

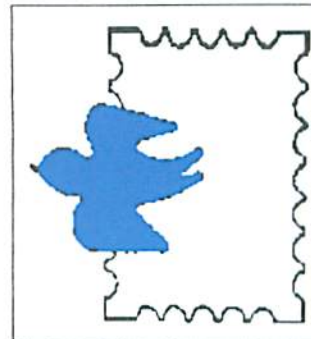
ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

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

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

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

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

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

1st Wednesday Update: At the Wednesday February 1st meeting, oops I forgot to do a head count! President Frank Schmitt gave a hearty THANK YOU to Steve Capone for his years of service as President with a round of applause breaking out. We discussed the sorry state and lack of heat at the meeting and are looking for a new location. Hank Fox reported that Jan was in the hospital (since moved to St. Anne's on Alpine). Our thoughts and prayers are with you Jan.

Frank raised the idea of having presentations at our Wednesday meeting. See more in the President's Corner on page three. No raffle box this month.

Show and Tell -

1. Dennis Lemke - set of Postal Note stamps on uncashed notes of the entire set including plate #s!
2. Steve Capone - WWII patriotic labels and poster stamps.

Bring something to share and/or discuss to the Wednesday meeting to share with your fellow members. Or bring something you have questions about.

ROCKFORD 2-3-4 STAMP EXPO

This is the official NEW name for our annual show. Purchasing 16 page frames last year was the first step to bring national level exhibits to our show. The exhibitors will usually attend the show to and that builds traffic. More people means more customers for our dealers. If we can get enough people, we can bring in more dealers. If we have more dealers, we bring in more people. You get the idea.

YOUR help is needed. We will be setting up the new frames either Friday night or at 7AM Saturday. Please let Tim know if you can help so I can let you know the time for sure.

See pages three and five for more details.

3rd Tuesday Update: This issue of Rockford Stamp Notes had to go to press before the Tuesday February 21st meeting.

Aardvark Stamps



Bet you hadn't thought of this topic!



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Sat-Sun Mar 4-5 - Stampfest '17

West Allis, WI. Milwaukee Philatelic Society. St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall, 1435 So. 92nd St., West Allis, WI. Hours Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-3. 15 dealers, free admission.

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

Loves Park, IL. Rockford Stamp Club. 1601 W. Lane Rd. Hours Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4. 15 dealers, competitive exhibits, silent auction, free admission.

Fri-Sat-Sun Mar 17-19 - ASDA Chicago Show

Lombard, IL. American Stamp Dealers Association. Linder Conference Center, 610 E. Butterfield Rd. Hours Fri.-Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-3.

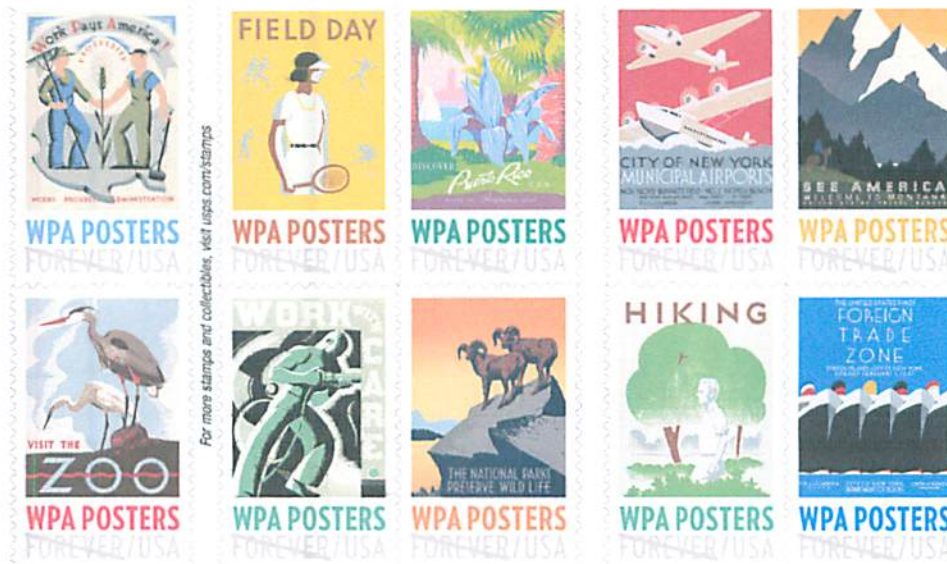
Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

