

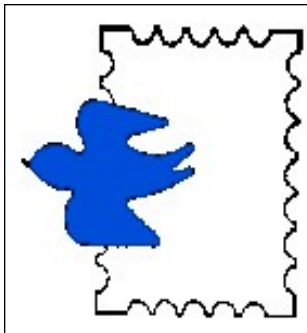
ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

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

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

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

1st Wednesday Update: At the Wednesday November 7th only 20 members. Where were all our missing members? Only 31 lots! Time for members to get selling!

Treasury stands at \$4,215. This is without any 2019 dealer fees and after paying the \$500 deposit to Forest Hills Lodge for 2019. We are in great financial shape!

Tammy Copus, our youth club leader, reported she has 15 members so far this year. See page five for an update to their collecting/exhibiting needs.

Election - nominating committee reported all officers are running again unopposed. **Ted Gifford** was nominated to replace **Terry Kurzinski** as the outgoing director. Voting will be at the December meeting.

Show & Tell.....

1. **Bruce Marquardt** brought a Bulk Rate letter with five 1¢ Apple stamps paying the postage.
2. **Hand Fox** talked about the Civil War in California and volunteers guarding gold shipments and had some grape shot from a cannon.
3. **Tim Wait** passed around the Bicycle Mail stamp from the article in the newsletter.
4. **Steve Capone** showed a postcard with a picture from a newspaper as the address. No name listed, it was a local radio celebrity and it got delivered!
5. **Gerry Van Alstyne** had a cover postmarked Van Alstyne, TX which was a cattle station that was named after a relative.

NO Program in November-Tim forgot his computer!

The Mystery Box Raffle was NOT won by **Tammy & Tim**. Congratulations to **Phil Bratta**!

December-Holiday Party & Auction

Dec 5 is our annual Charity Auction for Ken-Rock Kids. All lots donated and proceeds go to their Holiday Party. Bring a treat to pass, some spending money and "lots of lots"!

3rd Tuesday Update: November 20th we had 17 members present. **Winston's** club lots \$14 plus \$24 from sellers from over 100 lots. More members going to Tuesday almost! This auction get together continues having to have strong attendance and lots of lots!

Dues Notice!

Dues are due for 2019. \$10 for the award winning *Rockford Stamp Notes* in the mail and \$6 for email delivery. Plus you get to enjoy all your stamp friends twice a month and a Holiday Party!

**** MEETING NOTICE ****

For the **WEDNESDAY EVENING ONLY** Holiday meeting & Auction, we will meeting in the big room again. **DO NOT ENTER THE SIDE DOOR. ENTER THRU THE DOUBLE DOORS AND GO DOWN THE HALL PAST THE GYM.**



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Sat-Sun Dec 1-2- MSDA Milwaukee Holiday Show
Milwaukee, WI. Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S. 13th St. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. 15 dealers, free admission.

Sat-Sun Dec 8-9 - MSDA Westside Holiday Show
Oakbrook Terrace, IL Holiday Inn Chicago Oakbrook, 17W350 22nd St. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. 20 dealers, free admission.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!



THE SEALS OF 1907 WERE ISSUED AND SOLD BY THE DELAWARE CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

1907



Two days after the first supply of 1907 seals went on sale more than 30,000 were sold. The Wilmington printer was swamped, so a Philadelphia firm was enlisted. Soon it was seen that "Merry Christmas" would be deadlined before the demand dwindled, so "Happy New Year" was added to the design.



THE 1908-1910 ISSUES WERE SOLD BY THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS



1909

When the 1909 sale reaped \$250,00 the doubters began to thin out, though some shook their heads . . . thought it was not possible to raise funds by this method. Carl Wingate designed the 1909 stamp.



1908

For the 1908 Christmas stamp campaign, the American Red Cross moved to sponsor it in coast to coast. Howard Pyle, the noted Wilmington artist, designed this second issue. Two days after the sales started, the Washington headquarters of the Red Cross had to hire twenty extra clerks to handle rush orders.



1910

Some confusion resulted in the sale of "Christmas Stamps", some possible thinking they were buying postage stamps used them for the prepayment of postage on letters. It was then apparent that the name must be changed and the use of "seals" came into being. In 1910, the design by Mrs. Guion Thompson sold \$300,000 of seals.



THE 1911 SEALS WERE ISSUED BY THE AMERICAN RED CROSS BUT SOLD BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY AND PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS

1911

In 1911 sales ran up to a record \$320,000, from a modest beginning just a few years before of \$3,000! By these mounting sales, no greater contribution has been made in the fight against tuberculosis than that of the late Miss Emily Bissell, who conceived the Christmas Seal idea. The 1911 design was the work of Anton Rudert.

