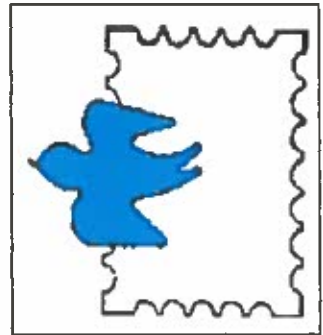


ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

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

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

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

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

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

1st Wednesday Update: At the Wednesday November 1st we had 26 members in attendance.

Tammy Copus gave a report on the Loves Park Panther Stamp Club. This year she has 32 kids from 1st-6th grade, many interested in preparing exhibits. They meet after school from 2:35-3:30 every Wednesday. See article on page two.

Nominations committee reported that the existing officers will run again. Matt Mace comes off as Director and Tim Copus was nominated too. (Since the meeting Matt has removed himself so see slate below).

December meeting is the annual Kenrock Kids donation auction and treat night!

Show & Tell.....

1. **Hank Fox** showed postcards from his friends who are nice enough to send him one, including Matt Mace!
2. **Terry Kurzinski** showed a mailing from APS Stamp Show in St. Louis showing a 1956 reproduction with stamp issues and cancels.
3. **Stanley Campbell** had 1940's documents when Japan took over the Philippines. Guerilla money with 50c revenue stamps.
4. **Steve Capone** showed two airmail covers; US to Finland and Ecuador.

The Mystery Box Raffle was won by **Martha Bauch**.

2018 Election

The uncontested slate for 2018 Officers is as follows.

President	Frank Schmitt
Vice President	Ward Miller
Secretary	Tammy Copus
Treasurer	Hank Fox
Director	Tim Copus

We will have the vote at the December meeting.

3rd Tuesday Update: The Tuesday November 21st meetings continue on with lotsa lots and high attendance. On the 21st we had 151 lots. The Club earned \$16 from club lots and \$42.30 from the sellers for a total of \$58.30 in income. A major factor to the earnings is the attendance of our friends and dealers **Al Lenz** and **Dennis Lemke**. Both of them bring in good lots which mostly sell. We had 20 members attending.

Wednesday December 6 Annual Christmas Party and Donation Auction

At the Wednesday night meeting we are asking for material to be donated for the auction. All the proceeds, hopefully from spirited bidding!, are donated to the Kenrock Kids to help with their Christmas Party. Please donate generously and share your good fortune.

Everyone should also bring some treats to pass for all to enjoy. Coffee and other beverages along with who knows what will help us all survive the meeting, auction and the long night of philatelic revelry!



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Sat-Sun Dec 2-3- MSDA Milwaukee Holiday Show
Milwaukee, WI. Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S. 13th St. Hours: Sat 10-4, Sun 10-3. 15 dealers, free admission.

Sat-Sun Dec 9-10 - 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!

USPS 2017 New Issues

The USPS announced the stamp will be dedicated at 10 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 30 at Johns Hopkins Asthma & Allergy Center Atrium, Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, 5501 Hopkins Bayview Circle, Baltimore, MD 21224.

Available nationwide Nov. 30, the Alzheimer's Semipostal stamp will be sold for 60 cents. The price includes the first-class single-piece postage rate in effect at the time of purchase plus an amount to fund Alzheimer's research. By law, revenue from sales of the Alzheimer's Semipostal stamp — minus the postage paid and the reimbursement of reasonable costs incurred by the Postal Service — will be distributed to the National Institutes of Health, which is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Alzheimer's

49¢ + 11¢ Semipostal Forever
PSA Panes of 20
November 30—Baltimore, MD

Followers of the U.S. Postal Service's Facebook page can view the first-day-of-issue ceremony live at facebook.com/USPS.

Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer Megan J. Brennan will dedicate the stamp. In attendance will be Kathy Siggins of Mount Airy, MD, who followed the discretionary semipostal program criteria for submitting the stamp suggestion. Siggins' husband succumbed to the disease in 1999.



