

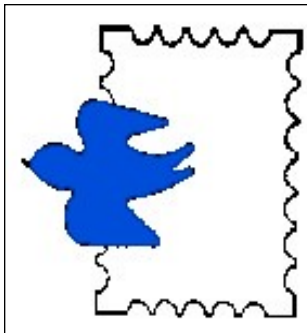
# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

## ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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Monthly meeting/auction at Ken-Rock Community Center, 3200 11th St., Rockford, IL

### Wednesday, August 1, 2018

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

### Tuesday, August 21, 2018

9:00 am - Buy, Sell and trade  
View auction lots  
9:30 am - Auction

**1st Wednesday Update:** At the Wednesday June 6th we had 23 members join in the fun. A new member, **Mike Sullivan** from Madison joined the club.

**Tammy** reported the Loves Park Panther club really appreciated all the club does for them and it looks like there will be a strong turn out again. The kids received Certificates and Gifts (APS Comic Books). Great job **Tammy!**

**Hank** reported on May's Postal Quiz. **Lee Barrie**, former postal worker and post office historian answered all eight correctly but recused himself. The next was **Tammy** with 7/8 correct who was declared the winner!

**Frank S.** reported the actions from the recent Board of Directors meeting. See page three for a full accounting of the actions.

See page three for all of our show and tell participants from the June meeting too!

**Mystery Raffle** was back and guess who won? **Tammy & Tim** of course! They always buy the tickets to support the club and are frequently rewarded.

## Welcome New Members

**Mike Sullivan**  
**Madison**

Mike has been an active philatelist in the Madison area for many years and finally ventured south of the boarder to join in the fun at Rockford. Welcome Mike!

### Wednesday's Program

**Tim Wait** will present "National Air Mail Week in Illinois" at the August 1st meeting. This is a fun and informative look at the 1938 promotion that celebrated 20 years of Air Mail service and promoted the use of Air Mail throughout the country with a focus on Illinois.

**3rd Tuesday Update: June 19th** we had 14 members and **Jul7 17th** we had 17. **Winston Ackmann** continued to donate lots realizing a cool \$50 for the club. **Thanks Winston!** The auction lots had been declining but at the July meeting we had 129!

Ken-Rock has been painting and fixing up the building so it looks like we will continue to have a home.

### Member Update - New Feature

**Terry Kurzinski** had a table at the Minnesota Stamp Expo July 20-22. Lets get an update about the show.

**Tim Wait** judged at OKPEX, in Oklahoma City the last weekend of June.

**Don Arnquist** hasn't been able to make the meetings lately. Hope to see you soon Don!

If you have info to post, contact Tim at 815-670-5869 or [t.wait@comcast.net](mailto:t.wait@comcast.net).



### Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

#### Sat-Sun Sep 8-9 MSDA Westside

Oakbrook, IL. Holiday Inn Chicago Oakbrook, 17W350 22nd St. Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3, 15+ dealers, free admission.

#### Fri-Sat-Sun Sep 14-6 MILCOPEX 2018

Milwaukee, WI. Crowne Plaza-Milwaukee Airport, 640' S. 13th St.. Hours Fri-Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. 20 dealers, exhibits, silent auctions, seminars, free admission.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

# USPS 2018 New Issues

## Scooby-Doo

1st Class Forever Rate  
July 14—Bloomington, MN



For nearly 50 years, the call “Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!” has summoned the animated Great Dane wherever help is needed. The USPS, in collaboration with Warner Bros. Consumer Products, is now calling on Scooby to appear on a new Forever stamp. **Of additional significance, the stamp is part of a campaign highlighting Scooby’s new social responsibility initiative, Scooby-Doo DOO GOOD.** His role in this effort is fitting, as Scooby has solved mystery after spooky mystery since his 1969 debut.

Three generations of fans have now embraced Scooby-Doo and the “meddling kids,” as his friends are often called by the villains unmasked at the conclusion of each Scooby-Doo mystery. The stamp pictures Scooby helping out by watering a blossoming plant in a flowerpot—a simple act symbolizing a component of the “Doo Good” campaign’s to provide young people with tools and activities geared toward enriching the environment. The campaign, launching this year in partnership with Generation On, the youth division of Points of Light, also focuses on helping the hungry and acting as animal allies.

