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Happy New Year! The new year is upon us and we're off and running. I hope that this year is healthy, joyful, and prosperous for everyone. I hope that everyone had a nice holiday season and everyone is ready to take on 2023. Let's also hope that inflation slows back to a reasonable rate, and that the weather gets back to being more normal even though these warm periods are pretty nice.

JANUARY MEETING

This month we get two programs for the price of one, with Christina Esbeck illustrating uses of the United States "F" stamp, while Philippa Esbeck will show her collection of odd shaped stamps. **Also note the meeting this month will be in Room 201, across the hall from our usual room.**

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

February....Retracing a Global Trek.....Ed Bayham
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Recapping the end of last year, those that didn't attend the Christmas party missed out on a great event filled with lots of fun and frolic. The 28 that attended did not. I want to thank our VP, Katrina Whitaker, for the great job she did putting together a wonderful event. Everyone seemed to have a good time and there were lots of thanks and compliments on the evening.

The Christmas party marks the end of the club's FY and is also when I award this year's recipient of the club's Prexie Award. The Prexie Award, for the benefit of our new members, is the President's award and it started in 2005. It is awarded to the club member who has over a period of time gone above and beyond what club members normally do to support the club. This award is at the sole discretion of the club President, and may or may not be awarded each year. All club members are eligible. I am pleased to announce that this year's recipient of the Greater Mound City Stamp Club Prexie Award is Pat Morgan. Congratulations, Pat!

The next couple of months bring our usual club meetings. However, that doesn't mean that we can all rest on our laurels. Nope. That's because in a little over two months will be the big show of the year for the St. Louis region, the St. Louis Stamp Expo. Why am I bringing this up now? Show support, that is why. Our club is the biggest supporter of the show and we always pitch in to help make sure that the show is a success. That means needing many volunteers for several things over a 4-day period to ensure its success. I also bring this up now because we only have two

meetings before the show, Jan and Feb, and we have to nail down who is doing what well in advance. Therefore, I am asking everyone now to think about the time they can provide to support the show, and next month I will ask for volunteers to commit and sign up for different events.

Here's the when, where, and what for the Expo. One can find information at the Expo website, www.stlouisstampexpo.com or on our club website. Here is the information too so you can immediately put it on your calendar. The St. Louis Stamp Expo will take place at the same location as the last 20 years, the Airport Renaissance Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Road, Berkely, MO 63134. Show dates are 24-26 March. Show times are 10-6 Fri and Sat, and 10-3 on Sun. I'll need the following volunteers, as of right now, times TBD; eight to help set up exhibit frames and then help mount exhibits on Thursday morning, and eight to take down exhibits and exhibit frames on Sun afternoon; two to help set up the youth room on Thursday afternoon, seven to help run the registration desk and seven to help in the youth room (a minimum of 2 hour time blocks); and as many as can to man the club table to answer questions about the club and sign up new members. It's possible that we may need more. I'll iron that out by next month's newsletter.

It's time to renew the 'ol membership. Phil reports that we almost have everyone renewed. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please do so soonest so we can close out that task for this year.

This month's program promises to be as wild as wild card weekend turned out to be this past weekend. I can only imagine what our youngest members, Christina and Philippa Esbeck, have in store for us with F rate and odd shaped stamps. You've gotta come find out. And the VP is working on programs for this year. It's a never-ending task. She still has several months open. Sign up early and pick the month.

That is all!

Guy

■ DID YOU KNOW? ■

Postage rates are going up again January 23rd. A first-class letter up to 1 ounce rises 3 cents to 63 cents, the postcard rate goes up 4 cents to 48 cents, but hey, the additional ounce rate stays the same at 24 cents. At least something didn't increase!

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FEBRUARY MEETING

This month Ed Bayham will take us along on a trek in his program called “Retracing a Global Trek – 1970-1971, As Viewed with Maps, Stamps and Covers”. It sounds like an interesting program, and Ed always does a great job.

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Greetings everyone! This is one of those newsletters from afar. I'm currently in Phoenix, AZ, having just finished with ARIPEX. Later this week I'll be heading to San Diego for a show there. Did anyone notice or did the thought occur that I didn't say warm and sunny? That's because the forecast for San Diego this weekend is rain every day, and not any warmer than back home in St. Louis! At least Phoenix was nice, sunny and mid-70s. Maybe I should stay there!

We're one month out and the last meeting before the Big Shew, the St. Louis Stamp Expo that is. Continuing on from last month, I asked that everyone think about volunteering in some way to help continue to make the show successful. This is the month where it's time to sign up. Our secretary will have signup sheets at the meeting this month. Those wishing to help out, but can't make the meeting to sign up, please let me know where, when, and what you would like to do. Volunteers are needed for the following things.

