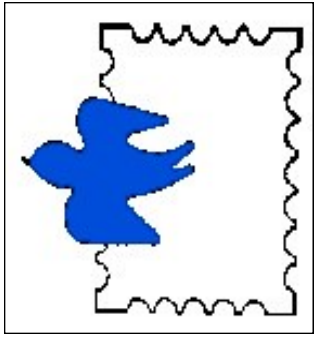


# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

## ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

### Wednesday, June 1

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

### Tuesday, June 21

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

**Wednesday, May 4th:** 19 members and one guests, **Stephen Pousardien**, returning from April.

Due to increased costs for postage, ink and supplies for the newsletter, and to offset some of the WFSC cost, we discussed raising the dues starting for 2023. After some lively discussion, a motion was made and passed Unanimously to raise the dues to \$15 for print and \$8 for email members.

See more in the President's Message.

### Show & Tell.....

1. **Stanley Campbell** - a) Shell Gas Briefmarken-Check b) Nixon stamp "behind bars" c) Thomas Lawler Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). Rockford Postmaster Feb 22, 1879 to Feb 11, 1898 with two four year breaks when John D. Waterman (from the other party) was in charge!
2. **Tim Wait** - Peoria stampless cover mistakenly sent to Springfield, IL instead of Springfield, OH. Lots of markings!
3. **Steve Capone** - a) Advertising cover from 1908 for Rub-No-More Soap featuring a mother elephant washing its baby b) Postcard with an interesting message glue on.
4. **Frank Schmitt** - Chicago & Freeport RPO 1948 100th Anniversary of Chicago & NWestern Railway.
5. **Terry Kurzinski** - article he wrote on 1904 1c Livingston stamp errors for US Specialist.

Hank brought back our popular and money making Mystery Box Raffle! The winner was Richard Mayo from Janesville.

### Member Health and Welfare

**Gerry Van Alstyne** returned to our meeting in good spirits. Welcome back Gerry! I spoke with **Ted Gifford**. He has had heart issues but is feeling better and hopes to make it to a Tuesday meeting soon.

**Tuesday, May 17th:** 14 members and 90 lots! A complete set of 2020 Scott catalogues was in the auction and won by **Winston**. Now he won't have to drive to the North Suburban Library to price all the stamps he brings to sell!

### Global Pandemic Issue of the Month



India - Salute to the Covid-19 Warriors.



### Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

#### Sat-Sun Jun 4-5 MSDA Madison

Madison, WI. Doubletree-Madison EAST, 4402 E. Washington Ave. Hours: Sat 10-5 Sun 10-3. Bourse only, free admission.

#### Sat-Sun Jun 18-19 MSDA Chicagoland West

Countryside, IL. Operating Engineers Hall, 6200 Joliet Road. Hours: Sat 10-5 Sun 10-3. Bourse only, free admission.

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

**Floral Geometry**  
\$2 Panes of 10 \$5 Panes of 4  
Jun 20 - Kansas City, KS



The two similarly designed Floral Geometry stamps, denominated at \$2 and \$5, 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. The watercolor backgrounds and the glimmer of the foil-stamped designs and typography create a sophisticated look.

The stamps were designed and created by the firm Spaeth Hill. Antonio Alcalá was the art director. They replace the 2018 \$2 and \$5 stamps that featured the head of the Statue of Freedom on the U.S. Capitol Dome, still one more issue that has transitioned from historical to floral designs.



**Katharine Graham**  
Two Oz. Forever (78c)  
Pane of 20  
Jun 14 - Washington, DC

The 17th stamp in the Distinguished Americans series honors Katharine Graham (1917-2001), the first female head of a Fortune 500 company and a pivotal figure during turbulent moments in American history. The stamp features an oil portrait of Graham, based on a photograph taken in the 1970s, during the peak of her influence as owner and president of The Washington Post Co., where she was also publisher of its flagship newspaper. Art director Derry Noyes designed the stamp with original art by Lynn Staley.

**Pete Seeger**  
First Class Forever (58c)  
Pane of TBD  
Jul 21 - Newport, RI



Pete Seeger played a key role in the founding and growth of the world-famous Newport Folk Festival.

