

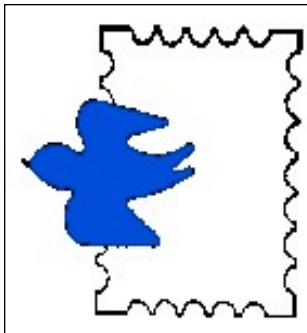
ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

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

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

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

1st Wednesday Update: At the Wednesday May 2nd meeting we had 27 members.

Hank Fox, Treasurer reported a healthy balance of \$4,156, and we already made the \$500 deposit for next year's show.

Tammy Copus informed us that her last youth meeting would be the second week of May. They all had a great year and she has loads of APS material for next year.

Hank presented **Tim Wait**, Newsletter Editor with a GOLD award from the annual APS Newsletter competition. A round of applause followed.

Ted Gifford made another presentation on the Beginnings of Rotary press printings discussing electric eyes and dry printing as seen on Prexie's. Thank you Ted!

Show & Tell.....

1. **Ruth Young** showed an 2002 Illinois postcard FDC.
2. **Matt Mace** showed a Russia to US cover with everything in English and Cyrillic.
3. **Tim Wait** showed three airmail covers that were returned due to suspended postal services.
4. **Hank Fox** showed ATA information on Fox Terriers dog stamps. A good way to learn from stamps.

NEW FEATURE - "Stump Steve" Steve Capone has offered to talk about your philatelic items to the club if you are not comfortable getting in front of the group. If you want to bring something to show and have him talk about it, just get it to him before the meeting starts!

Wednesday's Program

Since we don't have anything scheduled, lets have a **GIANT Show & Tell night!** Please try to bring in something to share with the membership. It can be anything, preferable philatelic, that you find interesting, fun or even something you want more information about.

3rd Tuesday Update: Tuesday, May 15th only had 14 on board but 103 auction lots. We got \$10.25 from club lots and \$37.65 from sellers for \$47.90 total. Bad news this was **Dennis Lemke's last club meeting.** He is moving back to Madison.

Why haven't YOU been to a Tuesday morning auction?

Member Update - New Feature

Steve Jennings called to thank all the club members for their cards and calls. He is still getting treatments but the prognosis is for a full recovery. He wants everyone to know that Rockford Coin & Stamp is still open but he probably won't be back in until after Labor Day. Stop by and see Matt for all your philatelic needs.

Tim Wait will be judging at NAPEX near Washington, DC. early June.

This spot will provide updates on our members. If you have info to post, contact Tim at 815-670-5869 or t.wait@comcast.net.



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Sat-Sun June 30-Jul 1 MSDA Summer Show

Milwaukee, WI. Crowne Plaza-Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S. 13th St. Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3, 20 dealers, free admission. Email: jfb7437@aol.com.

Sat-Sun Jul 7-8 MSDA Northside

Wheeling, IL. Ramada Inn, Chicago North Shore, 1090 S. Milwaukee Ave. Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Dealers, free admission.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

USPS 2018 New Issues

Frozen Treats

1st Class Forever Rate
June 20—Austin, TX



The Frozen Treats stamps showcase whimsical watercolor illustrations. The release date fits with the season, as Americans enjoy cool, refreshing ice pops on hot Summer days. Modern frozen treats are available in many varieties. Ice pops are made by large manufacturers, home cooks, and artisanal shops. In recent years, frozen treats containing fresh fruit such as kiwi, watermelon, blueberries, oranges, and strawberries have become more common. In addition, flavors such as chocolate, root beer, and cola are also popular.

The Postal People also have announced that the **Frozen Treats will be the first Scratch & Sniff U.S. stamps**, and “will add the sweet scent of summer to letters of love, friendship, party invitations and other mailings.”

