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Room 200
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\$10 for email only

WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Hi everyone. Looks like summer is upon us. It will be officially here by the time we meet. The question is, will the rain stay around and keep things tame or go away and the baking will begin? One could say that the baking has already begun!

I am still searching for a venue for StampFest. I'm down to the last two possibilities and as of this writing I'm just waiting to hear back. By the time we meet, I will have a definite answer on whether or not StampFest is a go this year or not.

There is no change to the status of the CC center and our meeting room. We continue to march forward. I don't suspect there will be any change until sometime around September.

The Midwest Stamp Dealers Association (MSDA) help its first show in the St. Louis area earlier this month over in St. Charles. The attendance was not as good as anticipated with only 99 attending the show. What I wonder is where were all of our club members? We only had 27% of our members attend. We as a club need to do better at supporting these shows. I ask that you please support the shows in our area. Many dealers come from far away to make these shows happen. If we don't support the shows, they will end up going away. Everyone will have another chance at the next MSDA show, which will be 5-6 October, same location, same hours. If StampFest doesn't happen this year, this will be the last show in our area until Expo next year. I hope to see everyone at the show.

If anyone remembers the theme for this past year's Expo, it was a celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Eads Bridge. Tom Minor is going to enlighten us this month with its history and how it's tied to philately. This should be a very interesting program especially if one likes American history that is also linked locally. I look forward to it. I hope that everyone does.

We finally had several club members come forward and the VP has now filled all the programs for the

JUNE MEETING

Tom Minor is going to fill us in on the historic Eads Bridge this month. I imagine it will include a postage stamp or two and some poster stamps. Tom always has an interesting program.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- July.....Lick 'n Stick.....Guy Gasser
- August....How and When Part 2.....David Mahsman
- September.....Confederate Stamps.....Ron McVay
- October.....Philatelic Jeopardy.....Guy Gasser
- November...Auction Bux Auction.....Jerry Schultz

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to fill out our programs for this year. Katrina is already working on the programs for next year. Sign up now and you will have plenty of time to prepare.

WHAT YOU MISSED

Last month David Mahsman took us down memory lane to our younger days when we had just started collecting. We saw what our old albums looked like and heard about some of the stamps we collected. Remembering the old 5 cent and 10 cent approvals, the big bag of stamps for a dollar, and all the other sources for our stamps was fun for everyone. Some of the local dealers from "back then" were recalled. David had so much information he couldn't finish, so we will see him again in August.

rest of this year. Thank you! However, this never ends, so now it's looking to 2025. Please let the VP know what month you want to sign up for in 2025.

I hope to see as many as possible at our meeting!
That is all!
Guy

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know: The country that issued the fewest stamps is the Ionian Islands under a British Protectorate. They only issued three stamps, in 1859, before Britain gave the islands to Greece.

Did anyone figure out the answer to last month's did you know? The answer is bundleware.

LINN'S STAMP POLL

The results of the Linn's Stamp Poll were released a short while ago. Here are some of the results.

- Most Popular – Waterfalls
- Comm. Best Design – Waterfalls
- “ Worst Design – Women's Soccer
- “ Most Important – Endangered Species
- “ Least Necessary – Art of the Skateboard
- Defin. Best Design – Great Smokey Mountains
- “ Worst Design – Patriotic Block coil
- “ Most Important – Florida Everglades
- “ Least Necessary – Pinatas

How did you do compared with the overall result?

The Waterfalls stamps were a clear winner, getting over twice as many votes as the Life Magnified set in second place. The Women's Soccer stamp had the worst design among commemoratives, with many thinking it was a vertical stamp, while it actually was supposed to be horizontal. The Priority and Priority Express stamps swept the Best Design and Most Important in the definitive section. The latest Floral Geometry stamp came in second in both the Worst Design and Least Necessary categories for definitives.

HOPEL+

The “Old Philatelists Eating Lunch Plus gathering will be at Helen Fitzgerald's Irish Grill and Pub, 3650 South Lindbergh in Sunset Hills. Good friends, good food, lots of talk – what's not to like? We hope to see you there.

BOURSES

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 great opportunity to meet local dealers and add to your collection.

The first MSDA bourse was held June 1-2 in St. Charles. It was a little cramped for space, but it was busy. There will be another one in October.

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New Issue: Protect Sea Turtles

By: Pat Morgan

On June 11th, 2024, in Corpus Christi, TX, the USPS issued a new set of 5 stamps called Protect Sea Turtles. These stamps caught my eye as Lesa and I vacationed in Key West, FL in February, and visited [The Turtle Hospital](#) in Marathon, FL where we learned about these incredible turtles including the fact that when resting turtles can hold their breath for 3 to 5 hours and can live up to 75 years.

About The Protect Sea Turtles stamps: The stamps show incredible photos of 6 turtle species up close and personal. The stamp art director, Derry Noyes, set out to emphasize the uniqueness of these turtles along with showing each of their faces to help show their vulnerability. I suggest that she hit a home run!

The Kemps Ridley turtle is a carnivore, eating crabs, and shrimp. They can grow up to 100 pounds. This turtle was named after a Key West Fisherman, Richard Kemp. The Kemps Ridley is classified as “Endangered.”

The Green turtle is an herbivore, eating sea grasses. They can grow up to 500 pounds. Its name comes from the green fat in its body. The Green is classified as “Threatened.”

The Leatherback turtle is a carnivore, eating mostly jellyfish. They can grow up to 2000 pounds and are the largest reptile alive today that has an endothermic (internally regulated body temperature) metabolism. The Leatherback is classified as “Endangered.”

The Loggerhead turtle is a carnivore, eating shrimp, lobster, and conch. They can weigh more than 300 pounds and are the most common turtles found in Florida waters. The loggerhead has a large head and has orange and brown coloration. These turtles are classified as “Threatened.”

The Hawksbill turtle is an omnivore eating mainly sponges. They can grow up to 150 pounds and live near rocky places and coral reefs. It gets its name from its hawk-like beak. The Hawksbill is classified as “Endangered/”

The Olive Ridley turtle is a carnivore that eats algae, lobster, crabs, tunicates, and mollusks. They are the most abundant sea turtles in the world and can grow up to 100 pounds. The Olive Ridley gets its name from the olive-green color of its heart-shaped shell. The Olive Ridley is classified as “Endangered.”



Threats to sea turtles have changed over the years. Green turtle meat is prized by turtle connoisseurs and was canned starting in the 1860s at a beef-packing plant in Texas. For those who couldn't afford canned turtle, there was mock turtle soup made from calf heads. The human consumption of sea turtles was ended in 2004 by the Endangered Species Act.

Habitat loss is now the biggest threat; wetland drainage, fields getting paved over, or condos being built on a nesting beach, leaves no space left for turtles.

Other threats include; discarded fishing lines, ropes from crab and lobster traps, boat hits, oil and tar spills, debris like cigarette filters and plastic bags that cause intestinal impactions, and viruses that cause fibropapilloma tumors.

The turtle populations and habitats are monitored by many agencies but there are very few agencies that rehabilitate injured and sick turtles.

Fortunately for the turtles there are a few places like The Turtle Hospital in Marathon, FL that rescues, rehabilitate, and return the turtle to the wild. This hospital takes in between 70-200 turtles a year. Since opening in 1986, more than 2000 turtles have been released back into the wild.

If you get down to the Florida Keys a visit to The Turtle Hospital is a place you have to visit.



Check out the work of the hospital at their website: [The Turtle Hospital. Rescue, Rehab, Release.](#)

Feel free to send any questions and comments to me at pjmorgan622@gmail.com.

