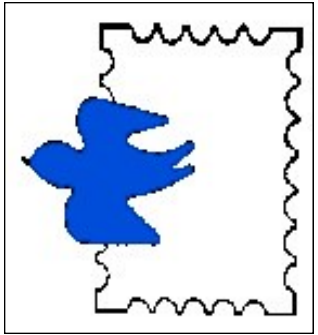


# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

## ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

### Wednesday, February 1

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

### Tuesday, February 21

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

**Wednesday, January 4th:** 11 members and two guests. McKenna and John (Tammy's "stepdaughter and step-son"). John was very active in the auction winning numerous German lots.

Show report. 12 dealers with 23 tables. Jeff will do security. **Discussed new 4-page exhibit for club members. See page five for more details.**

President Schmitt spoke briefly about stamp collecting and trying to recruit new people into the hobby. Noted it is becoming more and more difficult because of the downward trend in the amount of first-class mail and lack of use of postage stamps to attract the attention of kids. Many are unaware of what a postage stamps actually is! Unavailability of new issues at all post offices is also an issue.

Frank discussed using discount postage and the attention and interest it has initiated amongst the window clerks and having one or two show enough interest to start collecting! He has given them a few topical stamps and the service he receives seems to have greatly improved!

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

1. **Stanley Campbell** - showed paper money, cover from England with several new issues including a pirate! Contents were two Swiss Prisoner of War covers. While neutral, Switzerland interned prisoners and mediated exchanges.
2. **Alan Skoog** - shared examples of album pages he and his son designed. He shows single mint, used, FDC and a plate block. He has 40-50 BINDERS in this collection.

Alan also started collecting national Tuberculosis Seals, which is a huge undertaking. Discussion followed with Steve Capone added good information about catalogue resources, booklets and other formats. Some remembered going door to door selling the seals for a penny!

**Tuesday mornings** continue to be a fun time and great auction! They are always MANY lots to bid on to add to your collection. YOU should bring some lots to sell off your duplicate or unneeded material (nothing is unwanted!) and acquire some great new items.

This is a good opportunity for any of our members who don't want to or are unable to drive at night. But of course, all members are welcome to attend.



## Upcoming Stamp Shows

### **Sat Feb 11 Janesville Stamp Show**

Janesville, WI. Holiday Inn Express, 3100 Wellington Pl. Hours Sat 9:30-4. Bourse and exhibits. Free admission.

### **Sat-Sun Feb 25-26 Stampfest '23**

St. Francis, WI. Milwaukee philatelic Society. St. Francis Lions Community Center, 3476 E. Howard Ave. Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Bourse only. Free admission.

### **Sat-Sun Mar 11-12 Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo**

Loves Park, IL Forest Hills Lodge, 1601 West Lane Rd. (Hyw 173). Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4. See page 5.

### **Sat Mar 18 Baypex '23**

Green Bay, WI. Green Bay Philatelic Society, St. Matthew Catholic Church, 2575 S. Webster Ave. (parking in rear). Hours 9-4. Bourse only. Free admission.

**Ask other members if you are interested in going to a show. Ride sharing can be a big savings and fun!**



**Women's Soccer**  
**First Class Forever (63c)**  
 Pane of 20  
 Feb 16– Orlando, FL

This stamp issuance celebrates women's soccer in the United States. From youth leagues to the elite world champion U.S. national team, millions of girls and women throughout the country participate in this fast-paced, competitive sport. The graphic stamp artwork depicts a female soccer player in action, walloping a ball with a side volley. Conjuring the aesthetic of mid-century print design, the illustrator used simplified shapes and bold colors to convey the high energy and fast motion of the sport. Per the Postal People, "The somewhat grainy rendering lends a timeless quality to the design, evoking not just a single all-star athlete or era but the entire legacy of women's soccer." Art director Antonio Alcalá designed the stamp with an original illustration by Noah MacMillan (1988-2022).



