep the newsletter to one page!

This first column is about my vision for the club. First is to grow the club. There are currently 59 members of the GMSCS. Eleven of them reside outside the St. Louis metropolitan area. While I greatly appreciate their support, there is little chance that they will be attending any club meetings. My goal is to increase membership by 15 in 2015. We can do this through active recruiting. The VP is responsible for recruiting, but everyone is a recruiter and has the responsibility to the club to bring in new members. I challenge everyone to bring in one new member this year.

Second is to increase attendance at club meetings and activities. How do we do that? By providing a meeting that is fun, educational, provides a wide range of topics, and more hands-on activities. If you attend meetings, what do you like and don't like? If you don't attend meetings and it's not because the meeting time conflicts with work or some other must do activity, what

would it take to get you to attend? This also includes the breakfast club meeting on the second Monday of the month. Talk to me; let me know. I will not guarantee that the officers, the membership, or I will accept every suggestion, but we will not know until we try. My goal is to have three hands-on programs this year to help generate more interest and increase participation, which leads to my third point.

Third is more participation in club activities by the members. Currently I see the same people stepping up to volunteer and participate over and over. It's time to spread the wealth; share the responsibilities. I challenge every club member to either volunteer or participate in something this year. It can be anything; a program, teach something, help at one of the shows, be part of a committee, or anything else one can think of to be a part.

Okay, there you have it. Now let's do something with it and have fun along the way. Also take note that all club officers now have a club email, which you will find in this and future newsletters. Drop us a line!

Saint Louis Stamp Expo is this month. We still need some volunteers for the traditional tasks at hand and one new one. The club is going to have a table in the walkway this year to promote the club and sign up new members. Here's a chance to volunteer!

Until next time...stamp on!

Guy Gasser

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Who wants 50 Auction Bux? 100? The 50 Bux is easy. Submit a design for a club logo no later than the May meeting and get 50 Bux.

At the June meeting we'll display them all, and then vote on them at the July meeting. The member whose design wins receives another 100 Bux.

One does not have to be an artist or graphic designer to come up with something. A sketch, drawing, something compiled on a computer, whatever, it doesn't matter.

The club has a couple artists who will be able to clean things up, should they wish to share their talents. If not, we'll find someone. Have fun!

Guy Gasser
President, GMCSC



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Did you know that our club receives free dues in APS because at least 1/3 of our members are members of APS? Did you know our club receives \$5 every time someone joins APS and notes GMCSC as their sponsor?

SPRING MEETINGS

Our meeting in April is "**Club Activity: How to use a Perf Gauge**" and is presented by **Roger Grider**. If you have one, bring your favorite perforation gauge.

Remember: Since Memorial Day is on the 4th Monday, at which time Parkway is closed, the GMCSC meeting is a week early!

2015 SCHEDULE

May 18..... Hands on: How to Use a Perf Gauge
June 8 Breakfast Club
June 22 @ Tropicana Lanes..... Ogradnick
July 27 @ Tropicana Lanes..... Grider
August 25..... White
August 29-30..... StampFest
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It is with regret that I must start this month's column off with the announcement of the death of one of our members. **Martin "Marty" White** passed away peacefully April 17th, 2015, from pancreatic cancer. Marty and his wife Mimi both belong to the club and have been members for the past 6 years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mimi and the rest of the family. We will miss Marty.

How are the **Logo Design** proposals coming along? I hope many are working on their designs and going to take advantage of receiving **50 Auction Bux** for their submission. A point of clarification; you may submit as many designs as you wish, but you only get the 50 auction bux once. Since we only meet once a month and I want to give everyone ample time to work on their design, I am extending the deadline for submission to the June meeting. If you can't make either of next two meetings, you can email or snail mail them to me. The latest postmark for submission will be June 22nd. Then at July's meeting we will look at them all and vote on the one we want. The member whose design wins gets an additional 100 Auction Bux! I hope that everyone submits a design. This should be a lot of fun.

