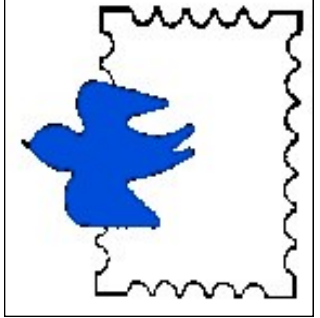


ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

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

Wednesday, December 1

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

Tuesday, December 21

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

Wednesday, November 3rd: November we were down to 16 members and one guest. **Matt Mace** was back with some great auction lots on which spirited bidding ended the evening. **Tim Wait** missed the meeting due to his Grandson's potential exposure to Covid-19. He tested negative so all clear! A special thank you to **Tim Copus** who often helps with the auction and them works 10pm - 6am at Woodman's. Thanks Tim!

2022-3 Elections are upon us. President Schmitt appointed **Stanley Campbell, Jeff Hall and Bruce Marquardt** as the nominating committee. Please let them know if you are interested in serving YOUR club.

Show & Tell.....

1. **Hank Fox** - showed a wooden post card from WI.
2. **Lee Barrie** - talked about Permit Holder Initials on precanceled stamps.
3. **Frank Schmitt** - showed "ABCD" Mail for Better Business Service. Letters mailed by 11am would be delivered by 3pm in the same city. Sure not happening today! Frank also showed some stamps from an accumulation from a friends mother that caught his eye and made him do some research.

Mystery Raffle was won by Dave Archer and his wife.

Annual Ken-Rock Kids Charity Auction December 1, 2021

For MANY years our club has held a charity auction at our Wednesday night meeting in December. **ALL lots are donated and ALL proceeds go to our meeting location's Ken-Rock Kids program. This is most of the funding available to give these kids a Holiday party.**

Please bring some decent lots for donation and remember to bid generously so we can continue supporting this excellent organization.

Don't forget to bring a treat so we can have some extra holiday cheer too!

Tuesday, November 16th: 14 members AND 167 lots and \$48 for the club. Find the time to go talking stamps and get some new items for your collection at a Tuesday morning meeting!

Global Pandemic Issue of the Month



Russia

Hero's of the Corona-virus Pandemic



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Sat-Sun Dec 4-5 MSDA - Madison

Madison, WI. Double Tree by Hilton—Madison East, 4402 E. Washington Ave. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. 15 dealers, free admission. (Contact: Michael mules 414-234-9867, msdastampshow.com)

Sat Feb 12 Janesville Stamp Show

Janesville, WI. Holiday Inn Express, 3100 Wellington Place. Hours: 9:30-4. 12 dealers, exhibits, free admission. (Contact: Aimee Devine 608-758-1354, spanishmoss72@sbcglobal.net)

Sat-Sun Feb 19-20 Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo

Loves Park, IL. Forest Hills Lodge, 1601 West Lane Rd (Hwy 173). Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4. 13 dealers, competitive exhibits, daily silent auction, free admission.

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



50th Anniversary-Women's Sports



The Shark Lady



Pony Cars



Women's Rowing



National Marine Sanctuaries
Stamps depicting scenes from many of the National Marine Sanctuaries.

The National Marine Sanctuaries and Mighty Mississippi will have maps printed on the back of the liner paper showing a) the National marine Sanctuary System and b) the Central US showing the Mississippi and its tributaries.

Mighty Mississippi

Stamps depicting scenes along the River.



There were a few more stamps unveiled and of course many more unannounced stamps will be released too.

President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

It goes without saying that time "flies". It is again time for a slate of officers and director/s to be presented to the club for election. All officers' positions are up for election and a board of directors' position is up for election. A slate of candidates will be presented by the nominating committee and nominations will also be accepted from the floor. These positions are open to all members in good standing. If interested, please let the nominating committee know before the meeting or make your nomination from the floor. Keep in mind the officers' positions are for a two-year term and the board of directors' position is a six-year term.

We are making some progress in increasing attendance at our meetings but would still like to see more faces. The number of lots in the auctions is increasing as is some really spirited bidding as some better lots are offered. Keep up the good work, the clubs' percentage realized from the auction has been consistently covering our room rental and helping to maintain our treasury balance.

Remember, the Wednesday night meeting auction for this month, **December, benefits Ken-Rock kids and is typically used as the sole funding for their Christmas party. All proceeds from the donated auction lots go to the kids.** Bring several lots, bid often and bid high, let's give them a good donation this year. Additional cash donations are always accepted and presented in the name of the club so feel free to donate a bit extra. Also, feel **free to bring a Christmas treat to share as this is also our Christmas party.** The third Tuesday auction will be business as usual, normal auction with proceeds to seller, minus club commission.

