

## Online search engines for finding lost members

I utilize several free online tools to locate lost members of local councils in Missouri. My searches have been more effective than only relying on the phone company's directory assistance. The percentage of contacts that I succeed in making has been greatly increased by accessing the following resources that are available to most everyone through the Internet.

- My first choice for finding people is People Search by [PeopleLooker.com](http://PeopleLooker.com). I am an app-only **free** user, but my greatest number of successes in talking with members in arrears have come from this app. I have an android phone and was able to install the app from Google Play Store. It should also be available for iPhone users.
- TruthFinder Phone Lookup is a strong second choice that I found through the Google Play Store. This phone locator is one of the best apps to perform a free people lookup. This app can do plenty for people who need more information on an individual or business. Unlike other apps that are free but fail to provide accurate information, Truthfinder phone locator is both free and accurate. The reason behind Truthfinder's reliability is the fact they use public records to provide accurate information.
- My third choice for a favorite internet phone directory is <https://thatsthem.com/> This site was suggested for my use by the office of a Knights of Columbus Insurance General Agent. I find this to be a major source of phone directory and email information.
- **Whitepages.com** the largest and most trusted internet source for people, businesses and phone numbers is located at <http://www.whitepages.com>
- **YP.com** provides an extensive online white pages directory where you can find the person you're looking for. <http://www.yellowpages.com/whitepages>

To access the **ReferenceUSA** database, you need to be a member of a local library. It's a free service and there are many libraries in your area to choose from. Just enter your zip code at <http://www.referenceusa.com/Static/LibraryLocator>

Once you have logged onto the site, you can access the Residential Databases and choose "U.S. Consumers / Lifestyles". Use this database of over 271 million U.S. Consumers to locate lost members of your council. These records are continuously updated and processed against the USPS National Change of Address (NCOA) and Delivery Sequence File (DSF).

Your chances of finding a lost member will increase if you also try to find him on **Facebook**, **Google**, **LinkedIn**, **Twitter**, and other social networking sites. These are among the most popular methods of finding people.

Here are other suggestions:

- Contact the parish office for possible unlisted phone numbers.
- Contact proposer for more information.
- Use contact information from the admissions committee questionnaire