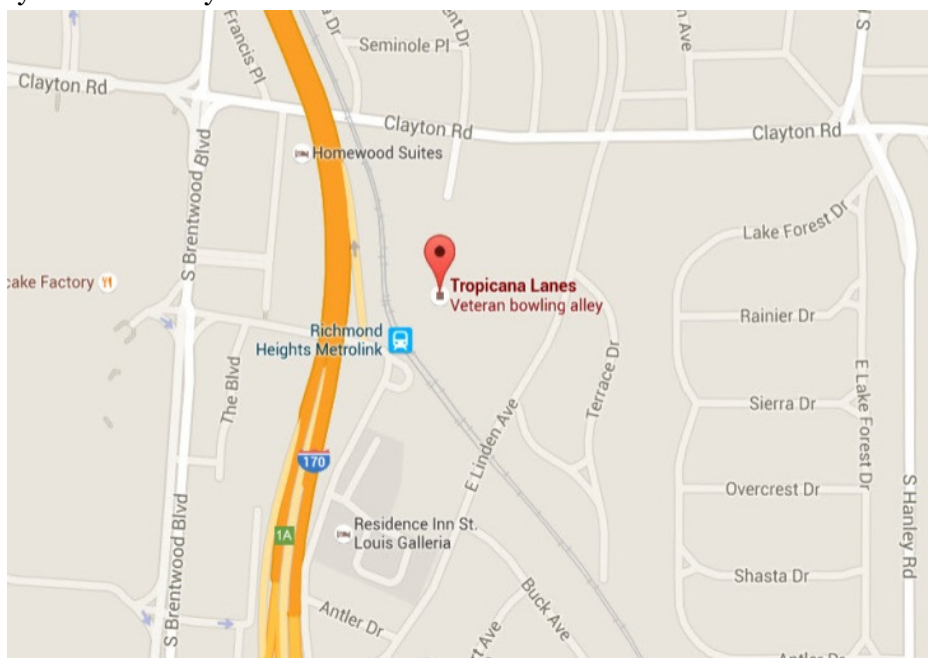
The next event coming up for the club is **Stampfest** in August. Are you all ready to volunteer in some capacity? I certainly hope so as we can use all the help we can get. Contact **Tom Minor, Show Chairman**; and let him know that you are willing and able to help. Tom will be reaching out to everyone very soon too, but you don't have to wait for him to ask.

The **Saint Louis Stamp Expo** set a record for attendance Friday and Saturday, but didn't quite get enough on Sunday to set the record for total attendance. There were 692 paid entries into the show. The show was busy every day. Many people came more than one day and many had free admission for a whole bunch of good reasons, and their numbers are not included in the total. Overall I think that everyone who attended would agree that Expo was a rousing success. Thank you to all those that volunteered with their precious time and effort.

The **APS Summer Seminar**, affectionately referred to by some as Stamp Camp, is June 21-26 at the APS headquarters in beautiful Bellefonte, PA. Whether you have attended in the past or you would be a first time attendee, I highly recommend that you attend. It is simply great fun and socializing while expanding your knowledge of the hobby. There is still time to sign up, but time is short. Go to the APS web site (www.Stamps.org) for information.

The summer is coming, but in the world of philately who cares. This hobby is a year around adventure. Enjoy the weather with your philatelic endeavors and recruit! I'll talk at you next month.

Guy



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SPRING MEETINGS

Our meeting in June is a **Poland** related topic and is presented by **Robert Ogrodnick**. Bob is the Polish consul in Saint Louis.

2015 SCHEDULE

June 22 @ Tropicana Lanes.....
.....Poland - Ogrodnick
July 27 @ Tropicana Lanes.....Catalog - Grider
August 25..... American Revolution - White
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♪ It's summmmmer. Summer time is...here.♪

I suspect that most everyone remembers that light-hearted song of just a few years back. I don't know about you, but summer is my favorite time of year. It's probably a lot of people's favorite time of year. Nice weather, outdoor activities, and just much more to do. And still on the list of things to do...yep, philately. At least I hope so. One still needs to take some time for their selves during the summer and what better way than to continue with your hobby.

I have received three entries for the club logo so far. There is still time to come up with something, bring it to the meeting (or mail/email/someway to me postmarked by the 22nd), and get your 50 Auction Bux! We will vote on them in July. When done, the club will have its first official logo and someone will take home an additional 100 Auction Bux.

Don't forget that **starting this month the club will meet at 7:30 PM**. We are also at a different location in June and July. You will find the info you need in another section of the newsletter.

