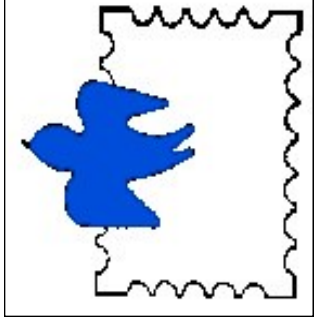


# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

## ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

### Wednesday, August 3

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

### Tuesday, August 16

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

Wednesday, June 1st: 14 members attended. Where were you?.

Short meeting followed by Show & Tell, then auction.

#### Show & Tell.....

1. **Hank Fox** - Letter from Tahiti from Zane Gray (western novelist) to his wife in the US.
2. **Frank Schmitt** - a West Quoddy Head Lighthouse, ME T-Shirt, the eastern most point of the U.S. mainland. Maybe start a new collection of covers post-marked from every farthest directional point!

Hank had another Mystery Box and the winner was Tammy Copus, again! All is back to normal.

### Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo - 2023

The dates have been set for the 2023 show on March 11-12. We are returning to our traditional 2nd weekend in March. Last year we moved to February in anticipation of an ASDA show in Chicago on our weekend. That show never came together as not enough dealers supported it. We hope to be safe going forward with this date.

### and 2024.....

For our 2023 show the room rental stays the same. For 2024 we have been informed that the rate will increase \$700. This is still substantially below what they normally charge. The board of directors will be meeting to address the rising costs in 2024 and how we can cover the \$700. We will be raising the dealer table fees and potentially have to get two more dealers plus other measures.

### Member Health and Welfare

**Gerry Van Alstyne** made it to the meeting but was having a colonoscopy soon. Past member **Ernie Petit** was in Swedish American with Covid-19. We hope you both are doing better now.

Tuesday, June 21st: We had a great meeting and made \$30 for the club. 11 members in attendance. **Jim S.** back from his Germany vacation and **Dan St. J.** from Roselle was with us.

Tuesday, July 19th: Well, emails and calls, etc. got us 10 members on board. We had a good meeting too! 110 lots and the club earned \$14 and \$3 from club lots. In the past the July meeting can be sparsely attended. Good job **Hank** in rallying the troops!

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### Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

#### Sat-Sun Aug 13-14 TOSAPEX 2022

St. Francis, WI. Wauwatosa Philatelic Society. St. Francis Lions Community Center, 3476 E. Howard Ave. Hours: Sat 10-5 Sun 10-3. Bourse, Youth Table, free admission. Michael Mules 414-234-9867.

#### Fri-Sat-Sun Sep 16-18 MILCOPEX 2022

Brookfield, WI. Milwaukee Philatelic Society. Brookfield Convention Center, 325 S. Moorland Rd. Hours: Fri-Sat 10-5 Sun 10-3. WSP National show with 25+ dealers, 125 frames of exhibits and seminars.

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

**Nancy Reagan**  
**First Class Forever (60c)**  
 Pane of 20  
 Jul 6 - Simi Valley, CA



Born July 6, 1921 in New York City as Anne Frances Robbins, the future First Lady of the United States was enjoying a film career, as Nancy Davis, when she married Ronald Reagan in 1952, who at that time was president of the Screen Actors Guild. She served as First Lady beside her husband during his two terms in office, from January 1981 to January 1989. During her years of service as First Lady, one of her primary interests was recreational drug prevention and the founding of the “Just Say No” campaign.

The stamp art is a detail from the official 1987 White House portrait by Aaron Shikler. The oil-on-canvas portrait features Mrs. Reagan dressed in her signature red color, in a flowing gown designed by James Galanos. The full-body portrait was cropped to accommodate the stamp format.

There have been suggestions that all First Ladies should be honored on stamps. To date the only ones so honored have been Martha Washington, Dolley Madison, Abigail Adams, Eleanor Roosevelt and Lady Bird Johnson.

**Buzz Lightyear**  
**First Class Forever (60c)**  
 Pane of 20  
 Aug 3 - Hollywood, CA

Previewed on June 8 at the red-carpet premiere of Disney and Pixar’s “Lightyear,” the new movie featuring Buzz Lightyear, this pane of 20 stamps, is titled “Go Beyond” by the USPS, with that name on each stamp. The fictional character is a Space Ranger superhero, part of the highly popular Toy Story franchise. He was given the name Buzz in honor of Apollo 11 astronaut Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin, the second person to walk on the Moon.

Buzz is known for being Woody’s best friend in the Toy Story movie franchise from Disney and Pixar.



**Elephants**  
**First Class Forever (60c)**  
 PSA Double-sided Booklet of 20  
 Aug 12 - Hohenwald, TN



This lighthearted and playful stamp celebrates America’s affection for elephants. A graphic illustration of an elephant interacting with its young calf represents the loving nature of these beloved animals. Two stylized plants and a bright orange sun add whimsy and color. Americans have been intrigued by elephants since the first one arrived on our shores in 1796. While Americans loved the floppy-eared giants, they were not always conscientious in providing care and nurturing for the emotional and sensitive creatures. However, changing attitudes in the United States have increased awareness of conditions for captive elephants, encouraged circuses to discontinue using elephants as performers, enabled legislation to ban ivory importation and encouraged conservation efforts for elephants in the wild.

The First Day site, Hohenwald, Tenn., is the home of The Elephant Sanctuary, the largest natural-habitat sanctuary for elephants in the U.S.

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## President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

It's that time again. I hope everyone survived the month of July without our Wednesday evening club meeting; I know it was tough for some because they showed up for the meeting anyway. Not to worry, the August meeting is just around the corner, and we can all get our "fix" again.

