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JANUARY MEETING

The program for this month will be presented by Ed Bayham. It deals with the voyages of the U.S.S. Vincennes. Ed always gives an interesting program.

2019 SCHEDULE

February..Exhibiting Basics..Meyerotto/Hendren
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Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a great Christmas and that the New Year has started off bright and prosperous. It has certainly started off cold and snowy, and the forecast I looked at doesn't show any relief for the next 2 weeks. Ugh! If this is bad, imagine what our club member Dave Marsh must be enduring up in the finger of Wisconsin on Green Bay. No sympathy from any of us down here. The bright side is that spring is less than 2 months away.

Unfortunately the New Year has also brought with it some sadness. It is with a heavy heart that I must report that the club lost two members late last year. First we lost David Thompson around the 4th of December. Then we learned that Robert Carman had also passed away. I don't have any details on their deaths as I simply received notification that they had passed. Both of these gentlemen joined the club in 2010 and were continuous members since then. Speaking on behalf of the club, our thoughts and prayers are with their families. We will miss them.

Now a more positive note. Congratulations to our new Vice President, Edward (Ed) Bayham! The club elected Ed at our last regular meeting in November, and in accordance with the by-laws he was installed at the next club event, which was the Christmas party last month. Thank you, Ed, for running and being elected as VP. I look forward to working with Ed, taking his input for a better club, and putting him to work. That being said, one of the duties of the VP is program manager. There are still a few spots that need filled for programs this year. Anyone wishing to give a program, now see Ed. Gary is off the hook and will gladly pass anyone along to Ed. I'm sure that Gary is glad to have only his Treasurer duties to worry about now.

Those club members that did not or were not able to attend the annual Christmas party last month missed out. Norb and Mimi did a great job putting the party on and everyone there left with a smiling face. Thank you Norb and Mimi! There were 27 who attended the party, which is a good thing. The club paid for 30, which was not a good thing. Next year I would like to see more attend, like 40. Not just because we pay for 30 regardless, but because the more the merrier.

Coming up! This month is auction month. Time to put those lots together and let someone else have a chance to have what's not wanted. Also this month the club has the privilege of voting on nominations for the upcoming APS/APRL election of officers and directors. Next month is our annual voting for the best and worst of the stamps issued by the Postal Service in 2018. Two months, yes only 2 months, from now is the big shew, the St. Louis Stamp Expo, March 29-31. I know that we will need some volunteers to help out with various tasks and events. Mark your calendars now as this is the show worth attending. I'll have more information on volunteers needed next month or at our March meeting for sure.

As I write this month's column, there are only nine members, if Phil and I have counted correctly, who have not yet renewed their membership for next year. Thank you to all who have already renewed. The few remaining, I ask that you please renew soonest so that the club can close this task out for another year.

Guy

Did you know: The rate for a first-class letter up to one ounce goes up five cents this month (55 cents), but the rate for each additional ounce drops six cents (15 cents).

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FEBRUARY MEETING

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Hello all! It is with a heavy heart that I must once again start this month's column on a sad note. Thanks to the club wide email sent by our new secretary I think that almost everyone knows that our club member Bill Raible, lost his wife on February 15th after battling a long illness. I wanted to place the notice again in this month's newsletter for the benefit of those who don't have email, didn't receive the email, or maybe just didn't see it. Bill, on behalf of the club you have our heartfelt sympathies for your loss. You and your family are in our prayers.

Speaking of new secretary as I mentioned above, let me formally announce that the club does in fact have a new secretary, and that person is Phil Schorr! Congratulations, Phil, and thanks for stepping forward to fill this position. Hopefully it will be for more than the 2 year term that we will now serve. After much consternation and soul searching, Phil announced at last month's meeting that he was volunteering to run. I think he was the fastest person nominated, elected, and inducted into an officer position in the history of the club! And with that, my fellow club members, all the officer positions are once again filled.