I announced at the last meeting that **Alan** was stepping down at the end of this year as publisher/editor of our newsletter. Who would like to dazzle us with their literary prowess? I want to find someone in the next month or two so that they can spend the rest of the year with Alan learning the ins and outs of putting together the newsletter. No prior experience necessary. Alan is not going anywhere either so he will still be available to help whomever takes this on after the end of the year.

Stampfest is but 2 months away. What will you do to volunteer to help make this show the best one yet? Let our show chairman, **Tom Minor**, know that you are willing to help out.

It is now 6 months into the year and my tenure as president. I think that the club has grown, made some good changes, and continues to move forward. We have had people who normally don't contribute come up with some great ideas and participate in discussions about the club providing great feedback

and input, and I thank them for their interest. I ask that all members not be afraid to speak out about things they think will help our club continue to grow and move forward. I look forward to hearing from you all.

I will be at stamp camp this month and not at the meeting. Have fun and I will see everyone next month. Until next month, keep the tongs working!

Guy

GMSCS is a chapter of:



JUNE AND JULY

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

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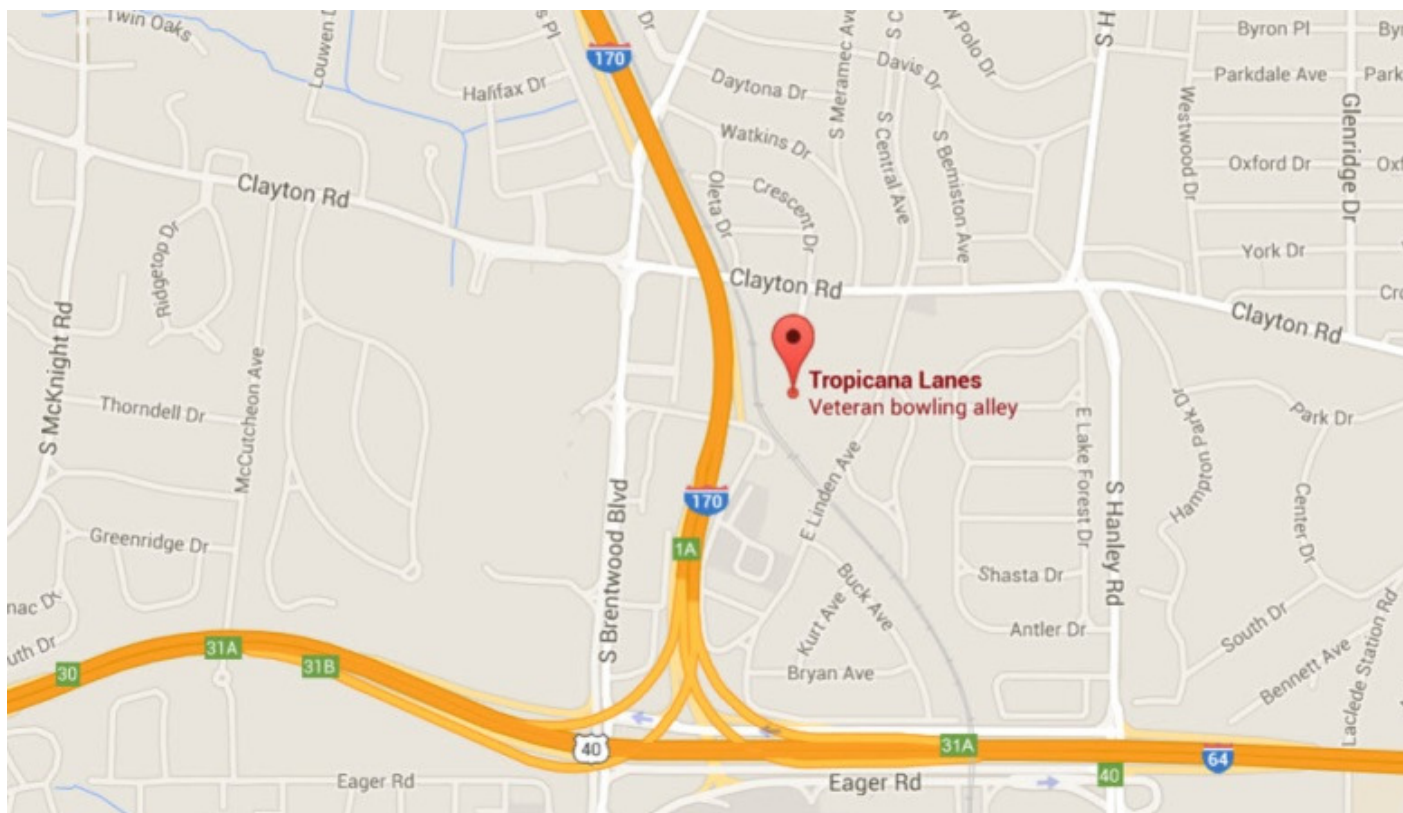
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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Well now, summer has finally, really arrived in St. Louis. When one walks outside and is instantly sweating; yep, its summer in St. Louis. I still would rather have that than the wrath of old man winter. Some say it is too cold to do anything in the winter so stamp collecting is a good way to pass the time. One could argue that it's too hot to do anything in the summer so stamp collecting is a good way to pass the time. Hmm, looks to me like any time is a good time for this hobby!