As if we haven't had enough with two plus years of COVID, now we have Monkeypox rearing its ugly head and trying to make a name for itself. Currently, masks are still optional, but everyone is welcome to practice all precautions they are comfortable with.

Inflation seems to have struck everywhere and everyone. Postage has gone up (makes that discount postage more attractive all the time), gasoline prices are creeping back down (funny how it never comes down as fast as it goes up). So, what does this have to do with stamp collecting?

Well, one thing that has escaped this widespread inflation is attendance at our Wednesday evening meeting and Tuesday morning auction. I can't even begin to tell you how exciting it would be to see some of those once familiar faces (that have unfortunately become unfamiliar) make regular appearances again and join us for friendship, fellowship, and some good old stamp collecting.

Could those of you that haven't attended a meeting for a while share the reason? Is it pandemic related, meeting location, day, time, transportation, other? We would truly like to know, so drop us a line, call us, email us, or tell a friend. It is your club, and we need to know what the club can do to meet your needs. We can't fix something if we don't know it is broken. Those members that are attending are also welcomed to express any concerns and/or make suggestions.

Tim Wait will be sharing some exciting news about our 2023 show and then some less exciting news for 2024 and beyond. You will have to read more of the newsletter or attend the meeting for the rest of the story, no spoiler here.

Back to inflation for a minute. I received a renewal notice (somewhat erroneously and early) for my Linn's Stamp News. Last year the subscription rate was \$79.99. The renewal rate was for \$119.99! Because of a discrepancy in expiration dates, I called Linn's, the result was I was able to renew for \$89.99. Digital of course is the wave of the future and would have been \$59.99. Call me stupid but I still like the feel and smell of newsprint. More importantly, I (and others in the club) like to share our subscription with others that do not subscribe. So, when you see the periodicals laid out on the table to be shared, please pick them up and take them home and read them. They are jam packed with good and informative articles and we feel good because we receive better value for our subscription.

Remember to bring a show and tell with you to the meeting. Even better, coral a friend and bring them and introduce them to the club and stamp collecting. Consider writing an article for the next newsletter. Be more than a member, be an active and participating member.

Be careful, be safe, be seen. Happy stamp collecting.

## PCU Beloit LCS 29 - Jeff Hall



PCU [future USS] Beloit LCS 29 was Christened & Launched on May 7, 2022 by ships sponsor Army Maj. General Marcia Anderson at the Fincantieri Marinette Marine Shipbuilding on the Menominee River in Marinette, WI. The Beloit is the only 2nd ship to be named for local city since the USS Rockford [PF-48] during WWII [commissioned March 6, 1944- decommissioned August 26, 1945] she was then Lend-Leased to the Soviets.



**National Marine Sanctuaries**  
**First Class Forever (60c)**  
 Pane of 16  
 Aug 5 - Santa Cruz, CA

For 50 years, U.S. marine sanctuaries and marine national monuments have protected areas with special ecological, cultural and historical significance. Each of the 16 stamps on the pane features a photograph from a site that is part of the National Marine Sanctuary System, showcasing some of our nation's precious natural treasures. A map of the National Marine Sanctuary System is printed on the back of the pane.

Santa Cruz is home to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Overlooking the Pacific Ocean, it is one of America's largest marine sanctuaries.

**Pony Cars**  
**First Class Forever (60c)**  
 Pane of 20  
**Great American Stamp Show**  
 Aug 25 - Sacramento, CA

In the 1960s, a new breed of vehicle began appearing on our nation's roads. Over the past six decades, fast and fun pony cars have become a uniquely American obsession. Since their emergence, these performance coupes and convertibles have brought a youthful spirit to the automotive world.

These stamps celebrate five iconic U.S. automobiles — the **1969 Ford Mustang Boss 302**, the **1970 Dodge Challenger R/T**, the **1969 Chevrolet Camaro Z/28**, the **1967 Mercury Cougar XR-7 GT** and the **1969 AMC Javelin SST**. The bold and dramatic artwork, painted with oils on panel, captures the energy and mystique of pony cars.

By the time of the 1970s energy crisis, sales of the once ubiquitous pony cars had begun to decline. But by the end of the decade, the cars had a resurgence. Pony cars were cultural icons; throughout the 1970s, they appeared in many television shows and movies.



# 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.

## Interrupted Mail - Mail Robbery - By Tim Wait



**Dec 21, 1932 12m  
Englewood, Colo.**

Christmas card mailed at the 1-1/2¢ Printed Matter Unsealed third-class, single piece rate.

Beginning on May 4, 1911, it became possible to send certain types of mail matter unsealed such that third-class, single-piece rates, rather than first-class rate, applied.

Included in this category were cards such as Christmas or Easter cards, which could contain in writing such simple inscriptions as Happy New Year, Dear Sir, signatures, etc.

This special category was discontinued as of January 7, 1968,



The card was mailed at Englewood, Colo. December 21, 1932, at the 1-1/2¢ per 2 oz. rate effective April 15, 1925 to December 31, 1948. The letter received water damage and had the stamp partially torn off and secured with tape that turned the envelope paper brown before finally falling off. It received an auxiliary marking (USPOD marking that helped explain how mail was handled or what caused a delay) of:

### DELAY & DAMAGE DUE / TO MAIL ROBBERY

The backstamp, Dallas, Texas, April 8, 1933, almost four months later, indicates that either the mail was “lost” and then found or perhaps held as evidence! Further research is required.

## 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.**

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**Riverbank Treasurers**  
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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	

\* Closed album



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**Tuesday, August 16 at 9/10am**

**Our NEW location is 625 Adams St.**