USPS 2017 New Issues

WPA Posters

March 7—Hyde Park, NY

These ten WPA Posters stamps remind us of how Franklin Delano Roosevelt's administration in the New Deal era endeavored to bring the nation out of the depths of the Great Depression. The posters of the Work Projects Administration were utilitarian artworks created by the Poster Division of the WPA Federal Art Project that were conceived and printed in workshops across the United States under the broad-reaching WPA program that provided millions of jobs during the Great Depression. Formed in 1935 as the Works Progress Administration and renamed the Work Projects Administration in 1939, the WPA lasted until 1943. Many New Deal agencies, legislation, and accomplishments have been honored on United States stamps going as far back as the 1933 National Recovery Act stamp.



Mississippi Statehood

March 31—Gulfport, MS



This stamp celebrates the 200th anniversary of Mississippi statehood, which was admitted to the Union as the 20th state. The Territory of Mississippi was established in 1798, but early growth was hindered by claims by the State of Georgia and Spanish interference. With the development of the cotton industry, settlement of the Territory grew rapidly, and on December 10, 1817 “the Magnolia State” was admitted to the Union

The stamp features a photograph showing a close-up of a guitar player's hands, the reason given by the USPS being that "Mississippi is the birthplace of many legendary blues artists. . . ."



Scott #85 Black, lavender & carmine



Scott #86 Black, blue & carmine
Carmine slightly shifted

Canadian Map Stamp

A stamp around which legend has woven its web was issued by Canada on December 7, 1898, to mark the inauguration on December 25 of Imperial Penny Postage. For its day, it was a pretty spectacular item, with its map of the British Empire and its three color printing.

Mr. Mulock (Canadian PMG) asked for some designs from a few artists, but they did not meet with his views, and he roughly sketched out something himself and passed it over to an artist to have it touched up.

Many collectors consider this to be the first Christmas stamp because of its “XMAS 1898” inscription. However, it appears not to have been intended as a Christmas stamp, although it does make an attractive addition to such a collection.

One amusing story accounts for how this stamp came about. The British PMG was asked by Queen Victoria when Imperial Penny Postage would be effective, he replied, “On the Prince’s birthday”. Considering the usually rather strained relationship between the Queen and the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII), it was a little less than tactful of the PMG. Realizing his faux pas, the PMG rose to the occasion with what must be considered a classic example of the political art of neat sidestepping. He replied, “The Prince of Peace, your Majesty”.

And so December 25, 1898 became the date on which Imperial Penny Postage became effective in many areas of the British Empire. Though the accuracy of this story cannot be guaranteed, it does account for the unusual date for a postal rate to go into effect, and also for the strange “XMAS 1898” inscription on the stamp. *Excerpted from This is Philately by Kenneth A. Wood, Vol. 1.*

President's Corner

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

The attendance at our last Wednesday night meeting was down as was the temperature both inside and outside of our meeting place. I am attributing the decreased attendance to that rather than due to the new president and hope that's the reason. In the interest of all concerned we are seeking resolution to the matter and actively searching for a new meeting place. Our budget for rental fees and the hours of our meetings are somewhat problematic in finding a location to meet our needs; however, we will have some options to consider. **If you have any suggestions for a possible location please let one of the officers or board members know.** We would like to keep it relatively close to our current location, if possible, so we do not impact the driving distances of our members too badly.

We would like some feedback on a **proposal to bring an educational aspect back to our Wednesday night meetings** much like we had a number of years back. It would be nice to have a 15-20 minute presentation on some stamp collecting subject to broaden our horizons in the hobby and promote some good discussion and interaction amongst our members. Presentations could be by members on a subject of interest to them and could be a multi-part presentation if the subject cannot be covered in 15-20 minutes. We could also obtain programs from the APS and APRL if there are items of interest. This is not intended to replace the show and tell portion of our meeting or negatively impact the auction. If you are interested in doing a presentation, or would like to have a presentation on a particular subject, please let one of the officers know.

Our **Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo, March 11th and 12th** is almost upon us. Thank you to all that have signed up to help at the show this year. Your help is much needed and greatly appreciated. If you were unable to sign up don't let that keep you from the show. Please come and support the dealers, three of which are new this year, their sales are what keeps them coming back and makes our show a success. Remember, this is a great opportunity to purchase a full line of stamp collecting supplies for your specific needs.