The 10th stamp in the Music Icons series honors Pete Seeger (1919-2014), a champion of traditional music and its power to inspire activism. Seeger's clear tenor voice, iconic banjo and enormous charisma transformed concerts into singalongs. The stamp art features a color-tinted black-and-white photograph of Seeger singing and playing his banjo in the early 1960s, by Dan Seeger, the performer's son. One side of the pane includes 16 stamps and the image of a sliver of a record seeming to peek out the top of the sleeve. A larger version of the stamp art photograph appears on the reverse side.



**Mariachi**  
First Class Forever (58c)  
Pane of 20  
Jul 21 - Albuquerque, NM

Filled with passion, rhythm and stories of life, love and loss, mariachi music is an integral element of Mexican American culture that has become deeply rooted in the United States and has fans around the world. Each of the five stamps in this pane of 20 features a musician dressed in a traje de charro, the traditional outfit of mariachi performers, playing one of five iconic mariachi instruments: a guitar, an acoustic bass guitar called a guitarrón, a high-pitched stringed instrument known as a vihuela, a violin and a trumpet. Rafael López designed the stamps and created the art. Derry Noyes was the art director.

## President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

Another adage, "the more things change, the more things stay the same". It seems that for every step forward we take in the war against COVID, we take another back. The incidents of cases of the variants in our Winnebago and the surrounding counties are on the rise again. I just want to caution everyone to be careful and practice the safety precautions that you are comfortable with. I don't anticipate it having any effect on our meetings but just want everyone to be aware. If there are any changes, we will do our best to get everyone informed.

A big thank you to Jeff Hall for the submission of his interesting article in last months newsletter. From speaking with him in a phone conversation there are several more to come, so keep an eye out for some more very interesting articles. You as well are very welcome to submit articles on any subject of your choice. Some possible topics are how you got started in the hobby, a topic or topics you collect, specialty areas you collect, related ephemera, you name it.

Also, thanks to everyone for the broad range of show and tell presentations at the last meeting. Alan Skoog offered a comprehensive presentation on different ways to separate panes of stamps that are stuck together and how to remove individual or multiple stuck down on album pages. He used readily available items found at home centers or hardware stores and through experimentation crafted them to his needs.

We also had a special visit at our meeting last month from member Bill Lothary. Bill is now our Regional Vice President of the WFSC. He is also President of the Janesville Stamp Club. Thanks Bill for attending our meeting in your new position and giving us an overview of his role in WFSC and we hope to see him as a regular at our meetings.

Dues increases were discussed and voted on. Effective January 2023, annual dues will be \$15.00 to include 11 issues of the printed newsletter and \$8.00 for 11 for issue of the newsletter in digital format. The increase was necessary due to the increase of printing and mailing the newsletter and the associated dues for membership in the WFSC. Thank you for your understanding.

Finally, it is with deep regrets that we bid farewell to longtime member Dave Archer. Dave has decided that for his health and welfare he must move to an assisted living facility in Maple Valley, WA to be near his daughter. Thank you, Dave, for your many years of membership and for all the help that you so willingly gave at our shows. We will miss you and wish you the best.

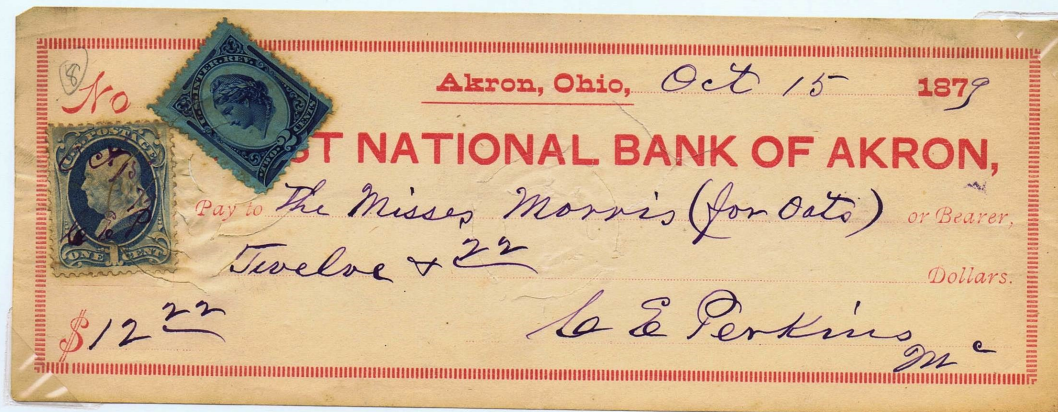
Stay safe, stay well, and happy stamp collecting.