As we finish up the last full month of winter (yea) everyone is probably hunkered down with their stamp collections. Sounds to me like a good month to review and vote on the best and worst stamps issued last year by the Postal Service. Once again we'll do our annual duty to have some fun and let the readers of *Linn's* know what the members of the Greater Mound City Stamp Club thought about last year's stamps. Therefore, anyone who has a December 2018 issue of *Linn's Stamp Monthly*, or

any other source for that matter that shows all the stamps for 2018, please bring it to the meeting.

The program this month is on the basics of exhibiting presented by Marcus Meyerotto. I think Gary is going to chime in from time-to-time too. Anyone thinking about exhibiting won't want to miss this. Anyone not interested in exhibiting will find this program informative and educational too when everyone sees just what goes into creating an exhibit.

Expo is getting closer as it is a little more than a month away. I won't have the requirements for volunteers this month, but I will next month. Please plan on helping out with something. The show runs on volunteers!

There is one program month that remains open, September. Anyone who would like to do a program in September should let the VP, Ed, know soonest. Even though there is only one month open for this year, Ed will take volunteers for next year anytime.

The club's second Monday breakfast meeting will be looking for a new location for a hopefully only short period of time. I found out by going to Hilary's Roadhouse earlier this month that the establishment had a fire and is currently closed. I have no other details on the fire, amount of damage, will the place reopen, etc. I'll announce the temporary location for the breakfast club meeting at this month's meeting. See everyone soon and please don't forget to bring *Linn's*. That is all.

Guy

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MARCH MEETING

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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Greetings everyone. Well, it's show time! Time for the big shew. Expo that is. Big bourse, lots of exhibits, seminars, study groups, and a youth room. Just in case anyone may not know, the show will take place at the Airport Renaissance (a nice 4-star hotel), 9801 Natural Bridge Road, Berkeley, MO 63134, March 29-31, 2019. The show hours are 10-6 Friday, 10-5:30 Saturday, and 10-3 on Sunday. Admission is \$5.00 for all 3 days and covers parking. This is the show that you do not want to miss. If you have been looking for something specific for your collection, this is the show where you might just find it. You might also find other things you didn't even know you needed.

I'm pretty sure that everyone knows by now that this show takes the efforts of many volunteers to be successful. I'm pretty sure that everyone also knows that I have previously stated that I'll be asking for volunteers for various things. Unfortunately, as of the time I am writing this I still don't know exactly how many volunteers are needed. I will know by our meeting as the Expo Committee will have held their final meeting prior to our meeting. Regardless of how many and for what at this point, I hope that everyone has set aside some time to help out.

What's on tap for this month besides the Expo? It's auction month for a start. Here's a chance to move some of your not so philatelic treasures to someone else where it will become their philatelic treasure. Well, maybe not a treasure, but something that will enhance their collection. Also, based on feedback from the members in attendance last month, the overwhelming majority would like to see nicer items. Nicer items meaning those that would sell for more; not just nickel and dime stuff. Bring it out if you have it and we'll see how it goes.

The program this month has something to do with St. Patrick, MO, presented by Gary Hendren. There's obviously a St. Patrick's Day tie in here, or it appears that there is, but with Gary one never knows just what he has up his sleeve. It will be worth the price of admission just to find out.

There is still one program month that remains open, September. Anyone who would like to do a program in September should let the VP, Ed, know soonest. Even though there is only one month open for this year, Ed will take volunteers for next year anytime.

Looking ahead, as soon as Expo is over it's time to start planning for StampFest. The dates for StampFest this year will be August 17th and 18th. Please mark your calendar now so that the date is open and all can participate. There will be much more on StampFest later. I hope to see everyone Monday, and at Expo! That is all.

Guy

Did you know: Great Britain not only issued the first postage stamp, it was also the first to initiate post office savings banks in 1861. The U.S.? Yes, 1/1/1911 - 7/1/1967.

