

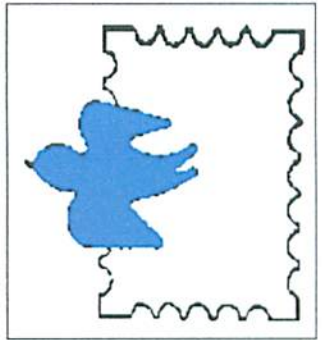
ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

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

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

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

1st Wednesday Update: At the Wednesday June 1st business meeting there were 28 members. Treasurer, **Hank Fox**, reported a balance of \$3,535.82. This is the strongest balance in decades! A hearty thank you to all the raffle ticket buyers, auction bidders and dealers who continue to make meetings and our annual show successful and make a modest profit.

After discussion, **Ted Gifford** made a motion to amend the auction system. After heated debate a vote was taken and the motion failed.

Show & Tell continues to be a popular member participation event! Regular contributor **Stanley Campbell** brought a trio of interesting items from the French Revolution stamped paper and USS Rockford in WWII. **Ruth Young** showed a letter from the Hotel Mohawk, NY dated 3/1/1928. **Tim Wait** showed off a find from NY World Stamp Show of a 25c Second Issue Revenue IMPERF on a stock certificate (unlisted in Scott). A great rarity as this is only the fourth documented use!

Matt Mace, May's raffle winner, reported the following goodies; 3 Duck stamps, "portrait" of Thomas Jefferson on US Currency!, sheet of 12 Building a Nation Forever stamps, few revenues, some postage, packets of Vatican and Hong Kong, LOTS of foreign off paper and some blank 104 cards. **Winston Ackmann** won the June raffle and promptly donated it to a very happy **Ruth Young!** Thank you **Winston** for nice gesture!

Sixteen Page Exhibit Frames Are Here!

Last Saturday we picked up 60 sixteen page frames from Compex, the Chicago region's combined stamp show. These will replace the OLD nine page narrow wooden frames we have had for over 50 years!

We have 24 of the old wooden frames and easels that will need to find a home. Please let us know if you have any ideas. We would hate to see these consigned to the scrap heap. Any desire from Monroe?

3rd Tuesday Update: At the Tuesday Jun 21st get together we had 18 members and one guest. We continued with our new Tuesday Mini-Raffle and raised \$7. 127 auction lots! Tuesday July 19th there were 118 auction lots available to bid on. Wow!

The Tuesday auctions continue to have a "lot of lots" to choose from. Because there is no business meeting, there is more time to have the auction! We have a great group of regulars and would love to have more members make it a habit to join in all the fun!

Welcome New Member

**Eric Welch
Freeport**

Please join us in welcoming Eric to the club. Make sure to introduce yourself and make him feel at home at either Wednesday's or Tuesday's meetings.



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Sat-Sun Sep 10-11 - MSDA West Suburban Show
Lombard, IL. Linder Conference Center, 610 E. Butterfield Rd. Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. 15 dealers, free admission.

Fri-Sun Sep 16-18 - MILCOPEX 2016
Milwaukee, WI. Milwaukee Philatelic Society. Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S. 13th St. Hours: Fri-Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4. Dealers 40, over 125 frames of exhibits, USPS. Free admission.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

U.S. 2016 New Issues

Pickup Trucks July 15—Syracuse, NY



These four new stamps feature these rugged and reliable work vehicles:

The 1938 International Harvester D-2, with its barrel-shaped grill and styling that mirrored the look of luxury automobiles of the era.

The 1953 Chevrolet, which featured large windshields that provided drivers with excellent visibility, a distinctive curvy grill that bulged in the middle, and a six-cylinder engine.

The 1948 Ford F-1, which included features like the roomy "Million Dollar Cab," a sharp horizontal five-bar grill, and a six- or eight- cylinder engine.

The 1965 Ford F-100, which had a grill that featured 18 small rectangular openings. It also featured what Ford dubbed "Twin-I-Beam" independent front suspension. Issued in a PSA Booklet of 20.

The 31st stamp in the Literary Arts series honors Henry James (1843– 1916). In novels and stories that often explored the complex interplay between Americans and Europeans, James sought to portray the intricacies of society and the inner lives of his characters with a realism that earned him a reputation as one of the greatest writers America has ever produced.

Henry James July 31—Dulles, VA



The stamp art is an original painting created for the stamp by Kate Simmons. On the left is a portrait of Henry James based on a 1906 photograph by Alvin Coburn. On the right, behind James, is a vignette showing a man and a woman in a small boat, an artistic interpretation of the climactic scene from James' 1903 novel *The Ambassadors*. PSA panes of 20.



Pets August 2—Las Vegas, NV

This issuance recognizes America's love of pets. The stamp art for the Pets booklet features 20 existing photographs. Each photograph represents an animal from these groups: puppies, beta fish, iguanas, hamsters, goldfish, parrots, guinea pigs, tortoises, rabbits, kittens, corn snakes, mice, hermit crabs, chinchillas, gerbils, dogs, parakeets, horses, cats, and geckos.

