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WINTER MEETINGS

The program in January is **“The Picture Is The Same”**, by Alan Barasch. This will be a review of some joint issues from around the world. There will also be an auction during this meeting.

Alex Haimann, current APS Vice President, will present the February program on **“Some February Philately – a Fun Postal History Presentation.”**

2015 SCHEDULE

January 25..... Regular Meeting
February 9..... Breakfast Club
February 22..... Regular Meeting
March 8 Breakfast Club

BREAKFAST CLUB MEETING

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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and the new year is still happy. I also want to welcome our new Secretary, Dave Marsh, and our new newsletter editor, Phil Schorr, and say thank you to Alan Barash for all he has done for GMCSC during his long tenure as secretary and newsletter editor. Well done! As this new year dawns, and since there is no newsletter in December, I want to take this month's column to look at what we accomplished against our goals last year, and look at where we are going this year. I guess one could call this a State of the Club address.

My first column last year laid out my goals for the GMCSC for 2015. Does anyone remember what they are? Some may, but most probably not. After all, it has been a yearlong process and it's not like nothing took place during the year. So let's recap. Membership, attendance, and participation were the three areas I laid out goals for the club.

I challenged everyone to recruit one new member to the club and set the goal at 15 new members. The club fostered six new members last year; a good effort, but a little short of the goal. Fifteen may be a lofty goal, and I think it is doable, but maybe it was a little of a reach for the first year. I still challenge everyone to recruit one new member, and set our goal at ten new members this year. This is a little easier, but still a challenge that is achievable.

The second goal was to increase attendance at club meetings and activities through more varied activities across the board. I think we did a pretty good job of doing that, but club attendance has been down over the past year as well as attendance at activities outside of club meetings. I'm not sure why this has happened. I could use some feedback in this area. What will entice more to attend club meetings and other activities? The main reason to join a club is to participate and enjoy the social aspects as well as the philatelic aspects one receives through attendance. Let's attend.

I asked that everyone give something of their time and talents to support the club during the year. I think that you all did a great job in this regard. While there were a couple areas that we could still use a little more help, and a few more who could step up, by and large we had a lot of people step up and volunteer for everything from giving presentations to helping with the various tasks and activities required to support shows, club activities, and other sundry items throughout the year. This year, I ask that everyone keep it up, and those who weren't able to participate for whatever reason to find the time to do so this year.

Next month I'll cover what the club accomplished last year. Now let's do it all again, build on our successes, improve where needed, and most of all have fun along the way!

Guy

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THIS MONTH

2016 Membership Dues – By now everyone should have received the reminder we mailed in late December and most have probably already mailed their dues checks to Gary's address in Maryland Heights. Those who have not yet mailed their 2016 dues should send your check to our new Secretary at:

GMC Stamp Club
215 Spring Oaks Drive
Ballwin, MO 63011-3835

This is a good time for any of you to provide the Secretary with your current email address and your preferred phone number so our roster is accurate and enables us to reach you other than through the US Mail.

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FEBRUARY MEETING

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In addition to our featured program, we will be deciding upon whether our club will second any nominations for APS officers and upon our club vote on the best and worst of U.S. 2015 stamp issues for the Linn’s stamp poll.

2016 SCHEDULE

February 22.....Regular Meeting
March 14..... Breakfast Club
March 28.....Regular Meeting
April 11.....Breakfast Club

BREAKFAST CLUB MEETING

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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Greetings all! We’ve been fortunate in that our winter this year so far has been very mild. Will it continue? One never knows, but I would guess we are ripe for at least some more cold weather let alone the white fluffy stuff. Mild or not, the winter is always a time for many philatelic endeavors and the club has several coming up as we move into spring. The call for volunteers now goes out as I will discuss further in this month’s column. Plus, I’ll take a look at what the GMSCC accomplished in 2015.

Last year, like most past years was a busy year for the club. We signed up six new members. Yea! It was a little short of our goal, but still a positive. Unfortunately we lost a couple too. I don’t have the final tally yet as our secretary is in the process of getting all of that sorted out.

