

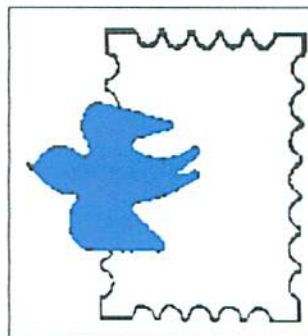
ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

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

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

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

1st Wednesday Update: At the Wednesday November 2nd meeting there were 22 members. The Slate of Officers for 2017 was presented and there were no additional nominations from the floor. See below.

Our Show-and-Tell feature of the meeting has become very popular. **Lee Barrie** brought in a leather mail bag that he used for 15 years on his route in Rockford. The USPS went with canvas which was much lighter but a lot harder on their clothes. **Ruth Young** has become a regular contributor showing things she got as the door prize winner at the Monroe Stamp Show. 50 State Bird's & Flowers FDCs, a Pana, Il postcard and a 1975 Rockford Stamp Show cover. **Mike Peters** brought in a 6¢ Winged Globe airmail stamp "color changeling". These stamps easily oxidized and turn many shades of brown.

Stanley Campbell, our most consistent contributor, showed off his Switzerland collection of many items besides stamps and covers. **Winston Ackmann** showed an interesting 1924 registered cover from Lithuania to Rockford to the "Intelligence Officer of Rockford".

The December 7th meeting will be our annual Charity auction for Rock House Kids. All lots are to be donated and all receipts will go to the Kids. Last year we raised \$126. Lets see if we can do better this year.

Coffee will be provided. Please bring some cookies or other sweets for all to enjoy.

3rd Tuesday Update: At the Tuesday November 15th meeting we had 19 members and 2 guests. The auction had 86 lots raising \$38.75.

The Tuesday group has built into a pretty regular crowd with quite a few auction lots to choose from. It is an opportunity to get out in the daytime and enjoy the fun of philately with your fellow members.

Is the format of this meeting agreeable? Do you want anything more from the meeting? Your thoughts and ideas are always welcome. Some changes can be a good thing and entice more members to attend, and maybe more auction lots to choose from!

In Memorial

✝ With sadness we have to report the passing of LONG time past club member **Richard "Dick" Wibom**. Dick was a very active member of the club throughout the 1970's-1990's. He was a life long resident of Rockford. He passed November 17 at the age of 93, once again showing the benefits to longevity of our hobby. Dick served in the U.S. Navy in WWII and went to Washington D.C. in 2015 with "VetsRoll" to see the WWII Memorial and other sites of our capitol. In addition to Stamp Collecting, Dick was written up in the RR Star many times for his big fish catches.

2017 Officers Election

President	Frank Schmitt
Vice President	Ward Miller
Secretary	Tammy Copus
Treasurer	Hank Fox
Director (3 years)	Steve Capone

Voting will take place during the December 7th meeting.



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Sat-Sun Dec 10-11 - MSDA West Suburban Show
Lombard, IL. Linder Conference Center, 610 E. Butterfield Rd. Hours: Sat 10-4, Sun 10-3. 20 dealers, free admission.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

Recent Acquisitions (or Fun Stuff I Really Like) By Tim Wait

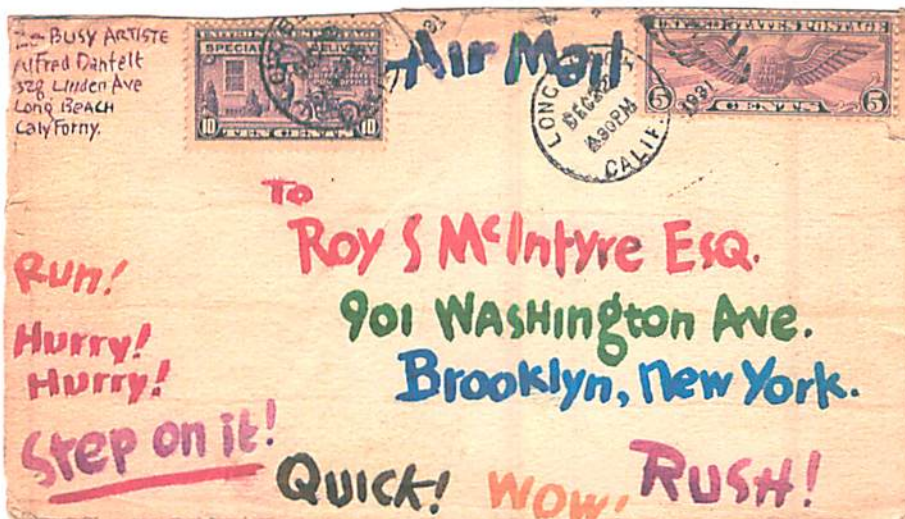
a - skew

“Not in a straight or level position”.

Synonyms: crooked, lopsided, tilted, at an angle, skewed, awry, uneven

Wrong - awry “The plan went horribly askew”.

Need I say more about this letter from ASKEW, MISS.? Note the placement of the date slug in the cancel!



Mailed Dec 22, 1931 4:30pm from Long Beach, Calif.

From “The Busy Artiste”, Alfred Danfelt, Long Beach, “CalyForny”.