President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

Unbelievable as it may be, this is our final newsletter and regular meeting for the 2018. Our December meeting will consist of our normal short business meeting, election of officers and board, show and tell, and our annual charity auction. Yes, charity auction, all auction lots are considered donations and all proceeds are used to support the KenRock Kids program. Please be generous in your donation of lots and even more generous in your bids. Even if there isn't a lot you are interested in, feel free to bid and buy, and donate it to Tammy for the Loves Park Panthers Stamp Club. You may also consider a monetary donation, just present it to Hank. Remember, our December program is our Christmas "party", and we ask that everyone bring a food or drink item to share in fellowship with our club members. Looking forward to some sweat treats, cheese and crackers, etc., maybe something even a little healthy, but probably not.

I did have the opportunity to make it into CHICAGOPEX on Friday and was very happy to see no less than 5 of our club members in attendance. Hopefully, other members could make it other days of the show. It was great to see the many dealers with such a wide variety of stamps, covers, postal history, literature, supplies and other philatelic materials offered for sale. Sadly, one obvious void was the absence of the USPS postal station and retail sales booth. The space was there but they still hadn't shown up at 3:00 PM. I guess size really doesn't matter. Hopefully they will treat us better at our show. The USPS never showed!

On that note, it is not too early to begin preparing for our ROCKFORD 2-3-4 STAMP EXPO scheduled for March 9-10, 2019. If you haven't started working on your exhibit, now is the time. Start fine tuning the ole' want list and supply needs list so you are ready to support our dealers. Remember to sign up on one of the sign-up sheets to help at the front table, auction, set-up and/or tear down of frames and helping dealers unload/load. Your help is what makes our show a success. Most importantly, attend the show.

On a positive note, I attended the Tuesday auction for November and was pleased at the number of lots and number of attendees (especially the new members). The auction was quite a mix of no bids, minimum bids, and spirited bidding, but overall was a good auction. The room worked quite well and the heating system had been repaired and was fully functional. Being separated from the exterior entrance doors is a definite plus in maintaining the heat.

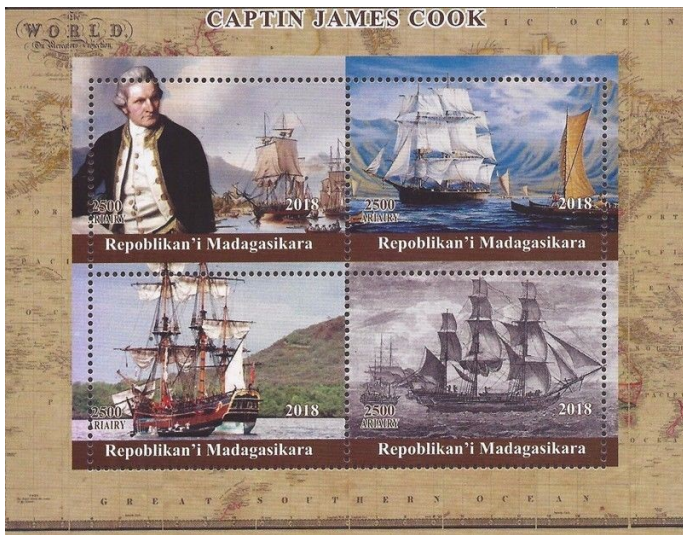
A big thanks to Tim Wait for kicking off our "Topical Corner" in our November newsletter. I am looking forward to other members sharing their topical collecting with us and remember you can do an article for each topic. Articles on any other subject of interest are also welcome.

Finally, I would like to personally wish everyone a very Merry and Fulfilling Christmas followed by a Happy and Healthy New Year! As you celebrate, remember our January meeting is on the 2nd, so you may want to pace yourselves.

The Topical Corner - By Hank Fox

As many of you know I collect Australia and New Zealand stamps. One of the reasons I became interested in these countries and their adjacent islands that issue stamps was the many stamps with unusual birds and animals. I recently purchased very nice New Zealand collection. I can now auction and trade many of my Australia/New Zealand stamps for topical stamps that I want from other countries. The US and most other countries issue hundreds of topical and thematic stamps each year. Most of these are low cost easily obtainable stamps.

Frank's suggestion for "The Topical Corner" is a great way to promote and share topical interests. At the Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo in 2018 one of the mystery raffle box winners is a member of the American Topical Association (ATA).



Madagascar 2018 Captain Cook Souvenir Sheet



US #1732-3 issued together in one sheet of 50.

Several of our members, including Frank and myself are also ATA members. I will be using knowledge and items I obtained from the ATA for my 16 page exhibit on Captain James Cook at the 2019 Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo.

If you are interested in topical or thematic stamps contact the ATA at PO Box 8, Carterville, IL 62918-0008. Phone (618) 985-5100. Website: americantopicalassn.org. Americantopical@msn.com. Tell them you are a member of the Rockford Stamp Club for a great information package.

