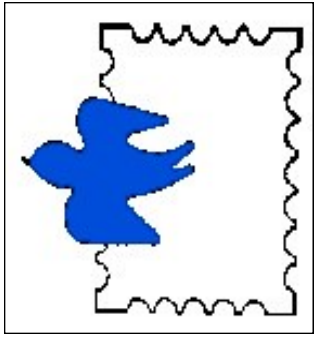


# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

## ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

### Wednesday, April 6

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

### Tuesday, April 19

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

**Wednesday, March 2nd:** 13 members and one guest, **Steve Taylor**. Steve collects waterfowl (ducks) and outdoor related material. Still much lower than pre-Covid. Maybe we'll see YOU at the next meeting.

Final show report on the show auction. \$173 from donation lots plus \$181 from 10% commission, total \$354. Show ended up positive, even with only 10 dealers.

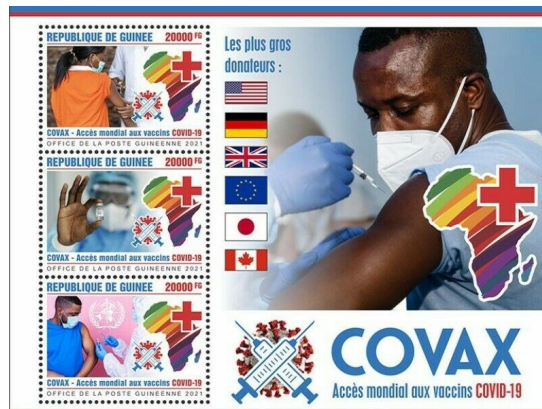
Treasurer's report at \$3,368 about the same as last year after the show.

### Show & Tell.....

1. **Bruce Marquardt** - a) 500 trillion Hungarian note from 1946, b) 50 Trillion Zimbabwe note. And we think 7+% inflation is bad!
2. **Tim Wait** - 2018 Rockford Show cover beautiful cachet by KSC (Kevin Colton). See below.
3. **Hank Fox**—cover from Terry K. Melbourne, Australia to Papua New Guinea.

**Tuesday, March 15th:** 16 members attended with **Lorne Laidlaw** making his first visit in two years! \$53 realized from donations that Frank has been working up!

### Global Pandemic Issue of the Month



Guinea  
2021  
COVAX

Three  
stamps in  
a SS.



### Member Health and Welfare

Reporting on our members...

**Gerry Van Alstyne** has been in the hospital after a seizure and other serious internal conditions. He has been at OSF since last Friday. We hope you can get some relief. Get well soon.

### Upcoming Area Stamp Shows



#### Sat-Sun Apr 9-10 Wiscopex '22

Fond du Lac, WI. Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs 90th Convention and Exhibition. Hotel Retlaw, One North Main. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Bourse, exhibits, seminars, free admission. Contact: Clarence Davis 920-929-9194; davisclarence@gmail.com.

#### Sat-Sun Jun 4-5 MSDA Madison

Madison, WI. Doubletree-Madison EAST, 4402 E. Washington Ave. Hours: Sat 10-5 Sun 10-3. Bourse only, free admission.

Ask other members if you are interested in going to one of these shows. Ride sharing with can be a big savings and fun!



**Shel Silverstein**  
**First Class Forever (58c)**  
 Pane of 20  
 Apr 8 - Chicago, IL

The extraordinarily versatile Shel Silverstein (1930–1999) was one of the 20th century’s most imaginative authors and illustrators. “The Giving Tree,” published in 1964 by Harper & Row, is about a friendship between a motherly tree and a boy. As the child grows older, the tree gives him its shade, apples, branches and trunk. The story ends with the boy, now an old man, returning to rest against the tree’s stump. The best-selling tale of selflessness, which is accompanied by the author’s elegantly simple black-and-white illustrations, is considered a classic of children’s literature.

Children are enthralled by Silverstein’s poetry, which is full of fantastical imagery and often deals with the joys and fears of childhood.

**Flags on Barns**  
**Presorted Standard (10c)**  
 Coils of 3,000 & 10,000  
 Apr 14 - Halifax, PA



Painted flags can be found on barns in almost every region of the United States. Four colorful pencil and watercolor illustrations of flags on barns grace the latest issuance of stamps available for bulk-mail users. The barns are set in landscapes inspired by the seasons and different regions of the United States. Stephanie Bower designed and illustrated the stamps. Antonio Alcalá was the art director. When a mailer presorts mail so that it is sorted to the finest extent required by the standards of the price claimed, the benefit is significant savings on postage as the mailer is doing some of the work Postal People would otherwise have to do.



**George Morrison**  
**First Class Forever (58c)**  
 Five designs  
 Pane of 20  
 Apr 29 - Grand Portage, MN

One of the nation’s greatest modernist artists and a founding figure of Native American modernism, George Morrison (1919-2000) challenged prevailing ideas of what Native American art should be, arguing that an artist’s identity can exist independently from the nature of the art he creates. Morrison is best known for his abstract landscapes and monumental wood collages. A pane of 20 colorful stamps showcases five of Morrison’s artworks. The selvaige features a photograph of the artist in his home studio. Antonio Alcalá was the art director and designer for this stamp pane.

