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JUNE 23 MEETING

This month the program will be about Disease on Stamps, given by Alan Barasch. Alan is an experienced speaker, and should have plenty of interesting things to show us.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

July.....Lick and Stick.....Katrina Whitaker
August.....TBD.....Michael Karasick
September....Stamp Act of 1765.....Nathan Esbeck
October.....Philatelic Jeopardy.....Guy Gasser
November.....Auction Bux.....Jerry Schultz(?)
December.....Christmas Party....Katrina Whitaker

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to present programs for this year. Katrina is hard at work starting to fill out the schedule for next year. Let her know what month you want before it's gone.

WHAT YOU MISSED

The May program titled 'Showin Off', was a good chance of us all to see what other members collect. From the beautiful old European binder covers shown by Phil Slattery, to the large collection of German cinderellas on amazing home created pages shown by Tom Minor, to a cover and letter sent to Frank Kollinger in Ecuador by the young woman who would become his bride, many years ago, and the large collection of white tail deer stamps Lesa Morgan made for Pat, it was great fun.

WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Hello everyone. I can't believe the Spring we are having. Not even 1 day above 90 yet, as I pen this column. Given all the rain this Spring, there is certainly no more drought anywhere. However, while I haven't had to turn on my sprinklers yet, the rain could slow down a bit.

This past weekend (14-15) was the MSDA show at the Westbury Center in St. Charles. Unfortunately, the show was not well attended. Only 65 people showed up all weekend. Given the poor turnout, this show is probably going away. Maybe it was just during a bad time of the month, or season, or both.

Dealer contracts for StampFest are now taking shape. We have 13 confirmed dealers who have dropped money, and two others still pending. I would like to get these other two to do the show. If they opt out, I will still see if I can find a couple more dealers. I think that 15 would be a good number.

Tom has the show postcard done and several of them went out this past weekend. Next month will be the lick and stick month where we'll notify the masses of StampFest. The other logistical requirements are falling into place. Next month in the newsletter I'll let everyone know what StampFest will need for volunteers to make the show happen. There will be sign up sheets at the meeting for people to sign up for various activities as well as the pot luck that will take place after the show. As a reminder, the dates of StampFest are 9-10 August 2025. I hope that the show is on everyone's calendar.

I thought that the new approach to show and tell last month went very well. Everyone seemed to be engaged with each other and enjoyed seeing what others brought in to share. There were several things brought in that were unique, intriguing, and unexpected. That is why we do this. One never knows just what will show up!

This month's program will check the status of everyone's vaccinations since there will be stamps

that are diseased. Alan Barasch, our presenter, says so anyway. He claims that disease on stamps exists. Now, I'm not sure what this really means. Is it really that the stamps are diseased or perhaps the stamps call attention to various diseases? I do know that the only way to find out for sure is attend the meeting and see what Alan has to say.

The programs for this year are filled! Thank you for those of you who volunteered. The VP is now working on programs for next year. Let's get next year filled now too!

That is all!

Guy

■ DID YOU KNOW? ■

One theory as to the origin of the tête-bêche varieties of the Ceres heads of France comes from deliberately replacing a damaged cliché with an inverted one. The head of stamp printing could then at a glance tell where the plate had been repaired. These varieties are highly sought after by collectors.

BOURSE

The Second Saturday Stamp Bourse returned on February 8 and is now settled in at their location behind the Forest Park Bible Church. It will be held every second Saturday except for **June** and **August** to avoid schedule conflicts with other shows.

■ OPEL+ ■

The "Old Philatelists Eating Lunch Plus" gathering in July will be on Monday, July 15 at 11:30 at Hobo's at the Legion, St. Peters, MO. I hope to see you there. It's a fun time. Why not come on out, have a good lunch, and spend time with your stamp collecting friends. Pat says the chicken is great.

■ COLLECTIONS ■

As I mentioned at the last meeting, the club was given two collections from the families of stamp collectors. I've spent some time going through them, and I'm not even close to having them organized. There are many, many loose pages with stamps on them, some from albums and some just blank pages. They are not in any order, with the stack of pages being at least 12 inches tall, almost all foreign. That is just from the first collection.

The second collection has over four hundred different First Day Covers. Most are black and white cachets from Art Craft, ArtMaster, and the like. You will probably see most of this in the Stamp Fest auction, but if you are interested in the FDCs, let me know and we can put some of them in the club auction.

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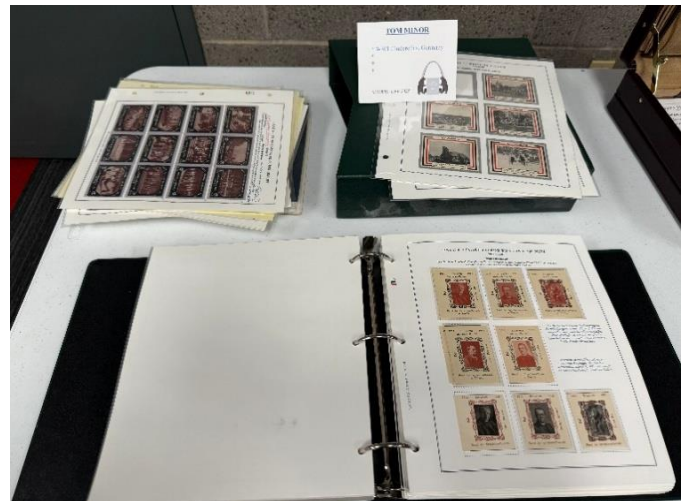
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SHOWIN' OFF – May 2025



What folks brought:

NAME	ITEM1	ITEM2	ITEM3	ITEM4
PAT MORGAN	* Smokey Bear	* Scrambled Indicia	* STL Stamp Expo	* Philatelic Writing
LARRY RUETTERS	* Hand-drawn Covers			
ALAN BANKS	* Postcard Collecting			
LESA MORGAN	* White Tailed Deer			
BARB HORTER	* Mushroom stamps	* Revenue Stamps		
STEPHEN COOK	* US	* Airmail	* Plate Blocks	
JERRY SCHULTZ	* Iran	* Anheuser-Busch		
RON MCVAY	* Marijuana Stamps (1937)			
DAVID MAHSMAN	* Martin Luther and the 16th-century Reformation	* Nostalgia		
PHIL SCHORR	* US Rose stamp FDCs			
GENE STEWART	* Warm greetings from a Cold Country	* Benton Barracks		
GARY HENDREN	* Pioneer Airmail			
KATRINA WHITAKER	* Snoopy Covers			
CAROL HESSELBEIN	* Inaugural FDCs	* Baseball FDCs		
PHIL SLATTERY	* Old Stamp Albums			
NATHAN ESBECK	* \$2 Bobcat stamp	* \$1 Fox stamp	* My Stamp (Initials)	
CHRISTINA ESBECK	* Tulip Stamps on Cover			
TOM MINOR	* WWI Cinderellas, Germany			
ALEX HAIMANN	* 1937 Hindenburg Crash Cover			
SHERYL ROSE	* Malaria Stamps/FDCs	* Dinosaur FDCs	* Great Britain	* King Charles' Coronation
FRANK KOLLINGER	* Unusual/Interesting Colors			
GUY GASSER	* 2TC2f-coarse horz. laid paper in yellow-green			
MICHAEL KARASICK	*Trains			
ED BAYHAM	* French offices in China covers.			