- Wednesday, 3/22, 1:00 PM until complete, set up exhibit frames, 8 people
- Thursday, 3/23, 12:00 PM until complete, set up youth room, 1 person
- Thursday, 3/23, 2:00-5:00, mount exhibits, 3 people
- Friday, 3/24, 9:00-5:00, 2-hour blocks minimum, registration desk, 2 people
- Friday, 3/24, 10:00-6:00, 2-hour blocks minimum, youth room, 1 person
- Friday, 3/24, 9:00-6:00, 1-hour blocks, club table, 1 person
- Saturday, 3/25, 9:00-5:00, 2-hour blocks minimum, registration desk, 2 people
- Saturday, 3/25, 10:00-6:00, 2-hour blocks minimum, youth room, 1 person
- Saturday, 3/25, 9:00-6:00, 1-hour blocks, club table, 1 person
- Sunday, 3/26, 10:00-2:00, 2-hour blocks minimum, registration desk, 1 person

Sunday, 3/26, 10:00-3:00, 2-hour blocks minimum, youth room, 1 person

Sunday, 3/26, 10:00-3:00, 1-hour blocks, club table, 1 person

Sunday, 3/26, 3:00 PM until complete, take down exhibit frames, 8 people

Sunday, 3/26, 3:00 PM until complete, sign out exhibits, 1 person

The two most critical areas that need volunteers are the setup and take down of the exhibit frames. Those areas where volunteers are needed for blocks of time are minimum periods of time. Anyone can volunteer to do more and help more than once. Any spouses who want to help out are more than welcome too!

There is a possibility that the setup of the exhibit frames will get pushed to Thursday due to when the Expo can occupy the ballroom; therefore, those that volunteer to help with the exhibit frames please be flexible as to the date and time. If the exhibit frame setup gets pushed to Thursday, the start time will be 11:00 AM. I'll let those volunteers know as soon as I know, but only if there is a change.

This month is also a month with another fun thing to do. This is the meeting where we get to vote in *Linn's* reader poll on the best and worst USPS stamp issues for 2022. This is always interesting and seeing the results are even more interesting. To help spread the wealth, those who receive *Linn's*, please bring your December monthly issue of *Linn's* with you to the meeting as that issue has the picture listing for voting of all the stamps issued in 2022.

This month Ed Bayham is going to take us around the world, or something like that. I have no idea, but I'll find out at the meeting. You can too! Speaking of programs, the VP still has a couple months open for this year and is always working on next year. Sign up early and pick the month and that way the club is not scrambling at the end of the year trying to schedule programs.

That is all!

Guy

■ DID YOU KNOW? ■

Did you know: Many of Nicaragua's stamps were issued depicting volcanos. Backers of the Panama route used these stamps on mail to the US Congress to dissuade them building the canal through Nicaragua due to the dangers of the volcanos.

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MARCH MEETING

This month Norb Wright will give us another view of the Yangtze Patrol. Knowing Norb, this should be an interesting presentation.

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Hi fellow club members! Spring has finally arrived and along with it the big show is upon us. Since I am writing this before the show actually takes place, I'm going to go out on a limb and say that everything will go great.

The Expo is here. It's the biggest show in the Midwest except for Chicagopex, which takes place in November. This is the show that one wants to attend. Not just because of the vast variety of philatelic offerings from the 38 dealers who will be there, but also because of the attending societies, seminars, USPS booth, APS board members (the APS is holding their annual board meeting with this show), new collector/youth room, and most importantly the comradery and building of new friendships. I know that not everyone will be able to attend, but hopefully I will see at least 80% of the club members there unlike last year where we only had about 60% of the club members attend.

All that's left now is setting up everything and then away we go! Many have volunteered for things, but not enough. It takes many volunteers to pull this off and put on not just a show, but a great show. I hope that several more will volunteer before the show starts. Those that have volunteered so far, I thank you very much!

Once the big show concludes it will be time to start getting ready for the club's next big event, which will be StampFest in August. The dates are going to be 19-20 August so you can put it on your calendar and list of things to do in August now. I'll provide more information about StampFest in next month's column.

Then, the Monday after the show we get to all meet again for our monthly get together filled with more fun and frolic. Hopefully there will be many stories about what everyone did and bought at Expo. We also may have the results of the voting on last year's stamp issues. How did your votes match up with the rest of the votes from around the country?

This month Norb Wright is going to take us on a cruise down the Yangtze River on patrol boats. I wonder if Norb was actually ever on one of these patrols? It's worth attending just to find out, and if so, hear of his harrowing exploits. And continuing with programs, the VP still has August and September open. Let's get them filled, please.

