

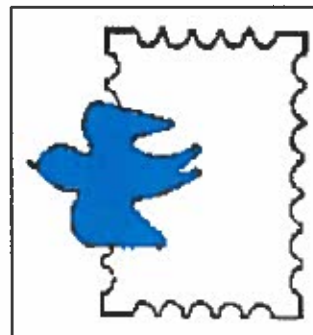
ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

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

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

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

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

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

1st Wednesday Update: At the Wednesday May 3rd meeting we had 28 members and one visitor, Jim Bean, a friend of Pat Mattison's.

We returned with our monthly raffle which was very well supported raising \$51. The winners were **Tim & Tammy Copus**.

The main topic of the evening was whether we should change locations for our meeting. A potential location, The Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church at Mulford & Harrison, was identified. Frank and some of the officers visited the facility and everything would work well except we would have to change the meeting night. See

3rd Tuesday Update: The Tuesday May 16th meeting there were 16 in attendance. 143 lots of fine philatelic material, something for everyone! \$17 in club lots and a total for the club of \$67! It was nice to see that the meeting room had been cleaned up. Also, the kindergarten room, behind our meeting room, was cleaned out and is now available if we

Loves Park Panthers Stamp Club

Tammy reported that she gave out 21 certificates to the members of the Loves Park Panthers Stamp Club at their year end pizza party. All the members received stamp albums and stamps to keep them busy over the summer. She already has 15 members signed up for next year.

We had a nice showing of their collections at our show in March. Tammy hopes to get this project started earlier in the year this fall so they can have more time to work on

† In Memorial

With much sadness we report the passing of **Jan Fox** (1936-2017). Jan, wife of Treasurer Hank Fox, while not a stamp collector, was very supportive of our club and especially the Rockford Stamp Show.

Serving on the Publicity Committee with Hank, she was instrumental in getting us exposure of WIFR, Morning Blend news show for many years where I was able to promote the show. We also had a couple radio spots before they changed their format. Every year, Jan helped mail out over 400 postcards for the show.

At the show Jan was often times our Official Greeter at the front desk. A warm, friendly smiling face to welcome our guests.

Jan, a graduate of Rockford College and retired school teacher, was also active in the community in many acting and singing groups.

A Celebration of Life ceremony will be held from 1pm-



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Fri-Sat-Sun June 23-25 - National Topical Show

Milwaukee, WI. Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport., 6401 S. 13th St. Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun 10-3. American Topical Assn. 20+ dealers, exhibits. **A Great opportunity to have this annual show close to Rockford!**

Sat-Sun July 8-9 - MSDA Summer Show

Prospect Heights, IL. Country Inn & Suites, 600 Milwaukee Ave. Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. 20 dealers, seminars, free admission.

USPS 2017 New Issues

Have A Ball One Ounce Forever Rate



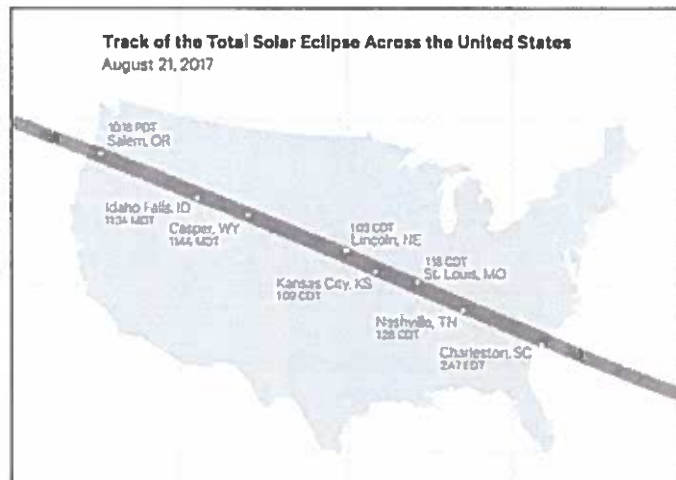
This set of eight stamps is intended to recognize America's passion for athletics. The stamps feature illustrations of eight different sports balls: **baseball, basketball, football (on the upper left stamp, with the point facing head on), golf, kickball, soccer, tennis and volleyball.** Millions in the U.S. participate annually in the sports represented on the stamps.

The stamps will be issued at the 117th U.S. Open Championship in Hartford, WI. The ceremony will be part of the U.S. Golf Association's Flag Day celebration.

To attend the standing room only ceremony, you must present a 2017 U.S. Open ticket, or a free special access ticket available for request only at usps.com/haveaball.

