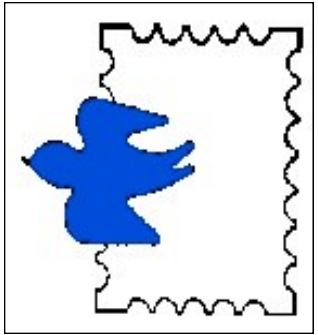


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Next VIRTUAL Meeting:

Wednesday, April 7th

7:00 pm - ZOOM Meeting

Wednesday, March 3rd: Six members and one returning guest, Dan Williams tuned in for our March Zoom meeting. We discussed having physical meetings starting as early as May. See the President's Corner on page 3.

Frank reported that he received a call to look at a surviving spouses collection. It turned out it was his former Geography Professor at Illinois Valley Community College! The collection wasn't a lot but Frank bought it.

Show and Tell:

1. **Dan Williams** showed German Poster stamps of various Kaisers.
2. **David Dini** - showed off his framed federal Duck stamp collection. Two frames with 36 stamps in each, 1934-2006. He collects Birds on stamps too.
3. **Tim Wait** talked about *U.S. Contract Mail Routes by Railroad, 1832-1875* by Hugh V. Feldman. It is a great historical resource about railroads and he showed pages for the Illinois/Wisconsin lines.
4. **Tom Johnston** showed RTS/UTD (Return to Sender/Unable to Find) yellow stickers on cover.
5. **Stanley Campbell** showed military scrip from 1866 to pay troops and his personal cartoon! See page 3.

Virtual Meeting Wednesday, April 7th

To participate you will need to send an email to Frank Schmitt at prevent1@comcast.net no later than Tuesday, April 6th

Frank will reply with the link. On the day and time of the meeting, re-open his email and click on the link. If you have ZOOM loaded on your computer it should take you to the meeting. If you have any questions, contact Frank at 815-226-4391 or Tim at 815-670-5869 (after 7pm).

Wednesday ZOOM Presentations

During a ZOOM meeting anyone can "Share their Screen" and show stamps, covers or make presentations from files or images on their computers. You can share a file or just hold something up to the screen for all to see.

Why don't YOU join us in April?

Member Health and Welfare

Gerry Van Alstyne will be having two surgeries in the next three weeks to have a pacemaker for his bladder inserted. He is awaiting news if he will require surgical intervention on his hernia too. Good luck Gerry!



Steven R. Jennings - 1943—2021

Dr. Jennings passed away peacefully surrounded by family on March 4 from a long fought battle with cancer. He was born May, 5, 1943 in Freeport.

Steve earned his Doctorate Degree from Northern in Management and Labor Relations in 1976 and went directly into teaching. He opened Jennings Coin in Stamp in Freeport and in 1992 Rockford Coin and Stamp. In the 1980s his son Matt joined the business specializing in sports cards and will now run the Rockford store.

Steve was well known in the Rockford collectibles community and had a table at the Rockford Coin and Stamp shows for many years. He will be missed by many.



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows the next one isn't until June

June 5-6 - MSDA Milwaukee

Milwaukee, WI. Crowne Plaza—Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S. 13th St. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3.

August 12-15 - Great American Stamp Show

American Philatelic Society. Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Rd. Rosemont.

This is the biggest annual U.S. show. It is held around the U.S. The last close show was Milwaukee in 2012.

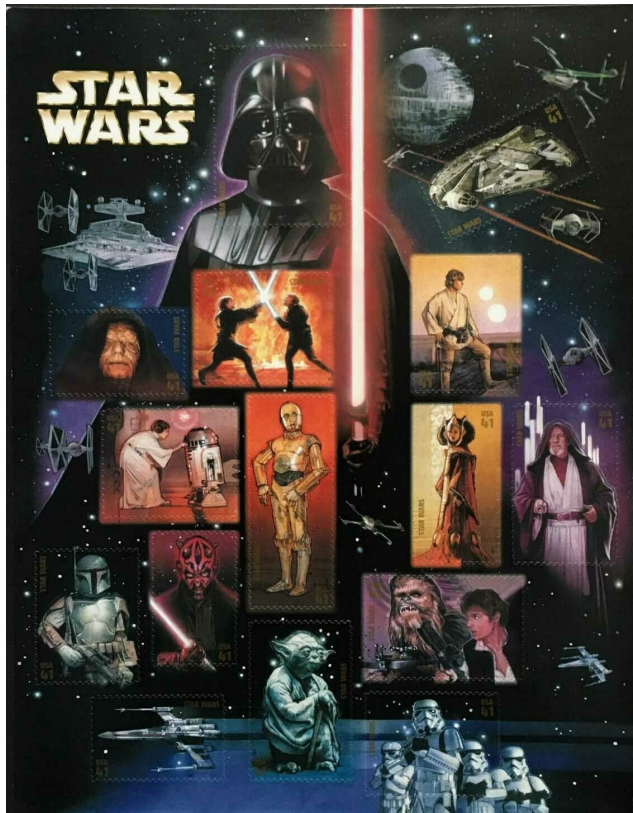
There will be over 75 dealers, 700+ exhibit frames, and many seminars and society meetings.