## The Art of Magic

1st Class Forever Rate  
Aug. 7—Las Vegas, NV



The Postal Service celebrates the art of magic with this pane of 20 stamps featuring digital illustrations of five classic tricks magicians use to amaze and delight audiences: **a rabbit in a hat (production), a fortune teller using a crystal ball (prediction), a woman floating in the air (levitation), an empty bird cage (vanishing), and a bird emerging from a flower (transformation).**



## Dragons

1st Class Forever Rate  
August 9—Columbus, OH

The Dragons stamps will be issued during the APS Stamp Show, to be held August 9-12 in Columbus, Ohio. **The four designs present a green fire-breathing dragon towering over a medieval-inspired castle; a purple dragon with orange wings and sharp black armor on its back snaking around a white castle; a black dragon with green wings and green armor on its back swooping past a ship on the sea; and a wingless orange dragon weaving its way around a pagoda.**

Throughout history and across the globe—from Europe to the Middle East to Asia to the Americas—people have enjoyed tales of mythological creatures. Though these legendary animals vary in shape, size and color, they’re most often described as lizard-like with four legs, sharp claws, scales, wings and spiky tails. The wingless orange dragon weaving its way around a pagoda is inspired by creatures found in Asian art, architecture, folk religion and ancient lore. European folklore inspired the dragons on the purple dragon with orange wings and sharp black armor on its back, and the green fire-breathing dragon.

## US Airmail (red)

1st Class Forever Rate  
August 11  
College Park, MD



This red airmail stamp is the companion to the blue version issued May 1. The blue stamp honored Army pilots who initiated the world’s first regularly scheduled airmail service, this stamp commemorates the 100th anniversary of the beginning of airmail delivery through the U.S. Post Office Department, which began August 12, 1918.

## President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

After a month off without a meeting, it is time to get back to the business of stamp collecting. Weather conditions during our club hiatus provided us plenty of days to spend working on our collections, either due to heavy rains or unbearable heat and humidity. However, some of us spent our time drying out our basements, not once, but twice. Luckily, no damage to stamps noted.

The last couple of stamps shows, and club auctions, I have been acquiring stamps (mostly topical) to share with my son, daughter, and oldest grandson (6). I have been getting some very positive feedback, and even some moments of excitement when I share my finds for them with them. While topical collecting may not be for everyone, it is sparking an interest in stamp collecting within my family and may grow into more traditional collecting interests. Something for all to consider in keeping this hobby active.

We are scheduled to begin our new program series starting with this month's meeting. The presenter and subject matter should be identified elsewhere in this newsletter. If you have something you would like to share with the club, please contact one of the officers and we will get you on the schedule. Likewise, if there is a subject you would like to see presented, let an officer know and we will do our best to make it happen. Remember, this is in addition to show and tell, so keep sharing with the club.

Remember, you are always welcome to bring a friend or neighbor to any of our meetings as a guest and possibly spark an interest in stamp collecting. If you have a friend that is already a stamp collector, recruit them as a member. See you at the meeting!

## Meeting Notes continued

### Show & Tell....

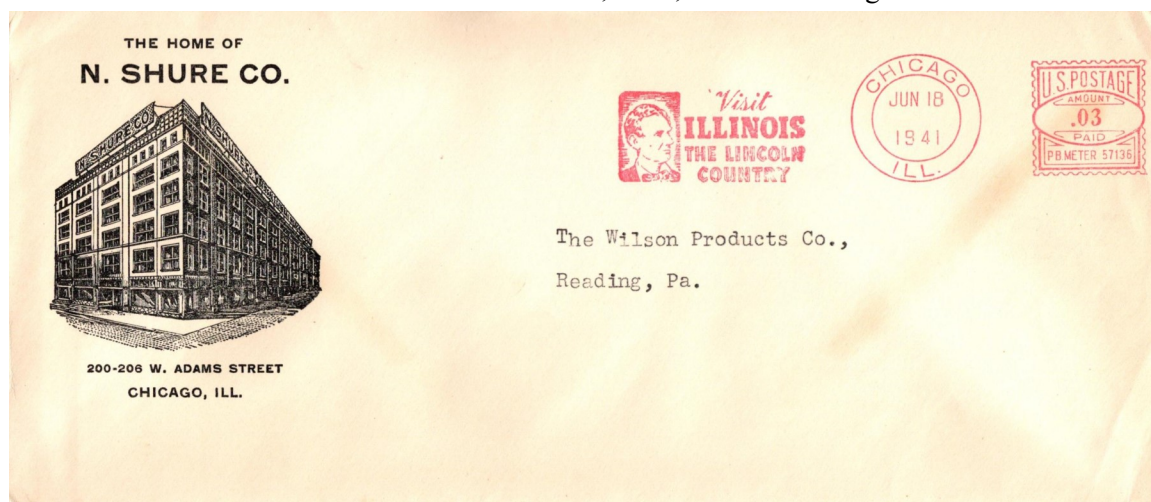
1. **Stanley Campbell** showed some postcards.
2. **Matt Mace** had an interesting 1930 Scott International album with only 19th century pages. Even then collectors were stopping their collections in the past!
3. **Tim Wait** showed a 1959 Duck stamp on a Wyoming license and a stampless cover from 1839 that was misent to Springfield, IL instead of Springfield OH.
4. **Hank Fox** had a save for collector "Collect British Stamps" slogan cancel and George Wallace on a label.
5. **Jeff Reiken** had a 1937 Dues notice postcard for the Rockford Stamp Clubs membership in the "National Federation of Stamp Clubs". Two years for \$2.00!
6. **Frank Schmitt** showed a postcard with Whiskey (a talkie) and Castor Oil (a movie).
7. **Dick Bidahl** showed a postcard with a 1907 Blueprint from Madison to Rockford to "Dear Old Stockfish".