**\$10 Floral Geometry**  
**\$10 Large Items**  
 Pane of 4  
 Feb 24 - San Diego, CA

A new Floral Geometry stamp, denominated at \$10, will be available for purchase, complementing the similarly designed \$2 and \$5 stamps issued in 2022. The stamps lend an elegant and contemporary appearance to packages, large envelopes and other mailings. The stamp art features a series of overlapping geometric shapes that mimic the symmetry of floral patterns found in nature. According to the Postal People, "the watercolor background and the glimmer of the foil-stamped design and typography create a sophisticated look." The stamp will be issued in panes of four. The stamps were designed and created by the firm Spaeth Hill. Antonio Alcalá was the art director.



**Patriot Block**  
**Non-Profit ORG**  
 Coils of 3,000 & 10,000  
 Mar 1 - Liberty, NY

Patriotic Block will be a new nondenominated, nonprofit-price stamp intended for bulk mailings by authorized nonprofit organizations and will be sold in self-adhesive coils of 3,000 and 10,000. This stamp displays the components of the American flag—the stars and stripes—arranged in a four-quadrant block on a white background. Carol Beehler designed the stamp with art direction by Antonio Alcalá.

## Recent Acquisitions - by Tim Wait



JL 16, 1965. Air Mail / Special Delivery. Uprated 7c stamped envelope for the 8c Domestic rate. 30c Special delivery. Redondo Beach, Calif. To....**Hong Kong!** No postage due!

Backstamped Beacon's Field House, July 3 and Returned Letter Office July 9. No forwarding address. Redondo Beach Aug 17, 1965. HOW did this get to Hong Kong without 25c?



# President's Corner - Frank Schmitt



Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

Hopefully you have all been busy working on your collections and even possibly putting together an exhibit. The weather has been good to us, no disruptions, i.e., shoveling snow or salt spreading. There haven't even been bad road conditions to prevent any of us from traveling to many of the recent stamp shows in Milwaukee and Glen Ellyn. With any luck we will share this mild weather for the upcoming Janesville Stamp Show, February 11<sup>th</sup>, and of course, **Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo, March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.**

Speaking of Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo, we are still in need of volunteers to assist in set-up and tear-down of exhibits, manning the registration table, silent auction, mystery box raffle sales and of course attending and supporting our dealers. We will also need lots for the silent auction (minimum \$5.00 starting bid), 10 lots per day per member. Exhibits are also welcome and needed. Remember RSC members may enter a non-competitive 4-page exhibit to show off what they like to collect and share with others.

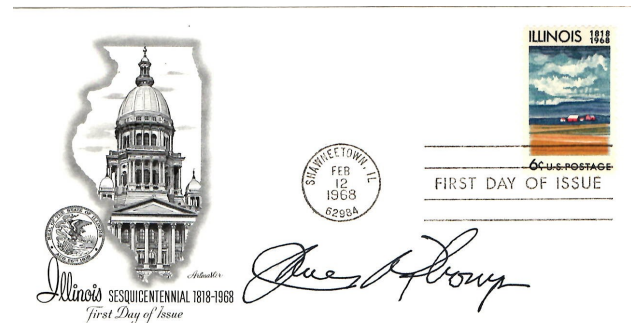
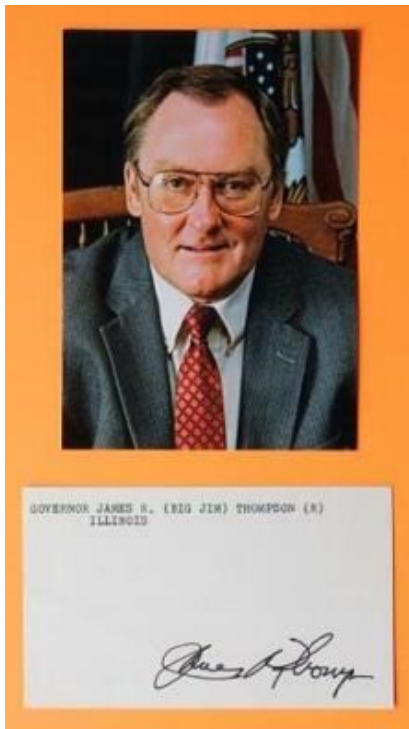
Attendance at our Wednesday night meetings and Tuesday morning auctions is still down, and it would be nice to see more members smiling faces. We understand that many members might have transportation issues, however, if you reach out, we may be able to find you a ride. Your attendance is important for the health of the club as well as yours. We also learn a lot from each other through the show and tell or sharing your individual expertise on a stamp, cover, or collecting area. Try it again, you may like it.