The artwork is an illustration that first appeared on the 2008 42-cent Alzheimer's Awareness stamp. It shows an older woman in profile with a caring hand on her shoulder with the suggestion of sunlight behind her and clouds in front of and below her. On the 2008 stamp, she was facing left; the artwork for this stamp shows her facing right to help differentiate between the two stamps. Stamp artist Matt Mahurin of Topanga Canyon, CA, worked under the direction of art director Ethel Kessler of Bethesda, MD.

The Semipostal Authorization Act, Pub. L. 106-253, grants the U.S. Postal Service discretionary authority to issue and sell semipostal fundraising stamps to advance such causes as it considers to be "in the national public interest and appropriate." Under the program, the Postal Service intends to issue five semipostal fundraising stamps over a 10-year period, with each stamp to be sold for no more than two years. The Alzheimer's Semipostal stamp is the first and will be followed by a Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) semipostal stamp to be issued in 2019. The next three discretionary semipostal stamps have not yet been determined.

There are currently two semipostal stamps available for sale that has been mandated by Congress. These are the Breast Cancer Research Semipostal which has raised more than \$86.1 million and the Save Vanishing Species Semipostal which has raised more than \$4.3 million as of September 2017.

Loves Park Panthers Stamp Club

As reported at the November Wednesday night meeting and on page one of, Tammy has 32 kids from 1st-6th grade interested in the youth Stamp Club this year! This is a big increase from last year as word continues to spread about how much fun the kids have thanks to Tammy and Tim's hard work.

Many of the kids have already chosen topics to put together a stamp exhibit for March. While not all of them stay dedicated enough to complete the project, we have had quite a few participate the last couple years and some come to the show with their proud parents and other siblings.

Here are topics that they have expressed interest in. Do you have material you can donate? Please bring items to the December meetings so they have time to work on their exhibits.

Bugs	Birds	Flowers
Space	Canada	Poland
Food	Dogs	Cats/Big cats
Sea Life	State Flags	Disney
Presidents	Netherlands	

President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

Here we find ourselves in the month of December already and will soon be closing the pages of our stamp albums for the last time in 2017. Hopefully, some of us have been able to find that one elusive item we have been looking to add to our collection, others have maybe completed a collection and yet others have finally perfected their exhibition pages.

Whatever the case, here we are at our final meetings of the year. As you all well know the entire December meeting/Christmas party auction proceeds go to the KenRock Kids to support their programs. They have lost the majority, if not all, of the State funded support they had received in the past so our contribution to them is crucial. Please donate as many auctions lots as you can for this auction and then bid often on the donated lots so we can make a meaningful contribution. Hank will also accept any donations of money designated for the KenRock Kids that you care to offer. You may also add a few extra bucks to your auction purchases payment. Also we ask that you bring a "treat" to share at the Wednesday night meeting.

We also have the excitement of a new year facing us and we can make the proper resolutions to better attain our goals in our collections. You can start a new collection or finally start to work on an exhibition of your collecting interest. You can also invite a friend to our club meeting or to a stamp show to peak their interest in your hobby. You can share a show and tell, write an article for the newsletter or you can do an educational presentation at a meeting, the possibilities are endless.

Remember it is time to pay your 2018 dues. You may pay Hank at the Wednesday night meeting, Tuesday morning auction or use some of your excess postage and mail your payment.

Thank you for allowing me to be your president for this past year and for supporting your club and enjoying the hobby.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

U.S. Special Delivery Stamps - Part Two By Tim Wait

The Motorcycle Special Delivery stamp was the first stamp ordered by the new Harding postal administration. There was no practical need for a new stamp. The special delivery rate remained at 10¢, and the postal clerks certainly had no difficulty recognizing the current stamp, the design of which had been in use on and off since 1902. Changing the stamp was symbolic. The new design showed that the post office was motorizing and mechanizing along with all of America. The stamp was issued July 12, 1922.

In an effort to get more mail to pay its own way, two new special delivery rates were put into effect on April 15 as part of the Postal Service Act of February 25, 1925. Until this point, parcel post packages of any weight up to the 70-pound limit could be delivered for the 10¢ fee. The new rates were based on weight. Packages over two pounds, but less than ten pounds would get special delivery service for 15¢ in addition to regular postage. Packages over 10 pounds would cost 20¢ plus regular postage.

