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Where Kirkwood Community Center
 Room 200
 111 South Geyer Rd.
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When 4th Monday each month at **7:30**
PM

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

cancelled for this year but will be back in August of next year.

WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

AUGUST 26 MEETING

Earlier this year we all enjoyed David Mahsman's presentation on how and when we all started our philatelic journey, with lots of pictures and memories from the past. David received so much material for it that he couldn't complete it all, so he will be back this month for the second portion of the trip down memory lane.

Hi everyone. This month's column comes to you from Hartford, CT, home to this year's Great American Stamp Show (GASS). The APS along with the ATA (American Topical Association) and FDCS (First Day Cover Society), and the show sponsors, USPS, are putting on another great show. This year's show includes two first day ceremonies, many seminars and presentations, at least a couple dozen societies, an auction (a firm I have never heard of), a couple sessions of Dungeons and Dragons, and of course the Champion of Champion competition for exhibitors and a 75+ dealer bourse.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

September....Confederate Stamps.....Ron McVay
 October.....Philatelic Jeopardy.....Guy Gasser
 November.....Auction Bux Auction....Jerry Schultz

I've only seen one club member at the show so far, Alan Barasch, and I'm wondering why I haven't seen any other club members??? Where is everyone? It couldn't be because Hartford is over 1,000 miles away now, could it? The club did have one other member represented at the show, Christina Esbeck. While she was not there, her champion youth exhibit "Cupcakes" was on display in the show's court of honor, and her new four-frame exhibit "Thinking of You" was competing. Next year GASS will be in Chicago, Schaumburg actually, which is West of downtown and away from the hustle and bustle. I hope that the rest of the club's members will be able to attend that one.

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

Since we are not able to hold StampFest this year, the members present at last month's meeting overwhelmingly voted to hold a club pot luck picnic foray next month on Saturday, 28 September. The time and location to follow by next month's meeting.

Guy gave us the latest info on StampFest and on our meeting sites for the coming months. We then prepared post cards for mailing to update those on our large mailing list that StampFest has been

The meeting this month is still at the Community Center. Next month is supposed to be the month we move to our temporary location. Next months newsletter will have all the information on where we are going.

BOURSES

It's time to start thinking about officer elections this year. Next month I'll need a nominating committee for nominations for this year's offices, which are vice president and secretary. Who might throw their hat in the ring? Also coming up this year is the annual auction box auction. Remember that the lots are all donated so please be thinking about what to donate to the cause. In December, which will be here before we know it, is the annual Christmas party. There will be more information on that event in the next newsletter.

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 part 2 of David Mahsman's "How and When". If part 2 is anything like part 1, it will be an interesting and enjoyable evening. I'm guessing that it will be all of that, if not more. Come on out and experience the fun!

The VP has filled the program list for the rest of this year. She is now working on next year. Yes, this is a never-ending process. Sign up early for your choice of month and let's get a jump start on next year.

That is all!

Guy

DID YOU KNOW?

Between the Post Office Dept and USPS they have produced six different board games over the years. The first one, "Uncle Sam's Mail" was released in 1893!

OPEL+

The "Old Philatelists Eating Lunch Plus gathering will be on September 9 at Syberg's Dorsett, 2430 Old Dorsett Rd, at the intersection of I-270 and Dorsett. Good friends, good food, lots of talk – what's not to like? We hope to see you there.

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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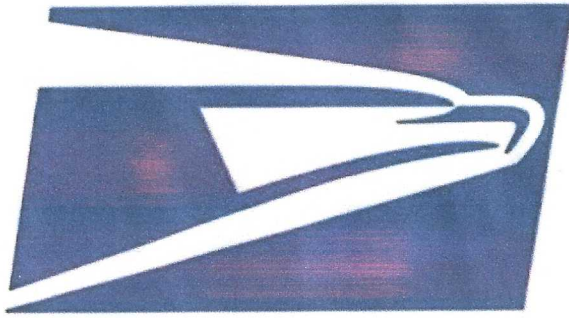
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United States Postal Service Mail Delivery Officially Since 1792

On February 20, 1792, President George Washington officially created the modern United States Postal Service by signing a sweeping act that promoted a free press and put privacy safeguards in place.

Mail delivery and an earlier version of the Service had been in place since 1775 when Benjamin Franklin was named as the first postmaster and the Continental Congress paid him a salary of \$1,000 a year.

The Articles of Confederation, which preceded the Constitution, also made it clear that the government “shall also have the sole and exclusive right and power of ... establishing or regulating post offices from one State to another, throughout all the United States, and exacting such postage on the papers passing through the same as may be requisite to defray the expenses of the said office.”

And the Constitution made sure that these crucial services were preserved. In Article I, Section 8, the Constitution gave Congress the ability “To establish Post Offices and post Roads.” That means it not only does Congress have the power to create a postal system, it had the ability to acquire and control the land for the “post roads” to carry the mail and the buildings needed to maintain the system.

In 1789, that meant 75 Post Offices and about 2,400 miles of post roads. But it was the Postal Act of 1792 that established the foundation of a modern Postal Service. Congress granted the Postmaster General broader powers. And the act addressed issues related to commerce and privacy.

The act ensured newspapers could be sent at low mail rates, which facilitated a free press across the new states. The law also protected privacy by making it illegal for postal officials to open mail unless it was undeliverable. Offenders faced up to six months in jail and a \$300 fine.

And to make sure people knew Congress was serious, section 17 of the act included death as one of the possible punishments for robbing a mail delivery person, or for stealing mail from a post office. (In 1872, Congress reduced the penalty to five years in prison.)

Congress also called for more mail routes to service an expanding nation. The newly expanded service kept its headquarters in Philadelphia but moved to Washington, D.C. in 1800.

In 1970, the Postal Reorganization Act made what was called the United States Post Office Department, become the United States Postal Service. The U.S. Postal Service was an independent agent of the government which meant that the postal service was run more like a business than a government agent. Today, the U.S. Postal Service is still the largest postal service in the United States despite other privatized companies.



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