The stamps feature a special coating applied to

Total Solar Eclipse 1st Class Forever Rate

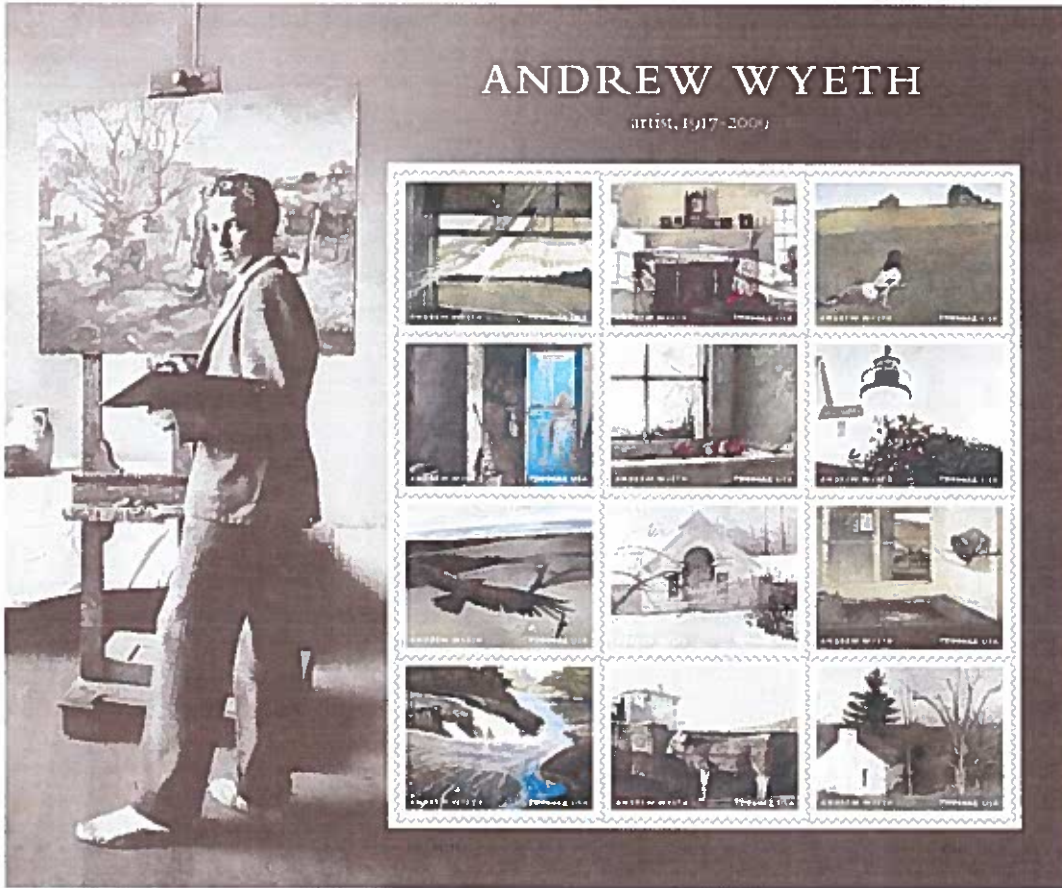


The U.S. Postal Service will issue on June 20 a forever stamp noting this year's total solar eclipse using a special kind of ink that will make an image of the moon appear beneath your thumb. The stamp, printed in panes of 16, will be released in anticipation of the August 21 total eclipse of the sun that will track diagonally across the United States from Oregon to South Carolina, the Postal Service said today in a news release. It's the first such eclipse appearing over the United States mainland since 1979.

Thermochromic ink is being used on a U.S. stamp for the first time, the Postal Service said in a news release. As sold, an image of the eclipse appears in the center of the stamp. Using the body heat of your thumb or fingers and rubbing the eclipse image will reveal an underlying image of the moon. The image reverts back to the eclipse once it cools. Thermochromic inks are vulnerable to UV light and should be kept out of direct sunlight as much as possible to preserve this special effect. To help ensure longevity, the Postal Service will be offering a special envelope to hold and protect the stamp pane for a nominal fee.