If you are using discount postage, remember the first-class postage rate increased to 63 shiny pennies effective January 22<sup>nd</sup> and believe it or not, it's still a bargain.

Stay safe and happy collecting.

## Illinois Sesquicentennial Autographs - by Tim Wait

Mystery solved! After a few suggestions that didn't pan out, Frank Schmitt came up with the answer. One would never guess by looking at the signature but it belongs Gov. James Thompson 1977-1991.



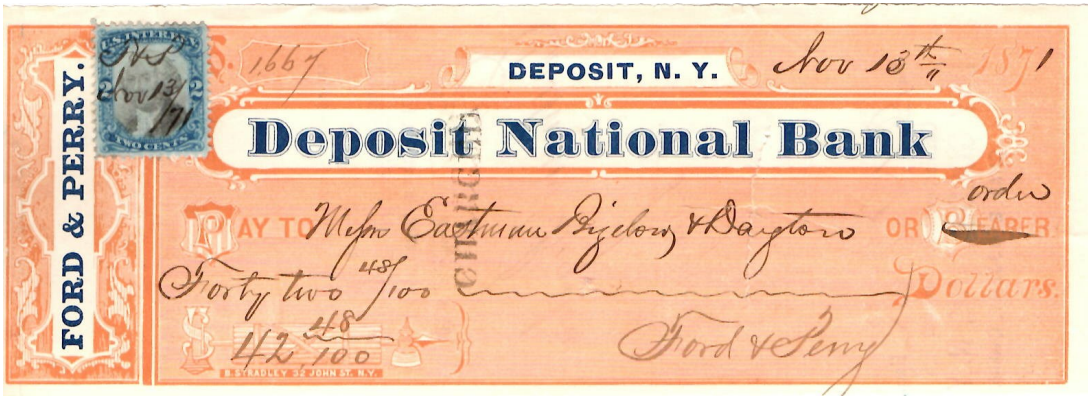
James Robert Thompson Jr., also known as Big Jim Thompson, was an American attorney and politician who served as the 37th governor of Illinois from 1977 to 1991. Elected four times he was Illinois longest serving governor.

An almost identical signature on this item being sold on eBay.

A collector sent this 1968 FDC to Gov. Thompson sometime during his tenure.

# Second Issue U.S. Revenues - by Tim Wait

The Tax Act of 1862 went into effect October 1, 1862. Stamps were eventually issued in many denominations from 1c to \$25 with specific stamps for each document taxed. For these three they would have been inscribed "Bank Check", "Inland Exchange" and "Certificate". Internal Revenue was very concerned with the washing and reuse of revenue stamps. Unlike postage stamps, which were normally used in small denominations from 3c to 10c, revenue stamps were of much higher denominations and washing could be very lucrative. To deter washing and reuse, a Second series of stamps was issued November 1, 1871 using special paper and a fugitive black ink for the portrait of Washington surrounded in blue. Since the requirement to use the matching type of stamp had been rescinded December 25, 1862 because of the inability of the printers to supply and keep up with demand, these new stamps did not need a type listed.



Bank Check  
Nov 13, 1871 early use  
Deposit National Bank  
Deposit, N.Y.