We did a good job in supporting the St. Louis Stamp Expo and Stamp Fest, and both shows saw an increase in attendance. Hopefully we will see another increase in attendance at Stamp Fest this year as we continue to try and build that show back up to where it was a few years ago.

In a big change from the status quo of at least the past 10 years, we reinstated a club meeting in July and moved the June and July meetings to a spot more conducive for conducting meetings. The club now meets once a month throughout the year, which I think is important for the club. Attendance at the meetings in June and July were down from the other months, but I attribute that to mostly club members not remembering the change. I think this year will be better as everyone comes on board with a meeting every month of the year.

I think the biggest thing we did in 2015 is to select a new club logo. Everyone seemed to be pretty excited about that. I am in the process of getting the logo finalized with some professional artistic touches, and I hope to have that done by Expo. Stay tuned! I ask that everyone give something of their time and talents to support the club during the year. Now is the time as we approach Expo 1-3 April 2015. I

know that we will need volunteers to help with the visiting elementary school children on Friday, help with setting up the youth room on Thursday, help in the youth room all show days, help with the Boy Scout Merit Badge qualification on Saturday morning and, most of all, help with manning the club table throughout the show. Please check your schedules for this weekend and see if you can find some time to help with one or more of these activities. And above all else, attend the show to enjoy all the things it provides in educational opportunities, finding something for your collection, attend an auction, and enjoy the exhibits.

Remember our hobby is a journey, not a destination. Enjoy the journey!

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THIS MONTH

Almost 10 years ago, we last asked our members to tell us, in writing, more about their collecting interests, whether it be specific countries, 19th century classics, plate proofs, parcel post, covers, wrappers, perfins, topicals, zeppelins, revenues, pony express, civil war era, ephemera, Cinderellas, pre-cancels, plate proofs, catapult mail, etc. etc. Your interests have probably evolved since then. We would also like to know your current phone number[s] and an email address so we can reach you quickly, if needed. In addition, if you would consider presenting or exhibiting your primary interest at a club meeting or show, that would be magnificent. There are several club members who can mentor and assist you with preparation,,,just ask and they will be happy to help. So please take a few minutes to complete and return to our Secretary the enclosed form, which serves numerous purposes. Be assured that whatever you share with us will be retained solely for the private use of our club.

UPDATE

Long time club member and local dealer Nancy Moellering informs us that her new store location and contact details are:

Star Stamps & More
502 South 5th Street
St. Charles, MO 63301

phone: 314-346-4401
email: n.k1052@att.net

Store hours are Monday thru Wednesday 10:00am - 3:00pm

Reminder: In March note that days will be Wed,Thur,Frid beginning April 6.

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MARCH MEETING

The program this month is going to be "The Dealer is Your Friend". It will be a round table type discussion about what to look for and how to use dealers when attending shows. With Expo coming up next month, with 50 dealers there, this should be a timely topic.

We will also have an auction during this meeting. Feel free to bring anything you would like to have in the auction.

2016 SCHEDULE

March 28.....Regular Meeting
April 11.....Breakfast Club
April 25.....Regular Meeting

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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Hey everyone, know what time it is? It's Tool Time! And now here's your host...wait, wrong show. It's Expo time! And now here's your host, you! You all are the hosts along with the other members from the other area clubs and the Expo Committee.

So just what does that mean? It means as hosts of the "Big Shew" in the St. Louis metro area that it is up to us to get out and do our part to make this show the grand event that it is. This will require some time and effort through volunteering to help with the many different activities that will take place throughout the course of the show. It also means that we act as ambassadors of philately and welcome our many guests to the show and the St. Louis area. We want to make them feel like they have come home. Volunteers will in most cases have direct contact with our guests and the opportunity to do just that. Can't volunteer for this event? Then at least attend the show.

Show attendance is important. It provides us the opportunity to interact with our fellow philatelists, collectors, accumulators, exhibitors, seminar attendees, auction buddies, and the social butterflies that when put together make the show whatever it turns out to be. What the show turns out to be, therefore, lies entirely upon us all. So don't be afraid to talk to your fellow hobbyists. And...one might just find something to enhance one's collection. There will be 50 dealers at the show and an auction of all kinds of material from all over the world. I would think that one of these dealers will have something to add to anyone's collection. Support the dealers as without them there would be no show. I don't know why anyone in our club would not attend notwithstanding health issues, travel out of the area, or a conflicting need that takes precedence. Go to the show and have a good time.

