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

#### 2017 SCHEDULE

Jan.23...Shanghai Overprints......Norb Wright

# **O BREAKFAST CLUB MEETING**

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#### WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

APPY NEW YEAR! Another new year is upon us and away we go. I don't know where this year will take us, but wherever that is I hope it is happy, healthy, and prosperous for all. I hope the New Year also brings us all good philatelic acquisitions, successful shows, and growth of the club.

The first thing that the club is doing to start off the New Year is changing meeting locations. Please make a note of it. The club will now meet at the Parkway Central Middle School. Fortunately, it is an easy change as the school is right next door to the high school so no one has to blaze any new trails to get there. You can find the address, and maybe a map for good measure, enclosed in this newsletter. The only unfortunate thing is that for our first meeting at this location this month there is another event taking place at the school. This event won't impact our ability to conduct our meeting, but it will affect parking. All I can tell you is park where you can and then look for the signs that will be posted guiding you to the new meeting room. I'll have the editor keep the new location in the newsletter for a few months to make sure that everyone has it.

I'm sure that many are wondering why the change of location? The answer is simple. Money. After all the years that the club has been meeting at the high school the school comptroller, after looking at the balance sheet, decided that all fees charged to outside organizations needed to rise. That can be expected as costs do rise and our fees haven't changed in years, but the increase in the fee was almost triple what the club was paying. Your club officers thought we could do better elsewhere, and we can. The fee at the middle school will be basically the same as at the high school. I'll verify the cost and report back next month. This change may actually turn out to be a great thing. The room

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is a room, maybe a little larger, but other than this month the parking will be much more easy and convenient for everyone!

Our VP has most of the programs for this year lined up, but not all. We still need a couple volunteers to step up and present some type of program. Remember, the program can be on anything you want and delivered in any manner you want. A power point presentation is not required. If you think you would like to do a program and want to do a power point presentation, but don't know how, I'll get someone to show you how. Many of our club members know how to build such a presentation.

The hot topic over the past few months has been the club library. I went and put eyes on the items in the library and figured out how much linear space one would need to take on this task. I also got rid of about 5 or 6 feet of old catalogs. Armed with this information I contacted our very own newsletter editor, Phil Schorr, who stated that he would be willing to volunteer to be the club librarian provided he had enough space in his abode to accommodate everything. Guess what? It looks like he does! I'll make the additional coordination with him to be sure. Given that he does, I'll appoint him as our librarian and then the fun part. We get to move everything to his place. I will have more on making the move later. Just file it away knowing that it will be coming and I will be asking for volunteers to help in that endeavor.

There's a lot more that I could talk about, but I think it is time to close this edition. I'll end this month with a reminder that this is auction month. Bring those items you no longer want and see who does! Oh, ya, it's time to pay club dues. Please pay them by the end of this month. Our secretary will be much appreciative. See you at Parkway Central Middle School!

Guy

Did you know: The rarest airmail stamp in the world is the black Honduras.

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#### **2017 DUES**

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February 2017

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The topic for this month is APS Canal Zone.

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#### 2017 SCHEDULE

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MarchRoses	Phil Schorr
AprilSlania and his engra	vingsJerry Schultz
May	?
JuneSpecial Delivery	Nate Esbeck
July	?
August	?
September	?
October	Philatelic Jeopardy
November	Auction Bux Auction
December	Holiday Party
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#### WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

reetings one and all from ARIPEX and rainy Phoenix, Arizona! Yes, I said rainy. I look forward to ARIPEX every year if for no other reason than to get away to some very nice weather for a weekend. Not this year though. It is actually nicer in St. Louis than it is in Phoenix this year. I guess maybe the stamp show has something to do with getting away too.

So just how flexible is this club? We are about to find out as an unforeseen problem has reared its ugly head with our new meeting location at Parkway Central Middle School. The school has informed me that the club must have a liability insurance policy of at least \$1,000,000 on file with the school before we can use any of the facilities. Whaaaaat? Where did this come from? This has never been a requirement with the high school? It sounds like this is a new requirement from the school district. I'm currently seeing if we can sign a waiver of

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liability and checking out insurance options although another cost is not what we want. Just what does all of this mean? It means get ready to change meeting locations...again.