By 1871 only checks or drafts drawn on a bank, in any amount, were still being taxed 2c.

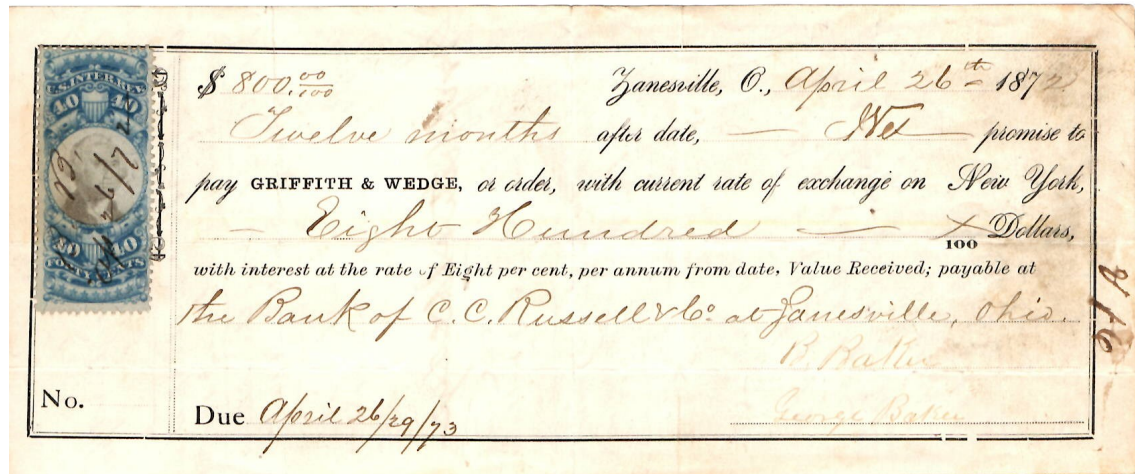
Strikingly colorful check!

Inland Exchange  
(Promissory Note)  
April 26, 1872

Promise to pay \$800 to  
Griffith & Wedge, Za-  
nesville, O.

Tax 5c per \$100

The 40c Second issue  
(120,972 issued) is scarce  
on document with less  
than 15 recorded!



Dauphin County, ss.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



*Jas H Nesley* Prothonotary of the Court of  
Common Pleas, in and for said county, DO CERTIFY, that on the  
*Twentieth* day of *Septem* A. D. 1872  
*William Parcell* a native of  
*England* who landed at

*New York April 30 1870 and New at about 23 yrs of age*

declared on oath, before me, that it is, bona fide, his intention to become a citizen of the United States; and to renounce forever, all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to *Victoria Queen of Great Britain* his heirs and successors forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and the seal of the said Court, the  
*20th* day of *September* in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and *seventy two*



*Jas H Nesley* Prothonotary

Certificate  
September 20, 1872

William Parcell, native of England. Citi-  
zenship intention and to renounce alle-  
giance to Victoria Queen of Britain.

Certified by Jas. H Nesley,  
Prothonotary (Chief Clerk) of Dauphin  
County, Commonwealth of Penn.

Taxed at 5c

The tax on all documents except Bank  
Check (2c) was ending in just 10 days on  
September 30. Court Clerks mostly used  
5c stamps and in this case he decided to  
cut a 10c diagonally in half for a 5c  
stamp. Perhaps he had run out of 5c  
stamps or was trying to use up 10c  
stamps with less demand.

Stamp uncanceled but tied by ghost  
image on paper. Very rare on document!

# 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.

## Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo \*\*\* March 11-12, 2023

Show details and important information.

