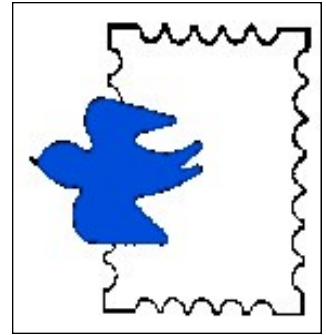


# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

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

### Wednesday, June 2, 2021

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

### Tuesday, June 15, 2021

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

**Wednesday, May 5th:** We had about 24 members and a well received auction with lots of bidders. Everyone was happy to be at an actual meeting and be able to visit with their collector friends in person. Tim Wait made a late appearance and missed some of the show and tell. Here is what he saw.

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

1. **Gerry Van Alstyne** - Lindbergh Lands in Paris cover to long time Boone County resident and collector Harold Luhman. See another Luhman cover on page three.
2. **Stanley Campbell** - showed a variety of Spanish Civil War material.
3. **Steve Capone** - A fascinating Daily Usage Hunting permit on Document from Illinois for 1959. \$5 got you a permit for only one day to hunt Pheasant and small game. Steve's was extra special because it was a dual license for two parties so two stamps.

### **In-Person Meetings Are Back!**

**NEW LOCATION at 625 Adams St., Rockford.**

We will be requiring masks and asking for social distancing until members get comfortable and determine if they wish to sit together. Please read the President's Corner for more details.

We **will not be hosting a ZOOM call**. We will examine that option in the future. Let us know what you think.

We hope everyone will feel comfortable coming to the Wednesday or Tuesday meeting, or both! See you there!

#### Wednesday Meeting Presentations

We will continue with our popular Show & Tell sessions at the Wednesday meeting and are always looking for short 10-15 minute presentations about any stamp related topic. **Why don't YOU bring something interesting you acquired over the last 14 months.**

**Tuesday, May 18:** There were 20+ members at the Tuesday meeting. Another auction and lots of visiting and catching up with old friends. We gained a new member, **Alan Skoog**, of Chadwick, IL, a little west of Polo. Welcome Alan!

#### Global Pandemic Issue of the Month

Covid  
Testing



Israel  
2021



#### Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

##### **June 5-6 - MSDA Milwaukee Summer Stamp Show**

Milwaukee, WI. Crowne Plaza - Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S. 13th St. Free admission and parking. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. MSDAstamp.com for list of 14 dealers.

##### **July 24-25 - Chicagoland North**

Wheeling, IL. Ramada Inn, 1090 S. Milwaukee Ave. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. MSDAstamp.com for dealers.

##### **August 12-15 - Great American Stamp Show**

American Philatelic Society. Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Rd. Rosemont.

This is the biggest annual U.S. show. It is held around the U.S. The last close show was Milwaukee in 2012.

There will be over 75 dealers, 500+ exhibit frames, and many seminars and society meetings. For all the details, go to [www.Stamps.org](http://www.Stamps.org). **Don't miss it!**



### Go For Broke: Japanese American Soldiers of WWII

**First Class Forever (55c)**  
 Pane of 20  
 Jun 3 - Los Angeles, CA

With this commemorative stamp, the Postal Service recognizes the contributions of Japanese American soldiers, some 33,000 altogether, who served in the U.S. Army during World War II. The stamp, printed in the intaglio method, is based on a photograph. “Go for Broke” was the motto of the all-Japanese American 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team and came to represent all Japanese American units formed during World War II. The stamp was designed by art director Antonio Alcalá. The color scheme is described as patriotic and the lettering suggestive of the vertical style in which Japanese text was traditionally written.