Oh, one last thing. The APS is once again hosting in person Summer Seminar this year. It's about time! Now this is an event that is worth checking out and even better, attending. One can find info on the APS website.

See everyone at the big shew! That is all!

Guy

■ DID YOU KNOW? ■

The first non-denominated US stamps were Christmas stamps. They were issued 15 October 1975.

■ THE WAY WE WERE ■

The following is a poem Frank Kollinger found in some old files from the 1940s or 1950s saved by his family, originally in one of the popular magazines of the day. What do you think? Does it still describe our collecting today? Either way it's still fun.

Stamp Collector

By James J. Metcalfe

He gathers stamps from near and far . . . And saves both old and new . . . Especially the very rare . . . And those first issues too . . . He puts them in an album where . . . There is a separate space . . . For every color, shape and price . . . And every famous face . . . Uncanceled stamps are preferable . . . But canceled ones will do . . . Although he must be certain . . . they are genuine and true . . . He buys them from a dealer or . . . He gets them in a trade . . . Or dashes to the postal clerk . . . As soon as they are made . . . His title of philatelist . . . May sound a little strange . . . But stamps collections can produce . . . A handsome piece of change.

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Tornados on Postage Stamps

By Pat Morgan

One of our GMSCS members, Richard Thies, has been a storm chaser since 2000. He has captured many of his experiences on his [Storm Homepage](#). In talking to Richard about his storm chasing hobby, I started thinking about how many stamps might be out there with tornados on them?



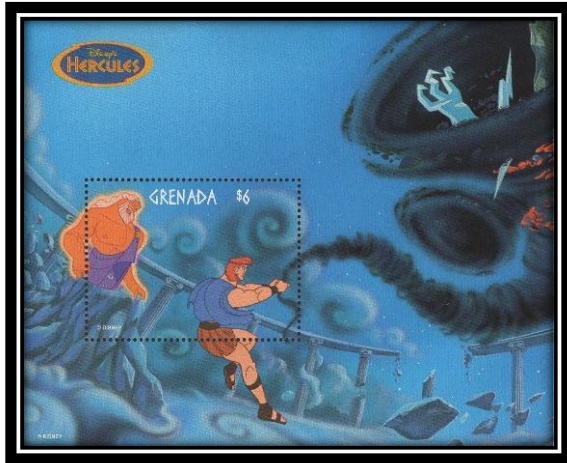
So here is a quick, maybe not entirely complete, assessment of Tornados on Postage Stamps.

The USPS has only put one tornado on a US postage stamp. That stamp was issued on October 4, 2004, Cloudscapes, Scott #3878. The stamp was one of 15 different images issued on this sheet of self-adhesive stamps.

The Comoro Islands¹ issued a Tornado stamp in 2010 as part of a four-stamp souvenir sheet, MI. #2714.

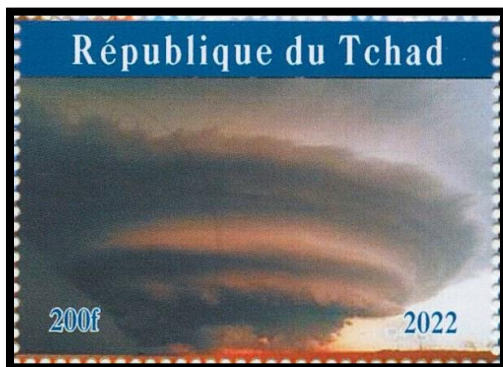
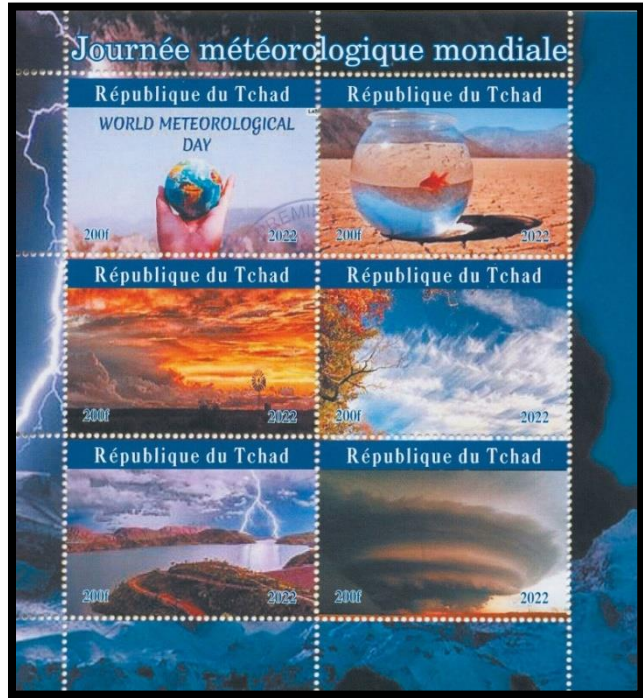


¹ The **Comoro Islands** or **Comoros** form an **archipelago** of volcanic islands situated off the southeastern coast of Africa, to the east of **Mozambique** and northwest of **Madagascar**. The islands are politically divided between the **Union of the Comoros**, a sovereign country, and **Mayotte**, an **Overseas Department** of **France**.



