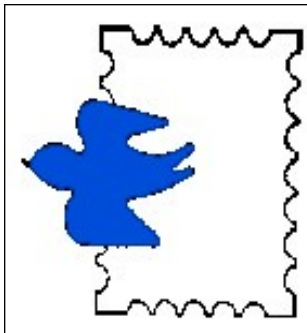


ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

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

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

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

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

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

1st Wednesday Update: At the Wednesday June 5th meeting we had 20 members. **President Frank** was out of town and **VP Ward** was under the weather so **Treasurer Hank** got to presided over the meeting!

Show & Tell.....

1. **Hank Fox** - showed a variety of post cards from Matt Mace's travels.

Thank you all for sharing. It's YOUR turn next month!

Matt Mace gave a nice talk about Africa, South of the Sahara. Interesting info about the history of the area.

The **Mystery Raffle** is back to normal. **Tammy Copus** won!

3rd Tuesday Update: The Tuesday June 18th & July 16h meetings both had good crowds and lots of lots. The July meeting had 150 lots! **Dennis Lemke** stopped by and reported he will be moving to Florida soon. He donated a large box that we can use for the mystery raffle. Thank you Dennis.

Rockford Cover of the Month



44 years ago this month the Bicentennial Freedom Train visited Rockford on its trip across the country.

Storage Needed For Stamp Show Frames

I recently moved and have less room in my garage. I am looking for someone who can store 11 boxes of frames. They are 40" wide by 53" tall. The depth of all 11 boxes is 22". They could be placed in two 11" deep rows.

These would sit in your garage until the week of show time in March when we would come pick up what is needed. They can be buried in your garage the other 360 days of the year!

Please contact me at the Wednesday meeting or call me at 815-670-5869 if you have the space. Thank you. Tim.

Wednesday Night's Program

We are asking EVERYONE to bring something to share in a Show & Tell. You can also bring a Show & Ask if you have something you would like to find out more information about. This can be a fun club activity and can take as little as a minute to describe your item.

Please take a few moments and find something you can bring to Show & Tell!



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Sat-Sun Sep 24-25 MSDA West Suburban Show
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 2019
Milwaukee, WI. Crowne Plaza-Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S. 13th St.. Hours Fri 10-6, Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. APS - World Series of Philately Show. 25 dealers, 200+ frames of exhibits, silent auctions, seminars, free admission.

Sesame Street

1st Class Forever Rate
 Pane of 16
 Jun 22—Detroit, MI

This one sneaked out in June after our May issue went to press.

With this issue the USPS honors Sesame Street on its 50th Anniversary.

One of the most popular television programs ever created, the series has provided educational programming and entertainment for generations of children—and young at heart adults—throughout the country and around the world. The first episode of Sesame Street aired on November 10, 1969. From the beginning, Sesame Street was like no other children’s program. Human characters, often children themselves, interacted with the Muppets of Sesame Street.

In 2018, it was estimated that 86 million Americans had watched the series as children. As of 2018, Sesame Street has won 189 Emmy Awards and 11 Grammy Awards, more than any other children’s show. The program continues to evolve as, in recent years it has brought to its audience characters with autism and, most recently, a foster child character.



Military Work Dogs

1st Class Forever Rate
 Booklets of 20
 Aug 1—Omaha, NE



The Postal Service honors the nation’s brave and loyal **military working dogs** with this new booklet of 20 stamps. Each block of four stamps features one stamp of each of four breeds—German shepherd, Labrador retriever, Belgian Malinois and Dutch shepherd—that commonly serve in America’s armed forces. The background of each stamp features a detail of a white star. A small star appears in the center of each block.

The stylized digital illustrations are in red, white, blue and gold to represent the American flag and patriotism. The art was created by DKNG Studios, a Los Angeles studio with a focus on the music and entertainment industries.