It's election time. Everyone get out and vote! This is the month that we as a club decide on what our club logo will look like. This will be one of the most important votes, if not the most important vote, that we may take for a very long time. The impact of this vote will be enormous. The GMCSCL will more than likely live with this decision for many years to come.

Be a part of our history, our legacy. Let your voice be heard by attending this meeting and casting your vote!

And don't forget that **we now meet at 7:30 pm, and this month we are again at Tropicana Lanes.**

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Stampfest is but one month away. Our show chair, **Tom Minor**, started asking for volunteers at last month's meeting and will continue seeking volunteers until we get enough. Any amount of time that one can donate to cover some aspect of the show is acceptable and appreciated. If its 1 hour or 8 hours, all is good, and I understand that those who volunteer also want to be able to take part in the show as an attendee, and should.

Don't forget that we are always recruiting new members. It has been a few months since we welcomed a new member. Who will be the next club

member to sign up a new member? Oh, and there are Auction Bux that go with bringing in new members too.

Time to run. Have fun and I will see everyone at the meeting this month. Keep those tongs working!

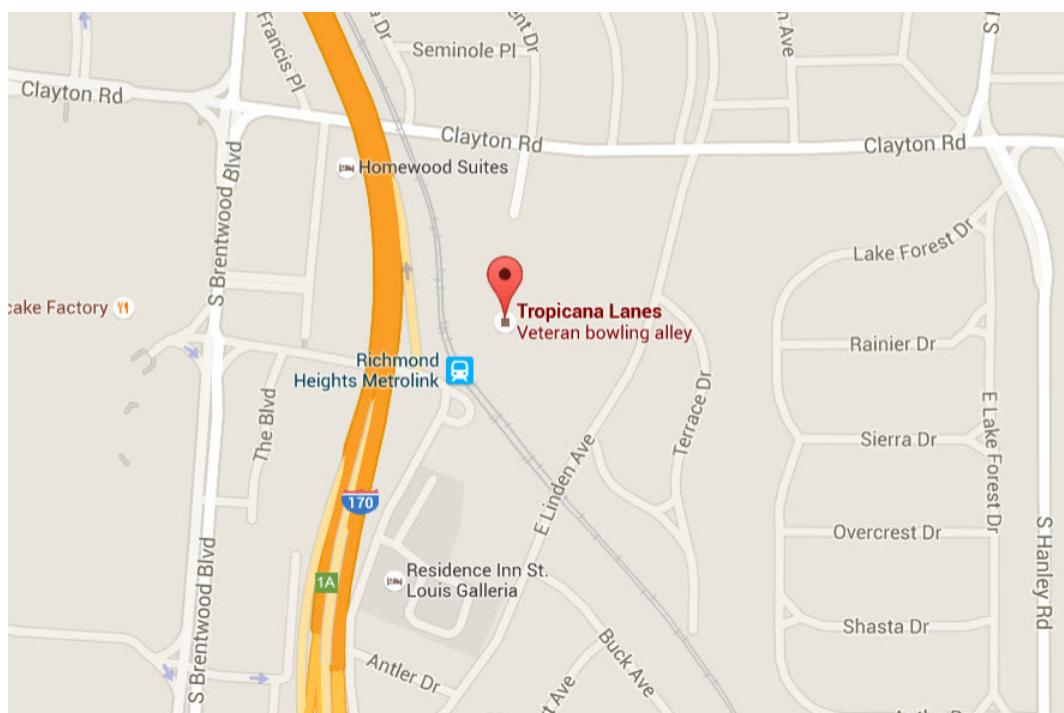
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2. Go left (or north) on So. Brentwood Blvd about 1/2 mile to Clayton Road.
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SPRING MEETINGS