The 15¢ stamp used the same motorcycle design but was printed in deep orange. The main subject of the 20¢ stamp was a parcel-post mail wagon, which was symbolic of how heavier than 10 pound packages would usually be delivered.

In 1927, the 10¢ stamp and in 1931, the 15¢ stamp were printed on the new Rotary Press machines and perforated 11 x 10½ vs the prior perforating at 11 x 11.

To be continued next issue.



E12 & E15. 10¢ Motorcycle in gray violet. Flat and Rotary Press printings.



E13 & 16. 15c Motorcycle in orange, Flat and Rotary press printings



E14. 20¢ Parcel Post Mail Wagon. Flat printing.

Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) by Stanley Campbell



I was able to purchase a booklet of IWW Union TRADE "Voluntary Quarterly" Dues Stamps which were used to show that someone made a donation (or paid their "voluntary dues"). The union "I.U. 510" which is still in existence is the Marine Transport Workers Industrial Union 510 and includes all workers on docks and in terminals/ports. The Industrial Workers of the World (which are still in existence) were very famous, and their items are sought after by collectors.

I was able to put one on eBay and the bidding took it up to \$25!

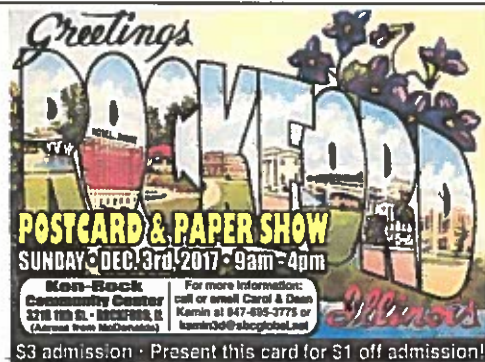
From Wikipedia:

The **Industrial Workers of the World (IWW)**, members of which are commonly termed "**Wobblies**", is an international labor union that was founded in 1905 in Chicago, Illinois in the United States of America. The union combines general unionism with industrial unionism, as it is a general union whose members are further organized within the industry of their employment. The philosophy and tactics of the IWW are described as "revolutionary industrial unionism", with ties to both socialist and anarchist labor movements.

In the 1910s and early 1920s, the IWW achieved many of their short-term goals, particularly in the American West, and cut across traditional guild and union lines to organize workers in a variety of trades and industries. At their peak in August 1917, IWW membership was more than 150,000. The extremely high rate of IWW membership turnover during this era (estimated at 133% per decade) makes it difficult for historians to state membership totals with any certainty, as workers tended to join the IWW in large numbers for relatively short periods (e.g., during labor strikes and periods of generalized economic distress).

From 1913 through the mid-1930s, the IWW's **Marine Transport Workers Industrial Union (MTWIU)**, proved a force to be reckoned with and competed with AFL unions for ascendance in the industry. Given the union's commitment to international solidarity, its efforts and success in the field come as no surprise. Local 8 of the Marine Transport Workers was led by Ben Fletcher, who organized predominantly African-American longshoremen on the Philadelphia and Baltimore waterfronts, but other leaders included the Swiss immigrant Walter Nef, Jack Walsh, E.F. Doree, and the Spanish sailor Manuel Rey.

The IWW also had a presence among waterfront workers in Boston, New York City, New Orleans, Houston, San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Eureka, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, Vancouver as well as in ports in the Caribbean, Mexico, South America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and other nations. IWW members played a role in the 1934 San Francisco general strike and the other organizing efforts by rank-and-filers within the International Longshoremen's Association up and down the West Coast.



The annual Postcard & Paper Show will be held Sunday, December 3rd from 9am to 4pm at our very own Kenrock Community Center.

This can be an excellent location to find interesting philatelic items and many other related collectibles. I know a lot of our members collect more than stamps and covers so make a point to attend and see what neat items you might find for your collecting habit!

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The Rockford Stamp Club

 American Philatelic Society Chapter # 735

WEB SITE UPDATE - The website has crashed and we are currently working on replacing it! Stay tuned.