Grenada issued an animated Disney souvenir sheet, Sc. #2755, showing the movie Hercules in 1998. It shows Hercules taming a tornado as Zeus watches on.

The last tornado on a stamp was issued on March 23rd, 2022. Chad issued both a perforated and imperforate sheetlet with 6 different images to commemorate World Meteorological Day, with the lowest right image being a Tornado.



The water spout, not exactly a tornado!

Canada and the U.N. have issued water spout stamps.



Although some

might not consider it a true tornado, I have included them here in order to fill the rest of the space for this article. Hope you have enjoyed reading and that you have never seen one of these up close and personal unless you are like Richard and seek them out!





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Hello fellow club members! The big show is over, the weather is warming up with lots of nasty spring weather, and we move on to the next shindig filled with fun and frolic.

The Expo came and went and everything went well from not only what I saw, but from the feedback I got from many others. The best news of all is that paid attendance this year was up 40 from last year for a total of 360 attendees. I have no way of knowing for sure, but when I factor in those who attended the show for more than 1 day, I estimate that Expo had close to 500 total over the 3 days. While that is still down considerably from before COVID, it is a trend in the right direction. I can't speak for other shows that I don't attend, but from what I have heard about those, and what I have seen in shows that I do attend, I can tell you that over the past year is that Expo is the only WSP show that has shown an increase in attendance each year since COVID. I hope that attendance continues to increase not only for Expo, but for all shows across the land.

I want to thank all of the club members that volunteered to help set up, run, and take down the show. It's the volunteers that make this event happen. There are too many to mention by name here, but thank you just the same.

I would like to spotlight a few of the volunteers. Thank you, Tom Minor and Nathan Esbeck, both board members of Expo, for your contributions over the entire year. Most people don't have any idea of the amount of time spent putting Expo together over the course of the year. Tom oversees all of the graphic design, program, cachets, signs, and the USPS. Nathan oversees all of the exhibit stuff. Others help in these areas too and some of them are not club members. The new collector/youth room had more activity this year, which is always a good thing. Thank you, Bob Mahoney, Expo committee member, for putting this room together and making it happen. Thank you to our VP, Katrina Whitaker,

APRIL MEETING

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Expo committee member, for running the registration desk and many other tasks to include setup and teardown. I want to also thank our other Expo committee members, Larry Weisz, for handling security, and Alan Barash for handling the societies and their events.

The other person that I want to thank on behalf of the club, and myself, is not in the club. That is the Expo chairman, or Executive Director, or whatever title one wants to bestow on him, Fred Boatwright. Fred has been doing this now for about 5 years. Many of you probably know him, but for those who don't, Fred is the driving force behind Expo. He puts in probably ten times the number of hours to make this show happen. The next time you see him, please tell him thank you for all he does for Expo.

Now that the big show is over it's time to prepare for StampFest. Tom Minor has once again volunteered to be the show chairman. Thank you once again, Tom! The club officers and Tom are already working to put StampFest together. We've already received commitments from 13 dealers for the show. I will provide more information on what the club will need in the way of volunteers as we get closer to the show. The one person that we need to identify soonest is the chairman of the concession stand. 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.

This month we will have a guest presenter for our program. Don Woodward, from the Webster Groves Stamp Club, will tell us all about how taxes financed the Civil War, and the many revenue stamps that were created to document payment of those taxes. This is a fascinating area of philately. One will be surprised at all the different taxes and stamps that the government created to accomplish this. Don't miss this, and being a guest speaker, let's all come out and support Don. And continuing with programs, the VP still has August and September open. Let's get them filled, please.

Oh, one last reminder. Don't forget to check out the APS Summer Seminar. There are still openings available for a week of fun and frolic!

That is all!

Guy

■ DID YOU KNOW? ■

The 3 cent 1869 pictorial wood burning locomotive stamp, Scott #114, which was the workhorse for the mail at the time due to the 3 cent letter rate, was chosen in advance to commemorate the pending completion of the transcontinental railroad. The stamp was issued 6 weeks before completion.

STAMP POLL

The clear winner of the Most Popular stamp issue in the Linn's poll was the Charles Schulz "Peanuts" pane. The best design for commemoratives was the Mighty Mississippi set and in definitives it was the Snowy Beauty set. Worst design went to Women Cryptologists and Floral Geometry. Buzz Lightyear was the landslide winner of the least necessary. The complete results will be at the meeting for you to peruse.