Volunteers are still needed for various activities so please come to the club meeting ready to sign up or

let me know what you can sign up to do. We still need six to help set up the youth room on Thursday, and at least four each day during the show. We also need club members to man the club table each day. On Saturday, it now looks like one more soul is needed to help with the Boy Scout stamp collecting merit badge. The one thing that I want to make sure everyone understands is that there is no specific period of time required for any of these activities. All I ask is to do what one can for whatever time one has available on any given day.

I think this month's program could be very interesting and enlightening. We are going to do a type of roundtable discussion on attending shows and interacting with dealers. If there ever was a question you wanted to ask a dealer, here's your chance. Bring your questions and come prepared to participate. See everyone soon!

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THIS MONTH

Thanks again to 28 of you who have taken time to submit our Member Information form. We'd like to hear from more of you as this information [to be shared at our April meeting] helps us prepare programs and keeps your contact details up to date. Don't be bashful.

And just a final reminder that 2016 dues should be received by April 1 latest. Only a handful remain in limbo and we sure wish to retain all of our members, even if you cannot join us each month. Sharing your camaraderie, research and the knowledge you have acquired can motivate each of us into new areas of stamp collecting.

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APRIL MEETING

The program this month is going to be on Sherlock Holmes, presented by new member Jerry Schultz.

2016 SCHEDULE

April 25...Sherlock Holmes..... Jerry Schultz
May 23....Fakes and Forgeries.....Nate Esbeck
June 27....Poland.....Bob Ogradnik
July 25....Color.....Wayne Youngblood
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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Spring is here, the Expo has come and gone, and summer is just around the corner. The onset of summer means more great and wonderful philatelic things are approaching fast. There's the international show, New York-2016, in late May and early June for those fortunate enough to be able to attend this once a decade thriller. There's Summer Seminar (Stamp Camp) the latter half of June at the APS in Bellefonte, an activity that I highly recommend you attend. Then there's our very own Stamp Fest in mid-August to round out the summer festivities.

Now that the St. Louis Stamp Expo has come and gone, what did you all think? I hope that all the club members were able to attend at least some of the show even though reality is that some would not be able to attend. I saw about 20 different club members, but I didn't have an opportunity to move around much so I hope that there were at least another 20 that I didn't see. I thought the show went well and most attendees had a good time. I heard from various sources that the Confederate Stamp Alliance, the guest society for this Expo, had a really good time. I don't have the final numbers yet, but I know that attendance was unfortunately down this year from last year. Surprisingly, Friday was the day that took the biggest hit attendance wise especially compared to last year. Saturday seemed pretty good and for a Sunday, I thought that Sunday was pretty good too. I thank all of you who volunteered your time and effort this year. Without our generous volunteers, the show would not be the success it is! This year's show is over, but that doesn't mean much of a rest. The Expo Committee is already working on next year's show.

Did you know that the majority of stamp clubs around the country meet twice a month? Yep, they do. The GMCSC on the other hand only meets once a month. Or does it? Actually the GMCSC does meet twice a month, but not in the traditional sense. The second meeting you ask? It's the breakfast club and

that meeting is every second Monday of the month at 8:30AM at Hillary's Roadhouse. My point here is that this is not some subsidiary group of the GMCSC. This IS the GMCSC, and it meets regularly just like our Monday night meetings the fourth Monday of every month. However, attendance is, shall I say, small at best. Why is that club members? I've been trying to figure it out and I can't. Perhaps because it is breakfast and anyone who attends thinks that they have to buy breakfast. If that is the case, let me clear this rumor or notion up. One does NOT have to buy breakfast to attend. Some will have conflicts with their day job. That is understandable, but given that the majority of the club is retired, where are all of those members? Anyway, this is a club meeting and all members are always invited to attend. Why not come by and check it out? It might be the best breakfast meeting you ever attended!