The officers are currently scrambling to find another meeting location, and find it quickly. We have two or three possibilities that are being worked as I write this. I'm not going to throw them out there as I don't want there to be any confusion of where we will meet this month. It's pretty simple. No news, nothing changes. If the location does change, the secretary will email everyone and call those who don't have email with the new meeting location. Keep an eye on your email this week.

Meanwhile back at the ranch. Our VP still needs a couple volunteers to step up and present some type of program. What would you like to hear about or do at a meeting? You can make that happen by signing up to be the entertainment and doing that.

The club library issue I think is finally resolved. I'm happy to report that Phil Schorr has agreed to be our club librarian. That being said, I am privileged to appoint Phil as our club librarian effective at our club meeting this month, the 27th of February 2017. Thank you, Phil, for taking on this task. The next task is to move the library to Phil's house. I'll have more on the move later, but the plan is sometime this spring after Expo. Stay tuned as I will be asking for volunteers.

#### Guy

Did you know: The first country to issue airmail stamps was Italy.

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June Special Delivery.	
July TBA	
August . Zeppelins on cove	er Paul Miles
Sept Tools of the Trade	eRick McCoy
October	Philatelic Jeopardy
November	.AuctionBux Auction
December	Holiday Party

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#### WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

ey everyone! It's show time! Time for the really big shew. That's right, it's Expo time! It's time to get those want lists purged, plan for the many activities that are taking place, and also volunteer to help make sure that this show stays the success it has been in the past. The great reputation of this show is known across these United States.

As with years past, volunteers are once again needed. This will require some time and effort to help with the many different activities that will take place throughout the course of the show. Some of you have already volunteered from earlier contact primarily doing the same thing this year as last year. Thanks for stepping up again. Those activities that still need some help, youth room and club table primarily, you can sign up at the club meeting or email me and let me know where you would be able

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to help. If you are not able to lend a hand this year, at least attend the show and support the many dealers who have traveled far and wide to bring their wares to you. After all, the dealers make the show go. No dealers, no show. Above all else, whatever you do, have fun. That's what shows are all about. Having fun with your hobby.

I think we have the liability issue about resolved. Therefore, as of this writing we will meet once again at Parkway Middle School. However, given the best laid plans of mice and men, if something falls through an email blast will go out. So watch your in box just in case the meeting location changes again at the last minute.

What's up next on the agenda? Well, we'll have a few months to simply enjoy meetings, but the planning and coordination will start for Stamp Fest right after Expo. The dates this year are August 19th and 20th. Please put those dates on your calendar now so you won't forget. We also get to move the library to its new home soon. As soon as I get a good date between Alan and Phil, I'll get that set up and we will make the move.

That's about it for now. Let's have a good, fun meeting this month and get ready for the bigger fun at Expo. Also, this is auction month so bring those items you want to part with so someone else can take them home. See you at the meeting, and Expo!

Guy

**Did you know:** The country (colony) with the most rare stamps in the world is British Guiana.

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**April 2017** 

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The program for this month will be given by Jerry Schultz. The topic will be Slania and his engravings. Jerry is developing an interesting exhibit on this topic, so this should be a good program.

#### 2017 SCHEDULE

May	.Cinderellas in WWI era	aTom Minor
June	.Special Delivery	Nate Esbeck
July	.TBA	Gene Stewart
August	Zeppelins on cover	Paul Miles
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#### **WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ**

reetings everyone! It's all over but the shouting. Two big events for our club have come and gone. The first is the big shew, Expo, which in spite of some nay-sayers, went off without a hitch and was the usual great show that it has been for years even without an auction. The great reputation of this show across these United States continues. The second is the move of the club's library to its new home. It's done, over, finished!

How many of you were able to attend Expo? I saw about 20 of our members. I hope more than that were able to attend since 20 is only a third of the club. If you didn't get to attend, that is too bad because you missed out on a great opportunity to really enjoy many philatelic activities that will not be available again until Expo next year. Those that did attend and the feedback I received stated that they had a great time. The overall attendance this year was down from last year by about 150, for whatever reason, but those that attended were actively involved in all aspects of the show. The 52 dealers that bought booth space for the show were, except for four that I know of, very happy with the vibrant sales from the show's attendees.

Next year's Expo (16-18 Mar 2018) plans to be even better than this year's as the Expo committee is always looking to add things to make the show better. Did you miss there not being an auction this year? If you did, you will be glad to know that the Expo committee is already working on getting another auction company to come in for the show. As always, if anyone has any ideas for what they would like to see offered at this show, please let me know and I'll take it to the committee for consideration.