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APRIL MEETING

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Hi Everyone! Well, the big shew is over, some warm weather has come our way, and it's on to the next big event! The next big event I'm referring to is none other than StampFest. The date for StampFest, so everyone can mark their calendars, is the 17th and 18th of August, 2019, at the same location, Parkway Central High School gymnasium. I know that seems like a long way away, but in reality that is only four more club meetings. More information will follow soon on details and volunteers needed for the various things the club will have to get done. Tom Minor has once again agreed to be our show chairman. Please give him your support and help with the things he will need to get done prior to, during, and after the show. Thanks Tom! Ed Bayham has once again agreed to run the concession stand and will need help. Thanks Ed! We still need a bourse chairman. Who would like to step up and take on this task?

Now that Expo has come and gone, how did it go? That's a question for those of you who were able to attend the show as well as a question I'll answer based on my participation on the show committee. Those that did not have a chance or chose not to attend missed a very good show.

Based on paid attendance, the show was very successful and that's with the horrible weather on Saturday that I'm sure kept some people away. While I don't have the exact final number, the attendance was around 650, which is about 100 more than last year. I should have the exact number by the next newsletter. Based on exhibits, seminars, and the youth room, participation in each of those areas was strong. The highlight of the show for our club is the exhibit entered by Christina Esbeck, Nathan's 9 year old daughter. She entered her one frame exhibit on cupcakes and brought home a gold

medal! Receiving a gold medal with one's first attempt at exhibiting rarely happens. The question everyone was asking Nathan was when he will get a gold medal for his exhibit??? Congratulations Christine!

I want to thank everyone who volunteered to help in some capacity with Expo. Given the magnitude of this show, it takes many volunteers to make the show go well. Cudoos go to club members who handled several of the main pieces of the show; Bob Mahoney (youth room), Marcus Meyerotto (exhibits), Nathan Esbeck (awards), Doug Weize (security), and Tom Minor (cache design and program cover).

The program this month is on "The Dead" by none other than our illustrious secretary and newsletter editor, Phil Schorr. I have no idea what this means. There's only one way to find out, come to the meeting. I'll see you there!

Guy

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MAY MEETING

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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Hi Everyone! It's May! While that is obvious there is a reason for me pointing that out. May also means the Memorial Day holiday the last Monday of the month, which this month is the 4th Monday of the month. Therefore, as in years past when Memorial Day falls on the 4th Monday, here is a reminder that the club meeting is a week earlier, Monday the 20th. I hope everyone, if not already done, has made a note of the change.

Spring is definitely here. Although it has been a wet spring so far, the warmer weather sure is nice. Let's enjoy it for as long as we can because in another month we'll all be complaining how hot it is! Late spring and early summer is also a nice time to relax and enjoy the hobby as there is not a lot of extra things going on for the club. As we move toward the middle of summer, things will heat up again as the club prepares for StampFest.

Speaking of StampFest, preparations continue to move forward behind the scenes. Everything seems to be on track, but the show could still use a bourse chairman. I asked for a volunteer in last month's column as well as at the club meeting, but so far no one has stepped forward. Who would like to sign up and take this on? Please let me and/or Tom know. I promise that we will welcome that person with open arms!

This month is auction month. If anyone wants to see specific items appear in the auction, let the dealers in the club know. Anyone can also let our secretary know and he will send out a club wide email asking the club members to bring the type of material requested should anyone have any to auction. The consensus of the club members after the last auction remains the same. Everyone would like to see better items. Now is the chance to bring that kind of material and see what it does.

Tom Minor will present this month's program on cute critters. As with last month, I have no idea what this actually means. While one's first thought is that it has to be something along a topical theme, knowing Tom that is not necessarily the case. Tom collects some very strange and interesting items to include a lot of ephemera. Again there is only one way to find out and that's come to the meeting. I will be out of town for the next two monthly meetings so someone will have to let me know what I will unfortunately miss.

Who else would like to present a program? I think we now have September filled, which closes out this year. However, Ed will always take volunteers and schedule out into next year. Let Ed know and he can schedule anyone for the beginning of next year, which is what needs to happen to keep the programs filled and rolling forward.

I'll see everyone after my foray to Las Vegas for the national bowling tournament and then Stamp Camp in June. While I'll be away for the next two meetings, I'll be at the breakfast club meeting the second Monday of the month (come join us), and I'll be right here in my monthly column. That is all.

