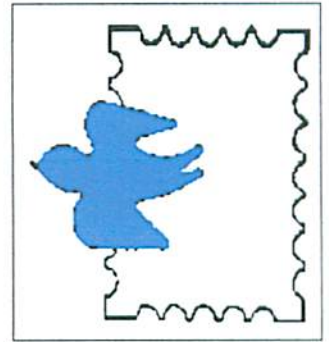


ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

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Monthly meetings at Ken-Rock Community Center, 3200 11th St., Rockford, IL

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

6:00 pm - Buy, sell and trade
View auction lots
7:00 pm - Meeting & auction

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

9:30 am - Buy, Sell and trade
View auction lots
10:00 am - Meeting & auction

1st Wednesday Update: The Wednesday March 2nd business meeting was jam packed with show preparations. The postmark is very questionable (it did not get done and we had to use the Rochelle handstamp that Dianne brought!). Ted Gifford reported and gave examples of the cachet that he had to revise because the National Parks Service tightly controls what you can use.

Everything else was all set for the show. The Loves Park Panther Youth Stamp Club exhibits are ready as are the adult exhibits. The always popular auction looks to be bigger than ever. See page three for a look at the show.

Winston Ackmann did a show and tell on Conglomerations Collecting. He showed some stamps that had been "manufactured" by cutting apart different stamps to make hybrids. Weird stuff!

If you haven't paid your dues—watch out for Hank!

Were YOU at the Rockford Stamp Show? A number of members were not spotted. How could you possibly have something better to do than enjoy our favorite hobby?

What I Collect By Ruth Young

My name is Ruth Young. I got into collecting stamps when I started going to stamp shows with my husband, Jim. I collect all kinds of stamps, especially France, Denmark, bridges and air mail. I started collecting Finland when my husband bought me a Finland collection at the Monroe Stamp Show. I also collect postcards and First Day Covers. My favorite items are several FDCs I have from Finland. I would like to thank all the club members who gave me items and helped me build my collections.

3rd Tuesday Update: At the Tuesday March 15th get together 21 members came to enjoy 118 auction lots! Winston Ackmann continues to donate lots to the club. Thank you so much Winston!

The Tuesday meeting usually has an abundance of auction material to enjoy. Why don't you go check it out?

Ted Gifford mentioned that he is working on a WWI theme for the 2017 cachet. We will make sure to get the postmark ordered early for next year's show.

It's show season. See below for some shows in our area to go enjoy and find something for your collection



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Sun Apr 10 - DANEPEX

Madison, WI. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4402 E. Washington St. Hours 10-4. 14 dealers, exhibits, free admission.

Sun Apr 16 - Spring Swap & Shop

Peoria, IL. Fondulac Park District Building, 201 Veterans Dr. Hours 9-2:30. 9 dealers, free admission.

Sat-Sun Apr 23-24 - MSDA Spring Stamp Show

Prospect Heights, IL. Comfort Inn & Suites, 600 N. Milwaukee Ave. Hours 10-4. 20 dealers, free admission.

Sat-Sun Apr 30-May 1 - WISCOPEX 2016

Fond du Lac, WI. Holiday Inn, 625 Rolling Meadows Dr. Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. 20 dealers, exhibits, free admission.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

U.S. 2016 New Issues

Shirley Temple

April 18—Los Angeles, CA



With the 20th stamp in the Legends of Hollywood series, the Postal Service honors actress and diplomat Shirley Temple Black. As a child, Temple was the most famous film star in the world. She began dance lessons when she was just three years old, and by age five she was under contract to Fox Film Corporation. Her song, "On the Good Ship Lollipop," is a classic, and the Shirley Temple doll remains one of the most collectible dolls ever made.

As an adult, Black had a distinguished career in diplomacy, serving as a delegate to the United Nations, U.S. Ambassador to Ghana and Czechoslovakia, and U.S. Chief of Protocol. The stamp art features a painting based on a 1935 still image from "Curly Top," one of her iconic movie roles. The selvaige features a publicity photo from the 1933 short film "Managed Money".



USA Nonprofit Org
April 28—Dulles, VA



This new nondenominated, nonprofit-price stamp, showcases the letters "USA" in a stamp that the Postal Service describes as "a patriotic design with full letterforms and flourishes [that] is a confident, playful, and celebratory treatment of one of our most familiar abbreviations."

