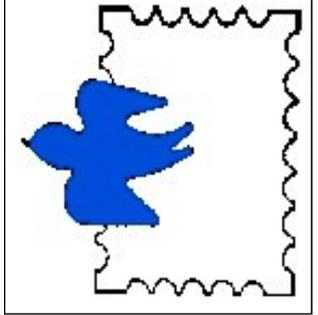


ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

Wednesday, June 7

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

Tuesday, June 20

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

Wednesday, May 3rd: we had Sixteen members in attendance. Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$3,825.48. It was announced that the Treasurer's position is now open and we are searching for the position.

Show Business - We are looking hard at the Hoffman House. IN discussions with the facility manager to finalize costs. A decision should be made very soon.

Show & Tell.....

1. **Winston Ackmann** - shared an unusual pre-dated cover of the Famous American Luther Burbank (1849-1926) Scientist. Scott #876. His cover was dated April 12 and the FDC was April 17. A very nice item!
2. **Gerry Van Alstyne** - found some Rockford Stamp Club meeting cards, FDC of the Purple Heart from Loves Park and other club covers.
3. **Tim Wait** - brought an interesting National Air Mail Week cover printed for all of the DuPage County cities, mailed from Glen Ellen, with a dozen autographs!

Think about bringing something interesting from your collection to the Wednesday night meeting to share with your fellow members.

The mystery box winner was **Steve Johnson**.

Member Health and Welfare

Gerry Van Alstyne spinal surgery was postponed. He's been up and around at the meetings, waiting to get re-scheduled.

Stanley reported that **Marth Bauch** is on the mend and doing better.

If you or if you know anyone we should mention, please let Frank or Tim know.

Tuesday mornings continue to be a fun time and great auction! They are always MANY lots to bid on to add to your collection. YOU should bring some lots to sell off your duplicate or unneeded material (nothing is unwanted!) and acquire some great new items!

What do you collect? Yes YOU! Please let Tim know some details of how or what you collect. We would like to do a regular feature on one member a month to better know our collecting friends. It doesn't have to be anything formal, just your story of how you started, how your collecting has evolved, how you store your collections or anything else you would like to share. See Tim to tell your story.

Today I went to the post office to mail 20 letters, so I bought 20 stamps, and the clerk just handed them to me.

So I said "Am I supposed to stick all these on myself?"...and she said "No. Stick them on the envelopes.."



Upcoming Stamp Shows

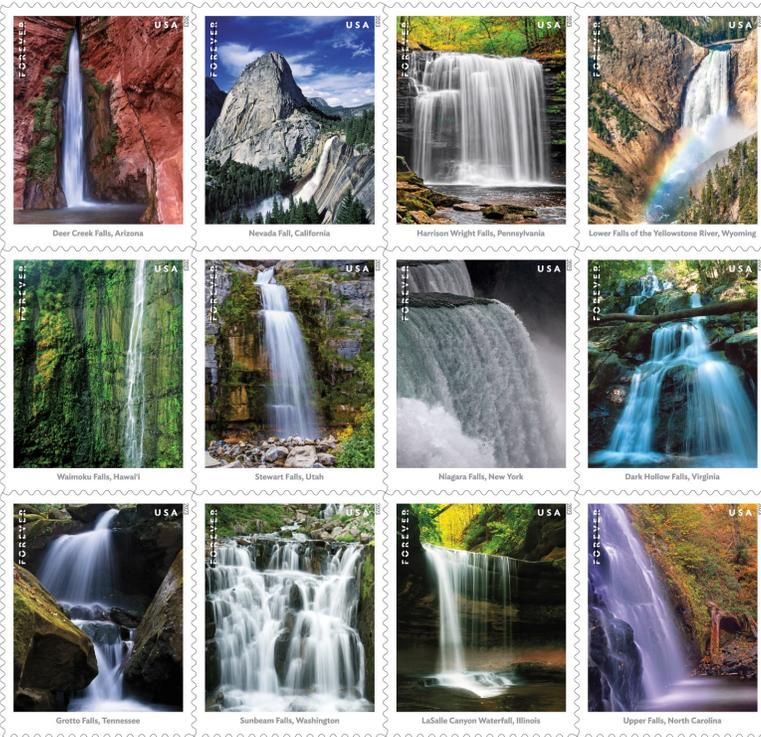
Sat-Sun Jun 17-18 MSDA La Crosse

La Crosse, WI. La Crosse Center, 300 Harborview Plaza. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Bourse only. Free.