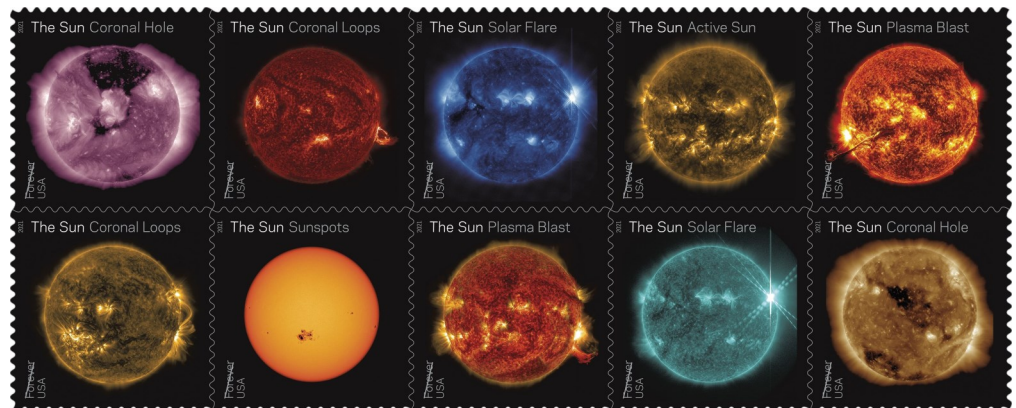
**Emilio Sanchez**  
**First Class Forever (55c)**  
 Pane of 20 (4 Designs)  
 Jun 10 - Miami, FL

The art of Emilio Sanchez (1921-1999) is celebrated with four new stamps featuring his colorful architectural lithographs and paintings: “Los Toldos” (1973), “Ty’s Place” (1976), “En el Souk” (1972) and Untitled (Ventanita entreabierto) (1981). Sanchez explored the effects of light and shadow to emphasize the abstract geometry of his subjects. His artwork encompasses his Cuban heritage as well as his long life in New York City. Antonio Alcalá served as art director and designer for this pane of 20 stamps.

Beyond the four similar pieces selected by the Postal Service, Sanchez’ explored other themes, from detailed stained glass windows to abstracted storefronts or city skylines. His art can be seen in museums from the Bronx Art Museum to the Smithsonian American Art Museum.

**Emilio Sanchez**  
**First Class Forever (55c)**  
 Pane of 20 (10 Designs)  
 Jun 18 - Greenbelt, MD

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On August 21, 2017, tens of millions of people in the United States had the opportunity to view a total eclipse of the Sun. A total solar eclipse was last seen on the U.S. mainland in 1979, but only in the Northwest. The eclipse swept a narrow path across the entire country—the first time this has happened since 1918.



June 20, 2017  
 Scott #5211  
 With similar design.

Special ink changed the stamp with heat!

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## President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

Yes, it happened! Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, we had our first in-person meeting since March 2019. It was great to have so many members in attendance and see familiar eyes and foreheads. We had a successful meeting and auction. We also gained a new member from Chadwick, IL, Alan Skoog. Welcome, Alan! Our Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> auction was also well attended with a successful auction. Thank you to everyone for wearing facemasks throughout the meetings.

The new Ken-Rock Community Center location is a beautiful facility and easily meets our needs. We are scheduled to meet in the banquet room for both our meetings and auctions. However, for the Tuesday auction we were directed to use the bingo room because the banquet room was not set up for us. If you come to the meeting or auction and cannot find us, check the other room.

I have been advised by John Guth, Director of Ken-Rock, that we may stay as late as we like for both the meeting and auction. That allows us to remove the temporary limits on the number of auction lots, so bring them on! We will also be able to use the sliding doors on the north side of the building but must secure them at 7:00 PM. If you are late, call me at 815-543-2905 and we can let you in.

**We will continue to follow COVID-19 guidelines in place at the time of our meetings. Please bring a mask to the meeting. We will decide if is necessary to wear them or not at the meeting. If masks are not required, you will always have the option to wear one if you wish. Hand sanitizer will continue to be provided.**

The Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs sponsored a Stamp-O-Rama Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, in New Berlin, WI. It was a venue for member stamp clubs to sell excess stamps, supplies, collections, covers, and any other items the clubs had accumulated over the past year and had not been able to sell because of lack of shows. I took a drive up to see what it was all about. It was very well attended, at least early in the day, and things were going out the door by the boxful. It certainly fit the definition of a rummage sale, but one man's junk is another man's treasure. I purchased some discount postage and a cover or two.

Remember articles for **your** newsletter are always welcome as are presentations/programs at **your** meetings. Submit newsletter articles to Tim Wait. Contact Frank Schmitt for presentation/program needs. Remember to bring your show and tell item/s.

Happy collecting and stay safe.

