

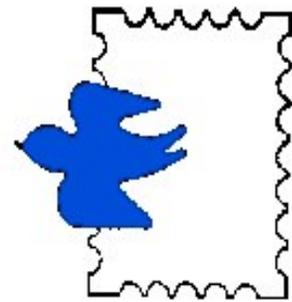
# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

## ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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Monthly meeting/auction at Ken-Rock Community Center, 625 Adams St., Rockford, IL

### Wednesday, November 6

5:30 pm - Buy, sell and trade  
View auction lots  
7:00 pm - Meeting & auction

### Tuesday, November 19

9:00 am - Buy, Sell and trade  
View auction lots  
10:00 am - Auction

Wednesday, Oct 2nd: we were back down to just 11 members at the meeting.

Under new business, Steve Johnson, Jr. was deployed (Marines Guard) to North Carolina to help with relief. We continued to discuss ways to get more members.

#### Show & Tell.....

1. **Terry Kurzinski** - showed the article he wrote in the Polonus (Polish Philatelic Society) magazine No. 595 September 2024 about a letter mailed to Stalag 13.
2. **Matt Mace** - showed a philatelic mailing he received with Scott CE2, the 16c red & blue Special Delivery stamp, for postage. This is not valid for regular postage but went thru anyway!
3. **Jeff Hall** - a) showed some nice Official plate blocks  
b) Early Free frank letters from the 1700/1800's.
4. **Tim Wait** - showed a recent auction lot mailed from the UK with absolutely no postal markings or cancels.
5. **Frank Schmitt** - talked about buying stamps on WOPA+, a website selling new issues and topicals. Good source for harder to find newer material.

**Tammy Copus** won the mystery box.

We continued with a small auction. We need more members and auction lots, which brings more members! Please go thru your extra material and see what you can offer at the auction. Then you might have more \$ to buy new treasurers!

#### Member Health and Welfare

**Gerry Van Alstyne** finally has his back surgery scheduled for November 14. He will be at the VA Hines facility in Hines, IL. He will be in the hospital for a few days and then an extended time in rehab. Keep him in your thoughts & prayers.

#### DUES NOTICE

We're closing in on the end of 2024! That means your 2025 dues need to be paid soon. **\$15 for a printed newsletter and \$8 for the electronic version.**

This is a bargain for all the philatelic fun you have at the meetings, that many of you are missing out on!

See the attached dues notice. We also have three questions asking your opinion about how we can get more member participation at the meetings. Please fill this out and bring to a meeting with your payment or mail it in to the address on the form. Thank you!

**The Tuesday, October 15th meeting was not held. Frank was stuck out of town due to car trouble and the Ken-Rock employee did not come in that morning to unlock the building. Attendance has been WAY down! We adjourned for breakfast!**



#### Upcoming Stamp Shows

##### Fri-Sun Nov 20-22 CHICAGOPEX

Itasca, IL. Westin Chicago Northwest, 400 Park Blvd. Chicago Philatelic Society. Hours Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4. 75+ dealers, 275+ exhibit frames, seminars **National World Series of Philately show**. Free admission & parking.

##### Sat Nov 30 SUPEX 2024

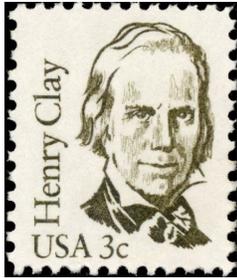
Countryside, IL. William Tell Countryside Holiday Inn. 6201 Joliet Road. Suburban Collectors Club of Chicago. Hours: 10-5. Bourse only. Stamps, coins, cards, ephemera. Free admission & parking.

Ask other members if you are interested in going to a show. Ride sharing can be a big savings and fun!

## Great Americans Issue of 1980-1999 - Getting to Know Them

This issue depicts some well-known persons as well as many who were lesser known. "The Great Americans stamps may be viewed as a kind of melting pot, although certain mini-topical collecting areas stand out, those mentioned (women, black Americans, native Americans) as well as others (scientists, politicians, doctors, writers, humanitarians)". Michael Schreiber writing in *Linn's Stamp News* on November 24, 1994.

This series of articles will focus on the stamps, beginning with those issued from 1980 to 1985, listed in Scott Specialized Catalogue as #1844-1869. They are shown in denomination order. Wikipedia: Source for bio info.