**Where:** Forest Hills Lodge, 1601 West Lane Rd (Hwy 173), Loves Park.

**Hours:** Saturday 10-5 (Set up starting at 8am)  
Sunday 10-4 (Take down exhibits 3pm)

**Volunteer:** We can always use volunteers to set up exhibit frames and put in the exhibits. Last show we really needed more help with takedown so please consider staying to help. **We also need help welcoming guests at the front desk. Sign up sheets at meetings before show.**

**Banquet:** Last show we were very disappointed with Stockholm Inn. They have put in a minimum count of 25 which we didn't reach and the club had to pay for the under count. We started at 6pm and were informed shortly thereafter that they were closing at 7pm! We are actively looking for a new location. **We need a location to seat up to 25-30 and a private or semi secluded room so we can present awards. If you know of any place, especially closer to the show, please let Tammy Copus or Tim Wait know.**

**Dealers:** We will be slightly raising table fees this year. Last show we only had 10 paid dealers. We really need 12-13 to cover our increasing costs in 2024.

**Auction:** Start setting aside your more costly items for the show auction now! Usually there is a lot more bidding than at meetings. **Minimum starting price is \$5.**

**Exhibiting:** We will be having THREE opportunities to exhibit at the 2023 show!

A) 2-3-4 frame exhibits that will be professionally judged and compete for the "Coveted" Rockford Sock Monkey award.

B) single frame (16 pages) club frames that will be awarded first, second and third awards.

C) **NEW - 4 PAGE member showcase. This is meant to be a fun way to show a mini-exhibit. This can be an easy way to get started in exhibiting. No judging, no pressure, just show off something special.** See Tim with any questions. 815-670-5869 or t.wait@comcast.net

### Dues Notice

Due to continued increases in ink, paper and postage over the last year, it was approved by the membership to raise dues to \$15 for a mailed newsletter and \$8 for an emailed newsletter. This is the first increase we have had in a long time and it was necessary to cover just the cost of the newsletter.

We hope you can come to a meeting and pay in person, but since attendance has been so much lower we are giving you notice here and you can send your checks to:

Rockford Stamp Club \*\* PO Box 242 \*\* Belvidere, IL 61008-0242

### ROCKFORD 2-3-4 2023 Dealers

The below dealers should all be attending the 2023 show. We continue to look for new dealers. Make sure to let them know if you are looking for something specific so they can be sure to bring it to the show! **Remember to support our dealers throughout the year for all your philatelic needs.**

Terry Kurzinski  
Cherry Valley, IL  
815-262-9117

David Alex, Sat. Only  
Glenview, IL  
847-291-7826

WYstamps.com  
Wayne Youngblood  
Prairie Du Sac, WI  
608-370-9098

Steve Capone  
Rockford, IL  
815-394-0537

Bardo Stamps  
Jim Bardo  
Buffalo Grove, IL  
847-634-2676

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

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

Larry's Stamps  
Plover, WI  
715-341-6767

J Freedom Stamps  
Jack Freedom  
LaGrange, IL  
773-370-9659

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

Riverbank Treasurers  
Jerry Wessler  
New Lisbon, WI  
608-515-6150

Buy the Stamp  
Rick Hyams  
Arlington Heights, IL  
847-414-5408

# 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.

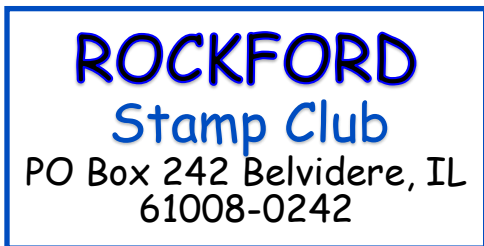
## The 2022-2023 Club Officers

President.....Frank Schmitt  
815-226-4391  
Vice-President.....Ward Miller  
Secretary.....Tammy Copus  
Treasurer.....Hank Fox  
Director.....Tim Copus  
Director.....Steve Capone  
Director.....Ted Gifford  
Show Chairman.....Tim Wait  
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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



**We've been missing many of you!**  
**Wednesday, February 1 at 5:30/7pm**  
**Tuesday, February 21 at 9/10am**  
**Our NEW location is 625 Adams St.**