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The Language of Stamps
By: John Deutch

Have you ever heard of the "language of stamps"? Sometimes a particular stamp will seem to "speak to me"... This usually occurs at a show or while I am reviewing the latest offers on Ebay or Delcampe. But the "language of stamps" is something altogether different.

As some of you may know, besides Vatican City issues, I am also interested in French stamps and postal history. And among my French interests are the sower or *semeuse* stamps. Last year I was able to purchase a copy of THE SOWER, A COMMON LITTLE FRENCH STAMP by Ashley Lawrence, published by the France and Colonies Society of Great Britain. And it was a few brief paragraphs on page 224 in this book that brought the "language of stamps" to my attention. Lawrence writes that: "Readers of a certain age will recall the practice of endorsing the back of love letters with the secret message, SWALK...and for those in the know, this meant 'sealed with a loving kiss'. French lovers had similar means of passing secret messages to their paramours by using the "Language of Stamps".

Those of us who collect postal history will sometimes come across a letter or a postcard with the stamp affixed in an unusual position or at an odd angle.

This is the "language of stamps", something that began in England in the latter part of the 19th century. Picture postcards were then coming into their own, but the amount of space available for communicating one's thoughts and feelings was limited. And there was no privacy, anyone could read whatever was written on the card. And so, the idea of an encrypted "special or hidden message" was very appealing. The position or angle of the stamp on a letter or postcard was supposed to relay a hidden or secret message to the recipient. This was the "language of stamps". Lawrence writes that "if the stamp was tilted to the left, for example, the writer might be expressing ardent passion; if tilted to the right, he or she might be pleading for forgiveness." And there were many other positions in which a stamp could be positioned, with each one conveying a different message. The "language of stamps" was so popular that in 1899 an Englishman by the name of George Bury published a little booklet that was titled CUPID'S CODE FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF SECRET MESSAGES BY MEANS OF THE LANGUAGE OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

From England the "language of stamps" spread to other countries. I have seen examples on Ebay from Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, and the Netherlands, as well as those from France and Great Britain. In France there were a large number of sower postcards produced that clearly indicate the popularity of the "language of stamps". Lawrence wryly observes that those who that those who manufactured these postcards doubtless assumed that French postmen were either illiterate or very discreet.





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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

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
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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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Greetings club members! I hope that this finds everyone doing well and enjoying the summer weather. I know it's not officially summer, but it will be by the time everyone reads this.

I have been gone more than I've been home this past month for a myriad of things. I just got back from a nice week of fun and frolic at the APS for Summer Seminar (Stamp Camp). Gary Hendren also attended so the club was nicely represented. This is the first time back to in person since the pandemic. The 61 who attended seemed to have a great time. Hopefully this will jump start this event and bring out the 120 or so who have attended in the past going forward. I strongly recommend partaking in this event in the future. You won't be disappointed.

Being gone and based on what I have been told, it appears that the second Monday lunch get together is off and running with some success. I heard that six members gathered at Syberg's earlier this month and had a nice lunch while discussing nothing of importance. This is great news. Let's keep it going and also see if we can get a few more members to come out. I hear that July's location will be at Helen Fitzgerald's, which is located at 3650 South Lindbergh Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63127. This one is in the southern part of the county just south of Watson. An email with confirmation of date, time, and location will go out as a reminder sometime before the gathering. Norb plans to move this around to help make this event more accessible to everyone over the months.

Preparation for StampFest continues behind the scene. We are moving forward and I'm happy to report that Barb Horter has stepped up and volunteered to chair the concession stand. Thanks Barb! The concession stand at the show is a popular item that everyone appreciates.

I will have sign up lists at the July meeting for volunteers to help with the show. Everyone can start

JUNE MEETING

Do you remember when people used to send all sorts of things through the mail? This month Nathan Esbeck will bring back some of those memories with his presentation of "Kitsch through the Mail".

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thinking about what they want to do to help out now. We'll need 8-10 people to help with set up Friday afternoon, and take down Sunday afternoon. We'll need volunteers to man the registration desk in 2-hour increments, volunteers to work in the concession stand in hour increments, and a couple volunteers to help with the auction on Sunday. Anyone can sign up for as much time as they wish. We'll also have the 10-cent booth (all stamps are 10 cents each) and a youth area. 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.

Saturday night after the show closes is the club's pot luck dinner and gathering for socializing and getting to know everyone a little better. This includes the dealers, who we invite and many stay and play. The VP will have more on this, but it's pretty simple; bring a side dish, salad, or desert and enjoy the feast. The club will provide the entrees, drinks, and paper products.