QUESTION

There are several different thoughts on the mailing of the newsletter each month. Some say they always want to receive it in hard copy, partly so they can add the stamps to their collection. If that is the case, then there is the question of whether you prefer a single new forever stamp or multiples of older stamps to produce the current 47 cent rate. Rather than continue to guess, I hope you will let me know which you prefer.

1 Do you want it in hard copy, or would you be just as happy with receiving it by email?

2. If you want hard copy, would you prefer a new forever stamp or a small group of older stamps?

I'm going to ask for a response at our April meeting. If you won't be there, please let me know by email to pschorr@att.net. Thanks.

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MAY MEETING

The program this month is going to be on Fakes and Forgeries, presented by Nate Esbeck. It sounds like an interesting session. We will also be having an auction during this meeting, so come prepared.

2016 SCHEDULE

May 23....Fakes and Forgeries.....Nate Esbeck
June 27....Poland.....Bob Ogrodnik
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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTE

It's almost that time! Time for the really big shew, New York-2016. This once a decade extravaganza promises to deliver to all who attend. I know that not everyone will be able to attend although I would think that if we all had the means we would. Those who are lucky enough to attend, I wish you well, lots of fun and frolic, and much success in finding whatever you are looking for on the bourse. The members of the club I know will look forward to hearing your stories and seeing all the pictures you take. I might even have you stand up and tell everyone at the meeting in June all about it.

Speaking of shows, Stampfest will be here before we know it even though it still seems a long way off. For those that don't know, our long time member and past President Tom Minor, has once again graciously agreed to be the show chairman for this year. Yea and thank you Tom! We all know that he will do a great job as usual. We also know that he will be seeking volunteers to help put the show together, run the show, and tear it down when it is all said and done. Don't be bashful when that time comes. Step right up and lend a hand.

Now, what those who were not in attendance at our last club meeting don't know is that Tom has informed me that he doesn't want this job to be a tar baby. Yep, that means that this will be his last year heading up the show. Who would like to step up and take this on for next year? I am asking this now, early, and whomever it is, please contact me soonest. I am calling for a volunteer now so that the person who takes this on has an opportunity to work with Tom this year (be his shadow) so that they can capture the information they will need as well as have a handle on the operations of the show, and be able to take notes and ask questions. Do not confuse this job with the bourse chairman's job currently held by Gary Hendren. While the bourse chairman falls under the show chairman, and the two work together, they are two different tasks.

A reminder to everyone that this month will be the last meeting at the high school until the next

school year starts. Our June and July meetings will once again be held at Tropicana Lanes. The location/address for those who don't remember how to get there will be in the newsletter next month.

Turn out at the breakfast club meeting was low again this month. It would sure be nice to see more come out. The more the merrier!

Don't forget to bring your auction items this month. It will once again be fun! See you in a few.

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During the April meeting we discussed the issues for which I posted questions last month. It appears almost everyone wants to continue receiving their newsletter in hard copy each month, so that's what we will do. If anyone would rather have it attached to an email, let me know. Secondly, the clear choice was to use current commemorative stamps on the envelopes rather than a mix of older stamps, so that will be the way it happens from now on. If there is a current stamp you really would like me to use, let me know.

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JUNE MEETING

The program this month will be on Poland with Bob Ogrodnik as the presenter. It should be an interesting session.

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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Your president has been too wrapped up in shows and stamp camp this month, and is having too much fun, causing a lapse in memory. That simply means “oops”, he forgot to write his column. Stay tuned to this spot though because he will be back again next month; same stamp time, same stamp channel! See you at Tropicana Lanes!

Guy

P.S. The club is still seeking a volunteer to take over as show chairman for Stampfest next year. Someone please talk to me!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

We are planning a bus trip to a major stamp show. The plans are still in the works. Right now the favorite shows are Milcopex in Milwaukee September 16-18, 2016 and Garfield Perry in Cleveland March 23-25, 2017. There will also be something planned for the non-collecting spouse. The plan is to leave Friday be on the road a maximum of 11 hours and return home Sunday morning. Overnight lodging will be at the show hotel or one nearby. To express an interest and get on the list see Roger Grider.