The USPS knows a winning combination when they see one. Over the years many household and outside pets and animals have been featured on stamps. This easy to use, WIDELY available booklet format will undoubtedly be popular with the public. With 20 different groups they will appeal to EVERYONE that has ever had a pet of almost any kind.

I note the following missing though; spiders, fish other than goldfish, and to me that gerbil looks a lot like a hamster! What's your favorite pet?

Songbirds in Snow

August 4—Portland, OR
At APS StampShow



Following the many World Stamp Show issues, the USPS apparently ran out of stamps to release at major stamp shows. This will explain the August release of four Songbirds in Snow stamps. The stamps picture the Golden-crowned Kinglet, the Cedar Waxwing, the Red-breasted Nuthatch, and the Northern Cardinal.

The Postal People tell us, "The sight of birds sitting on a snowy tree branch and the sound of their songs and calls bring joy in the depth of winter."

Though many birds migrate to warmer climes before the snow falls, some hardy birds have ways to cope with the cold. Fluffing their feathers creates an insulating layer of air, and their winter plumage can contain up to 30 percent more feathers than in summer. Many birds are able to slow their metabolism, lower their body temperatures, or even reduce their heart rate to help them conserve energy. PSA panes of 20.

STAR TREK

Celebrating the television show **Star Trek** on the 50th anniversary of its premiere, September 8, 1966, these four new stamps showcase four digital illustrations inspired by elements of the classic program: the Starship Enterprise inside the outline of the Starfleet insignia; the silhouette of a crewman (Captain Kirk?) in the transporter; the silhouette of the Enterprise from above; the Enterprise circling a planet, inside the outline of the Vulcan salute, Spock's iconic hand gesture.

Star Trek

September 2—New York, NY



The first series, now referred to as **The Original Series**, debuted in 1966 and ran for three seasons on NBC. It followed the galactic adventures of James T. Kirk and the crew of the starship Enterprise, an exploration vessel of a 23rd-century interstellar "United Federation of Planets". In creating the first Star Trek, Roddenberry was inspired by Westerns such as *Wagon Train*, the Horatio Hornblower novels and *Gulliver's Travels*. In fact, the original series was originally described as *Wagon Train to the Stars*. These adventures continued in the short-lived **Star Trek: The Animated Series** and six feature films. Four spin-off television series were eventually produced: **Star Trek: The Next Generation** followed the crew of a new starship Enterprise set a century after the original series; **Star Trek: Deep Space Nine** and **Star Trek: Voyager**, set contemporaneously with *The Next Generation*; and **Star Trek: Enterprise**, set before the original series, in the early days of human interstellar travel. Four additional *The Next Generation* feature films were produced. In 2009, the film franchise underwent a relaunch with a prequel to the original series set in an alternate timeline titled simply **Star Trek**. This film featured a new cast portraying younger versions of the crew from the original show. A sequel to that film, **Star Trek Into Darkness**, premiered on May 16, 2013. A thirteenth film feature and sequel, **Star Trek Beyond**, was released in July 2016, to coincide with the franchise's 50th anniversary. A new Star Trek TV series, titled **Star Trek: Discovery**, will premiere in January 2017 on the digital platform CBS All Access.

Live Long and Prosper!

RECENT ACQUISITIONS (or Neat Stuff I Really Like) By Tim Wait

PLEASE POST

Case No. 17971-HLB
October 25, 1968

6956458

Post Office Department

Inspection Service
Office of the Inspector in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri 64142

PLEASE POST

Fingerprint Classification
11 O I T 00 5
M 17 U 000 10
Fingerprints on reverse
FBI No. 4 066 288



Photo taken Feb. 1968



Photo taken Feb. 1968

REWARD WANTED FOR THEFT OF MAIL

RICHARD ALBERT KAMENSKY

Alias: Richard Lansky, and others

Caucasian, Male, American, born July 17, 1924, Janesville, Wisc. Ht. 5' 9"; Wt. 165; Eyes blue; Hair dk. brown. Tattoos: "Skull & Dishonor" on left arm. "Rose" and "Paula" on right arm.

Kamensky generally frequents large metropolitan areas, stealing checks from house and apartment mail boxes. He is a gambler and frequents low class bars. He has been known to carry arms and should be considered dangerous. Kamensky is now a fugitive and the U. S. Marshal, Kansas City, Missouri, holds a warrant for Kamensky's arrest. If Kamensky is located, please cause his immediate arrest and notify the undersigned or the nearest Postal Inspector. A reward is payable for the arrest and conviction of any person responsible for theft or unlawful possession of mail.