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JUNE MEETING

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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Hello all! It's June and the summer season is here although Mother Nature has decided to spare us with the oppressive heat and humidity so far. Not sure how long this will last, but enjoy it while we can because I'm sure it's coming. Now if only the rain would slow down for a while.

I often have a hard time deciding what to write about in these monthly columns. I've never been much of a writer anyway so that makes it even more difficult. However, an event that occurred this past weekend at COLOPEX (Columbus Philatelic Exposition) in Columbus, OH, made it easy this month.

June is a busy month for shows around the country with several of them being WSP (World Series of Philately) shows. The significance of the WSP shows are the exhibits as the winner of the multi-frame Grand award (1st place) gets to enter their exhibit at the APS show in August each year for a chance to win the Champion of Champions Trophy for multi-frame exhibits. There is also a single frame competition, but the Champion of Champions competition takes place at the APS winter show. So why am I explaining all of this? I'm sure the wheels are turning as this must mean that someone in the club earned the Grand award at COLOPEX. Yep.

It is my pleasure and privilege to announce that our very own Gary Hendren, our treasurer, took home the Grand award for his exhibit on St. Louis Street Car Mail! He also won the epilog award for this exhibit (exhibit with the best ending). Congratulations Gary! While not as amazing a result, Gary also entered a one frame exhibit at COLOPEX, his world famous Twisted Caps. He earned a large vermeil this time around along with the APS excellence in exhibiting award. He needed a cart to help wheel all of his hardware to the car after

the show. I posted a picture of Gary with his awards on Facebook. Go check it out on the club's Facebook page.

The club members will be presenting this month's program. Yep, this month is show and tell month. I ask that everyone who attends to please bring something that they like and in 2 minutes...ish or less talk about it. I want to remind everyone that the object here is to bring something that you like and want to share, not what you think the rest of the club will like. We all as club members want to know, or should want to know, what each other member likes in this hobby. It doesn't matter if anyone else has that interest. Plus, one might just find out that there are others with the same interest, but never knew about it.

A reminder here as well as elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter that this month and next month's meeting will be at Tropicana Lanes. Phil will have the address listed. This month we have the upstairs meeting room located toward the back of the bowling alley. Upon entry, just walk to the right side of the center, go past the control desk and the restrooms, and the room is on the left. This room has also been remodeled from what it looked like last year when we were in it.

Who else would like to present a program? Ed will always take volunteers and is scheduling next year now. Just let Ed know. We also need a bourse chairman for Stampfest. I'm still waiting for a volunteer??? Tom will update everyone on where we stand for Stampfest and may ask for some volunteers for things now.

My foray to Las Vegas for the national bowling tournament is over and now it's on to Stamp Camp. Have fun and I'll see everyone next month. That is all.

Guy

Did you know: The first stamps issued by Australia in 1902 were postage due stamps.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

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JULY MEETING

This month we will be preparing all the show announcements for StampFest. Come prepared to fold, stuff, seal and stamp. This is one of the most important fund raisers we have, and the more help we have the faster we can get it done.

2019 SCHEDULE

August.....Poland 1946 Air Mail...Bob Ogradnick
September....FDC Artist.....Pat Morgan
October.....Philatelic Jeopardy.....Guy Gasser
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BREAKFAST CLUB MEETING

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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Hello everyone! The dog days of summer have arrived. The weather has heated up and with that so do the activities of the club.

First off, please take note of the enclosure with this edition of the newsletter. It is an important recommended change to the by-laws of the club. I ask that everyone reads it carefully, and then provide any input as one thinks is necessary. Members will have until the close of the club meeting in August to submit comments and recommendations. Voting on this change will be by ballot and scheduled to take place at the membership meeting in September unless otherwise changed.

This will be the last meeting before StampFest; therefore, it's time to finalize the events for the show, get volunteers, and identify anything missed. Hopefully, there won't be anything missed. Tom will be asking for volunteers once again to support the show. Please sign up for something. A good note, so far we have 15 dealers signed up to do our show. Tom is still seeking the decisions of five others so it's possible we may end up with more than 15 providing no one drops at the last minute.