Woodstock

1st Class Forever Rate
 Panes of 20
 Aug 8—New York, NY



Woodstock celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Woodstock Music and Art Fair, held in the small farming community of Bethel, New York, in August 1969. It was the most famous rock festival in history and an expression of the youth counterculture of the 1960s. The stamp art, designed by art director Antonio Alcalá, features the image of the dove from graphic artist Arnold Skolnick’s promotional 1969 poster for the festival along with some of the poster’s words: “3 Days of Peace and Music.” In the stamp art the words are stacked in the background in brilliant colors along with the year 1969, USA, and Forever (the value of the stamp). The white dove stands in the foreground.

President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

Happy days are here again as we resume our Wednesday night meetings and you are once again reading this newsletter after a brief respite. Even though the Rockford Stamp Club was on its brief "summer break" that does not mean that the world of stamp collecting was dormant, nor should it be.

I was hoping that I would be at the **APS StampShow/National Topical Stamp Show in Omaha, NE** while writing this snippet, after planning on it for 2 years, but as the date drew closer those plans became perforated and then cancelled. Maybe Hartford, CT in 2020. I am in hopes that we have at least one or two members in attendance and they will report on the show at our meeting.

I was however able to attend the **MSDA Chicago Stamp Show North on July 27th in Wheeling, IL**. This was a true display of dedication to stamp collecting by both dealers and collectors. The venue booked a wedding reception (more profitable) in the space the stamp show is always held. With only one week's notice! The stamp show had to move to a series of very small crowded rooms and hallways (with water leaking from the ceiling), a less than desirable situation to say the least. The show must go on, while not convenient or comfortable, it did!

Kudos to the dealers for making the best of the situation and kudos to the collectors for being understanding and supporting the dealers. I mention this primarily as a reminder as to how fortunate we are to have our show venue and generally very minor issues we have to deal with. We did have to change the date for our 2020 show because of a scheduling conflict and hopefully that will not be an issue in the future.

I am not aware of a scheduled program for the August meeting so please bring a show and tell item to share. You would also be welcome to report on any stamp shows, stamp shops, or stamp auctions that you attended.

Don't forget to bring auction lots and of course be prepared to bid on many of the "gems" offered in our auctions.

Happy collecting and I am looking forward to seeing you at the meeting August 7th.

1919 in Stamps - Powered by eBay



Australia 1919 "Roo"
£2 black & rose (Die II) mint lightly hinged.
Scott # 58.

Yours for only GBP
3,750, approx. \$4,591!



Malta 1919 SG #96 VLH
Cat £3,250. Cert.

Yours for only \$2,816!

Poland 1919 Fisher
#37 Expertized. Only
25 ever existed.

Yours for only \$25,000
or Best Offer!



United States 1919 \$5
War Savings stamp
Mint-OG VLH VF+.

Yours for only \$800!



United States 1919 #524 OG NH
Very Well Centered 2013 PSE
Cert.

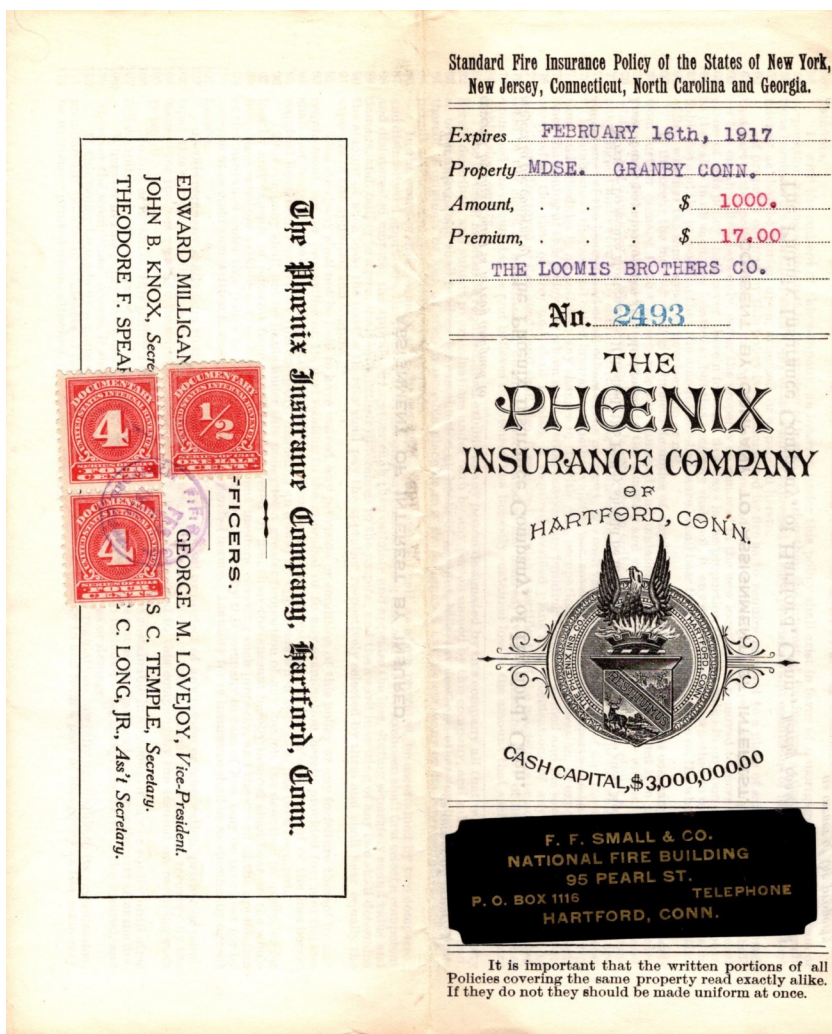
Yours for only \$750!