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ROSTER

Enclosed is the membership roster for this year. Thanks to our Secretary, Dave Marsh, for putting it together. If you have any additions, corrections, or questions, contact Dave.

JUNE AND JULY

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JULY MEETING

The program this month will be on “Color” with Wayne Youngblood as presenter. It should be an interesting session. We will also have an auction, so bring any items you wish to auction and bring money to buy all the great items on offer.

2016 SCHEDULE

July 25.....Color.....Wayne Youngblood
Aug. 22....Danish West Indies.....Sean Sunderlage
Sept. 26...TBD.....Norb Wright
Oct. 24.....Philatelic Jeopardy
Nov. 28.....Auction Bux
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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

I am finally done running around the country pursuing philatelic exploits, for a little while anyway, and it's time to spend some more time with everyone here in my column. Since my return I have had an opportunity to talk with many of you about World Stamp Show-2016 and stamp camp. I won't belabor those two activities any more other than to say that if you can attend the next world stamp show in Boston in 2026, do it! You won't be disappointed. Start saving now (it is possible to do that) and you will make it. Stamp Camp takes place every year. I highly recommend it and if you start saving now (it is possible to do that) you can make that too!

Stampfest is less than 1 month away and this month will be our last meeting before the big show. Our secretary will have signup sheets for the various things that need to get done so come to the meeting ready to volunteer someplace to help out. If you can't make the meeting, but want to volunteer to do something, contact Tom or Dave (our secretary) and let them know. We will also need all the help we can get at this month's meeting to stuff envelopes, and affix address labels and stamps to the post cards and letters we are mailing out inviting past attendees and APS members in the region to the show. Be prepared to lick'em and stick'em! Oh, wait, I guess we don't have to lick'em anymore. I guess peel'em and stick'em is what we do now.

In my last two columns in April and May and at the meetings since April I put out the call for a volunteer to take over for Tom as the show

chairman. I have not received any word yet from someone who is willing to take this on. Come on, folks, there has to be someone in the club who is willing to take on this job. The longer it takes the more difficult it will be to train the new person.

Anyone who wants to put items in the auction for Stamp Fest needs to contact Gary with a description and opening bid. Don't bring the items to the meeting; bring them to the show. Also, bring a friend to the show. We might pick up a new collector and a new member to the club. We are always recruiting!

Ever been to the West coast? If not, or even if you have been there, you have a great opportunity to do that by attending the APS show in Portland, OR, next month, 4-7 August. It's a gorgeous location with many things to see and do in conjunction with attending the show. I hope many can make it.

Don't forget to bring your auction items this month. It will once again be fun! See everyone soon and stamp on!

Guy

COMING ATTRACTIONS

We are planning a bus trip to a major stamp show. The plans are still in the works. Right now the favorite shows are Milcopex in Milwaukee September 16-18, 2016 and Garfield Perry in Cleveland March 23-25, 2017. There will also be something planned for the non-collecting spouse. The plan is to leave Friday be on the road a maximum of 11 hours and return home Sunday morning. Overnight lodging will be at the show hotel or one nearby. To express an interest and get on the list see Roger Grider.

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AUGUST MEETING

The program this month will be on "Danish West Indies" by Sean Sunderlage. Don't forget that the annual Stamp Fest will be the weekend **before** our monthly meeting this time. Show hours are 10:00 to 5:00 Saturday and 10:00 to 4:00 Sunday.

2016 SCHEDULE

Aug. 20-21.....Stamp Fest
Aug. 22....Danish West Indies.....Sean Sunderlage
Sept. 26...TBD.....Norb Wright
Oct. 24.....Philatelic Jeopardy
Nov. 28.....Auction Bux
Dec. ?.....Christmas Holiday Party

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It's almost show time! I am writing this month's column from beautiful Portland, Oregon, home to this year's APS Stamp Show. Even though our monthly meeting takes place after Stampfest, we are sending this month's newsletter out early as one last reminder to attend the show this weekend. You can find the show hours and location listed elsewhere in the newsletter. I also want to remind everyone about the club potluck dinner after the show Saturday night. While this dinner has traditionally been for the dealers (it still is), all club members, spouses, and their guests are invited. All I ask is that if you plan to attend to bring something for the dinner. The club will provide the chicken and BBQ. The dinner begins immediately after the show closes.