Statute of Freedom

\$1, \$2, \$5
June 27—Bellefonte, PA



The \$1, \$2 and \$5 Statute of Freedom dollar-denominated stamps that will be released at APS Headquarters in Bellefonte, Pa. will replace the odd “Waves” stamps that were designed more for security than for design considerations. Working from the USPS news release: “These three designs feature the head of the statue that tops the United States Capitol dome, in a modern interpretation of an engraved vignette originally created for a 1923 stamp (the \$5 Head of Freedom Statue on Scott 573). The stamps were printed in intaglio—a process that is used when counterfeiting is a particular concern. The \$1 and \$2 will be issued in panes of 10, the \$5 in panes of 5.”



O Beautiful

1st Class Forever Rate
July 4—Colorado Springs, CO

With the release of O Beautiful, the Postal Service commemorates the beauty and majesty of the United States through images that correspond with one of the nation’s most beloved songs, “America the Beautiful.” From Wikipedia we learn “America the Beautiful...lyrics were written by Katharine Lee Bates...In 1893, at the age of 33, Bates, an English professor at Wellesley College, had taken a train trip to Colorado Springs, Colorado, to teach a short summer school session at Colorado College. Several of the sights on her trip inspired her, and they found their way into her poem, including the World’s Columbian Exposition in Chicago...the wheat fields of America’s heartland Kansas, through which her train was riding on July 16; and the majestic view of the Great Plains from high atop Pikes Peak.” I don’t see Chicago in any of the designs, but there certainly are many sites that would be appropriate for “America the Beautiful.”

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President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

I am happy to report that the full Board of Directors and Show Chairman met on May 9th graciously hosted by Vice-President Ward Miller. The meeting was very productive with a review of our 2018 Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp expo which resulted in some suggestions for improvement which will be discussed at future club meetings. We also discussed multiple issues regarding our club, club meetings, rolls and responsibilities of club officers and auctions.

The board will share our discussions, decisions and plans with you in other areas of this newsletter and at future meetings. It was decided to carry on with a program or presentation at each of our meetings to meet the purpose of our club as stated in the by-laws. If anyone would be interested in being the Program Coordinator, please let us know. We can explain what the function and duties of that person would entail. Please consider.

Thank you to Ted Gifford for his presentation last month on plate block numbering of rotary press printed stamps and the identification issues of the same. Please remember to bring a show and tell item to the meeting and share with the rest of the members.

Keep in mind there will not be a Wednesday meeting in July as is club tradition. This year July 4th happens to fall on the first Wednesday, a perfect time to start, or review an existing, topical collection of fireworks stamps. The July third Tuesday auction will be held as usual.

Happy stamp collecting!

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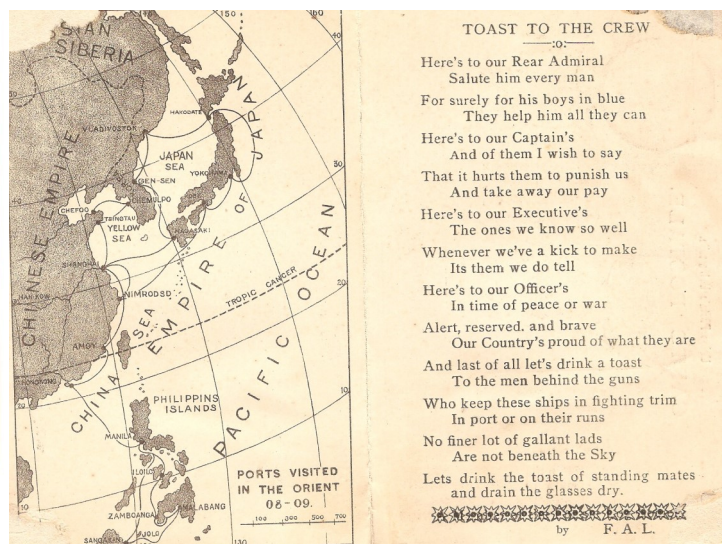
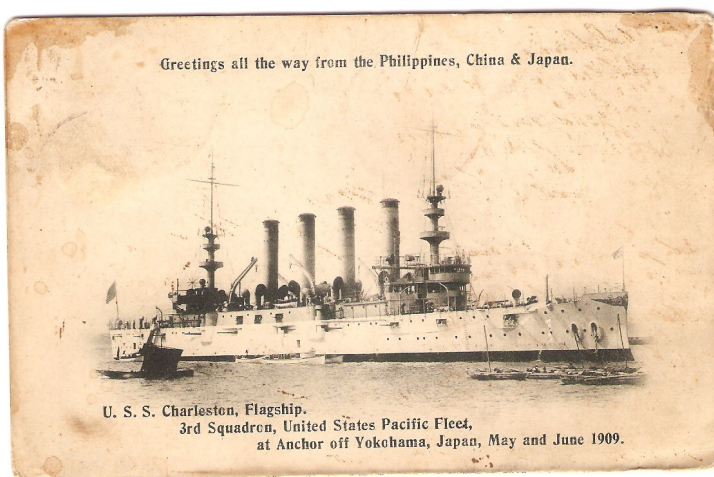


