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

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\$10 for email only

MAY MEETING

Feel you don't understand how to use the club website? Wish you knew more? Come to the May meeting and Pat Morgan, our Webmaster, will walk you through it and make it easy for you to use it. Don't miss out on this important program.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

June.....Kitsch thru the Mail.....Nathan Esbeck
July.....Lick and Stick Party.....All
August....Computers, etc. on Stamps....Alan Barasch
September.....TBD.....Open
October.....Philatelic Jeopardy.....Guy Gasser
November.....Auction Bux Auction.....Jerry Schultz

Speakers still needed this year. Contact Katrina to volunteer and reserve the month when you would like to share your philatelic knowledge with the club.

FREE!!!

Attention new members! Are you a relatively new collector wishing to add more stamps to your collection? The club has a large collection of world wide stamps that are available for free to newer collectors. Just contact the Secretary and set a date and time to visit and look through the collection. You can't beat free.

WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Hello fellow club members! I hope that this finds everyone doing well and enjoying the typical spring weather.

Even though things are rather quiet right now as we prepare for StampFest, there is always something going on with the club. We have a couple new initiatives that are in the works that I will explain. One has sort of started and we'll see how it goes.

The first is a sort of an additional club meeting. Many will remember that we used to have a breakfast club meeting on the second Monday of the month at the Olive Street Diner. That meeting had many ups and downs, and took place in various locations over the years. When COVID hit, that stopped like everything else. Once COVID restrictions lifted, the Olive Street Diner didn't recover and closed, and due to a lack of location and interest, the breakfast club meeting fizzled out. So now, we are going to try a lunch meeting on the second Monday of the month. The first one took place last month in Fenton. Pat Morgan threw out the idea and several responded, and they seemed to like the idea. The club is going to go forward with this and see what happens. As of this writing, I have been told that Norb Wright has volunteered in some fashion to take this on, but I don't have all the details yet. Stay tuned and watch your email for when and where. If anyone has any other ideas on how to make this work, please reach out.

The second item pertains to those who collect recent US issues. Pat asked me about putting together a group of those who collect recent US issues who would share the new issues within the group. I said it's worth exploring especially since the post office will not sell singles of many of the new issues. The way it would work is that someone would buy a pane of the new issues, and then sell one to each member in the group. That way everyone is only paying 63 cents, soon to be 68 cents, instead of \$12.60 for the whole pane. Whether or not it will be just one member who agrees to buy the stamps and

distribute them, or rotate amongst members still has to be worked out. Then there's also the situation where the issue has more than one design. If there's enough interest to put together this group, then the group can meet and decide how to handle all of this. If anyone is interested in this group, please reach out to me or Pat and let us know.

Preparation for StampFest continues behind the scene. I will provide more information on what the club will need in the way of volunteers as we get closer to the show. Again, the one person that we need to identify soonest is the chairman of the concession stand. I know that it sounds daunting and scary, but it's really not. What takes the most time is simply a trip to the grocery store. Who would like to take this on this year. Anyone considering this, but not sure what it entails, please reach out to me and I'll be happy to explain what needs to be done. Please put the show on your calendar now so that the club has maximum participation. Again, the show dates are 19-20 August, and again where we meet, the Kirkwood Community Center.

The program this month is educational, so to speak. Pat Morgan, our website designer and webmaster, is going to go over all the things that are on the website and how to use various features. I will guess that many of our club members don't realize all of the good stuff that is out there for their use and enjoyment. Come find out what you are missing! And continuing with programs, the VP still has September open for this year. Who would like to fill this last spot? Next year is wide open too. Make your reservations now.

See you Monday at the meeting!

That is all!

Guy

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know: The first government issued airmail stamp was issued by Italy in 1917. It was an Italian Express issue overprinted for experimental service between Rome and Turin.

Thanks to those who have contributed to page 3 and beyond in the newsletter. Pat Morgan has written several articles, John Deutch and Ed Bayham have contributed two or three each, Lisa Morgan wrote one that even caused a response from Sweden, John Marquardt has contributed (you will see another of his articles soon) and you have had to deal with several of my Dead Country articles. If I missed anyone, please forgive me.

I know many of our members have a great deal of knowledge about aspects of our hobby. Why not contribute an article about something? Don't worry about proofreading or anything like that. We have people ready and willing to help. You will be contributing to the knowledge of our members and increasing the value of the Perf-Dispatch.

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