The stamp images are photographs taken by astrophysicist Fred Espenak, who is known as Mr. Eclipse, of Portal, Arizona. The photo of total eclipsed moon on the stamp was taken March 29, 2006 in Jalu, Libya. Tens of millions of people in the United States hope to view the rare event. The eclipse will travel a narrow path across the entire country for the first time since 1918. The path will run west to east from Oregon to South Carolina and will include portions of 14 states. The first-day-of-issue ceremony will be at 1:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) June 20 at the [Art Museum of the University of](http://www.artmuseum.org)

USPS 2017 New Issues



Andrew Wyeth One Ounce Forever Rate

Mastering a realistic style that defied artistic trends, Andrew Wyeth created paintings based largely on people and places in his life—producing a body of work that continues to resist easy or comfortable interpretation. Finding endless inspiration both in his hometown of Chadds Ford, Pa., and in rural Maine, he scrutinized the lives, houses and personal belongings of people around him, sometimes painting their portraits but just as often using objects and places to represent them.

TIGER | BUD BLAKE



A recent comic strip that Proves that kids still collect stamps!

U.S. Plate Blocks

At the Wednesday, June 7th meeting Ted Gifford will be giving a short talk about collecting U.S. plate blocks. As many of you are aware plate block collecting was very popular up until the late 1970s when the USPS started using multicolor presses that required collectors to purchase and mount up to twenty stamps instead of the standard four stamps to get the plate numbers.

Eventually the USPS quit putting on plate numbers and then reversed their position and started putting numbers so a collector could get a block of four again.

Come to the meeting to see how Ted collects and it might

Do you have a topic to educate us on?

We would like to have a brief 10-15 minute presentation at more of our meetings. The Rockford Stamp Clubs original purpose included “increase knowledge of philately by mutual cooperation”. How better to do that than by having our members speak on their topic of expertise.

Any topic can be discussed from a broad focus to a narrow subject. US, world wide, stamps, covers you name it and be sure to bring some examples to pass around.

Please consider it and let Frank know if you want to

President's Corner

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

First and foremost, I want to thank all members attending the Wednesday night meeting in May for their participation and input in the discussion of moving our meeting location and possible change in the day of our meeting. After a lengthy and comprehensive discussion, the majority vote was to continue to meet at KenRock Community Center on the current days and times.

In the past, some members had requested a search for a different meeting location. A somewhat lengthy search and discussion with Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church at Harrison and Mulford resulted in an offer of space for our meetings. The church offered the space on a free-will donation basis, at least to start. Unfortunately, further discussion revealed there would be a conflict for Wednesday evening meetings and we would have to change our day. Discussion at our meeting was less than favorable in changing the day of the Wednesday meeting.

Staff at the KenRock building have indicated that the roof is to be repaired in June to stop the leaks we have been dealing with in addition to heating and air conditioning issues. Part of the decision not to move was based on this information. At our Tuesday auction for May there was puddles of water on the floor (which presents a slip and fall hazard) and puddles on a couple of tables (which would allow one to soak stamps while at the meeting). This did not deter us, we carried on and had a very successful auction.

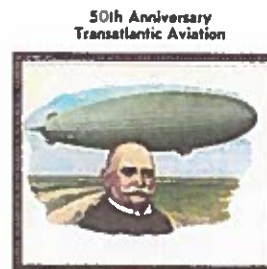
I am in hopes that the offer made by the church remains a viable option in the event KenRock is not successful in making the proposed repairs. I will entertain further discussion on this matter in September or October to reaffirm that repairs have been made and KenRock remains a suitable venue for our meetings.

Change is never easy but it may be inevitable, but for now all is status quo.

Also, a big thanks to everyone for their participation in our auctions, buyers and sellers alike, and especially for the donated club lots.

Ted Gifford will be giving a short presentation of plate block collecting and the Durland Standard Plate Number catalog

RECENT ACQUISITIONS (or Neat Stuff I Really Like) By Tim Wait



Rockford Show Covers!

I recently acquired the two "1977 Rockford Show Covers" on eBay. They have the show cancel but they are on Colorado "Silk" Cachet envelopes. The title is 50th Anniversary Transatlantic Flight. One shows Lindbergh and his plane but the other shows Count Von Zeppelin and his airship. A Zeppelin was in our cancel and Zeppelin collecting was really HOT in the late 1970's and early 1980s. The third show cover from 1980 is much more appropriate.

As far as I know, we have always allowed visitors to get their own covers cancelled with our show Pictorial Post Mark.

The Rockford Stamp Club



American Philatelic Society Chapter # 735

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.

Member Profiles

It's been a while since I asked for members to write a brief profile to share in the newsletter. How did you get started collecting? What do you collect? How do you acquire stamps or covers for your collection?

We had a few stories but it would be nice if some of you shared your story with the club. It doesn't have to be very long,

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	Wanted: FDC-Doris Gold Cachet Unaddressed and signed by Doris Gold. Cash or trade. Contact Hank

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

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

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

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