Jul 13, 1983  
#1846

**Henry Clay Sr.** (April 12, 1777 – June 29, 1852) was an American lawyer and statesman who represented Kentucky in both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. He was the seventh House speaker as well as the ninth secretary of state. He unsuccessfully ran for president in the 1824, 1832, and 1844 elections. He helped found both the National Republican Party and the Whig Party. For his role in defusing sectional crises, he earned the appellation of the "Great Compromiser" and was part of the "Great Triumvirate" of Congressmen, alongside fellow Whig Daniel Webster and Democrat John C. Calhoun. Clay died at the age of 75 in 1852.

**Carl Schurz** (March 2, 1829 – May 14, 1906) was a German revolutionary and an American statesman, journalist, and reformer. He migrated to the United States after the German revolutions of 1848–1849 and became a prominent member of the new Republican Party. After serving as a Union general in the American Civil War, he helped found the short-lived Liberal Republican Party and became a prominent advocate of civil service reform. Schurz represented Missouri in the United States Senate and was the 13th United States Secretary of the Interior.



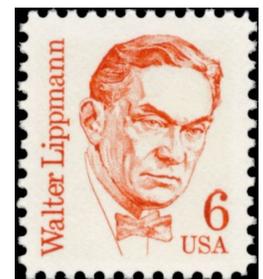
Jun 3, 1983  
#1847



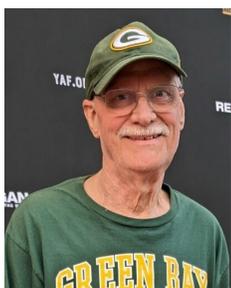
Sep 19, 1985  
#1848

**Pearl Comfort Sydenstricker Buck** (June 26, 1892 – March 6, 1973) was an American writer and novelist. She is best known for *The Good Earth*, the best-selling novel in the United States in 1931 and 1932 and which won her the Pulitzer Prize in 1932. In 1938, Buck became the first American woman to win the Nobel Prize in Literature "for her rich and truly epic descriptions of peasant life in China" and for her "masterpieces", two memoir-biographies of her missionary parents.

**Walter Lippmann** (September 23, 1889 – December 14, 1974) was an American writer, reporter, and political commentator. With a career spanning 60 years, he is famous for being among the first to introduce the concept of the Cold War, coining the term "stereotype" in the modern psychological meaning, as well as critiquing media and democracy in his newspaper column and several books, most notably his 1922 *Public Opinion*.



Sep 19, 1985  
#1849



Michael A. Peters - November 15, 1944 - October 26, 2024

Mike was born in Decatur, IL and joined the marines in 1962 after graduating high school. He served four years and then entered SIU. He was in office equipment until he entered his true passion of the numismatic field. He had a Coin (and stamp) store on Alpine Road for many years. Mike regularly attended our stamp club meetings, many times bringing in stamp collections, supplies, etc. that he acquired at his store. Mike never really collected stamps but he was knowledgeable and supported the Rockford Stamp Club. Rest in Peace.



## President's Corner - Frank Schmitt



Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find your 2025 dues notice and a short questionnaire concerning our club meetings. I cannot stress how important it is that each member fill out the questionnaire and return it in one of the ways described on the form. It would be appreciated if you paid your dues as well. If for some reason you are compelled to drop your membership, please fill out the questionnaire and share your reason/s to enable us to address any club issues that may be part or parcel of the reason.

COVID 19, and its successors, had a negative impact on virtually all aspects of our lives, and how we currently “do business” as an individual. Rockford Stamp Club is no exception to the negative impacts. While RSC is still relatively healthy, we must face the facts of how these changes affect our Club. Unfortunately, we have also lost many members due to “aging out”, relocating, health issues, or passing away.

For many years we enjoyed very nominal membership dues, but we have had to raise those dues in the recent past and it is inevitable that we will have to do so again in the future. The current dues just barely, if at all, cover the costs of our premier Rockford Stamp Notes Newsletter in its printed format even though those receiving the printed format pay a higher dues rate. We could go to a strictly digital format but that may exclude some of our members from receiving it if they don't have email access. Our other major expense is room rental at Ken-Rock Community Center, which is very reasonable (when compared to other locations). Unfortunately, most of the free meeting places no longer exist.

Our major sustaining source of income for the Club has been the monthly auctions and the mystery box which often generated enough income to cover the rent and some other expenses. These dynamics have changed. Fewer members in attendance results in fewer auctions lots, and fewer buyers, along with fewer ticket sales for the mystery box. Fewer auction lots tends to attract fewer members, so we begin the downward tumble which has a profound financial impact on the Club.

Every member is vital to the club, every member is the club. The officers are not the club. The officers are facilitators to direct the club according to the wishes of the membership. If the membership doesn't provide us with direction the officers can only guess at what the wants and needs of the membership might be. Give us some direction and we will do our best to fulfill your wants.