The program this month is another mystery. Nathan Esbeck is going to talk about Kitsch through the mail. I have no idea. I suspect most of the club members don't either, but I know how to find out. Yep, come to the meeting and find out. 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.

I'll be out of town for this meeting and the VP is tied up with a work function from her day job so I'll see everyone next month for lick and stick. Our secretary, Phil, has the helm.

See you next month!

That is all!

Guy

■ DID YOU KNOW? ■

Did you know: The APS Summer Seminar in Philately first began in 1980. Contrary to the belief of some, it never was actually named Stamp Camp. However, in 1990 the term Stamp Camp first appeared in *The AP*. This lasted until 1994 after which the named just stopped being used. The name still lingers today as many still refer to Summer Seminar as Stamp Camp.

■ 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, July 10 at Helen Fitzgerald's Irish Grill and Pub. See the club website for more details.

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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Greetings club members! Is everyone ready for lick and stick? I can't think of a better thing to do during the dog days of summer! Well, maybe I can. At least we are getting some much need rain over the past week, but a slow steady rain would be best instead of these short downpours that want to flood, take out the power, and make a mess of things. I hope no one got caught up in the power losses that have plagued the metro area during all of this.

The second Monday lunch get together seems to be growing as of now. We had nine members gather at Helen Fitzgerald's this month. This is again great news! August's location will be at Tucker's Place, the Manchester location at 14282 Manchester Rd., Manchester, MO 63011. This one is in the western part of the county, on the southeast corner of the intersection of Manchester and 141. An email with confirmation of date, time, and location will go out as a reminder sometime before the gathering. As usual, Norb will continue to move this around to help make this event more accessible to everyone.

Preparation for StampFest continues. Right now, we have 15 dealers participating. All of the primary committee leaders are in place and doing their thing to get ready for the show. Tom will once again bring sign up lists to the meeting for volunteers to help with the show. I hope that everyone has planned accordingly and thought about when and where they can help. We'll need 8-10 people to help with set up Friday afternoon, and take down Sunday afternoon. We'll need volunteers to man the registration desk in 2-hour increments, volunteers to work in the concession stand in hour increments, and a couple volunteers to help with the auction on Sunday. Anyone can sign up for as many things and as much time as they wish. This is the last meeting before the show takes place so, please come ready to sign up for something. If one can't make the meeting, please contact me or Tom with what you want to do and when. Again, the show dates are 19-

JULY MEETING

This is the meeting where we prepare all the mailings for StampFest. It's an important effort since the more people we can bring to the show, the happier the dealers will be, assuring they will be interested in coming back in future years.

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August....Computers, etc. on Stamps....Alan Barasch
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20 August, and again where we meet, the Kirkwood Community Center.

The VP will also have a sign-up list for the pot luck dinner filled with fun and frolic on Saturday night after the show closes. This sign-up list is simply so that we can make sure that we get a variety of food items for the dinner. It is in no way binding. The club will provide the entrees, drinks, and paper products. Again, this is the club's pot luck dinner and gathering for socializing and getting to know everyone a little better. This includes the dealers, who we invite and many stay and play. It's a pretty simple event; bring a side dish, salad, or desert and enjoy the feast, fun, and frolic.

The program this month is no mystery. This is our annual lick and stick program where everyone gets reminded about what it's like to paste stamps to mail. Yum, yum. One might want to bring a sponge to use so as to not wear out one's tongue. It's definitely an evening filled with a lot of laughter and carrying-on. The more the merrier, and also the quicker we get this task completed. So, all hands on deck please!

And continuing with programs, the VP still has September open for this year and we are getting close. Who would like to fill this last spot? Next year is wide open too. Make your reservations now.

That is all!

Guy

■ ■ ■ DID YOU KNOW? ■ ■ ■

The *Scott Catalog* for US stamps does not use numbers 520-522. This is because those numbers first listed the first three airmail stamps, which are today C1-C3 before airmail stamps received the "C" as part of their number and their own section in the catalog. The editors never went back and reused these numbers after the move. Oops?

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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, August 14 at Tucker's Place, 14282 Manchester Rd. in Manchester, MO 63011. See the club website for more details.

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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

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
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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

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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.

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StampFest is in the rearview mirror now and we look forward to our fall activities. The club finished in the black again this year and made a little over \$1,000.00. The next big thing coming up is the election of officers in November, followed by the annual club auction, and the next event coming up is our annual Christmas party. Now we are going to spend some of the club's money.