The stamp is intended for use by high volume non-profit mailers. Studies have shown that mail is more likely to be opened when the envelope bears a stamp rather than a printed indicia. Mailers apply the stamp to each mailing piece, calculate the total postage due and pay the Postal Service a lump-sum for the actual postage in excess of 5¢ per piece.

PETS—coming in May? The convertible double sided booklet shown above from the USPS is sure to be the big hit of the Spring Stamp Season! There are statistics about how many people have cats and dogs and maybe a few more reliable estimates of some of the critters being depicted, but a lot of pet lovers out there will want to get these stamps to use.

Printed in booklet form makes them even more available and user friendly than a sheet that is harder to store in a purse or wallet. Some might complain for the "Good Ole Days" when stamps commemorated significant historical people or events but that's not what sells to the general public. Remember the last time you tried to have an "historical" conversation with a non-collector family member or friend!

At least those of use with pets, or fond memories of pets of by-gone days, can relate to this issue to. Enjoy!

ROCKFORD STAMP SHOW 2016



Members Terry K, Frank S and Tammy C in action!



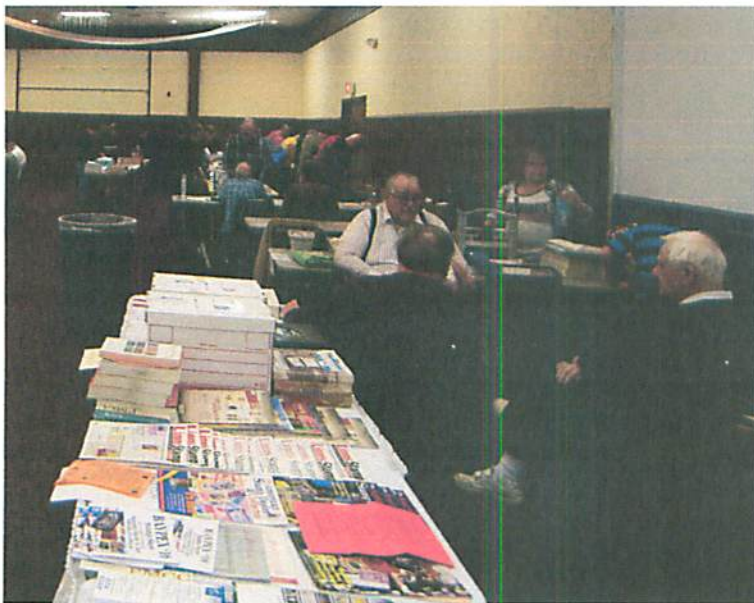
Tim W's Air Mail Transport exhibit.



Hank, Jan and Jeff R busy at the greeters table and the ever present crowd at Steve Capone's table.



A busy dealers bourse.



Ted G, Bob S, Tom M and Tammy C at the greeters table with lots of free stuff and the Mystery Boxes.

Rockford 2016 - Exhibition Winners

We had a nice group of exhibits this year including those from the Loves Park Panther Youth Stamp Club. We were fortunate to have a celebrity judge this year, Rich Drews, a national and international judge and exhibitor.

1st - Uses of 10¢ Washington Bicentennial of 1932 - Tim Wait

2nd - Forerunner Stamps of Israel on Cover-Steve Capone

3rd - International Airmail - Forwarded & Postage Due 1950s to 1970s - Tim Wait

Best Youth - My Penguins Project - AuLana Copus

Welcome New Members

Randy Riese

Janesville

Jerry Runge

Rockford

Jack Leiby

Rock Island

and returning member

Earl Button

Aurora

Please join us in welcoming Randy, Jerry and Jack to the club. It's always nice to see people come to the show and then join the club. Earl was an active past member from Monroe, WI who moved out of state. He has relocated closer in Aurora so maybe we will see him at the meetings. Jack is an old friend and participated as a dealer at many shows in the past.