World War I
1st Class Forever Rate
July 27—Kansas City, MO

With this stamp, the Postal Service pays tribute to the sacrifice of American soldiers and millions of supporters on the home front who experienced World War I. Entering World War I (1914–1918) in its later stages, the United States helped



RECENT ACQUISITIONS By Stanley Campbell



This was in a packet all wrapped up, and all I saw was the picture of the USS Charleston. It was affordable, so I purchased it and found that it was a two pager, folded, and MAILED FROM KIAUTSCHOU! Kiautschou Bay was a German leased territory in Republican China; it from 1898 to 1914. Germany lost all overseas colonies after WWI.

The third USS Charleston (C-22/CA-19) was a United States Navy St. Louis-class protected cruiser. She was launched 23 January 1904 and served as flagship to the Pacific Fleet.

Mailed July 27, 1909, the inside shows the route the fleet took in the orient. I didn't see the stamps, only the picture of the ship, and took a chance. There were other postcards mailed mostly from the ship.

Countries ending in "Stan" by Tim Wait

We continue with the "New" countries in Central Asia ending in "stan,":

Kazakhstan - Kyrgyzstan - Tajikistan - Turkmenistan - Uzbekistan

As a generally accepted explanation, the suffix "stan" is an ancient Persian and/or Farsi word meaning *country, nation, land, or place of*, so, the country name of Afghanistan would then mean "homeland" of the Afghans, or *place of* the Afghans.

Kazakhstan, officially the **Republic of Kazakhstan** is the world's largest landlocked country, and the ninth largest in the world, with an area of 1,052,100 sq mi. It is the dominant nation of Central Asia economically, generating 60% of the region's GDP, primarily through its oil/gas industry.

Kazakhstan is officially a democratic, secular, unitary, constitutional republic with a diverse cultural heritage. Kazakhstan shares borders with Russia, China, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan, and also adjoins a large part of the Caspian Sea. **Kazakhstan was the last of the Soviet republics to declare independence during the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991.**



Kyrgyzstan, officially the **Kyrgyz Republic** is a landlocked country with mountainous terrain. It is bordered by Kazakhstan to the north, Uzbekistan to the west and southwest, Tajikistan to the south-west and China to the east. Its capital and largest city is Bishkek.

Kyrgyzstan's recorded history spans over 2,000 years. Although geographically isolated by its highly mountainous terrain, Kyrgyzstan has been at the crossroads of several great civilizations as part of the Silk Road and other commercial and cultural routes. **Kyrgyzstan attained sovereignty as a nation-state only after the breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991.**



Kazakhstan #1
Mar. 23, 1992



Kyrgyzstan #1
Feb. 4, 1992

From 1992 to 2004 Kazakhstan has issued 463 stamps and one semi-postal. Most of their emissions commemorate local people, flora and fauna, or indigenous animals. Overall a very reasonable stamp issuing policy.

From 1992 to 2004 Kyrgyzstan has issued 235 stamps and 15 semi-postal issues. Their policy is similar to Kazakhstan but with quite a few more sport related issues to appeal to stamp collectors.



Kazakhstan #3
Sep. 11, 1992
By K. Kasteev
a native artist.