At our August meeting, the officers unveiled the newest thing for the club, shirts with our club logo embroidered on them. I think everyone who was at the meeting, or most everyone anyway, thought they were a very nice addition to the club. The club will buy a shirt for every club member who wants one. For the benefit of those who were not in attendance, these are a light blue unisex polo shirt with the club logo embroidered in the logo colors on the upper left side of the shirt. I know that many members can't attend the meetings; therefore, if anyone who can't attend would like a shirt, contact the VP with your size and she will get one for you, and ship it to you at your address on the club roster.

The officer positions up for election this year are the Vice President and Secretary. All officer positions are 2-year terms. Who would like to run for these two positions? This also means that I will be appointing a Nominating Committee this month to pole the members to provide nominations for these two offices. Who would like to be on this committee? Please give it some thought and if you know ahead of time, let me know.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Ron McVay will enlighten us on the U.S. 90 cent issues of the 1860 to 1880 time period. I know it's hard to believe, but that's before my time, so I'm looking forward to learning something new. Don't miss out on this chance to build your knowledge.

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The program this month has to do with the 90 cent stamps of the 19th century. Ron McVay is going to educate us all about how these stamps played a vital role in the mails during the 1800s. It will be interesting to see how this all ties together. Next month is Philatelic Jeopardy. If anyone wants to see a specific category, please let me know at the meeting this month. Also, since it takes a while to play this game, there will be no auction next month.

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The "First Day of Issue" cancellation, that we all know today, was first used in 1937. The stamp that received it was the Ordinance of 1787 Sesquicentennial issue.

CLUB SHIRTS

As Guy reports in his column, club shirts are now available. Due to the strong club finances, we are able to provide them to members at no charge. Come to a club meeting to pick one up, or contact the Vice President to have one shipped to you. Wear them to club meetings, or to Expo and StampFest to let the dealers know our club is supporting them.

■ OPEL+ ■

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WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Hi everyone! It's that time of year again. It's time for Jeopardy! Philatelic Jeopardy! that is. Can anyone think of a better way to spend a cool Fall evening than playing Philatelic Jeopardy!? I hope not. I sure can't!

A reminder that October this year has five Mondays; therefore, our meeting this month is on the 23rd, and not the last Monday of the month.

Dennis O'Brien, who again volunteered to head up the Nomination Committee of one, will give us what he has come up with for any nominations for the two officer positions up for election this year, which are the Vice President and Secretary. His reports have in the past been, shall we say, interesting???. One can only imagine what he will have for us this year. I think maybe a time limit is in order. All officer positions are 2-year terms.

At our August meeting, the officers unveiled the new club shirts with our club logo embroidered on them. At the time of this writing, 29 of our 73 club members have ordered a shirt. Remember that the club will buy a shirt for whomever wants one and ship it if necessary. These shirts are a light blue unisex polo shirt with the club logo embroidered in the logo colors on the upper left side of the shirt. All one needs to do is let the VP know, and she'll get one for you.

The second Monday lunch get together now has a new and better way to RSVP for the event. Everyone should have received an email with how to now RSVP. Please do that especially if attending so that Norb has a headcount for planning purposes.

Coming up to close out the year is the election of officers and annual auction bux auction in November, and the Christmas party in December. This is the auction where one gets to spend all of those bux earned throughout the year. All the items in the auction are donated lots. That means we need members to donate lots. This is a chance to put up

OCTOBER MEETING

Philatelic Jeopardy! takes the stage this month at our meeting. Study hard and get those "little grey cells" ready to come up with questions for the answers Guy will reveal. It's always a challenging and fun time, with lots of competition among the teams.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

November.....Auction Bux Auction.....Jerry Schultz
 December.....Christmas Party.....Katrina Whitaker

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

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philatelic material, or supplies, or maybe something crazy that's no longer wanted, but someone else will want. Simply let our auctioneer, Jerry Schultz, know what you plan to donate and bring it with you to the meeting. Please let Jerry know by Thanksgiving so that he has a chance to put everything together in an organized manner.

We're going to have a change to the Christmas party this year. Our usual Thursday date was already filled along with all the Thursdays in December. Therefore, our Christmas party will take place on Monday, 11 December 2023. We will still gather at Syberg's on Dorsett. The cost will remain the same at \$15 per person with the club picking up the remainder of the tab. There will be more details about the Christmas party in next month's newsletter. Stay tuned!

The end of the year also means that it is time to renew those club dues! Our secretary will be sending out notices. Look for his blurb on how renewal will work else where in the newsletter. Those not paid ahead, let's get the dues paid early so we don't over work our secretary.

The program this month, Philatelic Jeopardy! is no surprise, especially since I mentioned it first thing. Every team will have a chance to win a lot of auction bux from the game plus bonus bux at the end to spend at next month's auction. There will be three teams like always, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer, which will be determined by a random draw of numbers. I'll separate the whiz kids of the club so no one team is stacked. The only question to remain is who will take home the crown this year? Will team VP three-peat? Whatever the result, it promises to be an evening filled with lots of fun and frolic! Also, since it takes a while to play this game, there will be no auction this month.