Mr. Danfelt wanted to get the best service for his 10¢ Special Delivery stamp to ensure that it arrived for Christmas!

The letter was carried across the country via airmail for 5¢ versus surface mail costing 2¢. Only 3¢ extra in 1931.

Mr. Danfelt placed three 1931 Christmas seals on the back.

Arrived Brooklyn, N.Y. Dec 25 at 9am

Arrived Lefferts Sta. at 11am

Both hand stamps purposely missed the seals as they were not postage and did not need to be cancelled.

Even on Christmas Day this was carried by messenger to Roy S McIntyre Esq. as a Special Christmas Greeting.



Dues are Due! It's time to pay for your membership in the Rockford Stamp Club. Dues are \$10 to receive *Rockford Stamp Notes* by USPS Mail and \$6 to receive it via email. Please pay Hank at the meeting. If you are not able to attend a meeting in December or January, please mail a check to the Rockford Stamp Club at PO Box 2301, Rockford, IL 61131. You don't want to miss out on the next eleven editions of *Rockford Stamp Notes*!

Had A Good Philatelic Read Lately?

Believe it or not, there are quite a few Good stamp related books around. Even a few recent books to interest you. What follows is a list of just a few books that can enhance your stamp collecting enjoyment.

How the Post Office Created America. Winifred Gallagher 2016. A fascinating take on the history of our post office.

Put a Stamp on It. Herman Herst, Jr. 2016. A just released “Find” from our most famous author. A fun read.

The Inverted Jenny: Money, Mystery, Mania. George Amick 1986. Just one of the books about this famous stamp.

Nassau Street. Herman Herst, Jr. 1960. The most famous stamp related book of all time. Great stories!

The Airmail Jennies to Jets. Capt. Benjamin B. Lipsner, told to LH Hiltz 1951. When jets were new to Airmail service.

The Silent Investigators. John Markis 1959. The story of the US Postal Inspection Service. Interesting.

A History of America in Thirty-Six Postage Stamps. Chris West 2014. Unique way to discuss US history!



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.

Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo

At Chicagopex I talked up the inaugural **Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo on March 11-12, 2017**. I made an announcement to 25 members and guests at the Chicago Philatelic Society meeting and informed many of my fellow exhibitors. I have sent out seven applications to exhibitors who expressed an interest and got one two frame application at the show!

I was encouraged to see the interest and I feel that this will take off nicely and bring a lot of attention to the Rockford Stamp Show! If you are interested in participating in the 2-3-4 competition, see me or go to our website, rockfordstampclub.org to get the prospectus and application.

We will still have a **Club Members Only, one sixteen (16) page frame**, competition so keep working on anything you would like to show. See me for more details or assistance in preparing your exhibit.

CHICAGOPEX REPORT

A number of members were seen attending Chicagopex, the largest annual show in the Midwest. With over 75 dealers, over 280 exhibits frames, and many meetings to attend, there was much to see and do over the three day show. In addition to our local dealer, **Terry Kurzinski** and **Tim Wait**, Chicagopex Exhibits Chairman, who were there for the entire show, the following members were sited.

Hank Fox Ward Miller Bruce Marquardt Tammy & Tim Copus Rich Londo

Stanley Campbell Gerald Zimmerman Lyman Hensley Jim & Ruth Young

Sorry if we missed you but I heard everyone had fun and most found something nice to add to their collection. If you weren't able to attend, ask one of these people about the show. They can tell you how much fun they had and maybe you will consider going next year. With this many people going, there will be ride sharing opportunities and time to get better acquainted with some of your fellow members, find some wonderful items to add to your collections, make connections with dealers who specialize in your collecting interest, see some interesting and educational stamp exhibits and make some new philatelic friends. Don't miss out. Plan now for next year, November 17-19, 2017!

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.

<u>New for 2016</u> David Alex Glenview, IL 847-291-7826	John's Stamp Den John Steele Washington, IL 309-444-8247	Rockford Coin & Stamp Steve Jennings Rockford, IL 815-282-4444	W. H. Burdick Mtn. Home, AR 870-425-7799
Applebox Philatelic's Richard Duda Mt. Prospect, IL 847-439-7614	Alroy Stamps Al Lenz Schaumburg, IL 847-524-0147	Pfohl's Stamps John "Kermit" Kirpes Dubuque, IA 563-582-6247	Terry Kurzinski Cherry Valley, IL 815-262-9117
Farrell Stamps Len Farrell Brookfield, IL 708-280-7114	Geezer's Dave Birch Oakwood, IL 217-260-9375	Phil Edwards Normal, IL 309-452-2593	DMS Collectibles John Butler Normal, IL 309-963-4248
		Steve Capone Rockford, IL 815-394-0537	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.

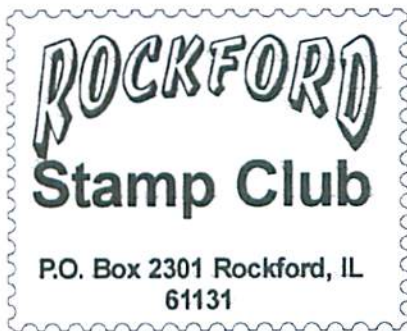
The 2016 Club Officers

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



DECEMBER Meetings

Wednesday, Dec 7 and Tuesday Dec 20

Don't miss out on the fun!