Some fun stamps from one hundred years ago to
put on your wish list for when you win the lottery!

Fun With U. S. Revenue Stamps By Tim Wait

I like to collect United States Revenue stamps used on their original document. Here are some fun ones to enjoy!

These two are from the **Tax Act of 1914.**



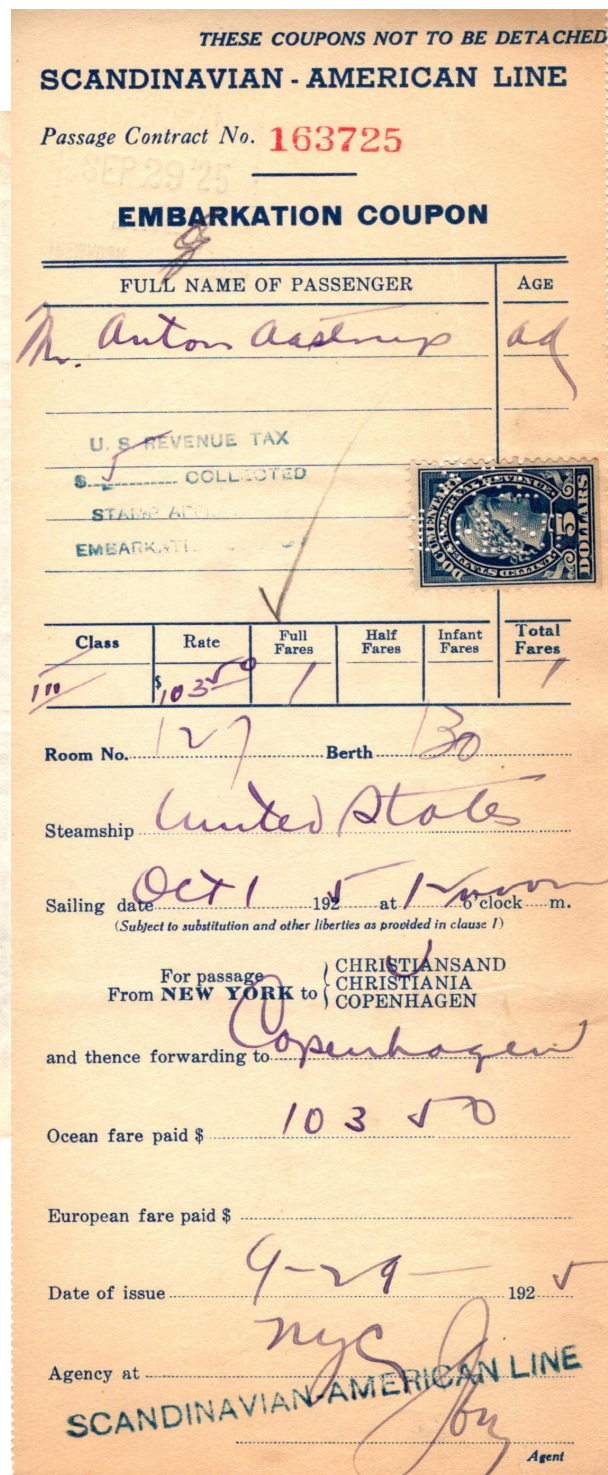
This Act taxed the premium paid on insurance policies. The tax rate was 0.05% of the premium paid.