Also, our **2022 Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo (Show) is fast approaching, February 19-20, 2022.** Be sure and add these dates to your calendars and help make our show a success by volunteering to help in any of numerous areas, by attending, and by supporting our dealers. We are also planning on having our silent auction and welcome any lots you can assemble, keep in mind there is a \$5.00 minimum bid for all silent auction lots. Hopefully, COVID-19 will not derail this show.

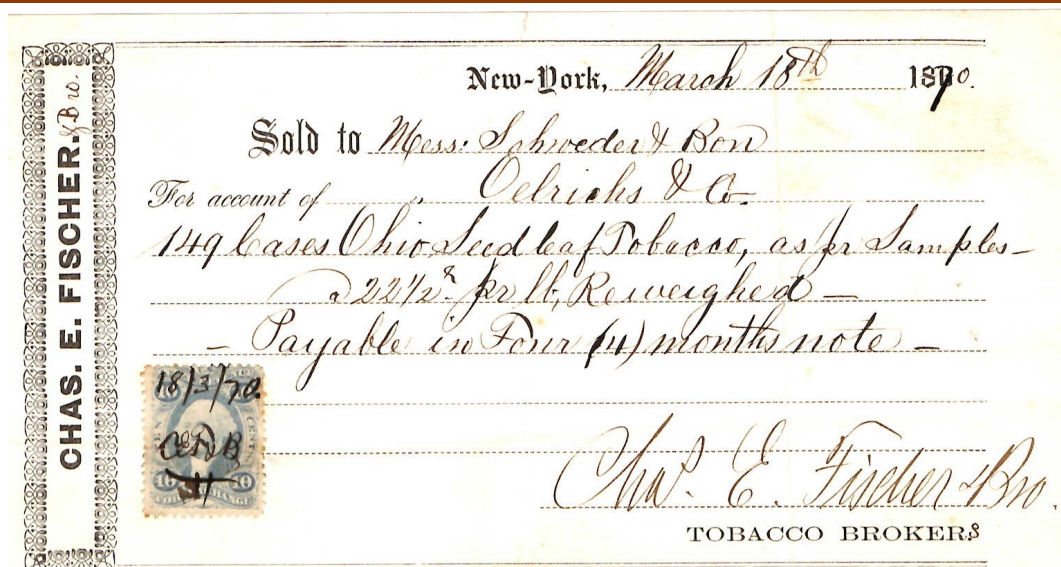
I did have the opportunity to attend the Chicagopex show on Friday as a last-minute decision and apologize for not offering anyone a ride. I was able to attend the UN First Day Ceremony for the issuance of the World Toilet Day stamps. While it garners a chuckle it is a serious matter as there is over 4 billion people without access to toilets and sanitary water. Probable show and tell here.

Hopefully we will see you at the meeting. Remember your show and tell, treat to share, and auctions lots for the benefit auction and your name for the ballot for an officers' position.

Stay safe and happy collecting!

Civil War Revenue Tax 1862-1872 - Tim Wait

This space features interesting Civil War documents from my collection. I can probably continue this space until.....2099!



Mar. 18, 1870. Chas. E. Fischer, Tobacco Brokers. 149 cases Ohio Seed leaf Tobacco, payable in four months note. Broker's note or memorandum if the sale of any goods or merchandise, tax 10¢. This tax stayed the same from the beginning to end of the tax in 1872. Nice Foreign Exchange Ultramarine R35e. The dark blue stamps were changed to ultramarine in 1870 so cancels would show more clearly. It worked but was quickly discontinued as the stamps didn't print very well.

Central America Part 3 - Nicaragua - Tim Wait



Introduction

Central America was first visited and partially subjugated by Europeans from Spain in the 1500's. They partially controlled the region but continually fought with the British in theatres here and world wide! Today Central America is made up of seven countries. Below is their date of first stamp issuance.

Costa Rica - 1863
 Honduras - 1865
 Nicaragua - 1862
 El Salvador - 1867
 Guatemala - 1871
 Panama - 1878

Belize - 1981 (formerly British Honduras)

We will start from their first stamp issues - Classic Period to current. **Let's move on to Nicaragua, 1862.**

Nicaragua is a Republic (?) with a population of about 6.2 million. It has been in the news for the tainted reelection of President Daniel Ortega. He imprisoned many of his political opponents and has been accused a having a rigged election. Ortega and his wife have been banned from the US and sanctions have been placed on many of his advisors and staff. It is quickly becoming a very unstable nation.

Nicaragua did not follow the "Presidents & Generals" path of stamp issues. Their first issue showed the Liberty Cap on Mountain Peak; from their Seal. This design was issued on yellowish paper in 1862, white paper from 1869-71 and Rouletted 8½ from 1878-90.