I want to thank all of the volunteers that donated their time to help make Expo a great show. I don't

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have the space to list them all here, but I and the rest of the Expo committee very much appreciate what everyone did and the time put forth to make this happen. I do want to mention that the youth room and activities were once again a big hit for the young collectors/collectors to be. Scott Ward and his crew continue to excel. Thanks to Gary Hendren and his crew seeing to it that the Boy Scouts got their stamp collecting merit badges, and Gary as bourse chairman kept the dealers in line. And a big thank you to Wayne Youngblood who made an early trip from Wisconsin, and a late return home, to oversee the show floor setup.

It was touch and go right up until Saturday morning if there would be enough volunteers to move the library because none of the officers, Alan, or Phil received any reply back to my call for volunteers to help move the items. It was looking like a reschedule was going to be in order, but a few members came through and away we all went. I want to thank Jerry Schultz, Tom Minor, Tom's friend Steve, Dave our secretary, and Katrina our VP for making this happen. Aside for a bump on the noggin and the loss of a little blood by your president, it was all done in about 3 hours.

Now Phil, you remember Phil, the guy who stepped up to be the librarian, has plenty to do as he sorts through, inventories, and catalogs everything we moved to his place. As soon as he gets that all done, he will provide a list of what is in the club library to all the club members, and it will be posted on our website. So stand by for news!

Next up is StampFest. Tom Minor has once again stepped up as show chairman for this year. I'm sure he will be contacting members over the next few months to ask for a hand at getting things done. If you can volunteer to help, please do so.

Time to wrap this month's column up. See you at the meeting. Bring your good times and laughter too!

Guy

**Did you know:** Great Britain issued the world's first perforated stamp in 1854, perforating the penny red.



We have two new members this month – Edward Bayham and Amanda Morgenstern. Please welcome them to the club.

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#### MAY MEETING

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#### 2017 SCHEDULE

June	.Special Delivery	Nate Esbeck
July	.Liberia	Gene Stewart
August	Zeppelins on cover	Paul Miles
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October	Philatelic Jeopardy	Guy Gasser
November.	Auc	tionBux Auction
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Vera Felts has been named the 2017 Distinguished Topical Philatelist by the American Topical Association for her wide-ranging contributions to philately.

Felts has served as the ATA's executive director since 2009. In announcing this award, the ATA said, "Felts has brought innovation and a positive attitude to the office and many of the organization's programs." According to the ATA, she spearheaded the ambassador program that brought in hundreds of new ATA members, and she managed the transition to a new topical checklist database.

In other areas of the hobby, Felts founded a youth stamp club at the Science Center in Carbondale, Ill., in 1999. She has edited the newsletter of the Southern Illinois Stamp Club for the last 15 years, and cofounded the club's Sirpex local show.

A life member of the American Philatelic Society, she coordinated its newsletter exchange for eight years.

The ATA's highest honor, the Distinguished Topical Philatelist award, has been presented each year since 1952. Felts will receive the award at the June 24 banquet of the National Topical Stamp Show. The show will take place June 23-25 at the Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, Milwaukee, Wis.



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#### **WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ**



ello everyone! Spring had definitely arrived and it looks like it may quickly turn into summer. Let's hope that summer doesn't arrive too quickly so we can all enjoy some nice comfortable weather. I also want to congratulate Vera Felts on her receiving the 2017 Distinguished Topical Philatelist award! Way to go, Vera! I captured her write up to put in this month's newsletter, which Phil will probably display right up front. Read and enjoy.

This month's column finds us in the quiet period between Expo and Stampfest. This is an opportunity for us to simply enjoy some philately without having to worry about doing anything else. The library move is done and Phil is busily working on figuring out just what we have. So let's have some fun!

The amount of fun the club has is in direct proportion to the number of members who participate in the club's activities. The one constant activity is the monthly meeting. I would like to see more members attend. Why are you not attending? We only meet once a month in the evening as it is so missing a meeting deprives one for an even longer period. Did you know that every meeting Mark Bassett brings a boat load of old APS circuits and collections of worldwide stamps for anyone to pick through and buy stamps on the cheap? Why not come to the meeting early and see what you can find? The door is always open by 7:00PM. It's a chance to socialize with fellow members and add to one's collection all in one. There is also no reason why one can't be looking through all those stamps during the meeting either.

