



**PERF-DISPATCH**  
**GREATER MOUND CITY STAMP CLUB**

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 Saint Louis, Missouri

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Where Parkway Central High School  
 South end of the building  
 Woodsmill Road-(see below)

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

that most of the people that run the show will be off at the Precancel Convention.

We have spoken to a number of people about having the show on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in September. Do you have thoughts on the subject?

If we had the show on the regular weekend, could we get everybody to step up and run a segment of the show?

[www.Stampfest.GreaterMoundCity.org](http://www.Stampfest.GreaterMoundCity.org)

**WINTER MEETINGS**

Our program in May is “My Favorite...”, in which everyone will bring their favorite stamp, cover, or other philatelic thing and talk about it. At the conclusion the best thing will receive some Auction Bux.

This is re-scheduled from March when we were presented with a surprise foot of snow!



May .....Breakfast Club  
 May 20... week before Memorial Day – My Favorite  
 June 24 ....Dinner @ Sports Page – Details adjacent  
 July .....Breakfast Club  
 July .....No meeting in July

**PROGRAMS SCHEDULE**

The meeting in May, which comes the day after Expo; will be a form of “Show and Tell”. Bring your favorite stamp, cover, or other postal item and describe it to the group for a couple minutes.

At the conclusion of the presentations, we will vote on what was presented and award some Auction Bux.



The Breakfast group meets the second Monday of the month. The next meeting is **June 10<sup>th</sup>** at **First Watch at Hilltop Village**, 120 Hilltown Village Center on Olive at 8:30 AM.

**June Meeting**

In June, the high school is closed at night. For the past 10 years, we have been going to Sports Page, 13431 Olive Blvd (there is a link on our website with a map) for dinner and conversation. The room is a little dark for looking at stamps or auctions.

To get the space, the owners expect us to buy some food. I think they have the best burgers in town.

**SHOWS**

**Gene Stewart** has a bourse the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at the Stratford Inn from **10AM to 4PM** across from the former site of the Chrysler Plant in Fenton.

**STAMP FEST**

StampFest has been the week before Labor Day for a number of years. Our problem this year is

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## Important Announcement

If there is a speaker that you would like us to get, perhaps you can facilitate getting him.

**<http://www.GreaterMoundCity.org>**

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Follow links on the webpage for information about other local clubs, shows, and maps to the shows.

## How I Started Collecting

I must have been nine or ten, about 1959, when my grandfather, a collector of US stamps, got me interested in collecting. Each time we would visit, he would give me a glassine with both US and foreign stamps for my collection. He couldn't understand why I was more interested in the foreign stamps and was happy to give them to me. My grandfather continued to buy full sheets and plate blocks of US. issues, as many collectors of his generation did. His Scott US album was about one inch thick and did not contain anything of great value. It was your average fun collection lovingly put together. His favorite stamp, which he did not have and always wanted, was the Black Jack, no.73. When he died, in 1975, I received his stamp collection and all of the sheets and plate blocks. I made one addition to his collection, a nice Black Jack no.73, closed the book and put it away for safekeeping.

### ...Larry Weisz

Shortly after my youngest brother (he's 8 years younger) started school, he learned to write his name and address. We began seeing things all over the house with his name on them. Apparently, one of the things he wrote his name on was a Business Reply card from a stamp dealer; the kind you find in the back of Popular Science (there were other things). Stamps started showing up at the house and for some reason; I would stick a dollar or two in the envelope and send it back. Soon stamps were coming again. More dollars and eventually I was asked for a want list. I guess I was by then a collector. I stayed on the path of US approvals until shortly after entering college and finding a new path.

### ...Alan Barasch

Who is next? Write 100-150 words and send in an email to [ALAN@MOPHIL.ORG](mailto:ALAN@MOPHIL.ORG)



Figure 1 – “My Favorite” -- Constant error, neck blemish in position R2, C4