StampFest also means our annual post show dinner for club members and dealers. I remind everyone that this is a club dinner open to any club member and their family. This is a pot luck affair with the club providing the BBQ and fried chicken. Please plan on attending. This is a great time to socialize with fellow club members, family members, and the dealers who are supporting our show. The price of admission is to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert.

The program for this month's meeting will be a busy hands-on program. This is the month that we mail out the notices and letters for StampFest. As those

who have participated in this endeavor in the past know, it takes a lot of hands helping out to make this happen in a timely fashion. I ask that everyone who can make this meeting to please do. The more that show up, the faster we can get this done. Come prepared to lick'em and stick'em!

This month is also auction month, and yes there will be an auction. Anyone who has some items they want to sell, bring them in and let's see if we can find them a new home. The request for some higher cost items still remains; therefore, anyone who has some higher priced stamps, covers, or other philatelic treasures they wish to move, bring them too and we'll see what happens.

The club needs to find a new home; a new meeting place. As Ed informed everyone who was in attendance last month, and for those who were not, the Parkway school district is raising their rental fees. The head of facilities management for the district informed me that the usage fees for all non-district organizations, groups, etc. are going up August 1st. The rental price for the meeting room is increasing from \$34 a night to \$61 a night, which is almost double. The club simply cannot afford that.

The club officers have been searching for a new home without much success. Gary talked to the church across the street, and they have a vestibule they would let us use for \$40 a night. That might work, at least on a temporary basis until we find something else. It's clear that the club needs a dedicated person(s) to take this on to find us a place. Therefore, I am going to appoint a relocation committee to do just that. I will be asking for volunteers this month to take on this task for the club. Please consider volunteering.

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My foray to Stamp Camp is over. It was a lot of fun and I highly recommend it for everyone. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting. Out!

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AUGUST MEETING

This month Bob Ogradnick will be telling us about Poland 1946 Air Mail. Sounds like another very interesting talk from Bob.

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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Happy dog days of summer everyone! The show is now over and all that is left is to figure out income versus expenses, and capture what went well and what needs improvement.

Since the show ended yesterday as I write this, I don't yet have the final financials as to how we fared. However, I am confident that this year we will come out ahead thanks to having five more dealers than last year plus the small increase in table fees.

Unfortunately, the attendance this year was poor. I counted only 109 who signed in at the door. While some slipped through without signing in, that number was a very small number so it's negligible in the big picture. I don't know why the sudden drop in attendance this year. Last year we had over 150 attendees and I was looking forward to that number going up instead of down. We did the same thing this year as last year for promotion and advertising. It also appeared, I'll have to do the analysis, that fewer club members attended this year for who knows what reason. That is not good in itself as it takes a concerted effort from everyone to make our events a success. On a positive note, we did pick up three new club members at the show.

My concern, and it should be a concern for all club members, is will we be able to get the dealers back. We only had a couple dealers who showed any profit. The rest either broke even or took a loss. This is a hobby, but for our dealers it is also a business. They have expenses that they have to pay and need to turn a profit to stay in business to provide the material to the collector. If they don't, they will take their business elsewhere.

Our annual post show dinner for club members and dealers went well. There were 32 who stayed to enjoy the rest of the evening. Those that attended had a good time dining and visiting with dealers and club members. Thank you to those who attended and brought the side dishes and desserts for all to enjoy.

I need to recognize those that volunteered their time and effort to put on a good show that unfortunately many in the collecting community missed. First off a hearty and grateful thank you to Tom Minor, show chairman, for running the show and putting everything together. Once again he came through for the club to put on a very good show. A big thank you to Ed Bayham, our VP, for planning, setting up, and running the concession stand. This is no small feat. And a big thank you to Pat and Lesa Morgan for handling the 10 cent sales booth, and the job they did getting the club dinner set up, feeding everyone, and then cleaning up at the end. They also helped with set up and tear down of the show floor, and probably some other things that I have missed. And also a thank you to the other club members for the various parts they did to make this show happen. Some were big and some were small, but they were all important. Thank you everyone who helped in any way for your help! I do greatly appreciate it!