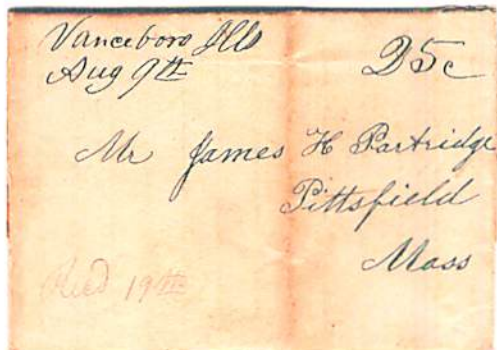
We will be having the show banquet at the Stockholm Inn on Saturday evening (March 11th) in our own private room. A full all-you-can eat buffet, including salad bar, main courses, and desert including beverage and tip is available for the all-inclusive price of \$20.00 per person. This is open to all members (show attendance is not required) and spouses and/or girlfriends (bring both at your own risk) and friends are welcome. The awards for the exhibits will be presented at the banquet as well. Please join us for an evening of good food and socialization. Sign up for the banquet with Tammy at the March meeting or by noon on the 11th, payment is needed in advance.

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

Winnebago County Stampless Covers

U.S. Postage Stamps were first issued July 1, 1847. Until that time, all letters were sent "stampless" either PAID by the sender or to be collected from the recipient. When these first stamps were issued they were still optional and a significant amount of mail was still sent stampless. On April 1, 1855 prepayment was made compulsory but you still could send a letter without a stamp. On January 1, 1856 prepayment by means of a postage stamp was made compulsory.

Collecting stampless letters is a popular segment of postal history. Some people collect the whole country, a region, a state a county or a town. As part of my Winnebago County collection, I have acquired many stampless covers from Rockford, which had by far the busiest post office, and some interesting ones from other post offices in the county.



Vanceboro, Ills - Aug 9th (1841)

Established May 5, 1838 discontinued June 5, 1856
To: Pittsfield Mass. Postage 25c sent collect.

Few people have ever heard of the Vanceborough post office. Vanceborough was another name for Twelve-Mile Grove, on the State Road, about half way from Rockford to Freeport in Seward Township.



Roscoe Ill - May 16 (1854)

Established July 26, 1837 active today
To: West Brookfield Mass. Postage 3c Paid..

The Roscoe opened the first post office in Winnebago Co., preceding Rockford by just over a month. The Roscoe postmaster did not order any cancelling devices until the late 1850s so all his mail was manuscript postmarked until then.

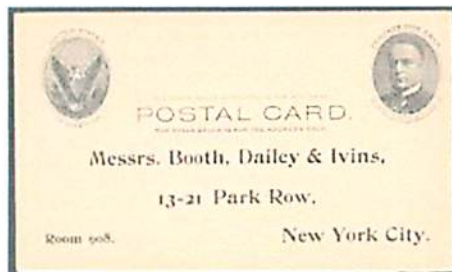
US Postal Issues Honoring US Presidents By Tim Wait

The first US President to be honored shortly after his assassination was **Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)**. Scott #77 a 15c black stamp was issued in April 1866. This is not really a commemorative stamp because the Post Office did not issue commemorative stamps until the Columbian Issue of 1893. Up to 1866, all the stamps were of deceased presidents, or Benjamin Franklin!



The next US President to be honored shortly after his assassination was **William McKinley (1843-1901)**. He was not honored on a postage stamp but on a Postal Card. In May of 1902 a "Full Face" McKinley card, Scott UX17, was prepared. Not being to the families liking, it was not issued and a second card, Scott UX18 was issued shortly thereafter. One box of 500 of UX17 was shipped with the earliest documented use being May 27, 1902. These currently catalog over \$3,000.

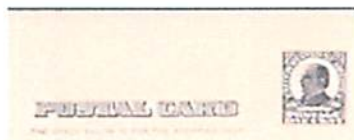
Not yet done, in 1907 a new design, Scott UX19-20, was issued. McKinley remained popular and was again honored with a new design, Scott UX21-22 in 1910!



UX17



UX18



UX19-20



UX21
background shaded



UX22
White background

Warren G. Harding (1863-1923) died in office on August 2, 1923. In unprecedented time a stamp was issued on September 1, 1923, less than a month after his death. The stamp design was issued Perf. 11, Imperf, Rotary Press Perf. 10, and Perf. 11 from rotary press sheet waste. The last stamp, Scott #613 is exceedingly rare and catalogs \$40,000!



