

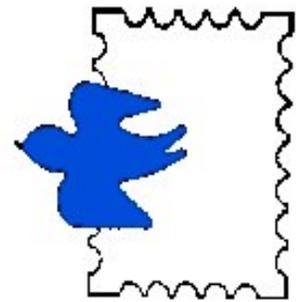
ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

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

Wednesday, June 5

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

Tuesday, June 18

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

Wednesday, May 1st: we had a guest, **Gary Barrett** and his wife Jan. They are moving to Rockford and living here part time and remaining in the Michigan Upper Peninsula part time. Gary was very pleased to find an active club in Rockford and joined on the spot!

Old Business: we discussed then voted and approved a new award for membership, the *Rockford Stamp Club Achievement Award*.

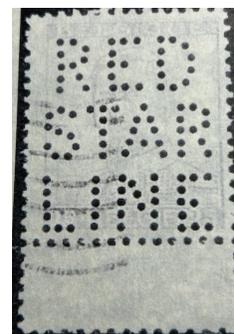
Show & Tell.....

1. **Ruth Young** - 10 Commandment stamps.
2. **Jeff Hall** - a) two May 1933 "May 7" covers b) Memorial Day Airships USS Akron Crash cover
3. **Gary Barrett** - imperf Canadian stamp he received in the 2017 quarterly subscription. Should not have been in packet. Only sold separately.
4. **Steve Capone** - Illinois Place Names given to him by Tim Wait back in 1990. Got him going on Illinois postal history. Thanks Steve. Tim

Tammy Copus won the mystery box!

Belgium Perfin - Lee Barrie

The Red Star Line was the sister line to the White Star Line (the Titanic!). Stamp from the same time period.



Upcoming Stamp Shows

Fri-Sat Jun 14-15 Milcopex

Brookfield, WI. Brookfield Conference Center, 325 S. Moorland Rd. Hours Fri 10-6, Sat 10-5. World Series of Philately national show. Exhibits, seminars and bourse. One of the "big" shows near Rockford. Free admission.

Sat-Sun Jun 29-30 MSDA Galena Country Show

Galena, IL. Historic Turner Hall, 115 South Bench St. Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Bourse only. Free admission.

Sat-Sun Jul 27-28 MSDA Tosapex 2024

St. Francis, WI. St. Francis Lions Community Center, 3476 E. Howard Ave. Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Bourse only. Free admission.

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

Welcome New Member

Gary Barrett Rockford

Please join us in welcoming Gary, and his wife Jan to Rockford. He collects mainly Canada. Make sure to introduce yourself and make him feel at home.

Member Health and Welfare

Gerry Van Alstyne has been informed he needs four or five surgeries after his prolonged wait. His first one is scheduled June 11th for very serious abdominal surgery. He said to say Hi and that he misses coming to the club meetings. Please keep him in your prayers.



Sea Turtles
First Class Forever (68¢)
 Pane of 18 (Six designs)
 Jun 11 – Corpus Christi, TX

This issuance encourages the protection of sea turtles, one of the oldest groups of animals on Earth. These ancient mariners can migrate long distances, sometimes crossing entire oceans. The pane of 18 stamps features close-up photographs of six species that depend on U.S. coastal waters for foraging and migratory habitats during various stages of their life. All six are listed and protected under the Endangered Species Act. Derry Noyes, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps and stamp pane using existing images.

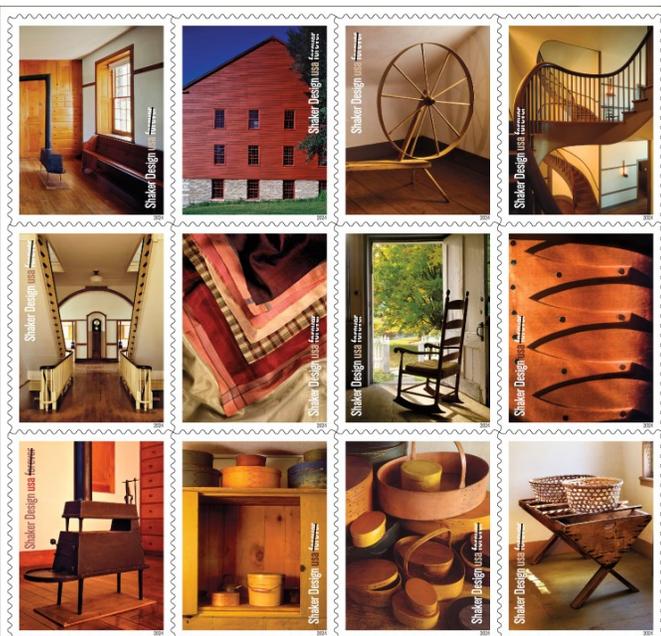
Horses
First Class Forever (68¢)
 Pane of 20 (Five designs)
 Jun 17 – St. Joseph, MO

These stamps celebrates America's love of horses. Once instrumental in the early economic development of the United States, horses are now valued athletes and loyal companions, and are important in law enforcement, forestry, entertainment, equine therapy and cattle ranching. This pane of 20 stamps features five photographs of beautiful equines, each in profile. Derry Noyes, an art director for USPS, designed these stamps with existing photographs by Stephanie Moon and Karen Wegehenkel. COMMENTARY - one would think it would be nice to identify the breed of horse on the stamp! Ed.