The **Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee (CASC)** was founded in 1957. Members are appointed by the Postmaster General (PMG). Citizens come from all walks of life with historians, artists, designers, educators, scientists and at least one stamp collector! They make recommendations to the PMG for future stamps based on submissions and insight from the public.

Do you have any topics, people, event, places or things you would like to see commemorated on a stamp? Read about the process at: [about.usps.com/who/csac/#precess](https://about.usps.com/who/csac/#precess) Be sure to study the “Stamp Subject Selection Criteria” before submitting your suggestion.

If you have an idea, please share it with me and we can see how our fellow members react! Maybe we can come up with a design too.

## President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

Spring is officially here and some of us will be putting down our stamp tongs and picking up the yard tools and at least partially be changing our focus. All these chores will still call for some relaxation, which can be found in our stamp collections, so don't pack up your collection and put it away just set it aside within easy reach. There are also many club meetings, stamp shows and bourses that continue and call for our attention.

I am happy to report that the attendance at our meeting / auction this past month was up and that was a very rewarding thing to see. Unfortunately, I had to leave the Tuesday auction very early due to an out-of-town meeting, but it was great to see many faces that have been missing for a long time. It was a very large auction and from what I understand very successful. Thank you to the members that donate auction lots to the club and especially to those that purchase them. The amount of income from those lots has been enough to pay the rent for our meetings.

I attended the Janesville Stamp Club meeting last month. It was a very enjoyable experience, and one always learns something from these experiences. **One notable aspect of their meeting is there is always an educational presentation of some type.** That is something that is glaringly missing from our meetings. In years past that was always a part of our meeting (15-20 minutes), but just seemed to fade away and the focus seems to have drifted to the auction. Believe it or not, we even had a program chairman that procured and arranged for the presentations. I think part of the reason for the disappearance of the programs was the time constraints placed on us by our meeting venue. The time constraints are gone, so that is no longer an issue. I would like to see programs reinstated into our meetings. Janesville has a monthly sign-up sheet for members to be responsible for a presentation, not a bad idea. Of course, if someone would like to take on the task of program chairman, please come forward. Yes, there will still be an auction (after the presentation).

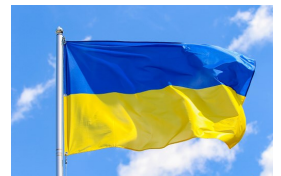
As COVID cases seem to be trending down, gasoline prices (as well as everything else) are spiraling up, but we still encourage you to attend our meetings, carpooling is always an option. I know our current location may be a bit difficult to navigate to, but it can be done, and it is worth it. Please join us!

Also, please note the change in the Rockford Stamp Club mailing address, **PO Box 242, Belvidere, IL 61008-0242.** Apologies to those that mailed dues and had them returned.

Remember, bring yourself, bring a friend, and bring a show and tell for the April meeting. Until then, happy collecting and be well.

## Ukraine Stamps by Jim Stadermann

After the collapse of the Romanov dynasty and its Russian Empire near the end of World War I, an assembly of native Ukrainians met at Kyiv and declared the Ukrainian National Republic on January 22, 1918. The first Ukrainian stamps were issued in July 1918.



Ukraine's first stamps. 10 Shahiv, 20, 30, 40 & 50. Including 3a Blue instead of Ultramarine.

For most of the next three years independent Ukraine and its Ukrainian army were amidst friends and foes in an ongoing civil war. The Bolshevik armies were well-equipped with the arms from the Russian arsenals. So were the White Russians (the anti-Bolsheviks under Kerensky). Allied and Polish armies were added to the mix, and fought back and forth across the country. A bad time to be a mailman in Ukraine!

By November 1920 Ukraine was finally occupied by Soviet forces, and Soviet stamps were used from that time until the re-creation of the independent nation of Ukraine on December 26, 1991.



Stamps of Russia with a trident-shaped emblem to differentiate stamps for use in Ukraine.

Ukrainian stamps are varied and are in the Ukraine language—the official language of the nation. Ukraine is the second largest nation in Europe, trailing only Russia. Overlaid on a map of the U.S., it would extend east to west, from New York City to Chicago!

## Fun With Stamps by Frank Schmitt

While stamp collecting can be serious business when we are in pursuit of that ever-elusive stamp or cover we so desperately need to add to our collection or exhibit it can also be the source of some fun.

It is time for our high school “Class of 1967” reunion – 55 years. We are now the group that the class of 2017 points at and says, “look at those old guys, wow!”. Just as we did back in 1972 trying to comprehend having graduated from high school so many, many, many years ago.

As a stamp collector and, as many, having a surplus of discount postage I offered to provide the postage for the invitations. That offer was quickly accepted and the invitation to affix the postage on the envelopes was extended to me as well. I felt that was reasonable and it also gave me free reign to choose and properly affix the chosen stamps.