### Board of Directors Meeting

- A. We need more people to volunteer with activities at the show. See Tim to volunteer.
- B. We will be setting up a separate show checking account to better account for the show income and expenses.
- C. We will be soliciting members to do presentations at the Wednesday meeting.
- D. Authorized the purchase of a projector for presentations.
- E. Decided to **increase the lots per member from seven to 10 at the Wednesday meetings.**
- F. **Increased the Tuesday AM auction lots from 20 to 2 per member.**

### "Visit Illinois The Lincoln Country".

Pitney Bowes postage meter from Chicago, Jun 18, 1941, with added Slogan.





# Countries ending in “Stan” by Tim Wait

We continue with the “New” countries in Central Asia ending in "stan,":

## Kazakhstan - Kyrgyzstan - Tajikistan - Turkmenistan - Uzbekistan

As a generally accepted explanation, the suffix "stan" is an ancient Persian and/or Farsi word meaning *country, nation, land, or place of*, so, the country name of Afghanistan would then mean "homeland" of the Afghans, or *place of* the Afghans.

**Tajikistan**, officially the **Republic of Tajikistan**, is a very mountainous, landlocked country in Central Asia with an estimated population of 8.7 million people as of 2016, and an area of 143,100 km<sup>2</sup> (55,300 sq mi). It is bordered by Afghanistan to the south, Uzbekistan to the west, Kyrgyzstan to the north, and China to the east. Traditional homelands of the Tajik people includes present-day Tajikistan as well as parts of Afghanistan and Uzbekistan.

Tajikistan issued its first stamp May 20, 1992. It has a very reasonable stamp issuing policy with only 246 stamps through 2004. Most stamps represent local history, people, art or animals.

An interesting note in Scott's catalog, **"Illegal" Stamps**, lists a number of items such as Elvis, Marilyn Monroe, Batman, Harry Potter, etc. that can appeal to collectors but were not officially issued.



**Turkmenistan** is a sovereign state in Central Asia, bordered by Kazakhstan to the northwest, Uzbekistan to the north and east, Afghanistan to the southeast, Iran to the south and southwest, and the Caspian Sea to the west. Ashgabat is the capital and largest city. The population of the country is 5.6 million, the lowest of the Central Asian republics.

Turkmenistan has been at the crossroads of civilizations for centuries. In medieval times, Merv was one of the great cities of the Islamic world and an important stop on the Silk Road, a caravan route used for trade with China until the mid-15th century. Annexed by the Russian Empire in 1881, Turkmenistan later figured prominently in the anti-Bolshevik movement in Central Asia. In 1925, Turkmenistan became a constituent republic of the Soviet Union, Turkmen Soviet Socialist Republic (Turkmen SSR); it became independent upon the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991.

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Tajikistan #1  
May 20, 1992



Turkmenistan # 1  
1992

Tajikistan 2017 issue commemorating the 60th anniversary of Yuri Gagarin in space.



Turkmenistan 1992 issue  
Central Asian Wildlife  
"Black Cobra".



A review on Tajikistan stamps on eBay reveals that few issues are available. With 542 listings, with much duplication and includes some "Illegal" stamps.

A review on Turkmenistan stamps on eBay reveals that few issues are available. With 565 listings, with much duplication and many non-Scott listed stamps!



WEB SITE UPDATE - The website is being designed and should be up in early fall.

## Place Names of Winnebago County

**Rockton.** Village (1847, 1872). Nine miles north of Rockford. Formerly known as Pecatonica. The name was changed about 1846 for the community's location on the Rock River. Thomas B. Talcott, one of the first county commissioners, is generally credited with suggesting the name. **Post Office;** established December 26, 1838 as Pekatonic; changed to Rockton February 26, 1846, active today.