Shaker Designs
First Class Forever (68¢)
 Pane of 12 designs
 Jun 20 – Pittsfield, MA

The year 2024 will mark the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the first Shakers in the United States. Shaker communities made much of what they needed for daily life themselves, including furniture, fabrics, communal buildings and houses. These 12 stamps feature beautiful photographs of items that highlight the core elements of Shaker design: simplicity and utility. Derry Noyes, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps with existing photographs by Michael Freeman.



Duck stamps are not postage stamps. The Fish and Wildlife Service produces the Federal Duck Stamp, which sells for \$25. Waterfowl hunters age 16 and older are required to purchase and carry the current Federal Duck Stamp. Duck stamp designs are the result of an annual design competition. Chuck Black of Belgrade, Montana, emerged as the winner with an oil painting of a northern pintail.

Wildlife Service Hunting Permit
\$25.00
 Pane of 12 designs
 Jun 28 – Hanover, MS





President's Corner - Frank Schmitt



Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

Here we are mid-year already. That means we will be taking our summer "break" in July. There will not be a Wednesday evening meeting in July and our newsletter editor also takes a break which means there will not be a July edition of our great newsletter, *Rockford Stamp Notes*. However, the regular 3rd Tuesday auction will be held on July 16th, as usual.

We have seen a bit of an uptick in attendance at both the regular meeting and Tuesday auction, which we are very happy to see. Last month we had a guest, Gary Barrett, accompanied by his charming wife, Jan. As a result of their visit, we welcome Gary as our newest member of the Rockford Stamp Club. Gary's primary collecting interest is Canada of which he has a nearly complete collection with an interesting new issue "find" he will be happy to share with you. Gary and Jan spend the fair-weather months in the Upper Peninsula so it will be a little colder before we see them again. Many of us enjoyed meeting and visiting with both Gary and his wife after the meeting and discussing new and common interests.

I was able to attend the WISCOPEX show in Fond du Lac, May 4-5th attending the annual meeting as the voting representative of the Rockford Stamp Club. It was a great show and nice to see some dealers that you may not see at other shows. I have been saving for, and pondering, the purchase of a hinge less U. S. Stamp album for a few years. A dealer had a brand new, wrapped in plastic, 6 volume Davo album set with sleeves, for a greatly reduced price. I took the plunge (yes, it still broke the bank) and made the purchase. The bad news is there's two more volumes I must purchase to make it complete, and I am sure they will be at retail. I have been spending some time filling spaces which has been a bit challenging because it does not show Scott Catalog Numbers, and in some cases there's no picture/illustration, just a year date of issue. It is a good way to learn to identify stamps though. The Scott U. S. Specialized will be getting a full workout. My wife accompanied me, and we spent the night as did Terry Kurzinski and Nancy, we enjoyed a very good meal together at Blanck's Supper Club in Johnsburg, WI.

As a little side note, my wife slept in on Sunday morning. I went to the stamp show for a while and went back to the room to see if she was ready. She was still in bed and sleepily told me to go back to the stamp show. How often does that happen? She still has no idea how much that extra hour cost and we're just going to leave it at that.

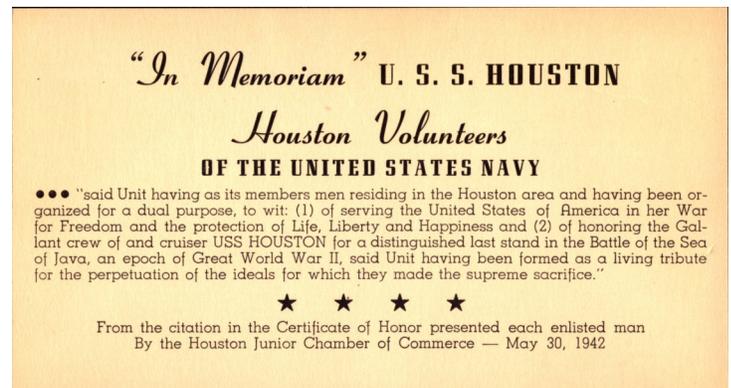
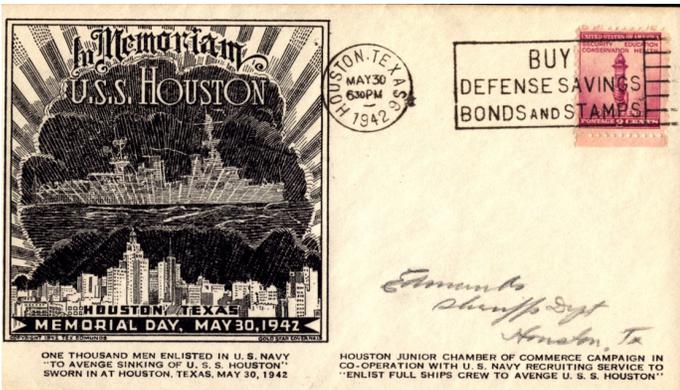
In the last newsletter mention was made of an annual Rockford Stamp Club Achievement Award. After further discussion at the May meeting a motion was made for said award and the vote carried a successful outcome. More definitive information will be provided soon after the Board of Directors meet about this and other matters that must be brought before the Board.