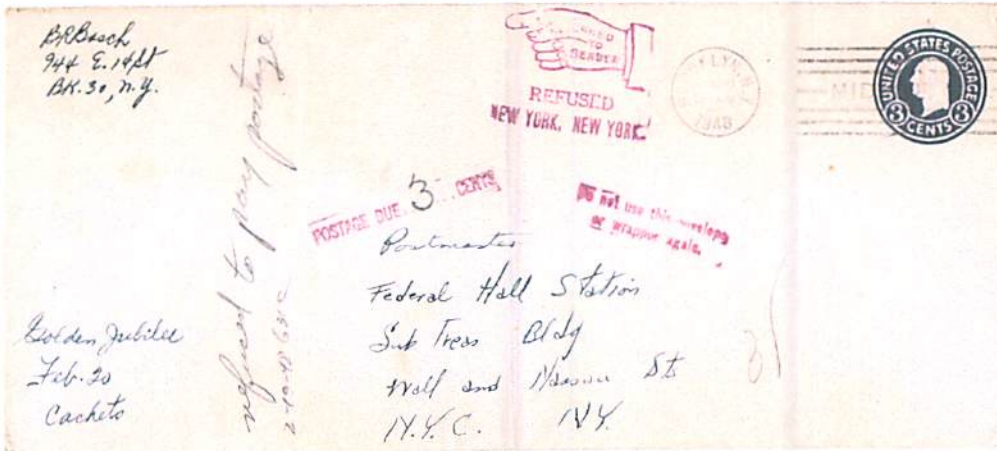
Next time you see someone new or that you don't recognize at a meeting, go up and introduce yourself and tell them what you collect. You might just find a kindred stamp buddy.



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Recent Acquisitions (or Neat Stuff I Really Like) By Tim Wait

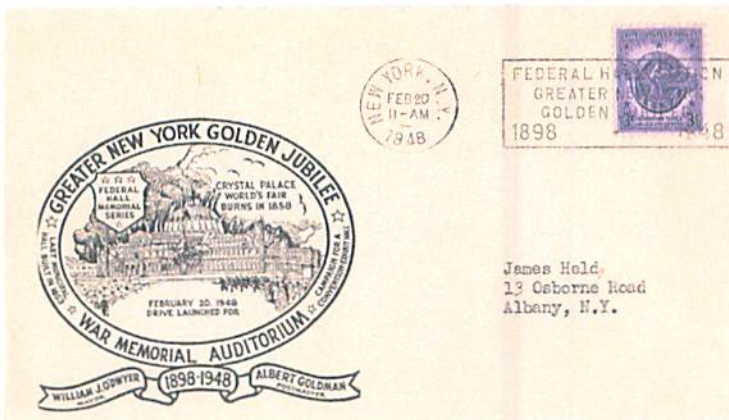


Enlargement of Refused marking

In 1948, the Greater New York Golden Jubilee was commemorated. This celebrated the consolidation of the five boroughs of New York City into the Greater City of New York. On the cover above, dated Feb 18 11-AM, Brooklyn, Mid-Town, BR Basch of Brooklyn sent the above #10 envelope to the Postmaster, Federal Hall Station to get his cacheted covers postmarked on February 20th. See lower left.

Unfortunately, the letter was over one ounce and marked "Postage Due 3 Cents. Upon arrival at Federal Hall Station a pencil notation "refused to pay postage 2-19-48 631c" was noted on the front. Two more markings "Return to Sender REFUSED New York, New York" and "Do not use this envelope or wrapper again." were added, and the letter was sent back.

A REFUSED marking is seldom seen. According to Len Piskiewicz in *Chicago Postal Markings and Postal History*, 2006 James E. Lee Publishing, Chicago, the second largest city in 1948 did not have a refused marking. Perhaps it is unique to New York?



Our letter writer may have been able to send his cachet covers in but the date had past and the USPOD wasn't as generous with their back-dating of FDCs or event covers in 1948. Hopefully, he got his cachet cancelled like James Held did on the cover at left. Slogan cancel reads:

FEDERAL HALL STATION
GREATER NEW YORK
GOLDEN JUBILEE
1898 1948

Americana Series-High Values

Did you ever look closely at the American Series, Scott #1581-1612? There were themes for each of group of denominations. The four highest values shown here are called the Lantern Series. When placed together the words around each stamp frame the four stamps.

- 50¢ - America's Light Sustained by Love of Liberty
- \$1 - America's Light Fueled by Truth and Reason
- \$2 - America's Light Will Shine Over All the Land
- \$5 - America's Light Leads Her Generations Onward

Inspiring words in 1978-1979 and even more important today with everything that is taking place around the world. One really wonders if these statements still guide our leaders and potential leaders in how our country should "Light" the world. Take a minute to study our heritage in stamps. You might be surprised at the pride in America that is missing from many of today's stamp issues.





WEB SITE UPDATE - We are looking to get more information on the Website. Please log on and take a look. Contact Webmaster, Ted Gifford with any comments or bring it up at a meeting.

United States Postal Service Announces Rate Reduction!