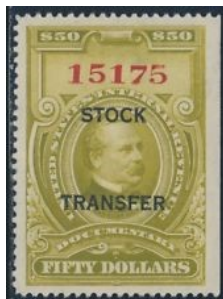
Let's keep this going. Write something up for your topic and send it to me. More, or less space can be used. I'll work with you to get illustrations off eBay!

United States Revenues - Their Purpose Illustrated by Tim Wait

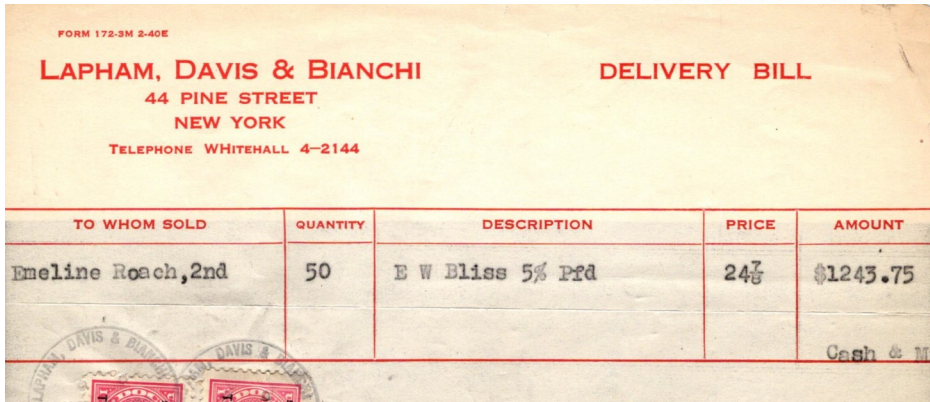
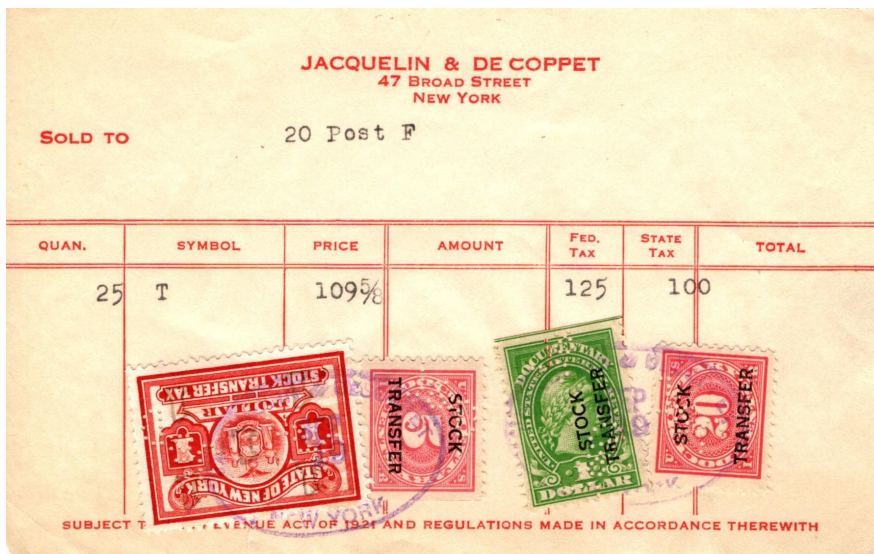
Stock Transfer (RD) The Revenue Act of 1914 included a tax on the transfer of stock. From 1914 to 1966, a federal Financial Transaction Tax was levied on sales and transfers of stock. The rate was originally **0.02 percent of the stock's par value (the value stated in the charter, which is usually lower than current market value)**. In 1932, the tax rose to **between 0.04 and 0.06 percent depending on the type of transaction**. In 1959, after firms had become practiced at manipulating par value to avoid tax, **the base was changed to market value, and the rate was cut to 0.04 percent**. From 1960 to 1966, stocks were taxed at the **rate of 0.10 percent at issuance and 0.04 percent on transfer**.

The State of New York imposed a stock transfer tax from 1905 to 1981. The tax is still levied, but since 1981 it has been refunded upon request. The tax is \$0.0125 per share for stocks with prices under \$5, rising in steps to \$0.05 per share for stocks with prices of \$20 or more

The Documentary stamps of 1917 were overprinted "Stock Transfer" starting in 1918. Denominations from 1¢ to \$1,000 were overprinted. Our first example is a stock trade by **Jacquelin & de Coppet, 47 Broad street, New York, Sep 19, 1930s**.



The Stock "T" stood for the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., which reverted back to "T" in 1930. The Federal tax was \$1.25 and the New York State tax was \$1.00. This example shows the cents values and the \$1. The higher dollar values design is illustrated above with a \$50 stamp.



