




PERF-DISPATCH
GREATER MOUND CITY STAMP CLUB

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East side of the building
471 N. Woodsmill Road
Next driveway north of high school.

When 4th Monday each month at **7:30 PM**

Membership \$5 for Regular members
 \$6 for the family

MAY MEETING

The program for this month will be given by Tom Minor. It will cover Cinderellas in the WWI Era. It should be very interesting.

2017 SCHEDULE

June.....Special Delivery.....Nate Esbeck
 July.....Liberia.....Gene Stewart
 August.....Zeppelins on cover.....Paul Miles
 September..Tools of the Trade.....Rick McCoy
 October.....Philatelic Jeopardy.....Guy Gasser
 November.....AuctionBux Auction
 December.....Holiday Party

BREAKFAST CLUB MEETING

The Breakfast group meets the second Monday of the month. The next meeting is **June 12** at **Hilary's Roadhouse**, 11488 Dorsett Road in Maryland Heights near the intersection with Fee Fee Road at **8:30 AM**. The Breakfast group meets year round.



HIGH HONORS

Vera Felts has been named the 2017 Distinguished Topical Philatelist by the American Topical Association for her wide-ranging contributions to philately.

Felts has served as the ATA's executive director since 2009. In announcing this award, the ATA said, "Felts has brought innovation and a positive attitude to the office and many of the organization's programs." According to the ATA, she spearheaded the ambassador program that brought in hundreds of new ATA members, and she managed the transition to a new topical checklist database.

In other areas of the hobby, Felts founded a youth stamp club at the Science Center in Carbondale, Ill., in 1999. She has edited the newsletter of the Southern Illinois Stamp Club for the last 15 years, and cofounded the club's Sirpex local show.

A life member of the American Philatelic Society, she coordinated its newsletter exchange for eight years.

The ATA's highest honor, the Distinguished Topical Philatelist award, has been presented each year since 1952. Felts will receive the award at the June 24 banquet of the National Topical Stamp Show. The show will take place June 23-25 at the Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, Milwaukee, Wis.

SHOWS

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

WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTE

Hello everyone! Spring had definitely arrived and it looks like it may quickly turn into summer. Let's hope that summer doesn't arrive too quickly so we can all enjoy some nice comfortable weather. I also want to congratulate Vera Felts on her receiving the 2017 Distinguished Topical Philatelist award! Way to go, Vera! I captured her write up to put in this month's newsletter, which Phil will probably display right up front. Read and enjoy.

This month's column finds us in the quiet period between Expo and Stampfest. This is an opportunity for us to simply enjoy some philately without having to worry about doing anything else. The library move is done and Phil is busily working on figuring out just what we have. So let's have some fun!

The amount of fun the club has is in direct proportion to the number of members who participate in the club's activities. The one constant activity is the monthly meeting. I would like to see more members attend. Why are you not attending? We only meet once a month in the evening as it is so missing a meeting deprives one for an even longer period. Did you know that every meeting Mark Bassett brings a boat load of old APS circuits and collections of worldwide stamps for anyone to pick through and buy stamps on the cheap? Why not come to the meeting early and see what you can find? The door is always open by 7:00PM. It's a chance to socialize with fellow members and add to one's collection all in one. There is also no reason why one can't be looking through all those stamps during the meeting either.

I told Phil I would keep my column short this month so we had room for Vera's write up. Bottom line, it's your club; support it and please attend as many meetings as you can. The club's future depends on it!

This is also a reminder that we will have an auction this month. Bring some lots. Buy some lots. See you at the meeting.

Guy

Did you know: The first official government issued United States postage stamp was actually issued in 1842 (United States City Dispatch Post in Manhattan, New York City).

NEW MEMBERS

Shafiq Khuhro sat in on our meeting last month, and since has joined our group. He recently received a stamp collection and wants to learn more about it, and about collecting in general. Please welcome him to the club.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Newsletters and meeting minutes are posted on the website below.

If your **Perf-Dispatch** fails to arrive in a timely manner, pick up the newsletter from the web so you do not miss the meeting. If you move, please let the Secretary know immediately; it takes USPS a couple months to send us a correction notice.

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NEW LOCATION

Please note that our meeting location has been moved. We are now meeting at the Middle School, not the high school. It is just the next driveway north of where we have been meeting. Use Google Maps to help visualize it. Members park on the east side of building and walk through the multiple doors on the Circle. After entering, follow the right wall past a counter desk to wing 7 on the right (less than 100 ft). Down the steps or ramp to first door on the right (Room 710). Doors should be open by 7 pm.

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