Sat-Sun Jul 8-9 MSDA Milwaukee

Waukesha, WI. Waukesha Expo Center Forum Building, 100 Northview RD. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Bourse only. Free.

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



Waterfalls

First Class Forever (63c)

Pane of 12 (12 designs)

Jun 13 – Yellowstone National Park

Among nature's most beautiful wonders, waterfalls come in all shapes and sizes, from serene cascades to mighty cataracts. The 12 waterfalls featured on the stamps represent many different types — and each is unique.

First row: Deer Creek Falls, Grand Canyon National Park, AZ, by Sandra Woods; Nevada Fall, Yosemite National Park, CA, by Quang-Tuan Luong; Harrison Wright Falls, Ricketts Glen State Park, PA; and Lower Falls of the Yellowstone River, Yellowstone National Park, WY, by Kenneth Keifer.

Second row: Waimoku Falls, Haleakalā National Park, HI, by Quang-Tuan Luong; Stewart Falls, Mount Timpanogos Wilderness, UT, by Nicole Nugent; Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls State Park, NY, by John Cancalosi; and Dark Hollow Falls, Shenandoah National Park, VA, by Quang-Tuan Luong.

Third row: Grotto Falls, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, TN, by Joe Miller; Sunbeam Falls, Mount Rainier National Park, WA, by Kevin Schaffer; LaSalle Canyon Waterfall, Starved Rock State Park, Oglesby, IL, by David B. Vernon; and Upper Falls, Blue Ridge Parkway, NC, by Tim Fitzharris.



John Lewis

First Class Forever (63c)

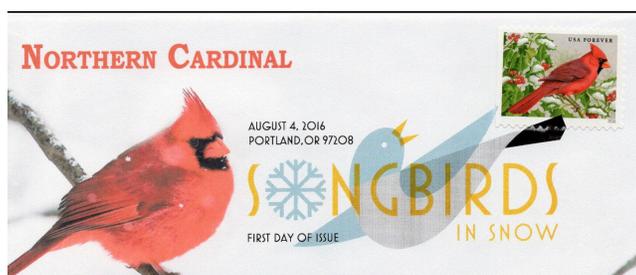
Pane of 20

Jul 21 – Atlanta, GA

This stamp celebrates the life and legacy of civil rights leader and U.S. Rep. John Lewis (1940-2020) of Georgia. Devoted to equality and justice for all Americans, Lewis spent more than 30 years in Congress steadfastly defending and building on key civil rights gains that he had helped achieve in the 1960s. Even in the face of hatred and violence, as well as some 45 arrests, Lewis remained resolute in his commitment to what he liked to call “good trouble.” The stamp features a photograph of Lewis taken by Marco Grob on assignment for the August 26, 2013, issue of *Time* magazine.

The Northern Cardinal stamped envelope—corner indicia shown—features one of the most beloved and popular songbirds native to North America. The art features a male cardinal, immediately recognizable by its crimson-colored feathers and black facial markings. Art director Antonio Alcalá designed the stamped envelope with Kandis Vermeer Phillips's highly realistic illustration.

The Northern Cardinal was featured by the USPS in 2016 as one of four Winter Songbirds stamps.