## Civil War Revenue Tax Bank Check 1862-1883 - Tim Wait

### Recovery Use

### Postage Stamp for Tax Payment

Postage stamps were not valid to pay the tax since its inception October 1, 1862. Postage stamps were purchased from the U.S. Post Office Department while revenue stamps were purchased from the Office of Internal Revenue. A document not properly taxed was not admissible in a court of law. For a check it would not be able to be Protested for non-payment. **Tax stamps could be affixed at a later date, however, there was a \$50 penalty if done with the intent to evade the law.**



October 15, 1879. Illegally used one cent postage stamp, properly cancelled with date and initials. Revenue stamp added and tied by cut cancel. At least the stamp was blue!

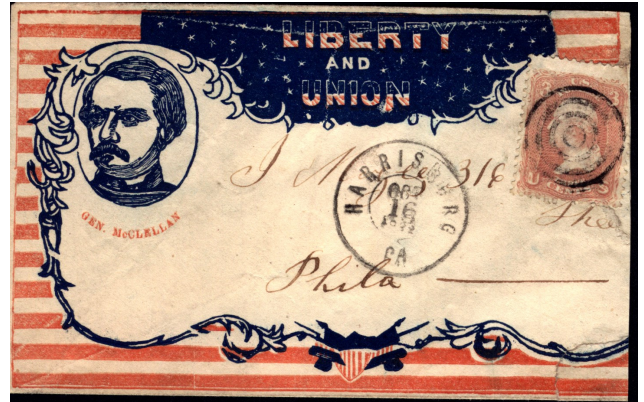
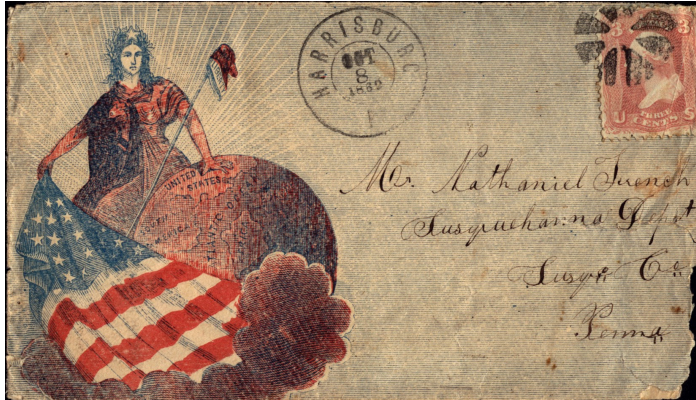
On September 30, 1872 all the taxes were rescinded except the 2c tax on Bank Checks.

In October 1875 a NEW 2c revenue stamp was issued showing the Head of Liberty. Previously all the stamps showed Washington.

Over 228 million of these stamps were printed and were in use until the end of the tax on June 30, 1883.

# Patriotic Covers Fly the Flag by Jeff Hall

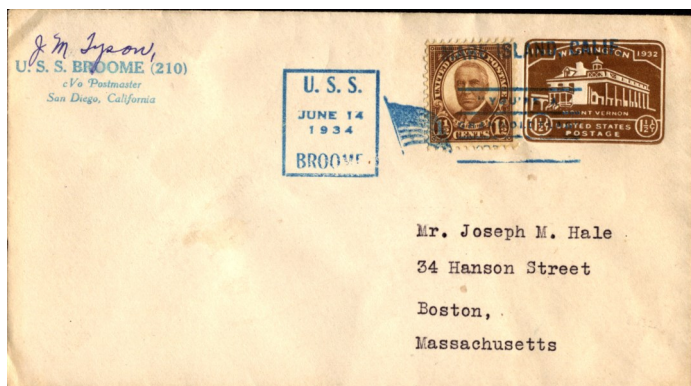
What follows is a potpourri of Patriotic Flag covers to celebrate Flag Day, June 14th.



