

# Greater Alound City Stamp Club **Perf-Dispatch**

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**Where** Parkway Central High School  
Woodsmill Road

**When** 4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month at 8 PM

## April Meeting

**Somebody** will be speaking to us in May about topical collecting. Our club is an affiliate chapter of the American Topical Association. We have about 9 members who belong to ATA.

## Breakfast Club Meeting

The Breakfast group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. The next meeting is **June 14<sup>th</sup>** at Steak 'n Shake in Chesterfield at 8:30 AM.

## 2010 SCHEDULE

May 24 .....	Alan, Tom, or Gary: Topicals
June 28 .....	Clothesline Exhibits
July .....	No Meeting
August 23 .....	TBA
August 28-29 .....	StampFest
September 27 .....	TBA
October 25 .....	David Straight
November 22 .....	Auction Bux Sale & Elections
December 15 .....	Holiday Party

## Address Changes?

If you have moved recently, please update us with your new address. The USPS charges 50¢ to get a forwarding and address correction.

## StampFest

Dealer contracts are out and work is already underway for StampFest 2010 to be held in August.

## June Meeting

It is not positive at this point but the high school might be closed in June. If that is the case, we will probably move the meeting to a restaurant. Alan has made arrangements with Sports Page where we have gone in the past.

## Our Busy Members

**Gary Hendren** won a Silver medal at ROMPEX 2010 for his exhibit of Rural Free Delivery and a Gold for St. Louis Streetcars.

**Alan Barasch** spoke to the Columbia (MO) Philatelic Society on Missouri People and Places on Stamps on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Scott Ward** received a Vermeil medal for his exhibit of Parcel Post at ROMPEX.



Our member, **Betty Nettles** was awarded the Elizabeth Pope Award for Lifetime Contributions to Philately. She is in the middle between David Straight and presenter, Cheryl Ganz. Betty is the 10<sup>th</sup> annual winner. The award is made at Saint Louis Stamp Expo.

## Philately Around Town

Have you ever considered exhibiting your collection? We plan to have 40 frames set up at StampFest and a real APS accredited judge.

The **St. Louis Bears Exhibiting Group** uses StampFest as a venue to try out new exhibits. Some of the greatest exhibits in town have made their first showing there.

## Sorry

I noticed after printing 40 copies that some pictures had shifted in last month's Perf Dispatch.

## Officers – 2010

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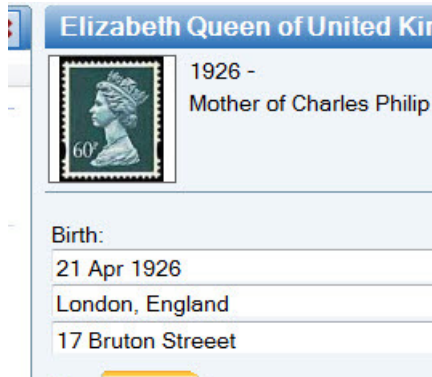
## Starting a New Collection

Once upon a time, I had this crazy idea to collect the Descendants of Queen Victoria on Stamps. Like so many other collections, it became an obsession.

Starting this collection was somewhat different from any collection I had begun. First I had to find out who the descendants were; before I could determine if they were pictured on a stamp.

I came into this one sort of backwards. I had learned in school that the interlocking families of the crowned heads of Europe had contributed to the beginning of World War I. I wanted to see it for myself, so I decided to enter just enough information into a genealogy program so I could see what the shouting was about.

Sometime around 1992, I published my findings in a GEDCOM file; a text-based genealogy sharing format. The original was posted on an old BBS (bulletin board) in the days before Internet. I just did a search and found 18,700 references to my ROYAL92.GED.



**Elizabeth Queen of United Kingdom II**  
 1926 -  
 Mother of Charles Philip  
 Birth:  
 21 Apr 1926  
 London, England  
 17 Bruton Street

Once I had software that would allow me to attach a picture (of a stamp), the real obsession took over.

I started scouring the catalogs looking

for the people that were in the database. Soon I had a list to start with and went on a buying spree. I am sure there are a bunch of dealers that loved my choices.

Since I knew that one day I would want to exhibit this thing, I looked for the most interesting examples of stamps for the people in this new collection.

## Important Announcement

Communication during the month should be directed to the Secretary at the website or email.

<http://www.GreaterMoundCity.org>

[Secretary@GreaterMoundCity.org](mailto:Secretary@GreaterMoundCity.org)

## Auction

The list is below. Remember – a lot will not open on the floor unless a bid is placed on it during the “look” period.

## Gene’s Show

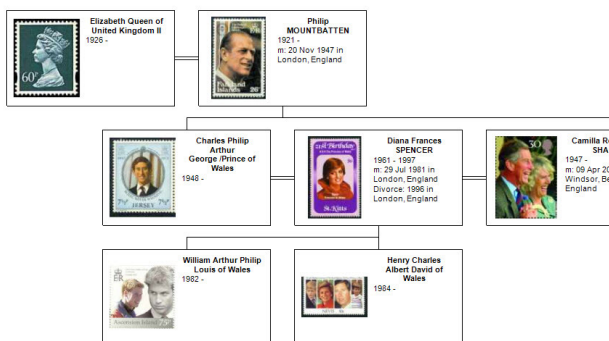
Don’t forget the dealer show at the Stratford Inn in Fenton on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month.

There is a very good reason that George V is illustrated by acquiring the 1929 Postal Union Congress stamp. First of all, it is an extremely



good example of the engraver’s art. It is a great portrait of the king and finally, it shows that I am really serious about the collection.

My friend, Janet Klug suggested the title of my exhibit. It is “Vicky’s Kids.” The exhibit has been shown a couple times at StampFest. I need to



work on it a bit more; I want to be able to show all the descendant charts across multiple exhibit pages.

I bet you are wondering if I ever learned what I set out to do. Much later, after I had researched and entered a few thousand – yes, thousand – names, I had my answer. Everybody sitting on a throne in Europe is related to everybody else.