I told Phil I would keep my column short this month so we had room for Vera's write up. Bottom line, it's your club; support it and please attend as many meetings as you can. The club's future depends on it!

This is also a reminder that we will have an auction this month. Bring some lots. Buy some lots. See you at the meeting.

Guy

Did you know: The first official government issued United States postage stamp was actually issued in 1842 (United States City Dispatch Post in Manhattan, New York City).

Shafiq Khuhro sat in on our meeting last month, and since has joined our group. He recently received a stamp collection and wants to learn more about it, and about collecting in general. Please welcome him to the club.

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**June 2017** 

Where

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Tropicana Lanes – see info on back – June & July

When

4th Monday each month at 7:30

**PM** 

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#### JUNE MEETING

The program for this month will be given by Nate Esbeck. It will be on Special Delivery.

#### 2017 SCHEDULE

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AugustZeppelins on cover	Paul Miles
SeptemberI've Been Striking My	Fancy
on the Railroad	Rick McCoy
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#### **WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ**

T's time to turn on the AC "Cause it's summer. Summertime is here. Yes it's summer. My time of year". Who remembers this oldie? Who remembers the group that sang it? Well, no matter as that was back then and this is now. And now means keeping up with the times, which also means modern technology. I know that there are still those out there who are standing their ground against accepting the newest fads of communication with the evil computer. There are also those who have accepted the change and embraced it.

Oh, oh. So now you're wondering just where am I going with this? Well, I'll tell you. Where I'm going is into the 21st century and I'm taking the club with me. What I mean by that is social media! I'm starting off with Facebook. By the time you read this the GMCSC will have a FB page. Why on earth am I doing that you may ask? Marketing is why. Stampfest is right around the corner and as a means to get the word out and entice more people to come, as well as promote the club, studies have shown that social media can make a difference in any business or activities attendance and performance. Those that have a FB page, go to the Greater Mound City Stamp Club page and open it, click on like (unless for some reason you don't like it), and then click on share so it goes out to all of your contacts. The important part of this so that it will work is to share the page, and then have your friends share the page, and their friends, and their friends, and so on. If you don't have a FB page, I ask that you start one (it's simple and free) and then go like the club's page.

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The club page will also have an events page that talks about StampFest and gives all the details. My plan is to also post photos and other activities and events that take place from time-to-time within the club on the page. The page belongs to the club so anyone who wants to post something can do that. I will explain at the meeting how to do that or you can always send it to me to get posted.

StampFest is in 2 months. Time to think about what you can volunteer to do. Tom will need the help, and he will be asking for help starting this month. Please step forward.

Remember, we meet at Tropicana Lanes the next 2 months. I'll be at Stamp Camp during the meeting this month. Our VP has the helm. See everyone in July.

Guy

Did you know: Austria, in 1851, issued the world's only stamps printed on both sides.



**Gene Stewart** has a bourse the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at the Stratford Inn from **10AM to 4PM** across from the former site of the Chrysler Plant in Fenton.



Paul Hicks is our latest new member. We hope he will be able to attend our next meeting. Please welcome him to the club.



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What measures 4.5 inches by 6.5 inches by 2 inches, yet is big enough that it encompasses the whole world? Come to the meeting this month to learn the answer.

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# Established 1884 Saint Louis, Missouri

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**July 2017** 

Where

Parkway Central Middle School East side of the building 471 N. Woodsmill Road

Tropicana Lanes – see info on back – June & July

When

4th Monday each month at 7:30

PM

Membership

\$5 for Regular members \$6 for the family

### JULY MEETING

The program for this month will be given by Gene Stewart. He will fill us in on Liberia.

#### 2017 SCHEDULE

August......Zeppelins on cover......Paul Miles
September..I've Been Striking My Fancy
on the Railroad......Rick McCoy
October....Philatelic Jeopardy......Guy Gasser
November.....AuctionBux Auction
December.....Holiday Party

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#### WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

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Stampfest is in 1 month. If you haven't started to spread the word about the show, whether you are attending or not, now is a good time to do so. Hopefully all the club members will be able to attend for at least some period of time although I realize that a perfect attendance is a long shot.

This month's meeting will require all the help we can get as all the letters and postcards we are sending to announce and invite people to Stampfest will need labeled and stamped for mailing, to the tune of about 600 or more. The more the merrier for this stamping good time! We will also need to get commitments from members for the different things that need to be done before, during, and after the show. Tom will need the help, and he will be asking for a commitment this month.

