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Room 200
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When 4th Monday each month at **7:30**
PM

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

WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Hi everyone. Today, the day that I'm writing this that is, is Tax Day! I hope that everyone was able to get their taxes filed on time. If anyone was sweating this out, given the summer like temperatures today, sweating will not be a problem!

It's now official. The front entrance to the CC is closed. We will now need to use the old main entrance until further notice. Everyone should see a map as part of this newsletter showing where that entrance is located, and how to get there. The CC will also have signs posted directing people to that entrance. There is limited parking across from the south entrance (left side of the building when standing on Geyer). Don't use the south entrance. This entrance is for the theater. The good news is that our meeting room remains unchanged...for now. I'll let everyone know when that changes.

The big show is all over but the shouting. The show went very well, and the Expo received many compliments from dealers, exhibitors, and show patrons. Show attendance continues to trend upward with 405 paid, an increase of 45 over last year. It's hard to gauge how many attended multiple days, but an educated guess makes me believe that the show had an overall attendance of around 550.

I want to thank our Expo board and club members, Nathan Esbeck and Tom Minor, for the many hours devoted to making Expo a great show. The head of the board, Fred Boatwright, is not a club member, but I want to thank him on behalf of the club, for the many, many, many hours he devoted to Expo. I also thank Bob Mahoney for running the beginner's room, Alan Barasch for handling the audio visual, and our VP, Katrina Whitaker, for running the registration and various administrative tasks that always plague a show of this size. Thank you to the Renaissance Hotel and their staff for their outstanding support of Expo. Thank you to the USPS for supporting the show and allowing Expo to host a First Day of Issue ceremony, emceed by Nathan. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to

APRIL MEETING

This will be a Workshop meeting where you will learn how to use you preserve your collection. What kind of albums, stock books and so forth are available, should you use hinges or mounts, what do you use to handle your stamps and covers, and much more. Don't miss it on Monday, April 22.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

May.....How and When.....David Mahsman
July.....Lick 'n Stick.....Guy Gasser
October.....Philatelic Jeopardy.....Guy Gasser
November...Auction Bux Auction.....Jerry Schultz

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

WHAT YOU MISSED

Last month Katrina led a workshop on watermarks. After showing illustrations of the types of watermarks used by the U.S. in the past, Guy passed out a number of U.S. stamps for the members to try to locate and identify the watermarks on them. It was challenging.

all the club members who volunteered their time from start to finish. It took a concerted effort from everyone to make Expo a successful show.

The club attendance this year was 44, roughly 60% of the membership. That is also up a little from previous years, which I greatly appreciate. This is a little misleading as it is based on the 2023 roster, and we know that we will unfortunately drop several members. If I take the losses into account, we are around 68%. My goal is still to get attendance at Expo and StampFest to at least 80% of the membership. Thank you to those who attended and your support. I hope that you found the show beneficial and most of all had a lot of fun mixed in with some frolic!

The next big event on the horizon is StampFest. We are still working out the details and searching for a venue since we know the CC is a no go this year. There will be more to come in the next month or two.

Have you ordered your club shirt yet? If not, it's never too late to order one. All one must do is contact the VP.

The program this month will be a continuation of the how to workshop the VP started in January. You know, the how to do the basic things that all stamp collectors should know how to do. Maybe you don't know, which is exactly why you need to know, and this is the opportunity to be in the know. This time the program will cover how to preserve your collection. There will be more hands-on activities to enhance the learning process. Please remember to bring your tools!

The VP still needs to fill the program list for the rest of this year. I'm not sure why this is taking so long this year, but we need to get these dates filled. Please step up and help put the club as well as have some fun!

That is all.

Guy

■ DID YOU KNOW? ■

Did you know: In 1898, France issued its first stamps for a single French colony, Obock, and with scenes that reflected the colony.

■ OPEL ■

The "Old Philatelists Eating Lunch Plus gathering will be at Syberg's Dorsett, 2430 Old Dorsett Rd., in Maryland Heights at 11:30 on May 13. This is the same venue as for our Christmas party. Don't miss out on the fun.

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. Look for the sign along the road. This is another opportunity to meet local dealers and add to your collection.

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