First we have two covers postmarked Harrisburg, PA in 1862 from the Civil War Era showing: #1 Lady Liberty using the flag to shield the United States from the “War Cloud” and #2 an adaptation of the flag with Gen. McClellan.

DerbyLine, VT (1829 to present) July 29, 1899. All over 45 star Flag design produced during the Spanish-American war. This design was popular during the War and was used from many parts of the country.

The 45 star flag was adopted July 4, 1896 after Utah was added. It was in use for 12 years until July 4, 1908 after Oklahoma was added.



The last 3 covers are Navy cancel covers for Flag Day from the 1930's. Top left is U.S.S. HUGHES STARS-STRIPES / FOREVER. Top right, U.S.S. JOHN D. EDWARDS from the PHILLIPINE ISLANDS, an old WW1 era destroyer attached to the ASIATIC FLEET at the start of WW2 on Dec. 8, 1941.

At left is an unusual flag day cancel from the U.S.S. BROOME DD-210, from MARS ISLAND, CALIF. The cancel includes a tiny 48 star flag

# 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.

## Round the World Zeppelin - By Terry Kurzinski



Here is an unusual item. An around the world Zeppelin flight paying the correct \$3.55 rate without any Zeppelin stamps. You would think that would be special enough but there are two other reasons this cover is special. First is the use of \$2.00 stamp Scott 479, which is seldom seen on cover. It was mostly used on tags for large and heavy packages between banks. The second unusual thing is the person who the cover is addressed to. Mr. W.T. Marshall, The White House. Mr. Marshall was the “White House” Librarian for eight presidents, over 38 years, from William McKinley to Franklin D. Roosevelt.

William Randolph Hearst paid for half the cost and stipulated that the flight start and finish at Lakehurst, NJ. Round-the-world tickets were sold for almost \$3,000 (\$47,000 in 2021), but most participants had their costs paid for them. The flight's expenses were offset by the carriage of souvenir mail between Lakehurst, Friedrichshafen, Tokyo, and Los Angeles. A US franked letter flown from Lakehurst to Lakehurst required \$3.55 (\$56 in 2021) postage.

*Graf Zeppelin* set off on 8 August, heading eastwards. The ship refueled at Friedrichshafen, then continued across the Soviet Union to Tokyo. The ship landed at Mines Field in Los Angeles, completing the first ever nonstop flight across the Pacific Ocean. The *Graf Zeppelin* arrived back at Lakehurst from the west on the morning of 29 August, three weeks after it had departed to the east. Flying time was 12 days, 12 hours, and 13 minutes; the entire circumnavigation (including stops) took 21 days, 5 hours, and 31 minutes to cover 33,234 km (20,651 mi; 17,945 nmi).

## ROCKFORD 2-3-4 2022 Dealers

We had ten dealers signed up for the show. Unfortunately Bill Burdick had to cancel at the last minute due to his wife's illness. The dealers were all busy Saturday and making good sales. Sunday was slower but still some nice business being made. **Remember to support our dealers throughout the year for all your philatelic needs.**

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**Thank you to Josh and Amy from the Elkhorn, WI, Post Office for bringing a great selection of stamps.**

# 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.

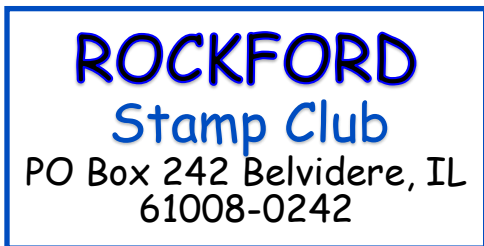
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\* Closed album



**IN-PERSON Meetings are BACK!**

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**Tuesday, Jun 21 at 9/10am**

**Our NEW location is 625 Adams St.**