This month's meeting being in August starts to wind down the summer. Before we know it Christmas will be here and the start of another year. That being said, it's time to start planning for next year's programs. If there are any particular programs or presentations anyone would like to do or see, please send your suggestions to our vice president. Anyone who would like to present something next year should also let the vice president know soonest.

As we head into the latter half of the year we still have many exciting things coming up. We have two interesting programs in August and September, and then our fun filled night of philatelic jeopardy in October. Not only is philatelic jeopardy a rousing night of fun philatelic trivia competition, it's a great opportunity to earn more auction bux for the big end of year auction in November. If you don't have many auction bux right now, there is still time to earn many more before November. December closes out the year with our annual Christmas party at Syborg's. We don't have a confirmed date yet as final coordination for the date is still pending, but we are looking at the same timeframe in early December as in years past. Hopefully by the time of

this month's meeting we will be able to announce the date.

November is also the month we elect club officers for the next year. I will be asking for a couple volunteers to sit on the nominating committee in September to put together a slate of nominees for October. We install the elected officers at the Christmas party in December although there is really no formal installation ceremony. It's pretty simple; bang, your it!

It's time to close this out and head back to the last day of the big show here in Portland. I hope everyone has a chance to attend some show outside of the metro area during the year. It's fun and interesting to see how others run their shows. But by all means attend Stampfest, and bring a friend. We want our show to grow and be successful. We'll see you at the show!

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. If you plan to eat here, please be sure to bring a side dish to share.

We do not have ovens so hot food should be brought warm or in crockpot.

Beef brisket, pulled pork, fried chicken and beverages are provided by the club.

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ROSTER UPDATES

Email addresses and preferred phone numbers change over time. We will list monthly changes to your roster here each month.

Roger Grider – email is
stampsplus@stampsplusstl.com

Tom Minor – preferred phone is 314-805-1067

STAMPFEST LOCATION



Below is an aerial photo of the campus showing the location of StampFest and our regular meetings. Hope to see everyone there.



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SEPTEMBER MEETING

The program this month will be on the Shanghai Overprints, presented by Norb Wright. We will also have an auction this month.

2016 SCHEDULE

Sept. 26...Shanghai Overprints.....Norb Wright
Oct. 24.....Philatelic Jeopardy
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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Dear Stamp Club Members,

I decided that I needed to take a sabbatical; get away from it all for a while to clear my mind, relax, and be in a place where I could think clearly. So I headed north to Big Sky Country, the Treasure State, and God's country otherwise known as Montana. I've been here for about a week now and it's time to write this month's column. It's a good time to write it being on a sabbatical. Not really. I don't think my sabbatical is working. It's probably not long enough, but the column is due. Still, I'm enjoying the visit with family, the scenery, and the wonderful weather.

Our club show is over and it's time to give a report on how it went. First off I want to thank Tom Minor, Show Chairman; Gary Hendren, Bourse Chairman; Dave Marsh, concessions (sales up and costs down); Janette Grider, advertising and publicity; and the rest of the club members that donated time to do all of the other things necessary before, during, and after to make this show a success. I think it went pretty well and I think those that attended will attest to that fact. The best news is that this year's attendance was up again over last year, and the year before. This year we had 157 sign in at the door. There were a few that didn't sign in. It was hard to keep track of those, but I don't think it was many; probably less than ten. Last year's attendance was 134 if my memory is correct. We are definitely headed in the right direction and hopefully this trend will continue in the coming years. I think that as long as we continue to do the things we are doing to advertise and promote the show throughout the region it will continue to grow. The more it grows the more dealers we will get and the more dealers we get the more people will attend, at least in theory.

Speaking of dealers, I was able to talk to all but one dealer before they left the show. While not all of them had a good show, all of them said that they would return next year. That by itself is a good thing as the dealers pretty much decide the show. They bring in the collectors who come to a bourse to see what dealers have to offer.

The auction on Sunday seemed to be a big hit as it usually is. I don't have the final numbers on the auction yet, but I think the club made about \$300 in commission on the sales. Gary will give us the final number at the club meeting.