A reminder to the members that they will have until the close of the club meeting this month to submit comments and recommendations to the proposed by-law change. Voting on this change will be by ballot and scheduled to take place at the membership meeting in September unless otherwise changed.

Bob Ogrodnick will enlighten us this month with a program on Polish airmail from 1946. Since his program specifies a specific year, there must be a good reason for it. The way to find out is to come to the meeting and hear what he has to say.

The relocation committee is busy looking for a new meeting place. While that continues, we will meet again this month at Tropicana Lanes. This time we will be in the downstairs meeting room. Hopefully next month we will have a new permanent home for the club.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting. That is all.

Guy

Did you know: The APS has a new Director of Expertizing, Mr. Gary Loew. The APS appointed him Director in June, 2019.

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JUNE AND JULY

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

This month Pat Morgan will fill us in on his growing
FDC collection from one specific artist.

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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Happy beginning of the fall season everyone!
It's hard to believe that summer is officially
over especially since the temperatures
outside say otherwise.

We have two big things facing us as a club over the
next couple of months and one facing us within the
next 6 months. One is finding a new location that
the club can call home, two is finding a new venue
for Stampfest, and three is voting on the proposed
changes to the by-laws.

The first thing is the proposed changes to the by-
laws. The ballot and instructions arrived with the
newsletter and should be pretty straight forward.
Please submit the ballot in accordance with the
instructions on the ballot before the deadline. Since
I received a couple other proposed changes at the
last meeting and wanted to get them on the ballot
for everyone's consideration; therefore, I'm pushing
the cutoff for receiving ballots to Monday, October
28th, which is the next club meeting. Ballots
received after October 28th will be null and void.

The next item is finding a new permanent home for
the club to hold its meetings. The relocation
committee is still searching. An analysis by our
secretary shows that two-thirds of the club
members who regularly attend meetings live south
of I64. Therefore, I have asked the relocation
committee to expand their search area to between
I64 and I44, and also West into the Chesterfield
area. Hopefully we will find a nice place within the
next couple months that we can move to and call
home for years to come.

While the relocation committee is searching, we still
need a place to meet. Gary checked with his church
and they, whomever they are, were willing to let us
rent their all-purpose room for lack of a better name

for \$40 a night. Therefore, we will use this location as a temporary meeting site until we find a permanent location. The name of the church is the Arlington United Methodist church. The address and other info needed to get there Phil has elsewhere in the newsletter. The landmark to look for is the big white cross that stands alone in front of the church.

The third item is finding a new home for StampFest. We have more time to figure this one out and more flexibility as location is not as important. We can hold the show pretty much anywhere in the metro area. More later on this task. Now on to other things.

In last month's newsletter, while thanking those that helped with Stampfest, I missed a couple. The auction at Stampfest was huge to the tune of 183 lots. That turned out to be a challenge to keep everything together, keep track of what the lots sold at, and make sure that the appropriate sellers got paid. However, Jerry Schultz with the help of Gary managed to do that without any problems. Thanks Jerry and Gary for taking care of the auction!

This month Pat Morgan will entertain us with something about FDC artists. I know that there is a lot of fancy art work as cachets on first day covers by a lot of different artists. There has to be something hidden here that most don't know about or realize. Come to the meeting and find out.

This month is also auction month so bring those nice stamps, covers, ephemera, etc. and put them in the auction. Also come looking to see what to bid on for your own collection.

I'll see everyone at the meeting at the church on top of the hill. Out!

Guy

Did you know: The first waterfowl conservation stamp, duck stamp, was actually proposed in 1929. The Migratory Bird Conservation Act passed, but the stamp provision was removed from the bill.