Espresso Drinks
First Class Forever (55c)
 Booklet of 20
 Apr 9—Seattle, WA


America’s love of coffee is celebrated with four new stamps in a booklet of 20. Four digital illustrations feature cups of four different drinks: caffè latte, espresso, caffè mocha and cappuccino. The names of the espresso drinks appear in art-deco-inspired lettering above or below each cup. Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamps with original artwork by Terry Allen.

Espresso is a coffee-brewing method of Italian origin, in which a small amount of nearly boiling water (about 90 °C or 190 °F) is forced under 9–10 bars (900–1,000 kPa; 130–150 psi) of pressure (*expressed*) through finely-ground coffee beans. Espresso coffee can be made with a wide variety of coffee beans and roast degrees. Espresso is the most common way of making coffee in southern Europe, especially in Italy, Spain, Portugal and Southern France.

Espresso is generally thicker than coffee brewed by other methods, with a viscosity of warm honey. This is due to the higher concentration of suspended and dissolved solids, and has *crema* on top (a foam with a creamy consistency). As a result of the pressurized brewing process, the flavors and chemicals in a typical cup of espresso are very concentrated. The three dispersed phases in espresso are what make this beverage unique. The first dispersed phase is an emulsion of oil droplets. The second phase is suspended solids, while the third is the layer of gas bubbles or foam. The dispersion of very small oil droplets is perceived in the mouth as creamy. This characteristic of espresso contributes to what is known as the body of the beverage. These oil droplets preserve some of the aromatic compounds that are lost to the air in other coffee forms. This preserves the strong coffee flavor present in the espresso. Espresso is also the base for various coffee drinks—including caffè latte, cappuccino, caffè macchiato, caffè mocha, flat white, and caffè Americano.

U. S. Star Wars Stamps (May Preview)


30th Anniversary Pane of 15, Scott #4143 May 25, 2007.



A contest was held to nominate the fans favorite character from the pane of 15 and Yoda, the 800 year old legendary Jedi Master beat out Darth Vader, Anakin Skywalker who turned to the Dark Side. Scott #4205, October 25, 2007.

On May 4th (May the 4th Be with You), the saga continues with “Star Wars Droids”.



President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

Spring has sprung, we had a full moon (Worm Moon), and things are popping-up, including an area stamp show or two. **We are monitoring things very closely and it is our hope that we will be able to meet, in person, at the Ken-Rock Community Center in their new location at 625 Adams St. for our meeting Wednesday, May 5th.** We still have to confirm dates and times with Ken-Rock but have not been able to do so because John has been on vacation and his current hours are very sporadic from day-to-day. Hopefully, most of us will have received our full vaccinations by that time and will have acquired our "immunity" to COVID-19. Be sure to look for further details, including any mandates required, to attend our future in-person meetings and auctions in the May newsletter.

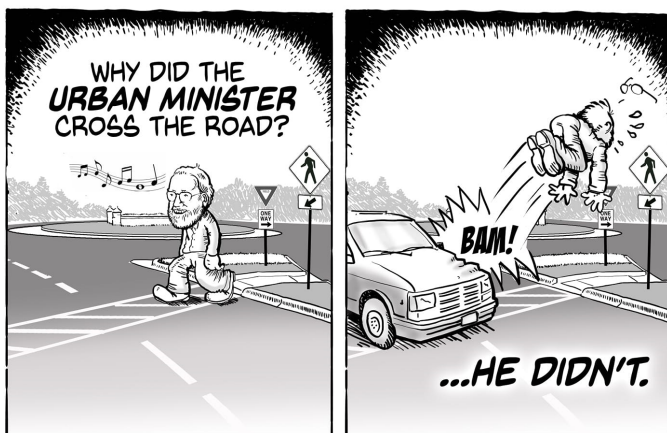
I had the pleasure of attending the MSDA Wisconsin/IL Stateline Show, in Pleasant Prairie, WI, on Saturday, March 27th. It was well organized and everyone I observed was wearing masks. Social distancing requirements were not always observed at certain dealer's tables, but most attendees were very respectful of distancing. I observed a very eager group of collectors browsing through boxes of covers, red boxes of stamps, and box lots and marking off items on their want lists. All things considered, I thought attendance was very good and the dealers I spoke with were happy at that point. (161 total on Saturday). One dealer stated it had been 57 weeks since he had participated in a show. There were also a number of people bringing in collections and accumulations, large and small, for sale to the dealers. I would be remiss in not reporting the spotting of RSC members Stanley Campbell, Steve Capone and Tim Wait in attendance. Overall, I give the show a thumbs up and felt relatively safe attending (I have had both injections).