## National Airmail Week—Belvidere, ILL.

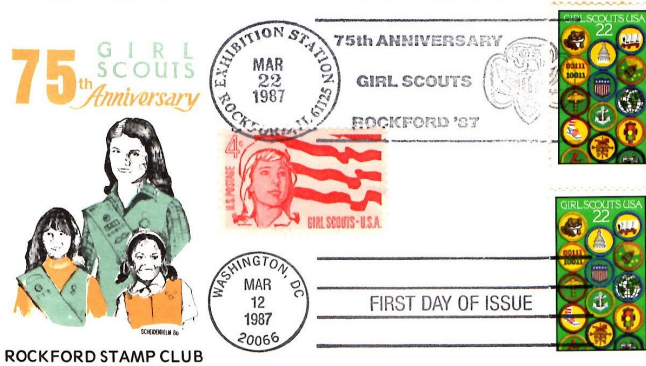


NAMW cachet for Belvidere drawn by Wilbur Court. "The Airway is the Best Way" and sent via "Pony Express". I haven't seen any contemporary references about the Pony Express yet!

Addressed to Mr. & Mrs. Harold Luhman when they lived in Valparaiso, IN.

National Air Mail Week (NAMW) was held May 15-21, 1938. Postmaster General James A. Farley and President Franklin Roosevelt created and proclaimed the week-long event to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inauguration of US airmail service. They saw the event as an opportunity to gain wider support and usage of the Post Office Department's airmail service. The celebration week was preceded by the issue of a new 6c airmail stamp, the attractive bicolored eagle, Scott #C23. Farley asked that every US citizen send an airmail letter during the week. May 19th was the day EVERY location that had an airport or could launch a plane was supposed to have a flight. The slogan was "Receive To-morrow's mail today."

# Rockford Stamp Show First Day Covers - Part 2 - by Tim Wait



## March 21 & 22, 1987

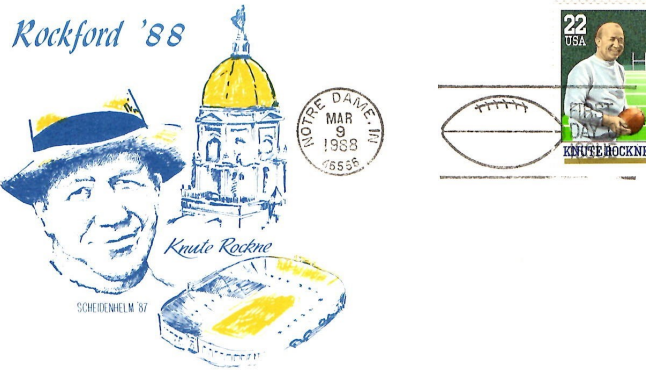
In 1987 the U.S. Girl Scouts celebrated their 75th anniversary. On March 12 the third Girl Scouts related U.S. stamp was issued showing a variety of badges the girls could earn. The show cachet was again designed by Kit Scheidenhelm. This cover received the FDC cancel and the show cancel on March 22.



1948 Founder of the Girl Scouts - Juliette Gordon Low



1962 50th Anniversary Scott #1199



## March 26 & 27, 1988

In 1988 another opportunity arose with the USPS announcing a Knute Rockne stamp to be issued March 9. Another Scheidenhelm design, featured Rockne, the Notre Dame Cathedral and stadium.

Rockne is regarded as one of the greatest coaches in college football history. His biography at the College Football Hall of Fame identifies him as "without question, American football's most-renowned coach". Rockne helped to popularize the forward pass and made the Notre Dame Fighting Irish a major factor in college football. During 13 years as head coach, Rockne led Notre Dame to 105 victories, 12 losses, five ties and three consensus national championships, which included five undefeated and untied seasons.

We now come to a close, and full circle, from our First FDC for the Illinois Sesquicentennial, to 2018 when Illinois celebrated its Bicentennial! A beautiful stamp showing the sun radiating northward, just like the state was settled from the southern most tip to the north central of Rockford and Winnebago County. There are also 21 stars celebrating Illinois status as the 21st state.



## March 10-11, 2018

The Illinois Bicentennial cachet was designed by Tim Wait, Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo Show Chairman. The theme "Becoming a State" details the land that was to become Illinois from its acquisition from Great Britain as part of the Northwest Territory in 1787 to Indiana Territory in 1800 to Illinois Territory in 1809 and Statehood in 1818. The 2018 Bicentennial State Flag is pictured.