I looked through my assortment of stamps that would provide me with 58 cents of postage in a reasonable number of stamps. I then had the thought that the stamps should be of some significance to our class and reunion. The hunt begins.

Being children and young adults in the period of the great space race I found Scott #2631-34, the 29¢ Space Accomplishments issued in 1992, to be appropriate as it coincided with our 25<sup>th</sup> reunion and demonstrated the vast advances made in that period. Since all of us were affected in some manner, Scott #2109, the 20¢ Viet Nam Memorial stamp was an obvious choice, having a different meaning for each classmate. Logically, in my mind, next would be a stamp issued in the year of our graduation, 1967. I chose to mix it up a little and chose the following options (all 5 cent commemoratives); Scott #'s 1323 National Grange Poster, #1324 Canada Centenary, #1325 Erie Canal 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, #1328 Nebraska Statehood 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and #1337 Mississippi Statehood 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, all of which had the year 1967 in the stamp design. Since most of the classmates were born in 1949, I chose a selection of 1949 commemoratives (all 3 cents); Scott #'s 981 Minnesota Territory Issue, #982 Washington and Lee University Bicentenary, #983 Puerto Rico Gubernatorial Election, and #984 Annapolis Tercentenary Issue. The total of the combination of four of these stamps was 57 cents, so I completed the first-class postage rate with Scott #4672, the 1¢ Bobcat issue of 2012 (45<sup>th</sup> graduation anniversary) which demonstrates our tenacity to live the “wild-life” and survive to celebrate this reunion!

So, there you have it. A fun, themed, timeline of life for our class on the cover for our invitation. It also may spark new, or renew, interest in stamp collecting in some of my classmates. After all we were of the era when most magazines, newspapers and matchbooks had coupons to send in 25 cents for a set of approvals or for free stamps to whet our appetites and lure us into this great hobby of stamp collecting.

I have included this cropped photo of three of the covers to be used for the mailing of the invitations.



Do any other members have fun with their mailings. We might not have an event with so much history that inspired Frank but we can still have some fun preparing our mailings and saving money by using discount postage!

Two years after I married Bonnie I asked her if I could put the stamps on our Christmas cards. Back then we sent about 75. I went about acquiring MANY Christmas stamps of various denominations over the next year and she got a surprise one morning when I had them all stamped with three to five stamps on each card! Now she buys Christmas stamps when I drag her to a stamp show! - Editor.

# Welcome to the Rockford Illinois Stamp Club Website

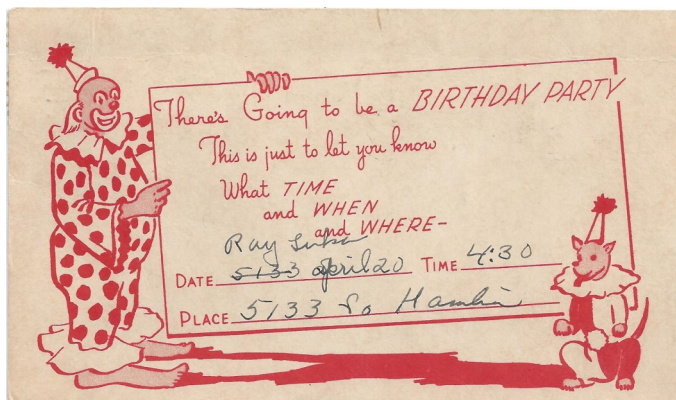
[www.rockfordstampclub.com](http://www.rockfordstampclub.com)

**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 tell us your comments.**  
Tim (t.wait@comcast.net) & Frank (prevent1@comcast.net) - webmasters.

## 839, My Most Precious Cover by Terry Kurzinski

At right is a common looking post card from April 12, 1952. It's an invitation to a birthday party.

The trick is that the post card is addressed to me when I was five years old and living in Chicago. The interesting part is that a 1-cent Line Pair pays the correct rate. I guess it was fate that made me a stamp collector!



## My Favorite/Interesting/Unusual Item by YOU!

Terry put together the above short article in just a few minutes and then scanned the material. YOU could do this too. If you don't have a scanner you can try taking a picture with your phone. You could also bring it to a Wednesday meeting and I can take it and scan. If it is a stamp that I can find in the internet I can do that too! Why don't YOU give it a try!



How's this for a "Nice" stamp? Scott 122 issued in 1869. Our very own Abraham Lincoln on the 90c high value stamp of the series.

## ROCKFORD 2-3-4 2022 Dealers

We had ten dealers signed up for the show. Unfortunately Bill Burdick had to cancel at the last minute due to his wife's illness. The dealers were all busy Saturday and making good sales. Sunday was slower but still some nice business being made. **Remember to support our dealers throughout the year for all your philatelic needs.**

**Terry Kurzinski**  
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**Thank you to Josh and Amy from the Elkhorn, WI, Post Office for bringing a great selection of stamps.**

# 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

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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	

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