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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

AUGUST MEETING

Alan Barasch will improve our understanding of how to use our computers for collecting, stamps on computers, and computers on stamps, and more. Bring your pencils to take notes.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

September.....The 90 Cent IssuesRon McVay
October.....Philatelic Jeopardy.....Guy Gasser
November.....Auction Bux Auction.....Jerry Schultz
December.....Christmas Party.....Katrina Whitaker

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

BOURSE

The Second Saturday Bourse has been resurrected. It will be held in the Epic Empowerment Center at 17795 Wildhorse Creek Road in Chesterfield, MO. The first one was held on July 8. The next should be September 9. This is another opportunity to meet local dealers and add to your collection.

WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Hello club members! Is it hot enough for everyone? Good grief! Talk about stifling heat. It is the middle of August so I guess this is not surprising. I hope that no one has to spend a lot of time outside especially in the afternoon.

Another StampFest has come and gone, and what a good one it was! This was the best attended show we have had in several years. All of the dealers said that they did okay or better. Okay usually means that they at least covered all of their expenses. The show also finished in the black, which to the club is the important thing. The exact financials will be in the treasurers report he gives at the club meeting and on the website after the meeting.

How did the show go then, one might ask? I would hope that all of the club members would ask that question. Overall, it went very well. The attendance was the best in probably 10 years, maybe 15. I don't have records back that far so I'm going from memory as I have attended this show for almost 20 years. So quit rambling and tell us the numbers! Okay, okay. The show had 127 on Saturday and 75 on Sunday (unheard of for a Sunday) for a total of 202 attendees! There were 31 who attended both days. We had about eight who only came to the show to sell their collections, which are part of the total number. Next year the sellers only will be their own separate category. The pot luck dinner after the show had 44 in attendance, which was a nice increase over last year. Also, all the dealers this year stayed and there was much fun and frolic for all.

The only down side to the show is that we only had 37 club members (56.9%) attend. I know that 100% attendance is not realistic as there are many external factors that come up, but it is possible and would be wonderful. Still, I think that 80% is achievable and certainly 70%. Those who did not attend, but could have, should have.

I want to thank Tom Minor for once again taking on this project as show chair this year. I think it has become second nature to him now. I want to thank

Barb Horter for her work as chair of the concession stand. Barb joined the club this past March, and she took this on without any prior knowledge of how it operated, but one would never know that given how well it operated and things went. Another thanks to Jerry Schultz for running the auction, and his helpers Frank Kollinger and Richard Thies. We had fewer lots in the auction this year, around 70, but that number seemed to work well. I thank our VP, Katrina Whitaker, for putting together another pot luck that everyone who attended enjoyed. The buzz in the room indicated that everyone was thoroughly enjoying the event. I also want to thank the many club members who volunteered to do all of the tasks necessary to make the show a success (set up and take down, registration desk, concession stand).

The second Monday lunch get together continues. Norb said that six attended this month's get together at Tucker's. September's location, date and time are spelled out elsewhere in this newsletter. Plan to attend if you can. An email with confirmation of date, time, and location will go out as a reminder a week before the gathering. Norb will continue to move this around to help make this event more accessible to everyone over the coming months.

The program this month has to do with stamps and technology. Alan Barash, our club's computer expert, is going to educate us all about stamps, computers, computers on stamps, stamps on computers, or something like that. This is why we have computer gurus, to keep it all straight for us and help us along. It will be interesting to see how this all ties together.

The programs are filled for this year. The VP is now looking for programs for next year. The earlier one signs up the better choice of month one has!

That is all!

Guy

■ DID YOU KNOW? ■

The first country to issue postage due stamps was France in 1859. One of the reasons was to keep postmasters and letter carriers from cheating the public with fraudulent charges for extra postage due.

■ OPEL+ ■

The "Old Philatelists Eating Lunch Plus" is simply a gathering of some of your philatelic friends coming together to have lunch and enjoy each other's company. The next gathering will be at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, September 11 at Mike Duffy's Put & Grill, 6662 Clayton Rd. in Richmond Heights, MO 63117. See the club website for more details.

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