The USPS will be dropping the 1st Class letter rate to 47¢, effective April 10th. The decrease results from the expiration of a temporary rate increase ordered in late 2013 and had been widely anticipated.

The USPOD/USPS doesn't lower postage rates very often. The last general 1st class letter rate reduction was July 1, 1919, when the WWI 1¢ "exigent" surcharge was removed.

Before that you have to go back to July 1, 1885 when a 2¢ reduction in the price of a letter was ordered as a result of moving the rate from 2¢ per half ounce to 2¢ per ounce. Shortly before that on October 1, 1883, the USPOD had just lowered the rate from 3¢ to 2¢ per half ounce.

Postage rates get more complicated the further back you go. Before July 1, 1863, the rate was based on ±3,000 miles at 3¢ for under and 10¢ for over; basically west over the Rocky Mountains.

July 1, 1851 saw the rates go from 5¢, under 300 miles and 10¢, over 300 miles to 3¢, if prepaid, up to 3,000 miles.

New Postage Rates—April 10, 2016

1st Class Letter	47¢
Each Addt'l ounce	21¢
Postcards	34¢
International letter	\$1.15

Go to USPS.com for more information.

The rate effective when our first postage stamps were issued was the first permanent reduction. Effective July 1, 1847, they were reduced from a distance based multi-tiered system to the 5¢ and 10¢ rates.

Let's all enjoy the savings. With inflation mostly in check, and the USPS held to the Consumer Price Index-Urban (CPI-U), which has been near zero, we might get to stay at 47¢ for a while.

MEMBER AD	MEMBER AD	NEW MEMBER AD
For Sale: World Wide off paper 4oz special \$6.95. Contact DR Arnquist 815-226-9020.	Wanted: Old letters from Boone & Winnebago County, IL. Contact Tim Wait at 815-670-5869 or email t.wait@comcast.net.	Wanted: FDC-Doris Gold Cachet Unaddressed and signed by Doris Gold. Cash or trade. Contact Hank Fox at one of the meetings.

THANK YOU - ROCKFORD 2016 STAMP SHOW DEALERS

We had a great show with 14, yes 14 dealers on Saturday with two not being able to stay for Sunday. All the dealers were doing brisk business Saturday morning, which continued throughout the weekend.

New for 2016

David Alex
Glenview, IL
847-291-7826

Applebox Philatelic's

Richard Duda
Mt. Prospect, IL
847-439-7614

Farrell Stamps

Len Farrell
Brookfield, IL
708-280-7114

John's Stamp Den

John Steele
Washington, IL
309-444-8247

Alroy Stamps

Al Lenz
Schaumburg, IL
847-524-0147

Geezer's

Dave Birch
Oakwood, IL
217-260-9375

Rockford Coin & Stamp

Steve Jennings
Rockford, IL
815-282-4444

Pfohl's Stamps

John "Kermit" Kirpes
Dubuque, IA
563-582-6247

Phil Edwards

Normal, IL
309-452-2593

Steve Capone

Rockford, IL
815-394-0537

W. H. Burdick

Mtn. Home, AR
870-425-7799

Terry Kurzinski

Cherry Valley, IL
815-262-9117

DMS Collectibles

John Butler
Normal, IL
309-963-4248

Newland's Stamps & Post Cards

Jim Newland
Peru, IL
815-794-1984

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

We invite all area collectors to join us at a future meeting of the Rockford Stamp Club. Meetings are held the first Wednesday at 6:00pm, every month except July, and the third Tuesday of every month at 9:30am, at the Ken-Rock Community Center, 3200 11th St., Rockford, Illinois. Each meeting begins with a buy/sell/trade session followed by a lively, unreserved stamp auction. Come discover the fun of stamp collecting. All ages welcome.

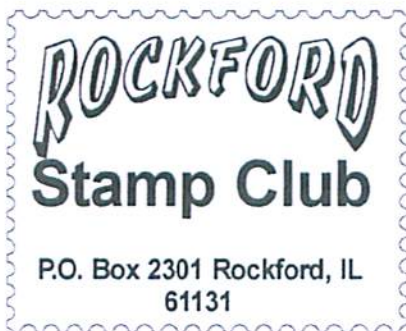
The 2016 Club Officers

President.....Steve Capone
779-771-9527
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815-397-0573
Director.....Matt Mace
Director.....Tim Copus
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Show Chairman.....Tim Wait
815-670-5869

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



APRIL Meetings

Wednesday, Apr 6 and Tuesday Apr 19

See YOU there!