Northern Cardinal Stamped Envelope

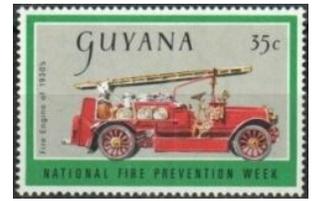
Class Forever (63c)

Pane of 20 (Twenty designs)

July 9 – Bird City, KS



President's Corner - Frank Schmitt



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Wow, time is flying by faster than a USPS Priority Mail Express parcel. Here we are reading our June newsletter just days before our June meeting. We ask that you find time to fit this June meeting into your schedule if possible as we have a couple of important issues of business.

We will be accepting nominations for the position of Treasurer and voting to fill that position at this meeting. If interested in the position, please be at the meeting. Remember, if you are not at the meeting, you may be nominated and elected. This could be a dangerous meeting to miss.

We will also be finalizing (hopefully) the venue for our 2024 edition of Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo. Just a couple points to verify before signing on the dotted line and tendering a deposit. Hoffman House is currently up for consideration. We are optimistic that this venue will successfully meet our needs and potentially be a long-term venue for future shows.

I attended the Wiscopex Show in Fond Du Lac, WI on Saturday, May 6th to attend the annual meeting of WFSC as a voting delegate of the Rockford Stamp Club. Rockford Stamp Club was welcomed as a member of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Club with a warm round of applause. Our membership increased WFSC membership by 10%. The show was very well attended on Saturday and reportedly less busy on Sunday, which seems to be the norm.

Remember, we take a summer break from our Wednesday meeting, and newsletter, in July. We will still have our 3rd Tuesday auctions on June 20th and July 18th. **Wednesday night meetings will resume August 2nd.**

You are always welcome to make a short presentation and or show and tell at the meeting. Please share your collecting interests and expertise with the other members of the club. See you at the meeting.

Stay safe, stay healthy, happy collecting!

Exploring the Scott Specialized Catalogue of US - by Tim Wait

The next major section is on "Basic Stamp Information". These 20 pages are packed with essential information to help you understand everything about how stamps are made. The topics are:

- Plate
- Printing
- Separation
- Gum
- Luminescence
- Postal Markings
- General Glossary

The "Plate" section talks about Line engraving and all its aspects. This is critical in understanding our first issues. Plate arrangement and then booklets and coils are discussed next. This includes details on all the markings in the selvage of the sheet, including plate numbers.

Printing is up next and this goes into detail about how stamps have been printed and common flaws.

Paper used to print stamps is discussed. This is also important in the 19th century issues, Washington-Franklins, and revenue stamps. This section also discusses water-marks.

Separation, more than just perforating!, is up next and includes a nice section on Electric Eye.

Gum is briefly discussed followed by the interesting use of Luminescence to sort and properly face letters for postmarking.

This leads to a large discussion of Postal markings with over four pages of examples including a nice look at Pre-cancels.

A General Glossary of philatelic terms with explanations is also helpful.

Please take some time to look over all this valuable information. It will greatly enhance your philatelic knowledge and give you a much greater appreciation of these little pieces of paper we all enjoy!

Let me know what you found out in your review.

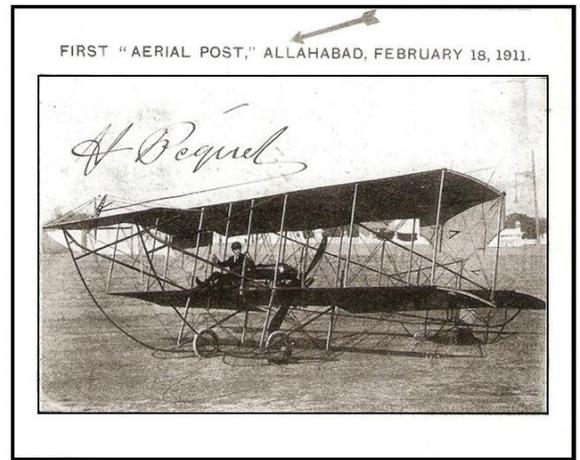


Aren't they beautiful!

