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Room 200
111 South Geyer Rd.
Kirkwood, MO 63122

When 4th Monday each month at **7:30 PM**

Membership \$15 for Regular members
\$10 for email only

SEPTEMBER MEETING

During the September meeting Ed Pieper will report on the Capex show held June 9-12, 2022 in Toronto. It's always interesting to hear about what happens at other big philatelic shows and meetings.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

October.....Philatelic Jeopardy.....Guy Gasser
November....Auction Bux Auction.....Jerry Schultz
December....Christmas Party.....Katrina Whitaker

2023

March.....TBD.....Norb Wright

Speakers needed for next year.

SHOWS

Gene Stewart has a bourse the 2nd Saturday of each month from **9AM to 3PM**. It is now located at The Aviator South County on the northeast corner of I-55 and Lindbergh, behind The Mattress Firm. Don't miss out. One of the dealers just might have that stamp you have been seeking.

WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Hello everyone! That's a wrap! StampFest that is; another show in the books. I think that the show went well, and the general consensus of the many I talked to thought it was a good show. The weather cooperated, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, and there was much fun and frolic at the pot luck dinner Saturday night. Now that the show is over, we start the process all over again as we look forward to next year's show. However, our focus will first be on our next big event, which is the Christmas party in December.

I said that the show went well, but how did the show really go, one might ask, and most probably are? Well, I'll tell you. We are in the black. The show made money this year. How much money I don't know because as I write this, our treasurer is still in the process of crunching the numbers. I know that he will have the bottom line for the meeting. I'm guessing though that it will probably be close to a \$1,000. I do know that we made a little over \$200 in the auction and the 10 cent stamp sales each, and about \$100 in the concession stand. The concession stand operates on the premise of breaking even so anything the club makes there is gravy. The largest amount of income comes from the dealer table fees.

What about attendance this year? The attendance this year was a few more than last year. The attendance last year was 121. The attendance this year was 128. That is going in the right direction, but still about 30 shy of pre-COVID. Inside of that total number, fourteen were repeat attendees on Sunday, which leaves 114 different attendees. Also, inside the numbers, 33 club members attended or 55% of the club, which is down from 62% last year. I would have like to have seen that number be at least 80%. I do know that a few that would have attended couldn't this year due to illnesses and family gatherings. Given the diminishing attendance at shows nationwide, the fact that we actually went up this year is a very positive result. And on an even better note, the club picked up six, yes, I said six, new members at the show! I also saw where three or

four others asked for more information about the club on their sign in sheets. Let's hope that this upward trend continues.

Many to thank. Where do I start as there are many to thank for all the work they did in putting the show together, and taking care of the many tasks before, during, and after the show. I start with our show chairman, Tom Minor, who besides all the things a show Chairman does, he did the post cards, signage, and show program. Ed Bayham for taking on the concession stand and making sure that it ran smoothly. Jerry Schultz and his sidekick Richard Thies for putting together and running a vibrant auction. My fellow club officers, VP Katrina Whitaker, secretary Phil Schorr, and treasurer Pat Morgan for all things that their duties entail in planning, coordinating, executing, and capturing the details of the show. A special thanks goes out to all of our volunteers who stepped up to make the show happen; setup and tear down, registration booth, and the concession stand. It takes a concerted effort to pull this off, and our volunteers did their part.

One of the ways to know how the show went is by comments from the dealers and patrons of the show. I received several accolades from dealers and show attendees on how well the club did in putting on the show. Thank you all very much!

Now it's time to move on and get ready for the Christmas party. Planning is already taking place for that event. The Christmas party this year will once again take place at Syberg's on Dorsett on Thursday, 8 December 2022. Put it on your calendars now, please, and plan on attending. The Christmas party is always a lot of fun. I would also like to see more participation this year than last, which will keep the upward trend going.

Philatelic Jeopardy is coming up in a couple months. If anyone has a specific category they would like to see, let me know soon, or even now, so I have time to put it together. Talking about programs, who else would like to give a program? The VP has filled the months for this year and is now working on next year. Sign up early and pick the month.

That is all!

Guy

DID YOU KNOW?

Australia's first stamps, issued in 1902, were postage due stamps. Even more oddly they borrowed the same design from colonial New South Wales postage due stamps, who borrowed the design from the first United States postage due stamps.

HELP NEEDED

The club is in need of a new Club Stamp Custodian. The job involves; storing the club stamps, occasionally organizing new stamps, bringing some to club meetings and setting up/breaking down a table at Stampfest each year. The job comes with extra Auction Bux each year for taking it on. THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT!

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