Our meeting in June is a “**American Revolution**”
and is presented by **Mimi White**.

2015 SCHEDULE

August 25..... American Revolution - White
August 29-30..... StampFest
September 21Show and Tell
OctoberPhilatelic Jeopardy
NovemberAuction Bux Sale & Election
December 3..... Holiday Party

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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Club members, it's official! The votes are in, the
ballots counted, and the winner is...**Frank
Kollinger**! Frank's design for the club logo
won on the third ballot since the winning

design required greater than 50% of the
majority vote of the members present. We had
eight designs submitted for consideration and
the voting was close in every round. Frank's
winning logo is at the end of this edition of the
newsletter for all to see. I will now ask our
artists in the club if they will spruce this design
up using their artistic talent to add the things



necessary to make it
look eye catching,
beautiful, and the
envy of all other
stamp clubs! No
pressure. I give a
hearty thank you to
those who submitted
designs and

congratulations to Frank who takes home the
100 auction box!

Speaking of auctions, this is auction month.
This is the month to bring those items that you
no longer need or want and see if someone else
will take them home with them to enjoy for
some period of time; maybe the rest of their
time. All anyone who wishes to put items in the
auction need do is bring them with you with a
filled out auction slip, and put them on the
table with an opening bid. If you don't have the
auction slip, bring your item anyway and we'll
have auction slips at the meeting you can fill
out.

Some of the items members said they would
like to see are box lots, small collections, postal
history, old Cinderellas and ephemera, retired
circuit books, US and Canadian 19th century,
and small sets.

I am still waiting for the club member who is
going to volunteer to take over the newsletter.
Who would like to volunteer to be our
newsletter publisher/editor? Come on now,

let's not be shy. Step right on up. There is no waiting!

Stampfest is less than a week away as of this meeting. We are looking pretty good on volunteers, but Tom could use a few more. Please let Tom know if you would like to volunteer either by email, phone, or sign up at the meeting.

By the last count we have 19 dealers coming. Final preparations are being made to bring everything together for a great show. Don't forget to tell all your friends and family about the show and invite them too!

Alan is yanking my chain to get this to him in time so he can do his part and send it to everyone from the APS show in Grand Rapids with the special postmark so I had better stop here and get this to him. {Editor's note: If I mail from the show, it arrives after the meeting.} The APS show is 20-23 August at the Convention Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan. If you can get away, come on up for a fun-filled 4 days of philatelic fun in scenic Michigan. I hope to see you in MI or for sure at this month's meeting. Have tongs will travel!

Guy

STAMPFEST

Do not forget that our **annual BBQ** is on Saturday night around **5:15** when the show closes. Some dealers start lining up at 4:30 as if they've never seen food.

At summer meetings you signed up to bring something. We don't have ovens so hot food should be brought warm or in crockpot. Brisket, pulled pork, chicken and coleslaw are provided by the club.

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A word to my successor; the newsletter does not have to look like this. Many of our newsletters in the 1980s were simply a few paragraphs on one side of the paper. It could be just the president's message and the meeting time.

Alan chose to spend the time because he was a technical writer and taught corporate users to use Microsoft Word in another life.

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FALL MEETINGS

Our meeting in September is a “Show ‘n’ Tell” and everyone should bring something to talk about for up to 3 minutes.

2015 SCHEDULE

September 28Show and Tell
October 26Philatelic Jeopardy
November 23.....Auction Bux Sale & Election
December 3..... Holiday Party

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There is a show, **Kansas City Stamp Show** on **September 25-26; 10am to 5pm** at Gladstone Community Center, 6901 N. Holmes Street, Gladstone, Missouri 64188. It appears that there are **17 dealers** including our esteemed president.