Postal Inspector in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri 64142
Telephone 816 374 3821

GPO 810-755

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Kamensky, Richard Albert KANSAS CITY, MO. M 17 U 000 10
Order 1672 Rec 11/16/68

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Residence 3029 Harrison Place of Birth Wisconsin Date of Birth 7-17-1924
Age 43 Height 5-9 Weight 165 Hair Brown Eyes dk Complexion Medium
Taken by [Signature] Date 2-14-68 Printer's Oz [Signature]

REWARD WANTED FOR THEFT OF MAIL

Once a major point of interest in Post Offices was the "Wanted" Poster. These were placed prominently on the walls of Post Offices in the early 19th century as the PO was the local gathering place as everyone had to go there to get their mail before Free mail delivery was available. By 1968 they were placed in counter books.

This WANTED poster is from October 25, 1968. Richard Albert Kamensky is wanted for Theft of Mail. His modus operandi was stealing checks from mail boxes. He was born in nearby Janesville, Wisc. His description includes Tattoos of a "Skull & Dishonor" and "Rose" and "Paula".

My favorite line is: "He is a gambler and frequents low class bars."

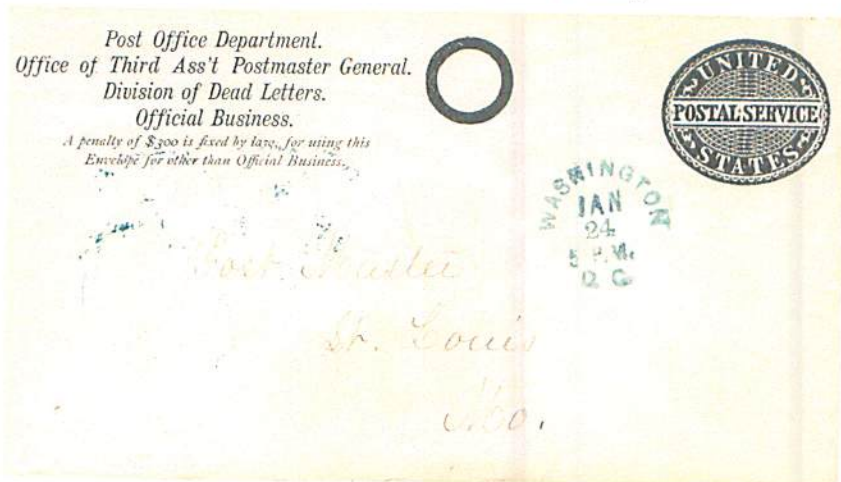
In days past the United States Post Office Department, the USPS came about a few years later on July 1, 1971, was very serious about criminals who "messed with the mails". An interesting book, *The Silent Investigators*, by John N. Makris was published in 1959 that details many fascinating stories of the Postal Inspection Service, the Government's oldest and most versatile law enforcement organization!

Finger prints were a very important part if identifying someone apprehended as the correct person WANTED!

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The Rockford Stamp Club
 American Philatelic Society Chapter # 735

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.

Official Envelopes—Post Office Department



Washington D.C. Jan 24 5PM
 St. Louis MO. Received Jan 26 9 A.M.

The United States Post Office Department issued two types of Official Envelopes in the 19th century. The second issue of 1877 was non-denominated.

A special die was prepared by the Morgan Envelope Company of Springfield, Mass. These envelopes were prepared because the Congressional Act of March 3, 1877, provided that any letters or other mail matter relating exclusively to the business of the Government of the United States could be sent without postage provided the envelope bore the words "Official Business", the name of the department, and a clause stating that a penalty of \$300 would be charged for using the envelope for other than official matters.

These were first printed on amber and blue paper with the indicia in blue, and later on white and amber paper with the indicia in black.

The amber paper envelopes were used exclusively for the Dead Letter Office, as is this example.

A report to the United States Senate regarding business methods of federal government agencies stated that some clerks in the Minor Division handled "minor letters – that is, letters which contain enclosures. **The Minor Division used a circle to identify letters that had been opened and found to contain no enclosure of value.**



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.

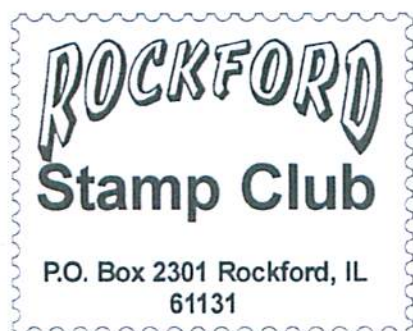
The 2016 Club Officers

President.....Steve Capone
779-771-9527
Vice-President.....Frank Schmitt
Secretary.....Tammy Copus
Treasurer.....Hank Fox
815-397-0573
Director.....Matt Mace
Director.....Tim Copus
Director.....Terry Kurzinski
Webmaster.....Ted Gifford
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



AUGUST Meetings

Wednesday, Aug 3 and Tuesday Aug 16

See YOU there!