We are still a great club, striving to be better. We may have to do things a little differently than we have been accustomed to, but that is not necessarily a bad thing. Let us know your thoughts. Should we change the day and/or time of our regular meeting? Would more people attend an afternoon meeting? Do we eliminate our Tuesday morning auction?

We will be holding a Board of Directors meeting prior to the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss the above issues and begin the show preparations for the 2025 Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo. Feel free to contact a Board Member if there is an issue you would like discussed.

Let's set a record-breaking attendance for our November meeting. Bring auction lots, a show and tell, a friend or prospective member, ideas to improve our meetings, but most importantly bring yourself or call another member to hitch a ride.

Please remember long-time member Michael A. Peters, who sadly closed his album for the last time on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Be Well, Be Safe, Happy Stamp Collecting!

## Italian Pneumatic Post Stamps - 1913-1966



1926 Scott #D8



1933 Scott #D15

In Rome, Milan and Turin several Post Offices were linked by a pneumatic tube system, allowing rapid movement of mail around the cities for the payment of a supplementary fee.

Stamps were first issued in 1913 for 10¢ to pay the fee. By 1927 the fee was up to 30¢. The original stamp was overprinted with different denominations to use up the extra supply. In 1933 a new design was issued (D15-6). The last design was issued in 1947 (D29-20). Last issued on 1966.

According to my 2006 Scott, D1-D22, the complete series of pneumatic stamps, only cats \$66.65 mint. Used are more costly at \$263.75.

This could make a nice little collection and then you could go for covers!



1947 Scott #D20

# First issue Revenues with Rail Road Cancels - Jeff Hall



## Illinois Central Rail Road

- 1 - R48a Power of Atty. dated Jan. 8, 1863 (my birthday)
- 2 - R44a Certificate dated Feb. 20, 1863

The I.C.R.R. is now owned by the Canadian National Railroad



## Chicago & North Western Railway

- 1 - R43c Bond dated Feb. 22, 1865 ( Washington's Birthday)
- 2 - R47c Life Insurance dated June 23, 1864

C&NW is now owned by the Union Pacific Railroad.



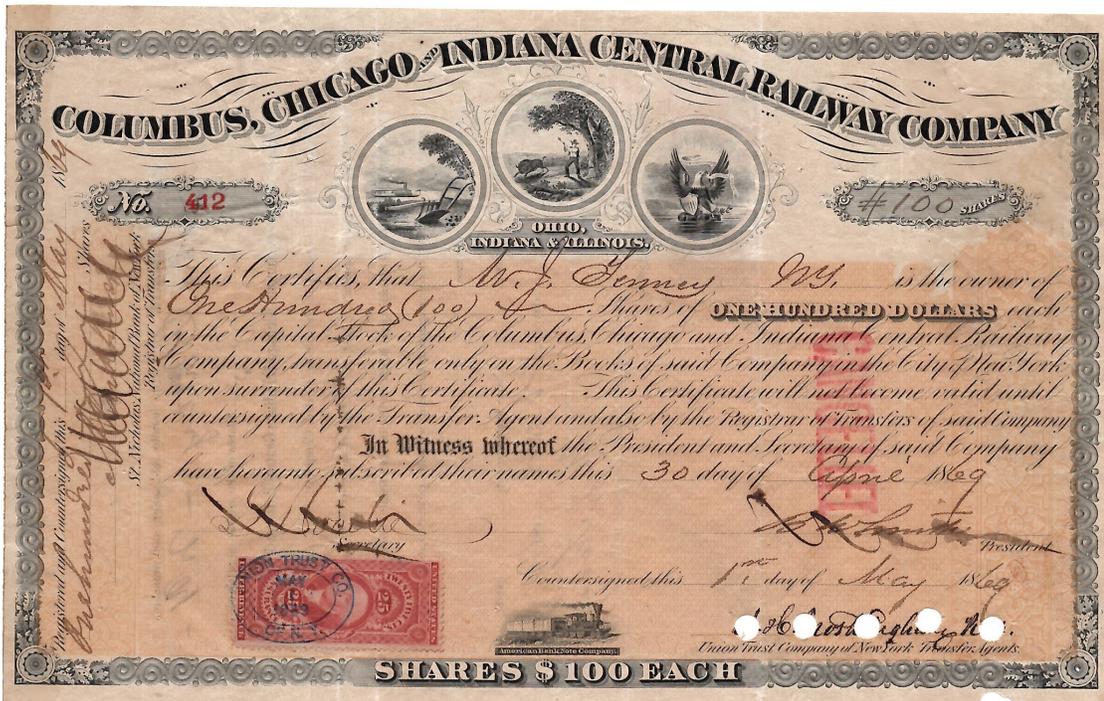
## Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Railway

- 1- R25c x 4 Express (No date).

Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago was formed in 1856, bankrupt & reorganized in 1862. Purchased by the Pennsylvania Co. R.R. in 1869, went thru 1968 Penn Central, 1973 Conrail, 1998 until now owned by both the CSX & Norfolk Southern Railroad.



August 25, 1858 from the Auditor's Department of the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago R.R. Co.



Columbus, Chicago and Indiana Central Railway Company—1869 Stock Certificate

And one from Tim...

April 30, 1869, No. 412  
100 shares / \$100 each

Tax 25¢ Paid with 25¢  
Insurance

On February 12, 1868, the Columbus, Chicago and Indiana Central Railway was formed as a merger of the Columbus and Indiana Central Railway and Chicago and Great Eastern Railway. The Erie Railway offered in late 1868 to lease the CC&IC, but the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railway made a better offer on January 22, 1869

# Welcome to the Rockford Illinois Stamp Club Website

[www.rockfordstampclub.com](http://www.rockfordstampclub.com)

**WEB SITE UPDATE - Please take a moment to go to our webpage listed above. We need to do some updates but what else would you like to see? Please let us know your comments.**

**Tim (t.wait@comcast.net) & Frank (prevent1@comcast.net) - webmasters.**

## 1924 In Stamps - Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary Issue - Tim Wait

On May 1, 1924 the USPOD issued a three stamp set commemorating the Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary. This followed the earlier Jamestown (1907) and Pilgrim (1920) issues all in just 1¢, 2¢, 5¢ denominations for the postcard, letter and international letter rates.

The USPOD issued its first commemorative set for the Columbian Exposition in 1893. Sixteen stamps going up to \$5.00 were sold which resulted in quite an uproar at the time when the US was coping with the Panic of 1893. There was no need for any of the higher denominations and collectors just that they were being ripped off! In 1898 they cut back a little, with nine stamps up to \$2.00 and still received a lot of negative press from collectors. After that they learned their lesson and these commemorative sets consisted of six or less stamps only up to 10¢.



Photo essays issued by the Post Office Department showing original proposed designs. The 5¢ was significantly changed.



Final issued stamps. 1¢ and 2¢ used the same image but all three had frame changes and other design changes.



Due to political maneuvering in the 1920's, there were eleven (11) first day cities! This one with a beautiful Add-on cachet by Rosa C. Balenzano in 1983, was from Mayport, FL, where the monument on the 5¢ is located.

## ROCKFORD 2-3-4 ~ 2024 Dealers **Thank You!**

These dealers participated at the 2024 show. We hope you were able to visit many of them and find something for your collection. All the dealers reported strong sales and were pleased with the show and especially the new location!

**Did you see something you didn't buy? Maybe it's not too late to call or email! Please support our show dealers throughout the year for all your philatelic needs.**

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# ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

We invite all area collectors to join us at a future meeting of the Rockford Stamp Club. Meeting and an auction are held the first Wednesday beginning at 6:00pm, every month except July. An auction takes place the third Tuesday of every month beginning at 9:00am. Both are held at the Ken-Rock Community Center, 625 Adams St., Rockford, Illinois. We start with a buy/sell/trade session followed by a lively, unreserved stamp auction. Come discover the fun of stamp collecting. All ages and collecting levels from beginner to advanced are welcome.

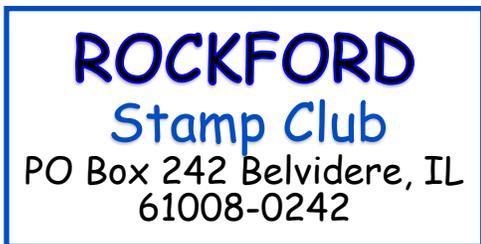
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## Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

1991 Perry Arnquist Emeritus	1999 Dwane Kaplenk*
1992 Evert Thelene *	2000 Thomas Johnston*
1993 Donald Arnquist *	2001 Mike Peters
1994 Otto Ehlers *	2002 Craig Edgington
1995 Dick Wibom *	2003 Earl Button
1996 Dan Hammell *	2004 Timothy Wait
1997 Robert Rosell *	2012 Tim Gallagher *
1998 Matt Mace	

\* Closed album



**See you for some Philatelic Phun!**  
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