February 16, 1916
\$1,000 Fire Insurance. Premium \$17 for one year.
The Loomis Brothers Company
The Phoenix Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn.

“On their stock of merchandise, consisting of the usual variety of a country store, contained in their frame building, occupied for country store, **post-office**, masonic hall and dwelling in Granby, Conn.”

Permission given to keep Kerosene Oil, gunpowder and to use electricity for light, heat and power! Covers lightning damage but in no case to cover damage by cyclone, tornado or windstorm.

Tax of 8½ cents paid by a ½ cent and two 4 cent stamps issued in 1914.



This Act taxed Passage Tickets to a foreign destination. The tax rate was a flat \$5. Perf initials: SAL 10.12.5

September 1, 1925
Scandinavian-American Line

Steamship *United States* sailing to Copenhagen, Denmark on October 1. Cost \$103.50. \$5 tax stamp issued in 1917.

Welcome to the Rockford Illinois Stamp Club Website

www.rockfordstampclub.com

WEB SITE UPDATE - The NEW website was unveiled January 2019! We have started adding content including past issues of *Rockford Stamp Notes* and pictures. **Please let us know your comments. Tim & Frank - webmasters.**



Aimee Devine named 2019 Distinguished Topical Philatelist

Rockford club member Aimee Devine, who has been at the forefront of youth outreach efforts for the American Topical Association, has been named the ATA Distinguished Topical Philatelist for 2019.

Devine was selected because of her extensive contributions to youth philately, specifically for her creation of the group's Topical Tidbits activity sheets. She also created an activity booklet with a Disney stamp theme titled *The Magic Kingdom of Stamp Collecting*.

Along with her work for the ATA, Devine has been active creating and contributing materials for the American First Day Cover Society and the American Philatelic Society.

A great honor! Congratulations Aimee.

What is Stamp Collecting?

When you tell someone you are a stamp collector, what do you think they imagine? As we know, there are an infinite number of ways to "Collect Stamps". We should always be on the lookout for a potential budding collector, either a youth, young-adult or especially that perfect candidate of an empty nester in their 50s looking for something to fill their new spare time.

Whenever you tell someone you are a "Stamp Collector", take the time to explain what that means and how expansive the greatest hobby is and how there can be a niche for anyone at any investment level.

Bring a friend to a meeting to get them started!

This Spot Needs A Stamp

EVERY one of you can come up with a special or favorite stamp that you can share a little story about. We have had a few in the past and I would like to build on this tradition. Here is one of mine. Let me know your special stamp for next month.



Issued September 21, 1987 for the 100th of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. I'm an accountant. What's not to like about this stamp?

ROCKFORD 2-3-4 Stamp Expo 2019 Dealers

Thank you to our 2019 dealers! All our dealers were busy selling and buying stamps, covers and other philatelic items. The dealers were also major contributors, both selling and buying in our silent auction. Dealers are the backbone of philately, working hard to make sure we can fully enjoy our hobby! Please support them throughout the year.

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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.

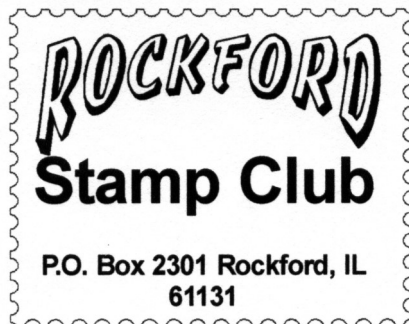
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Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

1991 Perry Arnquist Emeritus	1999 Dwane Kaplenk*
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 7 — Tuesday Aug 20

**Share something you collect for
Show and Tell**