The World's First Airmail - by Tim Wait



On **February 18, 1911**, French pilot **Henri Pequet** (1888-1974) carried the **first official mail flown by airplane**. The flight occurred in Allahabad, India. Pequet carried about 6,000 cards and letters on his Humber biplane.



Issued December 16, 1912, the 20¢ Parcel Post stamp was the **first stamp in the world to depict powered flight**. The entire set of 12 stamps was put on sale January 1, 1913, the first day of Parcel Post Service.



Parcel Post opened rural America to the wonder of Mail Order! Now, anyone in the country could shop Sears Roebuck and Co., or Montgomery Ward and have large items delivered to their homes by The United States Post Office Department!



May 2017 - Torino - Roma (Turin to Rome) Italy overprinted their 25¢ Special Delivery stamp from 1903 to commemorate the First Flight, making this the **world's first airmail stamp**.

Special cards were prepared for the flight and post-marked May 5, 1917 and received the special flight cancel.



May 13, 1918 - **world's first airmail stamp depicting an airplane**.

Issued for the First Official Airmail flight in the US.

Of course, they did have a little printing problem with the issue!



Welcome to the Rockford Illinois Stamp Club Website

www.rockfordstampclub.com

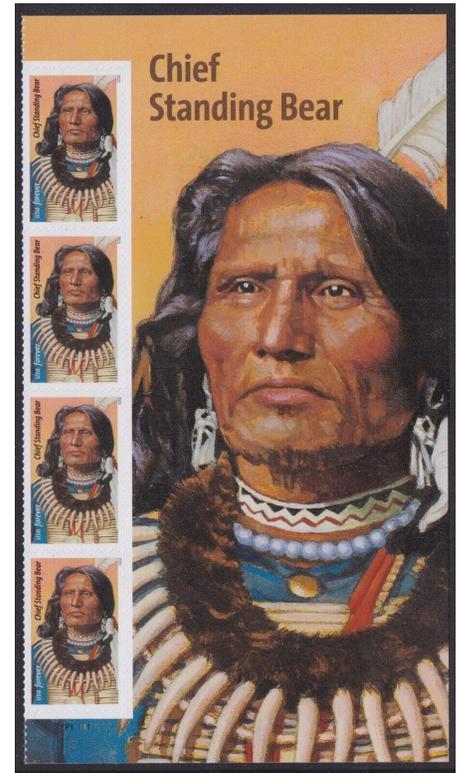
WEB SITE UPDATE - Please take a moment to go to our webpage listed above. We need to do some updates but what else would you like to see? Please tell us your comments.
Tim (t.wait@comcast.net) & Frank (prevent1@comcast.net) - webmasters.

Chief Standing Bear - Alan Skoog

The article regarding the *Chief Standing Bear* stamp was of particular interest to me. I grew up 16 miles from Ponca, Nebraska, named after his tribe. My little town, Hubbard, was 'sandwiched' between the Ponca tribe to the north west and the Winnebago tribe 21 miles to the south east. I was very familiar with the Winnebago people as I had an Uncle that farmed within the reservation. While at a high school that I went to my junior year, I played basketball against them. They were a demoralized people. In the fall of the year the men would go to various farms and pick up the ear corn that had fallen from the pickers. It was always said that they wouldn't return until their money was gone. Alcoholism was/is a problem. As I was unable to go to the first day issue ceremonies in Lincoln, a college friend, who grew up closer to Standing Bears' homeland, went and obtained covers and other materials for me.



USPS Color Pictorial Postmark



Thank you! ROCKFORD 2-3-4 2023 Dealers

The below dealers all participated at the 2023 show. If you saw something but passed at the show it's not too late to contact them and still get it for your collection! **Remember to support our 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.

The 2022-2023 Club Officers

President.....Frank Schmitt
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Secretary.....Tammy Copus
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Director.....Tim Copus
Director.....Steve Capone
Director.....Terry Kurzinski
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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



We've been missing many of you!
Wednesday, June 7 at 5:30/7pm
Tuesday, June 20 at 9/10am
Our NEW location is 625 Adams St.