So what's for dinner Saturday night after the show? How about dinner with all the club members and dealers? I ask that everyone plan on attending the show dinner after the show closes Saturday afternoon. All club members and their families are invited to attend. This is a pot-luck affair with the club providing the main courses. While we put this dinner on for the dealers, this is a club dinner and the dealers are invited as our guests! Come on out and enjoy some good food and drink, and socialize with the dealers and fellow club members. Our VP will also want to know what everyone plans to bring to the dinner. Please step forward.

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In case one has not heard, the APS show this year is in Richmond, VA, August 3rd through the 6th. I realize that the show location is a 12 hour plus drive away, but only about 3 hours by plane! I hope that many of you can make it to the biggest show of the year and come back with many stories to tell. One can find all the information needed at the APS website, www.stamps.org.

Remember, we meet at Tropicana Lanes this month. See everyone there!

Guy

Did you know: First class postage rates in the United States have actually gone down three different times.



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## **O QUICK QUIZ** O

Those of you who attended the June meeting know the answer to the quiz was the 1920 version of the Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue. Compared with the 12 books it takes this year to include everything in Scott's, this one small book is pretty amazing. It's just one of the many books in the club library. A complete list of documents in the library will accompany the newsletter next month if everything goes as planned.

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#### Saint Louis, Missouri

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August 2017

Where Parkway Central Middle School

East side of the building 471 N. Woodsmill Road

When 4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month at **7:30** 

PM

Membership \$5 for Regular members

\$6 for the family

#### AUGUST MEETING

The program for this month will be given by Paul Miles. Hearing about zeppelins is always interesting and Paul will discuss zepps on cover.

#### 2017 SCHEDULE

SeptemberI've	Been	Striking	Мy	Fancy
on the RailroadRick McCoy				Соу
OctoberPhilatelic JeopardyGuy Gasser				
November		Auctio	nBux .	Auction
December			Holida	y Party

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**AM**. The Breakfast group meets year round.



#### WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

I'll start off this month's column with the same question. Have you liked the club Facebook page yet? Have you shared it? Also again, if you have a Facebook page and have not gone and looked at it, please do. Then like and share the page. Anyone can also make comments and post pictures on the page too. The more content on the page, the better the page. Don't have a FB page? They are easy to set up and free. I invite you to make one. Thus far our club page has 17 likes and 19 follows so the outreach is growing.

Stampfest is over for another year. I want to thank everyone who volunteered their time and efforts in all areas of the show to make this go off. I especially want to thank Tom as show chairman, Gary as bourse chairman, and Dave the concessionaire, who were instrumental in putting everything together before, during, and after the show. Even though there were only thirteen dealers this year, those that I talked to were satisfied with the way things turned out. I also received several compliments on the show. That is a direct reflection on the work everyone did and I greatly appreciate it. I now pass the compliments on to everyone else, and say good show and well done!

I didn't get a chance to capture the final attendance number before writing this, but as of noon on Sunday the show attendance stood at 117. I know that we picked up some more later in the afternoon, but even with those I think we are going to be down this year compared to the last 2 years when we went up in attendance. It would be nice to see a few more club members attend. Please plan accordingly for next year's show. I have still not cracked the code on what needs to be done to boost attendance. Anyone have any ideas? Please let me know if you do.

The club dinner after the show on Saturday evening was a nice touch to end the day, and I think that everyone had a good time. There were a few more club members that attended this year, which was nice to see. I hope that even more will take the time to attend next year's Stampfest dinner.

Those club members who were not able to be at the show when it opened Saturday morning missed the

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big event. I unveiled the new GMCSC logo, which was based off of Frank Kollinger's winning submission a couple years ago. It took much longer to get this done than I wanted, but it is finally done and I think everyone that has seen it thus far really likes it. Check out our FB page for a picture or two. The club will now use this new logo on all of its outgoing correspondence, and the new banner and/or sign will be prominently displayed at all club activities. Each member will also receive business cards to use in recruiting new members, and a lapel pin to proudly wear at philatelic functions or even out and about if desired. I have to get the lapel pins remade so a slight delay on getting those out to everyone. The background color is too dark.