In 1940 the 1917-1933 documentary tax stamps were overprinted "Stock Transfer" and "Series of 1940". This Oct 21, 1940 example from **Lapham, Davis & Bianchi, 44 Pine Street, New York** is taxed 78¢ for Federal Tax and \$2 for the New York State Tax.



In 1940 a NEW design of stamps with values from 1¢ to \$10,000 was created and overprinted each year thru 1952. Aug 4, 1942 sale by **Akin-Lambert Co., Los Angeles, Calif.** Taxed at \$1.25. High value design \$1,000 stamp shown at left.



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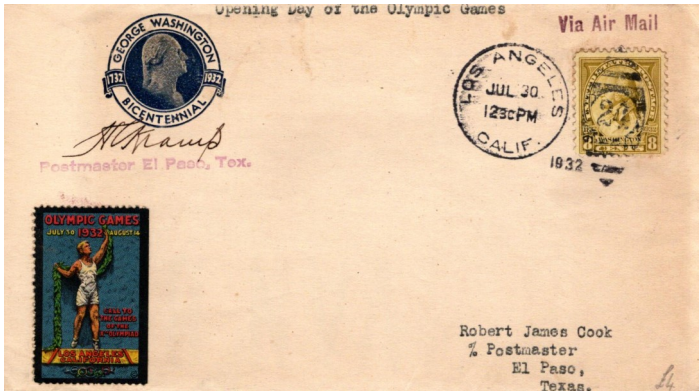
The Rockford Stamp Club



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WEB SITE UPDATE - The website is being designed and should be up in this winter.

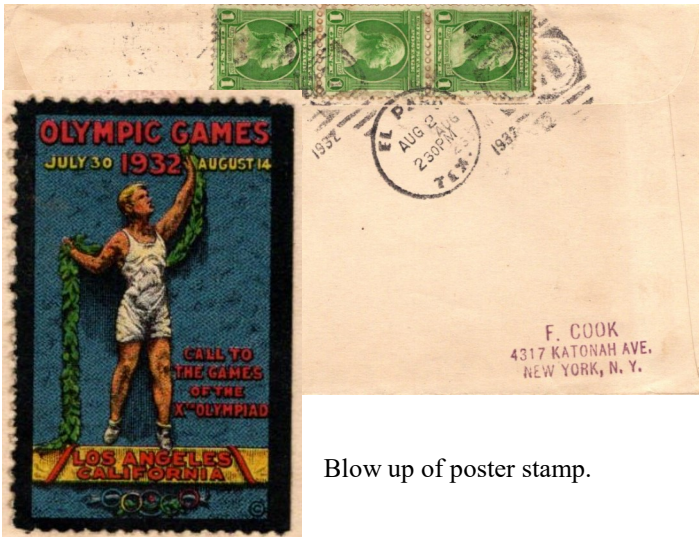
1932 Summer Olympics



Airmail letter send from Los Angeles on July 30, 1932, the Opening Day of the Summer Olympics. Addressed to Robert James Cook, PM El Paso, Texas. Washington Bicentennial envelope with a nice poster stamp.

Turned over with 3c postage to send the cover to F. Cook, New York.

A fun Washington Bicentennial cover.



Blow up of poster stamp.

Loves Park Panthers Stamp Club

We had a fine group of youth displays at the show in March. This is a fun project that many of the members work on during the winter. **Below is an updated list of topics that they are looking for material to expand their collections.** If you have anything in any of these areas that you would like to donate, **please bring it to the meetings soon.**

France - Sweden

Snakes - Cats - Frogs

Central African Animals

Elephants

Birds - Flowers

Butterflies - Sea Life

Planets - Space

Presidents - Cars

Any and all material relating to the above topics will be appreciated. Some are more advanced than others but Tammy helps them all with their exhibits.

ROCKFORD 2-3-4 Stamp Expo 2019 Dealers

The dealers in **RED** have already paid for their tables for the Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo in 2019. The others are listed as probable. Start putting together your want lists and let them know plenty of time before the show to make sure they bring what YOU want to see! 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!

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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.

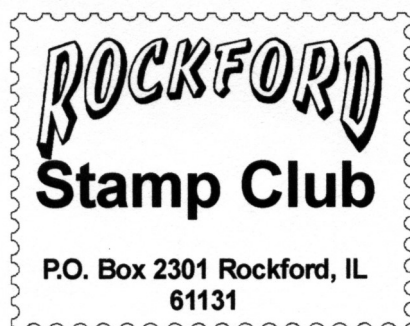
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Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

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



December Meetings

Wednesday, Dec 5 and Tuesday Dec 18

Wednesday Holiday Party Meeting

All lots and sales donated to Ken-Rock Kids

Bring some treats to share!