Remember, Milcopex 2024, June 14-15th, Friday-Saturday, Brookfield Conference Center.

Hope to see you Wednesday, June 5th, bring a show and tell, auction lots, a friend, even a program. Remember, the next meeting will not be until August 7th.

Stay well, stay safe, happy collecting!

U.S.S. Houston Memoriam - Jeff Hall



May 30th 1942, 1,000 men from the Houston and surrounding area enlisted in the U S NAVY to replace the 1,000 man crew from the U.S.S. Houston which was lost with the HMAS Perth, while attacking a night time invasion force by the Japanese Navy in Java on March 1, 1942. The ceremony was held by the Houston Junior Chamber of Commerce. The USS Houston was FDR's favorite ship (8 cruises/fishing trips). Here is a quote from FDR's letter to Houston's Mayor Neal Pickett, "I knew the ship and loved her. Her officers and men were my Friends".

Souvenir Sheets by Garry Barrett - Part 1

“I hate souvenir sheets; I don’t collect ‘em!”

My jaw dropped when I read that statement. It never occurred to me to have such strong feelings about something so innocuous. I went on to reading something else but kept hearing that rant. Should I have an opinion on the subject? What would it be? How have I handled souvenir sheets in my collection? Well, I gladly mount them when I acquire them as part of a purchase of other items. But as a rule, I don’t pursue (buy) them... except for Canada, my main specialty. Even there, my treatment of souvenir sheets has been inconsistent. From 2020, I include them intact. Prior to 2020, however, my practice was to keep them whole only if the sheet added artistic value to the stamps contained therein. My various reasons included: saving space, less costly mounts, and the fact that the Unitrade catalog of Canadian stamps normally values the stamps the same whether or not they are contained within the sheet. Additionally, souvenir sheets abound in Canada Post’s recent history; they’re not particularly special. Since the late nineties, Canadian stamps have been issued most commonly in small booklets of self-adhesive *stickers*. Frequently, they are accompanied by gum-backed, perforated, identically designed stamps arranged in souvenir sheets.

I have to admit that I occasionally get annoyed at the post office’s seemingly naked intent to profit from my interest in collecting stamps. Here are some examples.

	<p>2448: A retrospective of previously issued souvenir sheets.</p>
	<p>1630a: You have to buy multiple copies of the stamp.</p>
	<p>2465b and c: Multiple versions of same souvenir sheet</p>
	<p>1779a: Joint issue containing stamps from two countries, making part of the purchase non-postal</p>
	<p>2600a: denomination of one of the stamps is not currently useful</p>
	<p>3105ai: press sheets (like souvenir sheets but much bigger) and other special sheets that contain stamps in combinations (e.g. multiples) not available elsewhere</p>

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.

1869 Proofs vs Mint

All U.S. collector's would be proud to have a MINT set of the beautiful 1869 issue in their collection. Only one problem! These 10 stamps catalog over \$39,000! That's a little over my stamp budget!!!

However, if those blank spaces in your album are really bothering you, you could consider Proof versions at a fraction of the cost. This wonderful looking set, 112P3-129P3 on India paper, was recently offered on James E. Lee's website for only \$650.

Proofs are fresh and sharp impressions of the stamps in true intended colors, usually MUCH nicer looking than the issued stamps. All of those expensive early issues are available on Card stock (P4) or India Paper (p3) listed in the Scott Specialized catalog. Be sure to educate yourself before you take the plunge. There are many varieties and costs.

One way to improve your collection and have beautiful stamps to enjoy!



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.

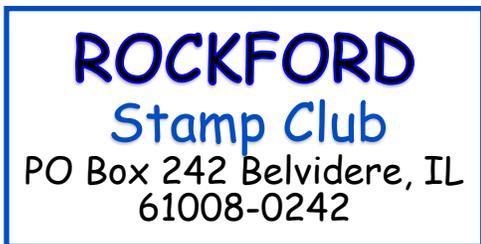
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1997 Robert Rosell *	2012 Tim Gallagher *
1998 Matt Mace	

* Closed album



See you for some Philatelic Phun!
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Remember we're at 625 Adams St.