Many are aware that I purchase a lot of discount postage. I use this postage on nearly all of the correspondence and packages that I post. I do this in hopes of sparking interest in stamp collecting on the receiving end. I feel pretty confident the cover or package is going to get at least a second glance throughout its travels and upon receipt. Interestingly, this has caused interest amongst the clerks at the main Post Office in Rockford. One clerk took quite some time studying the stamps on one group of mailings and asked if I would happen to have a Harriett Tubman and Martin Luther King stamp. I responded that I did and would share them with her. I looked through my discount postage and found those two stamps and a number of other Black Heritage issues and other stamps celebrating Black history. I took the "collection" and presented them to her and told her I expected her to review them and look up each individual to see why a stamp was warranted. She said she would do that. The next time I visited you could not believe how excited she was to tell me how much she learned and how she was sharing this "collection" and information with friends and family. As a side note, as much as possible, all of the other clerks were rubbernecking to look at the stamps on my covers and whatever I may be passing to the clerk. It's unknown if she will truly become a collector but an interest has been sparked. What can you do to promote the hobby?

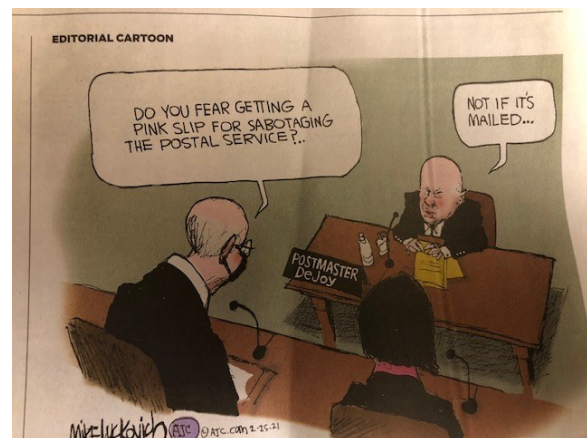
Our April 7th meeting will again be in the ZOOM setting at 7:00 PM. Please join us. The meetings are full of fun show and tell items and many attendees are sharing some of their collecting interests and collections in depth. It has been a great learning experience in many different ways. There is also a nice period of time just to visit and check up on each other and share some life experiences. Join us, it's free, if it doesn't meet your needs or you just plain don't like it, you are free to leave at any time. In fact, I will have to leave a little early this time myself for another meeting. Also, a big THANKS to Eric Welch for hosting our ZOOM meetings!

Remember to vote in your local elections on Tuesday, April 6th. Happy collecting and stay safe.

The Stamp Club Funnies



Stanley is recovering nicely. He also has a talented friend who shared his talents!



PMG DeJoy continues to be in the news. This cartoon might help explain his actions!

The Winter Olympics on US Stamps - Part 3 by Tim Wait



Since the 2002 Winter Olympics were held in Salt Lake City, the USPS produced four stamps, Scott #3552-5 and did pay the fee to include the Olympic rings, however tiny!, so it is an official Olympic issue. Snowboarding, just added as an Olympic sport in 1998 was depicted on the issue along with the regular topics of Ice hockey, Figure Skating and Ski Jumping. An interesting computer graphic depicts the environs in which each event takes place.



The 2006 Olympics were in Torino, Italy. A Pugh Cachet nicely compliments the stamp, Scott #3995. Note the use of a USPS black digital postmark.

Cachet making has come a long way from the old single color Artcraft and Artmaster lines!

In an attempt to appeal to the younger collector, the USPS produce a stylized Snowboarder for 2010. Scott #4436 was issued January 22, 2010, a few days before the February 12th opening day. The stamp was visually attractive and again used the Olympic rings.

The Olympics were held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The USA contingent was in full force and performed well again.