Coming up. Election of club officers is the next big item coming up followed by the Christmas party. I'll have to appoint a nominating committee in September to seek nominations for club officers. Who would like to volunteer? The chairman will receive 25 auction bux for their work. I know that we will need to elect a new vice president as Katrina has decided it's time to let someone else take that position. If being a club officer is something that you would like to do, consider running for office and let the nominating committee know when they solicit nominations for club offices.

We're back at Parkway Central Middle School this month. Bring your bells and I'll see everyone there!

Guy

Did you know: Canada issued its first stamp in 1851, and was the first country to issue a stamp with an animal and not a monarch.



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#### SEPTEMBER MEETING

Katrina Whitaker will educate us this month with a program on Philately 101. We all can use a reminder on the basics from time to time.

#### 2017 SCHEDULE

October	Philatelic Jeopardy	Guy Gasser
November.	Auc	tionBux Auction
December.		Holiday Party

# **O BREAKFAST CLUB MEETING**

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#### WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Tell, folks, we are up to 20 likes and 22 following on our Facebook page. The number is growing, albeit slowly, but growing. Growing is a good thing! Let your friends and family know about our FB page and ask them to check it out. They might even like it.

Those lazy, hazy days of summer are over as we will officially have entered the fall season when we meet this month. Although the temperatures may still say summer for a while, we all know what's coming. Winter! Ugh! But, the good thing about winter is that it is prime season for philately so things start to heat up for those in the hobby and in the club. We have several fun things taking place between now and Christmas that I hope many will be able to enjoy with us (philatelic jeopardy, annual BIG auction, and the annual Christmas party).

As of this column, I have not yet been able to verify the exact attendance at StampFest this year, but the number I have right now is around 167. What I need to find out about this number is was this 167-different people that walked through the door, or is this the total number including attendees who attended both days. The other most important number is how many of these are new attendees. Once I get that all figured out I'll let everyone know. If this number holds true, then StampFest attendance will have increased again. That would be nice.

Along with the number of fun things I mentioned earlier that are coming up, we also have a very important event coming up. That event is the election of club officers in October. I'll be appointing a nominating committee at this month's meeting to seek nominations for club officers. Who would like to volunteer? The chairman will receive 25 Auction Bux for their work. Again, I know that we will need to elect a new vice president as Katrina has decided it's time to let someone else take that position. If being a club officer is something that you would like to do, consider running for office and let the nominating committee know when they solicit nominations for club offices.

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I am also looking for a volunteer to take over the setup and running of the Auction Bux auction in November. Gary has decided that it is time to hand this off to someone else. This event is listed on the Auction Bux sheet as a separate event, and whoever takes it over gets a hundred bux! The club needs a person this month so that they have time to do the work and put everything together.

I sent the lapel pins back to the vendor and the vendor is remaking them. Hopefully I will have them by the October meeting to hand out to everyone. Yeah! See ya at the meeting where our VP will entertain us with a presentation on the basics of philately.

Guy

Did you know: The last year that Hawaii issued its own postage stamps was 1900.

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During the last meeting the suggestion was made that the Library list should also include the names of the authors of the books. This can be done at the cost of a few hours of the Librarian's time. We will make a decision on this issue at the September meeting. Come prepared to make your feelings known.

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# PERF-DISPATCH GREATER MOUND CITY STAMP CLUB

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October 2017

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#### OCTOBER MEETING

It's Jeopardy! Put on your thinking caps and come to the meeting ready to play Philatelic Jeopardy. It's a great chance to win more Auction Bux for the November auction.

#### 2017 SCHEDULE

November......Auction Bux Auction
December......Holiday Party

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#### WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

reetings one and all from SESCAL and sunny southern California! The weather here has been typical for this part of the country, gorgeous. Actually, it's more like summer with temperatures in the 90s. The area clubs that put on SESCAL did a nice job and put on a good show that included a bourse, exhibits, and an auction by Schuler Rumsey. The show was moved this year from downtown LA out to Ontario. This is a much better location, but as with many shows around the country attendance was still down.

We have an action packed month this month for the club. Our nominating committee will present the nominations for club officers to the club. Everyone should have been contacted and asked if they were interested in running for one of the club offices. Also, in accordance with our by-laws nominations will be accepted from the floor at this month's meeting. Therefore, if anyone was still thinking about it there is still time to throw your hat in the ring. Even if the current officers are going to run again, which simply means that we have someone on the ballot for those positions, the club is going to need someone to run for vice president as our current vice president has opted to not seek reelection. Who wants to step up and run for this position?