**Roscoe.** Village (1965). Several histories of Winnebago County claim the Roscoe post office, and subsequently the village and township, were named for William Roscoe (1753-1831), the eminent English attorney and historian. They may, however, have been named for a source much closer to home: Charlie Roscoe, a friend of Amos Tuttle. Tuttle was an early settler who laid out the community about 1840. **Post Office;** established July 26, 1837, the earliest in Winnebago County, active today.

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**South Beloit.** City (1917). Named for its location south of Beloit, Wis., itself founded in the mid-1830s by Caleb Blodgett as New Albany, named for Albany, Vt. According to a first-hand account, a committee to choose a new name was appointed, and "we proposed several names and finally agreed to place the alphabet in a hat and see if we could not get a combination of letters that would give us a name...While proposing this, Mr. Johnson undertook to sound a French word for handsome ground and in trying spoke 'Bolotte', like Detroit in sound and pretty and original I think. All sounded it and liked it and...it was unanimously adopted". **Post Office;** established before 1931, active today.

**Winnebago.** Village (1855, 1877). Five miles west of Rockford. Laid out about 1854 with construction of the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad. Named for its location in Winnebago County. Formerly known as Elda or Elida. **Post Office;** established July 3, 1854, as Winnebago Depot; changed to Winnebago January 29, 1871, active today.

That finishes up all the Winnebago towns, villages and cities. Hope you enjoyed the listings.

### MEMBER AD

**Wanted: Used U.S. singles** 1213A 5¢, 1590 9¢, 1590A 9¢, 1622C 13¢, 1623 13¢, 1623B 13¢, 1736 A Stamp 15¢. Bring to any meeting for Dave Archer.

Information from this article was taken from *Place Names of Illinois* by Edward Callary, University of Illinois Press, 2009.

## THANK YOU TO OUR ROCKFORD 2018 STAMP SHOW DEALERS

Below is the list of dealers that supported our show in 2018. If you saw something you are still interested in, please reach out to them. Remember, you don't have to wait to see them at our show to continue building your relationship. Dealers are the backbone of philately, working hard to make sure we can fully enjoy our hobby!

### Buy the Stamp

**Rick Hyams**  
Arlington Heights, IL  
847-414-5408

### Riverbank Treasurers

**Jerry Wessler**  
New Lisbon, WI  
608-515-6150

**Croaker's Collectibles**  
**Marty Croak (Sun. Only)**  
McFarland, WI  
608-838-1553

### Win Schaeffer

Flossmoor, IL  
708-715-4321

### John's Stamp Den

**John Steele**  
Washington, IL  
309-444-8247

### Alroy Stamps

**Al Lenz**  
Schaumburg, IL  
847-524-0147

### University Ave. Stamps

**Dennis Lemke**  
Middleton, WI  
608-831-1277

### Rockford Coin & Stamp

#### Steve Jennings

Rockford, IL  
815-282-4444

#### Steve Capone

Rockford, IL  
815-394-0537

### Applebox Philatelic's

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

### David Alex (Sat. Only)

Glenview, IL  
847-291-7826

### DMS Collectibles

#### Dave Stauffer

Bloomington, IL  
309-963-4248

#### W. H. Burdick

Mtn. Home, AR  
870-425-7799

### Terry Kurzinski

Cherry Valley, IL  
815-262-9117

### Fox River Stamps

#### Michael Mules

Salem, WI  
414-234-9867

# 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 at 6:00pm, every month except July. An auction takes place the third Tuesday of every month at 9:00am. Both are at the Ken-Rock Community Center, 3200 11th St., Rockford, Illinois. Each begins 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.

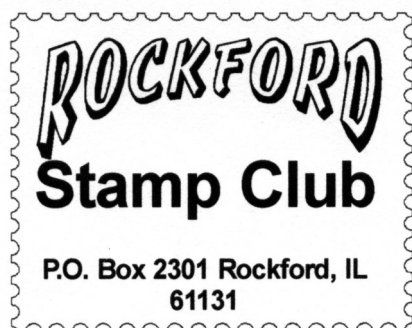
## The 2018 Club Officers

President.....Frank Schmitt  
815-226-4391  
Vice-President.....Ward Miller  
Secretary.....Tammy Copus  
Treasurer.....Hank Fox  
815-397-0573  
Director.....Terry Kurzinski  
Director.....Steve Capone  
Director.....Tim Copus  
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 1 and Tuesday Aug 21**

Get your stamp collecting fix by attending one of the meetings! We've missed YOU!