The 2010 Winter Olympics stamp was the end of the USPS Olympic program. Since then no Summer or Winter Olympic stamps have been issued!

The USPS determined it was not worth spending the money to license the familiar Olympic Rings logo and didn't even bother to issue a "winter" themed sport stamp as they did in prior years.



The 2014 Winter Olympics were held in Sochi, Russia. Russia issued this sheet and other stamps.



The latest Winter Olympics was held in PyeongChang, South Korea. Korea issued a sheet with two stamps showing the Olympic torch and their medals.

Many countries continue to issue Winter Olympic stamps that find an active and enthusiastic collector base. Perhaps the USPS will again, especially if we host!

Collector Tips

One of our most avid and actively collecting club members, **Jeff Hall**, wanted to share the following:

For club members that subscribe to Linn's Stamp News and use Amos Advantage to purchase supplements this is a must know. Jeff found that in attempting to purchase album supplements on-line, when you click on the icon it comes up as **out of stock**.

Jeff called to inquire when the supplements would be back in stock, he was told the supplements are available by ordering through the 800 number. The supplements are not carried in inventory but printed on an order-by-order basis. Problem solved!

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.

Bridges by Hank Fox

One of my favorite bridges is Australia's Sydney Harbor Bridge. At right is a postcard with Scott #1478 showing the bridge under construction in 1930. It opened in 1932 and a set of stamps, Scott #130-132 was issued to commemorate its opening. The set is rare, cataloging between \$400 and \$1,700, depending on condition.

Another favorite bridge is the Golden Gate Bridge over San Francisco Bay, Scott #3185L. My wife Jan and I sat many times in the Bank of America building on the 44th floor lounge and drank a glass of wine and watched the sun set behind the Golden Gate. I also refer to the Golden Gate as Amadeo P. Giannini's bridge. Giannini founded the Bank of Italy in San Francisco, which became the bank of America. He loaned the city \$500,000 to build the Golden Gate Bridge. See Scott #1400.

There are many famous bridges which is why the American Topical Society has a bridge topic checklist. Other examples are the Mackinac Bridge, Scott #1109, the Niagara Bridge, Scott #961, and the Vancouver Bridge over the Columbia River. These three bridges connect the U.S. and Canada.



And I understand there is still a bridge for sales located somewhere in Brooklyn!



ROCKFORD 2-3-4 Stamp Expo Dealers

See below for the intended 2020 dealer lineup and some of our regular dealers who had other commitments planned. We had one new dealer this year, Tiger Collectibles from Stoutsville, MO and two dealers returning after multi-year absences, James Newland from Peoria and Pfol's Stamps from Dubuque.

As almost all shows have been canceled, our dealer friends have not been able to go to shows to buy and sell. Please contact your favorite dealer or two and let them know what you need.

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Rockford, IL
815-282-4444

Terry Kurzinski
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815-262-9117

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Scott Couch
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Mtn. Home, AR
870-425-7799

Applebox Philatelic's

Richard Duda
Mt. Prospect, IL
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Fox River Stamps

Michael Mules
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David Alex (Sat. Only)

Glenview, IL
847-291-7826

Wayne Youngblood

WYstamps.com
Prairie Du Sac, WI
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Buy the Stamp

Rick Hyams
Arlington Heights, IL
847-414-5408

Steve Capone

Rockford, IL
815-394-0537

Pfol's Stamps

John Phols
Dubuque, IA
563-582-6247

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Jerry Wessler
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608-515-6150

Win Schaeffer

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708-715-4321

James Newland

Peoria, IL

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847-843-8700

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, 3200 11th 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.

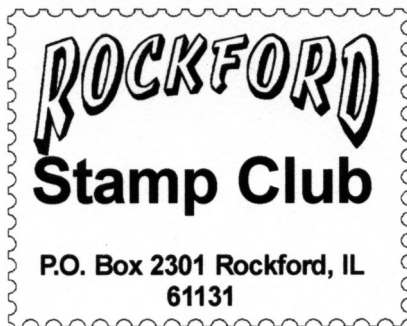
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Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

1991 Perry Arnquist Emeritus	1999 Dwane Kaplenk*
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1995 Dick Wibom *	2003 Earl Button
1996 Dan Hammell *	2004 Timothy Wait
1997 Robert Rosell *	2012 Tim Gallagher *
1998 Matt Mace	

* Closed album



Still NO Physical Meetings Planned!

ZOOM online meeting planed for:

Wednesday, April 7th at 7pm

See inside on page one for details