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

That is all!

Guy

|| DID YOU KNOW? ||

Did you know: A French collector coined the term philately, but the word actually comes from the Greek 'philo' lover or fond of; 'ateleia' free of payment or tax. Philately is actually the more correct rendering.

DUES & PARTY

Everyone should receive both a dues notice and a Christmas Party reservation form with this newsletter. Please fill out the left side of the forms, but leave the right side blank. They are new look forms that we hope will make it easier for Pat and I to keep track of payments and reservations. If you joined at or after StampFest, your dues are paid through 2024, so you don't owe any dues now.

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Hi everyone! The holidays are once again upon us. It's hard to believe that when we meet that we will have already enjoyed Thanksgiving. Christmas still seems off in the distance, but we all know that it will be here in what seems like tomorrow. Since this is the last newsletter for the year, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

In case anyone missed my email last week, I need to let those know of the passing of Jeanette Grider, beloved wife of our long-time club member, Roger Grider. While Jeanette was not a club member, she was an active part in many of the club events who volunteered her time throughout the years behind the scenes. She will be missed. Please keep Roger in your prayers while he moves through this difficult time.

I also sent out an email early this month to correct my error in the officer positions up for election this year. As a reminder, the two officer positions up for election this year are President and Treasurer. I also let Dennis O'Brien, who again volunteered to head up the Nomination Committee of one, know so that he could change course in his duties. Hopefully he will have nominations at the meeting this month especially since we vote at this meeting. If anyone is interested in either of these two positions, please let Dennis know. We will also accept nominations from the floor.

It's time to spend all of our money earned throughout the year at the big annual auction event. Hopefully many of our club members will have a lot or two to donate to the cause. Please let our auctioneer, Jerry Schultz, know right away what you are donating if you forgot to do that. This is a fun night as some of the lots are just crazy!

This newsletter will also be the last reminder for the Christmas party. Our Christmas party, which is open to family and friends as well, will take place at Syberg's on Dorsett on Monday, 11 December 2023. The doors will open at 6:30PM. Dinner will be around 7:15PM assuming that we are done with any

NOVEMBER MEETING

It's auction time! This month we will hold our annual AuctionBux auction. Cash from Uncle Sam is not accepted in this auction, only the Bux you have accumulated this year through attendance, 50/50 ticket purchases, writing articles for the Perf-Dispatch, other philatelic activities, and your winnings from Philatelic Jeopardy last month.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

December.....Christmas Party.....Katrina Whitaker
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January.....Workshop.....Katrina Whitaker
February.....Workshop.....Katrina Whitaker

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predinner events. The cost will remain the same at \$15 per person with the club picking up the remainder of the tab. Syberg's has a bar, but it's on your own. Payment in advance is preferred, but not necessary. What is necessary is letting the VP know who is going so that we can give an accurate headcount to Syberg's. The club is on the hook for a minimum of 30 people regardless of how many attend. I hope that the 30 minimum is a moot point. This a business casual event that fills the evening with lots of fun and frolic conjured up by the VP. Just ask those who have attended in the past. You won't want to miss it!

Have you ordered your club shirt yet? If not, now would be a good time to do so. Let the VP know your size and you will get one. Need your shirt shipped to you? That is not a problem either. The VP will take care of that too.

Several of the club members have already renewed their dues for next year. Thank you. Renewing early is great and Phil really appreciates it when club members pay their dues early. It makes his life a whole lot easier even though he already has it easy! Everyone should have received their dues notice with their newsletter last month. If not or it disappeared, contact Phil for another one or what you owe.

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, the program this month is the auction bux annual auction. Now the VP needs to fill the program list for next year. January and February are filled, but the rest of the year is wide open. Who will step up?

As I close out this last newsletter for the year, the one question that remains is who is this year's Jeopardy champion? This year's match was a see-saw battle that was tense and exciting. When the smoke cleared, team VP finally went down with team Secretary taking home the title. I hope that next year's competition is just as much fun as this year's.

That is all!

Guy



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Did you know: RW13a, bright rose pink color error, turned out to not be an error at all, but a chemically altered changeling. After several decades and thousands of dollars changing hands, modern technology was finally able to prove that this error never existed. The listing was removed from the Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps and Covers in 2016.

DUES & PARTY

In all the rush and excitement of the holiday season, don't forget to pay your dues for the 2024 club year. So far over half the members have renewed. Also, please let us know if you plan to attend the Christmas party. We still need a few more to meet our minimum of 30. Don't delay. Do it now.

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