After all the formalities let the fun begin as we all engage in that annual contest of philatelic knowledge in Philatelic Jeopardy! Bring your thinking caps and be ready to take the challenge with your team for the opportunity to have a lot of fun and earn what could be a lot of extra auction bux. I wonder what the categories will be this year???

Coming up. The club will close out the year with elections next month followed by the annual HUGE bux auction. If you have items to donate to the

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auction, let Gary know right away so that he can get the list of lots finalized. Then in December is our annual Christmas party. Please mark your calendars for Thursday, December 7th for the big event again at Syberg's. The doors will open at 6:30PM. This will be Katrina's swan song as vice president so let's all come out and do this event up right. The cost will remain the same as last year at \$10.00 per person with the club picking up the balance. I hope that all can attend.

I have one last note of delight. In case you haven't heard, club member Wayne Youngblood was recently hired by the ASDA to be the editor of *American Stamp Dealer and Collector*. He took over for Randy Neil who decided it was time to retire. Congratulations, Wayne! I think I can say that we all look forward to seeing what he does with this wonderful publication.

I look forward to seeing everyone for another club meeting with plenty of fun and frolic!

Guy

Did you know: The first Scott catalog was published in September, 1868. It was 21 pages and covered the world from 1840 to date.

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#### NOVEMBER MEETING

It's time for the big Auction Bux auction. A large group of items will be waiting for your bids. Don't miss this chance to use your Auction Bux to acquire some really nice items.

#### 2017 SCHEDULE

December......Holiday Party

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#### WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Is the season once again. By the time we all get together for this month's meeting Thanksgiving will have come and gone, we will all have gained 10 or more pounds, and Christmas will be upon us before we know it. Who has their tree up already? I should be one in this group assuming I didn't run into any problems causing a delay. The big question is who has all of their holiday shopping done? If anyone can answer I do, I think we will all be shocked, but one never knows for sure.

I spent this past weekend (17-19) in Chicago for CHICAGOPEX. Those not familiar with this show, it is the big show for the Chicago area like our Expo here. It's a very nice show; well run, lots of dealers, lots of exhibits, and lots of things to do. Unfortunately it was not very well attended. I saw Gary Hendren at the show (like that's a surprise) with his St. Louis Streetcar exhibit. He took home a large gold! Way to go, Gary. He and I were talking and both agree that he has a chance to pick up the Grand award with this exhibit at some show in the future. I think he will. It's just when and where.

We have another action packed month this month for the club. The first thing we get to do is vote for club officers for the next year. Since the slate is just the current officers, minus the vice-president, this will simply be a vote by acclamation. We still need a vice president. Who would like to serve? Then it's the big auction of the year, the club bux auction. This is the time to spend the bux accumulated throughout the year on some great items. If you didn't attend last month's meeting, you missed a great time with Philatelic Jeopardy and a chance to add some more bux to your coffers. Come ready to spend those bux and have a great time. Might as well spend them all because they don't carry over to next year.

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Coming up. A short 10 days after our meeting is our annual Christmas party. I hope everyone has marked their calendars for Thursday, December 7th for the big event again at Syberg's. The doors will open at 6:30PM. Try and bring your money to the meeting this month, but you can pay at the door. The key is to make sure you let our VP know if you're coming or not as we need an accurate headcount. The cost will remain the same as last year at \$10.00 per person with the club picking up the balance. I hope that all can attend.

I have one last note. Mark Bassett is looking to give up being the club's stamp manager. Therefore, I am asking for someone to volunteer to take on this task. It's not that difficult and also gives that person the first look at anything the club has to sell and pick out stamps and covers for their collection. That's a nice little bonus.

See you at the meeting for another round of fun and frolic!

Guy

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#### **MEETING LOCATION**

Don't forget — school is back in session so our meeting is moving back to the school. We meet in Room 710 of Parkway Central Middle School. See you there!



The library list for the club library is now available. To access it simply go to the club website listed above, scroll down to the Library heading below the list of programs, and click on the word "library" in the middle of the first sentence, or click on the Library tab at the top of the page. It is a pdf file, so you will need the ability to open pdf files, but beyond that is should be easy. Let me know if you have any questions or would like to check out a book. You can either come to my home to take a look at them, or ask me to bring a specific book to the next meeting of the club. I can be reached at (314) 843-8493 or at pschorr@att.net.

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