STAMPFEST

StampFest has come and gone. Attendance was great and we had more participation from members than ever before.

The number of dealers was down a little from years past. Some of our regulars were at other shows.

We signed up one new member at the show.

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This month's newsletter is somewhat abbreviated in order to print it on the back of this stamp show announcement.

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NEXT MONTH

The program in October is “**Philatelic Jeopardy**.” You will have a chance to earn additional **Auction Bux** to spend in the Bux sale in November.

WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTE

Another Stampfest has come and gone, and I can say it was a successful show. A heart felt thank you to Tom, our show chair; Gary, our bourse chair, David, our concessionaire; Janette, our advertising chair; and all the other club members who donated their precious time to help make this show a success. I don't have the final number for attendance yet, but will have it at the club meeting this month. I can say that we did have a larger attendance this year. The estimate is at least 150, and perhaps a few more. The challenge now is to get even more people to attend next year. I think the biggest reason for the increase in attendance was our approach to how we marketed this year's show. I am going to expand that even more for next year with the result hopefully being an even larger attendance! I want to capture what went right and what we need to improve for next year's show. I ask that anyone with input please write it down and bring it to the club meeting this month. We can also discuss at the meeting.

No auction this month, but we will have one next month. Start lining up what you want to put in the action. We will also have several literary items that are left over from Betty Nettles' estate in the auction. I hope to have a list of Betty's items in the October newsletter. Now is also the time to start lining up those items you would like to donate to the Auction Bux auction in November. Anyone wishing to donate lots for this auction, please let Gary know what it is or bring it to one of the next two meetings and give Gary the items.

We have a club member who has expressed an interest in taking over the newsletter. Yea! However, this is not a done deal so the job is still open. We don't want to have to stop the newsletter. Who is ready and willing to keep his simple, but important publication going?

Coming up! Philatelic jeopardy in October, election of officers and auction bux auction in November, and the Christmas party in December. These four events are a lot of fun for all and you don't want to miss them!

I'll have to miss this month's meeting as I will be on my way to the Stamp Exposition of Southern California (SESCAL) in LA. Our illustrious vice president has the helm. Have a great meeting and remember that this month's program is you all, the club members, show and tell, and it can be anything no matter how simple or complex. Success of this month's program is on you! Show it off!

Guy



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2015 SCHEDULE

October 26Philatelic Jeopardy
November 9..... Breakfast Club
November 23.....Auction Bux Sale & Election
December 3..... Holiday Party
December 14..... Breakfast Club

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Saint Charles Spring Stamp & Postcard Show is Friday and Saturday, **October 30 & 31** at Heart of St Charles Banquet Center, 1410 So. 5th Street. Last month's newsletter was printed on the back of the flyer. (See back page)

WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENT

THIS...IS...JEOPARDY! That is philatelic jeopardy by the way. That's right this is the month everyone has been waiting for all year! It's time to challenge yourself with your philatelic knowledge, help out your team, and of course line your pockets with an untold number of auction bux for next month's auction. Everyone who was at the meeting last year and played had a great time, and many are looking forward to this night of philatelic fun again. If there is only one meeting one can or will attend all year, this is the one. See everyone at the meeting to play!

It's hard to believe that we have entered into the last quarter of the year. Where has the year gone? As we get closer to the end of the year, we still have some great things ahead of us. Not only do we have philatelic jeopardy this month, but we also have an auction to go along with it. I hope those wishing to place items in the auction have their lots figured out.

Next month is the big auction of the year. This is where all the work everyone did throughout the year pays off with the spending of all the auction bux earned during the year. There will be some great lots that are really free! Gary already has about 70 donated lots, but if there are any items anyone wishes to donate to the auction, you still can. Just let Gary know.

Perhaps the most important event in November is the election of officers for the club for the next year. Who would like to run? The nominating committee should be contacting everyone to ask the question. If you would like to run, but have not heard from the committee contact the VP for info.

Remember that Alan is stepping down as secretary after 21 years of faithful service to the club. We will have to elect someone as the new secretary.