The club dinner, pot luck, BBQ, or whatever name one wants to attach to it was a fun time for those who attended. We had 39 total attend, which includes 17 dealers and 22 club members. The number of club members attending this year was up and that is also a good thing. Again, the club dinner after the show Saturday night is open to all club members and their spouses and/or guests. The price of admission is a side dish of some sort for all to enjoy. The dealers really like it as it saves them on expenses. It is a great time for everyone to socialize and get to know one another better to include the dealers. Dealers like to get to know you too!

The biggest thing we need to work on improving is attendance on Sunday. This is a problem with every show in the country as I can attest to given the number of shows around the country that I attend. I am looking for ideas on how to improve attendance on Sundays. At our club meeting in August (Monday after the show), I talked about this and got a couple ideas already for next year. I'll be asking for ideas again this month and throughout the year. Please think about this and let me know of your ideas at any time. I'll pass these along to the other officers and the show committee for consideration and implementation at future shows. I'll close out my report on the show with the announcement that Tom has once again volunteered to be the show chairman for Stampfest 2017! Thanks Tom and please continue to give him your support with time and completion of the many tasks required.

It's time to close this out and head back out to the mountains. Remember that we have an auction this month. Next month is philatelic jeopardy and if there is a category you would like to see in the game let me know at the club meeting. The Christmas party is set for 6:30PM, Thursday, 8 December 2016, at Syberg's on Dorsett. We'll see you at the club meeting!

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ROSTER UPDATES

We've had three new members join us in recent months. Dave Rosenstock joined during the summer and both Margaret Jones and Kevin LeVart, Sr. joined during StampFest. Please welcome them and encourage them to join us often and participate in our coming activities.



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NOVEMBER MEETING

The program this month will be our annual Auction Bux auction. Attached is a list of items available. It may grow before the actual meeting. Don't miss it!!

2016 SCHEDULE

Nov. 28.....Auction Bux
Dec. 8.....Christmas Holiday Party

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A Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! I hope everyone had a nice holiday and was able to spend it with family and friends. Also, since there is no newsletter in December, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and yours. Speaking of Christmas, hopefully everyone will be able to start celebrating Christmas early by attending the GMSCS annual Christmas party. There is sure to be fun and games, and maybe even some early Christmas presents! One will find more information on the party in this newsletter. If you plan to pay at the door that is fine, but, BUT, please let Katrina (that's our VP) know you are attending so that we can get the head count right for Sybergs. The last thing we want is to give Sybergs a head count of 20 and have 30 or 40 show up. Someone will be going hungry and that would not be a good thing!

Last month I had a list of what we think is currently in our library enclosed with the newsletter, and asked for feedback on what the club should do with the library. I have received email or telephonic input from about a half dozen or so of our club members, and the thoughts are mixed on keeping it or selling it off. If one checks the minutes of last month's club meeting, one will find that there was much discussion on this subject. I'm still seeking more input, and if we keep the library I will have to appoint a librarian. If any club member would like to take this position, please let me know by some means of communication.

We have a lot going on this month and next. The most important thing the club has going this month is the election of officers, which will take place before any other activities. I forgot to appoint a nominating committee this year to canvas the club for who might be interested in running for an office.

Therefore, I will take nominations from the floor for anyone who is interested in seeking a position.

Also this month is the big bux auction as you all probably figured out from the enclosure of the current list of lots up for bid. There is still time to submit (donate) items for the auction. Let Gary know what it is and bring it with you. We will also take some walk in lots until we reach 100 lots. Since everyone has the list of items up for bid ahead of time, take a look and think about what you want to go after and spend your bux accordingly.

I'm adding a new thing to the newsletter starting this month that will run every month. Each month at the end of the newsletter you will find a **did you know** factoid about some facet of philately. These will be little tidbits of information about some area of philately just for fun and to help broaden everyone's knowledge on a variety of things. I hope everyone will find them fun and meaningful, and one never knows, but you might just see them again. Enjoy!

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705 Forest Glen Circle
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DID YOU KNOW?

The first United States airmail stamp is not *Scott* number C1, it is *Scott* number C3.