This cachet with the Black Pictorial Postmark was canceled over the 1968 and 2018 stamps on March 5, 2018 in Springfield ceremony. It was then serviced at the Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo later in the same week.



While researching for this article, LOOK what I found on eBay! Someone came to the show and serviced this beautiful FDC. I was in control of the cancels before the show. To my knowledge the Rockford PO REFUSED to service requests for this cancel after I returned it to them. I have seen two letters returned to collectors with writing and a sticker to that affect. So it must have been done during the show on Saturday.

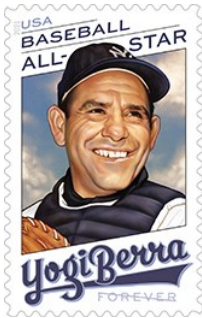
Does anyone working the front table recall someone doing this at the show? I don't see any identifying name on the cover. I'll have better look soon as it is now on its way to my PO Box for \$7.04!

# 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.

## 2021 New Issues - June, continued



**Yogi Berra**  
First Class Forever (55c)  
Pane of 20  
Jun 24 - Little Falls, NJ

More entertaining "Yogiisms"

Honoring Yogi Berra (1925-2015), this stamp salutes one of the best and most celebrated baseball players of his era, winning a record 10 World Series with the New York Yankees. The stamp art is an original digital portrait of Berra dressed in his Yankees cap, pinstripes and catcher's chest protector. Considered the best catcher in the American League in the 1950s, he was also a feared hitter, and in 1972 was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. One of the most beloved of baseball stars, he will always be remembered for his "Yogiisms," one of the most oft-quoted being "It ain't over till it's over."

- "Baseball is ninety percent mental. The other half is physical."
- "He hits from both sides of the plate. He's amphibious."
- "I always thought that record would stand until it was broken."
- "I don't know (if they were men or women fans running naked across the field). They had bags over their heads."
- "If people don't want to come out to the ballpark, how are you going to stop them?"
- "I'm not going to buy my kids an encyclopedia. Let them walk to school like I did."
- "In baseball, you don't know nothing."
- "It gets late early out there."
- "I think Little League is wonderful. It keeps the kids out of the house."
- "It's like deja vu all over again."
- "The towels were so thick there I could hardly close my suitcase."
- "You can observe a lot just by watching."
- "You should always go to other people's funerals, otherwise, they won't come to yours."
- "You've got to be very careful if you don't know where you are going because you might not get there."
- "We made too many wrong mistakes."
- "When you come to a fork in the road, take it."

## ROCKFORD 2-3-4 Stamp Expo Dealers

We will be approaching all our past show dealers to participate in the long awaited Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Exp - 2021. We had one new and two returning dealers scheduled for 2020, Tiger Collectibles from Stoutsville, MO and two dealers returning after multi-year absences, James Newland from Peoria and Pfol'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.**

### Rockford Coin & Stamp

Steve Jennings  
Rockford, IL  
815-282-4444

Terry Kurzinski  
Cherry Valley, IL  
815-262-9117

### Tiger Collectibles

Scott Couch  
Stoutsville, MO  
816-405-3633

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

### Applebox Philatelic's

Richard Duda  
Mt. Prospect, IL  
847-439-7614

### Fox River Stamps

Michael Mules  
Salem, WI  
414-234-9867

### David Alex (Sat. Only)

Glenview, IL  
847-291-7826

### Wayne Youngblood

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

### Buy the Stamp

Rick Hyams  
Arlington Heights, IL  
847-414-5408

### Steve Capone

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815-394-0537

### Pfol's Stamps

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### Win Schaeffer

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### James Newland

Peoria, IL

### Double J Stamps

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Arlington Heights, IL  
847-843-8700

# 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.

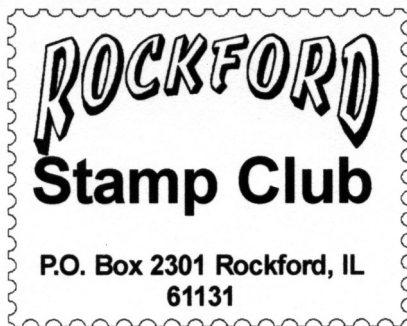
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## Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

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



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**Tuesday, June 15th at 9/10am**

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