It was unusual for the same design to be in use for 30 years. In 1882 a different design showing the Seal of Nicaragua was released. Eight years later in 1890 a Locomotive and Telegraph Key design was issued. Other 19th Century designs portrayed Goddess of Plenty, Columbus Sighting Land, Victory, Coat of Arms and a Map of Nicaragua.



These stamps were issued in about 10 denominations every year or two until the end of the century. Thereafter, until 1912, these stamps were surcharged with new values numerous times. Nicaragua continued with a very conservative stamp issue policy until joining the "issues for collector's" policy in the 1970's.

Nicaragua's first airmails in 1929 were overprints. The first airmail design was of Airplanes over Mt. Momotombo. Just like the other Central American countries, airmail stamps were issued in prodigious quantities for collectors with over 1,200 issues by 2006.



Card Proof

Nicaragua had a similar array of special service stamps including, Air Post Officials, Officials (384 up to 1939!), Postage Due, and Postal Tax stamps from 1921-1962.



Postage Due

Official
 Inverted
 Ovpt

Postal
 Tax

The stamps of Nicaragua for the most part catalog very little in Scott, many at the minimum 25c. But, just try to find all of these stamps! New issues are issued sporadically with no notice and poor distribution. And of course you have to watch out for fake overprints of a dizzying variety on all the older issues. There is demand for many Central American stamps, but due to the political and civil unrest, there is less in Nicaragua.

Next month El Salvador.

Welcome to the Rockford Illinois Stamp Club Website

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.

United Nations First Day

At Chicagopex there was a First Day for the United Nations stamps commemorating World Toilet Day. This is meant to bring to light the need to get running water and proper facilities for better sanitary conditions to almost 4 Billion people around the world that do not have access.

The stamps depict three of the most important ways toilets, water and hygiene add value to our lives.

1. 58¢ stamp - Safely managed toilets and water services dispose of waste, helping prevent food/crop contamination.
2. CHF 1,00 stamp - Good Hygiene practices are possible only with reliable and affordable water and sanitary services, which help protect people from preventable diseases.
3. €1,00 stamp - Toilets at home, school and workplaces are particularly important for women and girls especially during pregnancy and menstruation which helps them contribute to society.



CHICAGOPEX Report

CHICAGOPEX was held last weekend, November 19-21. There was a good crowd Friday morning but not quite as many attendees as usual. The Coronavirus is still keeping some at risk people from attending. Saturday was again well attended with brisk business at the dealers bourse. Many dealers reported strong sales just from fewer buyers.

There were many interesting speakers on a variety of topics. Four societies met and had exhibits and held dinners. The Germany Philatelic Society, Polonus Polish Philatelic Society, Lithuanian Philatelic Society and the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE).

Exhibits came from all over the US and even Luxembourg! The Grand award went to *Postal History of the 1861 United States 24-cent Adhesive* by Rob Fox from Iowa. The Single Frame Grand went to *Trans-Oceanic Uses of the 30 Cent Issues of the US 1861-1868* by Richard Drews of Indiana. There were many other wonderful exhibits to view and enjoy!

CHICAGOPEX is one of the premier major shows held in the US each year (except last year!) and we are lucky to have it just over an hour away in Itasca. I saw a few of our members in attendance. You shouldn't miss this opportunity to immerse yourself in stamp collecting for a day, or three! Put the show on your calendar for next year. November 18-20, 2022.

ROCKFORD 2-3-4 2022 February 19-20, 2022 Dealers

We will be approaching all our past show dealers to participate in the long awaited Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo - 2022. We had two dealers scheduled for 2020 returning after multi-year absences, James Newland from Peoria and Pphol's Stamps from Dubuque. Hopefully, many of our dealers will be returning to our show next year. **Remember to support our dealers throughout the year and contact them let them know what you need.**

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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 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.

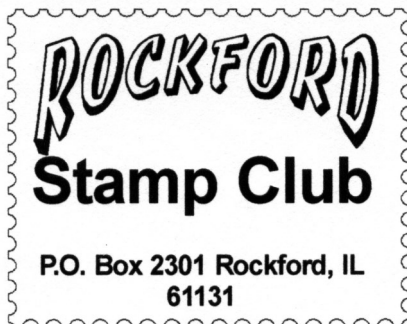
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1991 Perry Arnquist Emeritus	1999 Dwane Kaplenk*
1992 Evert Thelene *	2000 Thomas Johnston
1993 Donald Arnquist	2001 Mike Peters
1994 Otto Ehlers *	2002 Craig Edgington
1995 Dick Wibom *	2003 Earl Button
1996 Dan Hammell *	2004 Timothy Wait
1997 Robert Rosell *	2012 Tim Gallagher *
1998 Matt Mace	

* Closed album



IN-PERSON Meetings are BACK!

Wednesday, December 1 at 5:30/7pm

Tuesday, December 21 at 9/10am

Our NEW location is 625 Adams St.