Scott #610—611—162

Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924) was honored on a 17c stamp, Scott #623, December 28, 1925.



The next president to be honored was **Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1881-1945)**. Four stamps were issued, one for each term thought by some. A 3c, the current letter postage rate, was issued June 27, 1945. Next a 1c stamp on July 26, 1945, followed by a 2c August 24, 1945. The fourth stamp, a 5c, the international letter rate was issued on January 30, 1946.



- 1c—Hyde Park Residence
- 2c—"Little White House" at Warm Springs, Ga.
- 3c—White House
- 5c—Map of Western Hemisphere and Four Freedoms
"Freedom of Speech and Religion, from Want and Fear"

John Fitzgerald "Jack" Kennedy (JFK) May 29, 1917 - November 22, 1963, 35th President of the United States, has been honored by The United States Post Office Department (1792 to 1971) and the United States Postal Service (1971 to present) in 1963, 1965 and 1967.

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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.

Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo - March 11-12, 2017

EXHIBIT ENTRY FORMS ARE DUE AT THE MARCH 1 Meeting:

1. Entries for the inaugural **Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo on March 11-12, 2017**
2. Entries for the **Club Members Only, one sixteen (16) page frame.**

Get your auction lots ready now! Each member and dealer is allowed **10 lots each day**. Forms will be available at the February and March meetings. Remember there is a **\$5 minimum starting bid**.

We will be returning to **Stockholm Inn** to enjoy their excellent buffet dinner for our awards banquet. We will start dinner at 6PM. **Let Tammy know if you will be attending**, so we can start getting a count.

US Postal Issues Honoring US Presidents, continued.

The stamp to specifically honor JFK was issued May 29, 1964, on the presidents birthday. Scott #1246



May 29, 1965 an 11c Air Letter Sheet featuring JFK was issued for International Air Mail. May 29, 1967 the design was used on a 13c Air Letter Sheet for the new rate.



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This year, the 100th anniversary of his birth we again commemorate our fallen President.



MEMBER AD	MEMBER AD	NEW MEMBER AD
<p>For Sale: World Wide off paper 4oz special \$6.95. Contact DR Arnquist 815-226-9020.</p>	<p>Wanted: Old letters from Boone & Winnebago County, IL. Contact Tim Wait at 815-670-5869 or email t.wait@comcast.net.</p>	<p>Wanted: FDC-Doris Gold Cachet Unaddressed and signed by Doris Gold. Cash or trade. Contact Hank Fox at one of the meetings.</p>

ROCKFORD 2017 STAMP SHOW DEALERS

This year we will again have 14 stamp dealers for you to shop with at the show. Remember, the dealers are the backbone of our show and their support allows us to put on this event. Call ahead and tell them what you are looking for.

New for 2017

- Fox River Stamps
Michael Mules
Salem, WI
414-234-9867
- University Ave. Stamps
Denise Lemke
Middleton, WI
608-831-1277
- Vest Pocket Philatelist
Bill DiSalvatore
Cherokee Village, AR
870-287-2809

- 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
847-843-8700

- 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
Mt. Prospect, IL
847-439-7614

- DMS Collectibles
John Butler
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309-963-4248
- W. H. Burdick
Mtn. Home, AR
870-425-7799
- Terry Kurzinski
Cherry Valley, IL
815-262-9117
- David Alex
Glenview, IL
847-291-7826

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

We invite all area collectors to join us at a future meeting of the Rockford Stamp Club. Meetings are held the first Wednesday at 6:00pm, every month except July, and the third Tuesday of every month at 9:00am, at the Ken-Rock Community Center, 3200 11th St., Rockford, Illinois. Each meeting begins with a buy/sell/trade session followed by a lively, unreserved stamp auction. Come discover the fun of stamp collecting. All ages welcome.

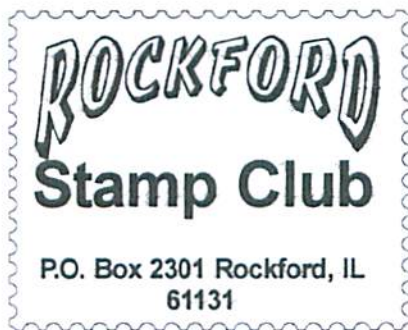
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Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

1991 Perry Arnquist Emeritus	1999 Dwane Kaplenk*
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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



March Meetings

Wednesday, Mar 1 and Tuesday Mar 21

Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo

March 11-12