A review on Kazakhstan stamps on eBay reveals that VERY few issues are available. With only 54 listings, many of which are overprinted USSR stamps that were not available in the country, it is slim pickings.



Kyrgyzstan #4
Dec. 1, 1992
Local hand-crafted items.

A review on Kyrgyzstan stamps on eBay reveals that ONLY the 1992 early issues are available with one additional listing for a group from 1992-1997. Not much to acquire here either.



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

Place Names of Winnebago County

Laona. The source of the name is unclear. Perhaps a transfer from Laona, Chautauqua County, N.Y., possible influenced by Laona, Wis. **Post office** established July 11, 1846 a Redding; changed to Laona December 29, 1848. Closed November 30, 1877.

Machesney Park. Village (1981). Formerly called Harlem, probably for Harlem, N.Y. The village took the name of the Machesney Airport, established in 1927 by early aviator and barnstormer Fred Machesney. Machesney was Rockford's municipal airport until the 1950s.

New Milford. Village (1955) two miles south of Rockford. Formerly known as Morristown. The name was changed in 1851, probably at the suggestion of Philip wells Marsh, for his former home, Milford, Conn. **Post office** established May 18, 1850 and closed August 15, 1910.

Pecatonica. Village (1869, 1881) eleven miles west of Rockford. Formerly known as Lysander, probably named for Lysander, N.Y. Laid out in 1852 by T. D. Robertson and John A. Holland as a station on the Galena and Chicago Union Railway and named for the Pecatonica River, itself probably named from a Miami-Illinois word claimed to mean "muddy". The first known recording of the name is by Marquette, who labeled the Missouri River and the Pekitanoui on his map of about 1673. A related form, Pickotolica, was recorded by an early traveler as the name of a kind of fish, perhaps the mud sucker, reported to be quite flavorful. **Post Office;** November 16, 1853, which is still open today.

Rockford. City (185, 1880). Founded by Germanicus Kent, who settled on the west side of the Rock River in 1834. He was joined the following year by Daniel Haight, who settle on the east side. The site was first named Midway by Kent, who thought it was about half way between Chicago and Galena, then the two most prominent communities in northern Illinois. In 1836 a road from Chicago to Galena was authorized, to run through "Midway at the ford on Rock River," from which the city now takes its name. Dr. Josiah C. Goodhue, one of the commissioners of the Chicago-Galena road, is credited with changing the name to Rockford later that year. **Post Office;** August 31, 1837.

To be continued.

Information from this article was taken from *Place Names of Illinois* by Edward Callary, University of Illinois Press, 2009.

MEMBER AD

Wanted: Used U.S. singles 1213A 5¢, 1590 9¢, 1590A 9¢, 1622C 13¢, 1623 13¢, 1623B 13¢, 1736 A Stamp 15¢. Bring to any meeting for Dave Archer.

THANK YOU TO OUR ROCKFORD 2018 STAMP SHOW DEALERS

Below is the list of dealers that supported our show in 2018. If you saw something you are still interested in, please reach out to them. Remember, 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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Fox River Stamps

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414-234-9867

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.

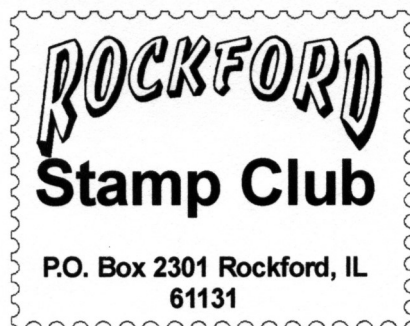
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Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

1991 Perry Arnquist Emeritus	1999 Dwane Kaplenk*
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1995 Dick Wibom *	2003 Earl Button
1996 Dan Hammell *	2004 Timothy Wait
1997 Robert Rosell *	2012 Tim Gallagher *
1998 Matt Mace	

* Closed album



June Meetings

Wednesday, Jun 6 and Tuesday Jun 19

Last chance for some philatelic fun
before summer! Bring some auction
lots and a pocket full of spending
money!