MEETING LOCATION

The September meeting will be held at the Arlington United Methodist Church, located at 3770 McKelvey Road in Bridgeton. Take I-270 north of I-70 to St. Charles Rock Road. Turn right on the Rock Road, then left on McKelvey. When you get there, look for the arrow directing you to the ramp leading to the downstairs meeting room. It's near the children's playground.

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OCTOBER MEETING

Are you ready for "Philatelic Jeopardy"? This month you will have the chance to win lots of Auction Bux to be spent in the big closing auction in November. Come prepared to show your philatelic knowledge and demonstrate your lightning reflexes.

2019 SCHEDULE

November...Auction Bux Auction.....Guy Gasser
December.....Annual Christmas Party/Dinner

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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

THIS...IS...JEOPARDY! Let's meet the contestants. Returning for another year the same three teams will once again go at it for another chance to end the evening with bragging rights and a pocket full of auction bux. Let's welcome back teams vice president, secretary, and treasurer into the fray. And now here's your host, ehlilll presidente`! Alright teams; pick up your signaling devices and let's go!

Philatelic jeopardy will take place in a different location this year. What does that mean you ask? It means that the club now has a new home. After an extensive search by the relocation committee, the Kirkwood Community Center rose to the top as the best place to call home. The CC has everything we need to conduct meetings and the price is right. It will cost the club only \$22.50 per month. This price includes access to the meeting room 1 hour before the meeting, and 1 hour after the meeting to pack up and put the room back to the way it was at the beginning of the meeting. The facility manager also stated that there is no plan to increase fees anytime in the near future. I signed a contract through the end of 2020. Our secretary has included the address and directions to the CC elsewhere in the newsletter. Anyone with a smart phone can also get directions on google maps.

We have two big events coming up next month. The most important and first thing, and I'm guessing that no one even thought of this, is the election of club officers. The two officer positions up for reelection this year are for president and treasurer. Anyone wishing to run for one of these positions needs to let their desires be known. I will take nominations from the floor next month and then the members present will vote. Let me remind everyone that officer positions are 2 year terms.

The second thing next month is the annual auction box auction. There can be some great items up for bid during this auction. The best part is that no matter what one bids on, it's free! Ken Grothoff, our auction chairman, needs to receive any lots that anyone wants to donate to the auction well before the auction. Therefore, either bring the lots to the meeting this month or make coordination with Ken to get the lots to him. There is a change from previous years. We will not accept new lots for the auction the night of the auction. Ken will hold any new lots brought next month until the auction next year.

Also just around the corner is our annual Christmas party. I know it seems like it's still a long way off, but really it isn't. It's only two meetings away. The club will hold this year's fun and frolic once again at Syberg's on Dorsett. The date this year is Thursday, the 12th of December, 2019. The VP, who is also the program chairman for the club, will be asking for a volunteer(s) to put on this year's party. Who would like to step up?

We are getting close to the end of the year and need programs for next year. Anyone who would like to give some type of program at some point next year please let the VP know. It can be on anything philatelic that one would want to do.

That is all!

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Did you know: The National Bank Note Company actually selected the vermilion color of the 7 cent bank note issue featuring Edwin Stanton.

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MEETING LOCATION

Our new, hopefully permanent meeting location is Room 200 in the Kirkwood Community Center at 111 South Geyer Road in Kirkwood. Google Maps or any other navigation system will give you the best route to the building. Coming from the north down I-270 the best exit is probably Dougherty Ferry. From the south you can't exit at Big Bend, so try Watson to Geyer and straight up Geyer. From Lindbergh (Kirkwood Rd.) either Argonne or Madison will take you right to one of the drives around the building, which is on the west side of the street.

When you reach the building, pull around to the west (the "back") side of the building, which will bring you to the main entrance. Enter through the outer glass doors and turn right. Enter through the glass doors into the office area, then veer left past our banner into the short hall and the elevator will be on your right. Exit the elevator on the 2nd floor and the meeting room is right in front of you across the hall. Give me a call if you have any questions.