December ushers in the holidays with an early club get together. We will have our annual Holiday party and dinner again at **Syberg's on Dorsett** on Thursday, the 3rd of December. Madam vice president will fill us all in on the details, and I can

assure you that this is no ordinary, stuffy dinner. It is chock full of fun and games, and everyone has a great time. The food is very good too!

Now for the best part of this yuletide gathering, we are lowering the price of admission. The cost of tickets this year will drop from \$15 per person to **\$10 per person**, and the club will pick up the rest. Our financial strength allows us to absorb more of the cost. As long as we remain solid, we can continue to do this. We will also induct all new officers elected in November.

Enough is enough. See you for Philatelic Jeopardy!

Guy

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2015-16 SCHEDULE

November 23.....Auction Bux Sale & Election
Thursday, December 3 Holiday Party
December 14..... Breakfast Club
January 10..... Breakfast Club
January 24, 2016 "The Picture is the Same"
February 22..... February Theme

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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Happy Thanksgiving! As the year draws to a close, I want to share an observation I have made over this past year. Attendance at stamp shows. Where is it? Does everyone realize that we have it pretty damn good when it comes to shows? There are a total of 16 shows in the St. Louis metro area during the year. There is no other area in all the land that has as many shows. We are spoiled when it comes to opportunities to gather at shows and meet with our friends with a common interest as well as the opportunity to add to our collections. A good thing? Maybe too good.

Where am I going with this? **SUPPORT!** We as a club do not do a good job in supporting our local shows. I don't expect that every member of the club is going to attend every show during the year. But, I would think that of the 59 members in the club we would have more than six or eight attend the shows especially the bigger 2 day or 3 day shows. How many of you have even been to the 1 day bourse the second Saturday of every month in Fenton? How many have been to any other show during the year besides our own club show? How many have not even attended one show?

I would think that a person joins a stamp club to meet new people, make new friends, grow friendships, learn about the hobby, and take advantage of an opportunity once a month to get out and socialize for a few hours with those who have a common interest. Then, use those same reasons for attending shows and perhaps use the opportunity to purchase items for your collection. There is no requirement to buy anything at a show. Even if you don't, or won't, or can't buy anything, you can still go and enjoy the comradery! I invite everyone in the club to attend as many shows as possible this coming year. I know we can do better and I expect better. See you at the show!

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

First, I want to thank the club members and officers for allowing me to say a few words to the club every month for the last 17 years. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you.

You may not be aware; but, I was the editor of the newsletter in Birmingham, Alabama from 1977 to 1987. Then I moved to Rogers, Arkansas and was immediately “conned” into taking over the joint newsletter for the Rogers and Fayetteville clubs from 1988 to 1994. Except for a couple years when Tom Minor wrote the Dispatch, it’s been all mine.

My calculator says that is 38 years. In addition, I’ve been an officer in those clubs all that time.

I have met with my successor as editor, Phil Schorr and am sure you are in good hands. He knows where to find me.

As soon as the new secretary is in place, I will bring him up to speed.

For the past ten years or so, I have been a member of a software developers group that meets the last Monday of the month. I got to meetings about 3 times a year on a 5th Monday. I have been mostly dabbling in new technologies.

Suddenly, this year I find that I am getting to work with all the new things I’ve been hearing about. I tried going to both meetings on one night; the first meeting began at 17:30 then, I was rushing over to Parkway.

I’m having fun with what I am doing now. You may have noticed that I missed Jeopardy in October; I was traveling for work (not purposely skipping out on Guy).

You are still going to see me at meetings; perhaps not as often. I am speaking to GMCSC in January. I am still involved with Webster Groves, the Missouri Postal History Society, the St Louis Bears, and Stamp Expo. I’m still maintaining the website.

I have a pile of philatelic writing I want to do without stopping to spend a couple days each month getting a newsletter out. I’m still gathering material for my census of Kosmos Shipping covers from the Falklands. I have the gem of articles for the American Philatelist and Topical Time. In my spare time, I’m working on an interactive database of Missouri postal history.

Give the new guys a break and time to get used to the job! It takes a year to learn what to do and another to be comfortable.

And a final word of advice...get involved with the leadership of your club. It is for the good of philately and good for you and it makes you feel good about yourself.

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HOLIDAY PARTY

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