Soliloquy of a Postage Stamp

I am the world's greatest traveler. I've journeyed from pole to pole, and all the climes between . . . by dogsled, camel and horseback, by every land, sea and air conveyance; even by submarine, dirigible and rocket.

I am the world's greatest art portrait gallery. The heroes and heroines of mythology pose within my borders. I portray the greats and the near-greats of all time; kings and queens, pharaohs and presidents, princes and princesses, poets and patriots, emperors and explorers, athletes, architects, aviators, artists and adventurers, tribal chieftains, inventors, moguls, musicians and martyrs, dramatists and novelists, shahs, sultans, saints and sinners. Even the vanished forms of the phoenix, centaur and unicorn appear upon my face.

I am the world's greatest picture chronicle and miniature encyclopedia. I map communities, countries and continents, and reveal views from every strange remote corner of the earth. I depict mountains and valleys; oceans, rivers, lakes, waterfalls, geysers, harbors, bridges and dams; native canoes, sailing ships and modern ocean liners; monuments and statues; castles, cathedrals, churches, missions, mosques, temples and ruins of temples; and every type of locomotion, from automobiles to zeppelins and steamboats to space ships. I delineate all manner of sports, handicrafts, customs, sacred rites and ceremonies; and nearly every variety of bird, animal, fish, fruit and flower.

I frame the horrors of war, the blessings of peace, the hardships of emigration, the plight of indulgence and the blight of famine. I illustrate the adventures of Don Quixote, the fairy tales of childhood and the legends of all civilizations. I reflect the symbols of art and culture, of natural resources and industry, of trade and commerce, of agriculture and architecture, and of all human endeavor. I commemorate the expeditions and voyages, and the inventions, discoveries and creations that make life worth living.

Millions of men, women and children are fascinated by me. Through me infinite variety they find boundless pleasure, relaxation and enchantment.

Yet... I am only a postage stamp!

Taken from an old Harris Masterwork album.

MEMBER AD	MEMBER AD	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.

ROCKFORD 2017 STAMP SHOW DEALERS

Our 14 stamp dealers had a great crowd of customers on Saturday. We hope you were able to find something for your collection. Remember, the dealers are the backbone of our show and their support allows us to put on this event.

New for 2017

Fox River Stamps
Michael Mules
Salem, WI
414-234-9867

University Ave. Stamps
Dennis Lemke
Middleton, WI
608-831-1277

Vest Pocket Philatelist
Bill DiSalvatore
Cherokee Village, AR
870-287-2809

John's Stamp Den
John Steele
Washington, IL
309-444-8247

Alroy Stamps
Al Lenz
Schaumburg, IL
847-524-0147

Double J Stamps
Jeff
Arlington Heights, IL
847-843-8700

Rockford Coin & Stamp
Steve Jennings
Rockford, IL
815-282-4444

Phil Edwards
Normal, IL
309-452-2593

Steve Capone
Rockford, IL
815-394-0537

Applebox Philatelic's
Richard Duda
Mt. Prospect, IL
847-439-7614

DMS Collectibles
John Butler
Normal, IL
309-963-4248

W. H. Burdick
Mtn. Home, AR
870-425-7799

Terry Kurzinski
Cherry Valley, IL
815-262-9117

David Alex
Glenview, IL
847-291-7826

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 9:00am, 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.

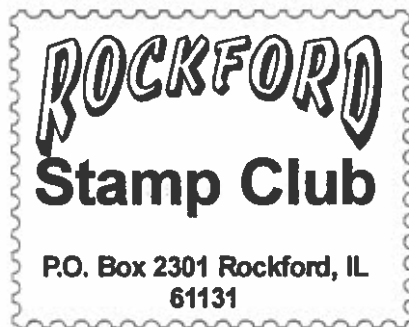
The 2017 Club Officers

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815-397-0573
Director.....Matt Mace
Director.....Terry Kurzinski
Director.....Steve Capone
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 6 and Tuesday Dec 19

Wednesday is our annual Holiday Party and Charity Auction. Bring a treat and some lots to donate to the Kenrock Kids.