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Oh, the weather outside is frightful! Isn't it a bit early to be saying that? I guess that all depends on whether or not one is already in the Christmas spirit. As for the actual weather, I think it's too early! I hope that this is not a sign of things to come this winter. Although, it is a good lead into one of the topics this month, the annual Christmas party!!! I will also talk about this month's fun and frolic, and a few things coming up.

I think that everyone who left their abode to attend the meeting last month made it to the new location. I haven't heard of anyone who got lost along the way and didn't make it. Those who didn't make it last month have not yet been to the new location for club meetings, the Kirkwood Community Center. Anyone missing last month's meeting also missed a great game of philatelic jeopardy, which after staging a strong finish was once again won by team treasurer. That's another story. This story is a reminder that the club has a new home and to come to a meeting and check it out. One will find the address and directions buried elsewhere in the newsletter.

Last month we counted the ballots on the proposed by-laws changes. Thank you everyone who returned their ballot. All the proposed changes passed by an overwhelming margin. Therefore, the new dues structure and amount will go into effect January 1st for the coming year. Our secretary, Phil, will provide the necessary info regarding your choices and amounts in a separate document enclosed in the newsletter. Those club members who are paid ahead are good to go, and won't be charged the new rate until they come up for renewal.

This month is the annual Auction Bux auction. There will be some great items up for bid during this auction. The best part is that no matter what

one bids on it's free! Ken Grothoff, our auction chairman, has closed off the lots for this year as one reads this. Any items brought to the meeting that didn't make Ken's list for this year he will hold until next year. As a reminder, the amount each has to spend at the auction depends on what was earned over the past year. Everyone is on their honor to keep track of what they spend and only spend what they have. Club members may gift bux to other members. However, the gift of how much and to whom must be announced to the group, and the person giving away their bux must debit their account accordingly.

Next month is the annual Christmas party. The club will once again hold this year's fun and frolic at Syberg's on Dorsett. The date this year is Monday, the 9th of December, 2019. The doors will open at 6:30 PM for happy hour and early games. Dinner is at 7:15 PM or when we get done playing games. Yes, that is a change to what I put in the newsletter last month. Please make a note of it on your calendar. The cost this year will be \$15 per person. We had to raise the price back up to what it was a few years ago as the club was losing too much money on the event. The VP, who is also the program chairman for the club, is putting together what I'm sure will be a great party. Come to the party and find out just what he has up his sleeve. Not only will there be a fun time for all, but the club needs maximum support from everyone. Syberg's will charge us for 30 attendees whether we have 30 or not. The club has been a couple people short the past couple of years. I don't want the club to pay for any more than it's getting.

Again, we are now at the end of the year and need programs for next year. Anyone who would like to give some type of program at some point next year please let the VP know. It can be on anything philatelic that one would want to do.

That is all!

Guy

Did you know: The Columbian SCADTA Air Post Issues were not issued by the Columbian government. The Sociedad de Colombo-Alemana de Transportes Aereos was a legal monopoly and issued their own stamps.

NOTE: If you have already paid your dues for the year 2020, you will not receive a dues notice with this Perf Dispatch.

SHOWS

Gene Stewart has a bourse the 2nd Saturday of each month from **9AM to 3PM**. It is now located at Holiday Inn South County on the northeast corner of I-55 and Lindbergh, behind The Mattress Firm. Don't miss out.

MEETING LOCATION

Our new, hopefully permanent meeting location is Room 200 in the Kirkwood Community Center at 111 South Geyer Road in Kirkwood. Google Maps or any other navigation system will give you the best route to the building. Coming from the north down I-270 the best exit is probably Dougherty Ferry. From the south you can't exit at Big Bend, so try Watson to Geyer and straight up Geyer. From Lindbergh (Kirkwood Rd.) either Argonne or Madison will take you right to one of the drives around the building, which is on the west side of the street.

When you reach the building, pull around to the west (the "back") side of the building, which will bring you to the main entrance. Enter through the outer glass doors and turn right. Enter through the glass doors into the office area, then veer left past our banner into the short hall and the elevator will be on your left. Exit the elevator on the 2nd floor and the meeting room is right in front of you across the hall. Give me a call if you have any questions.

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