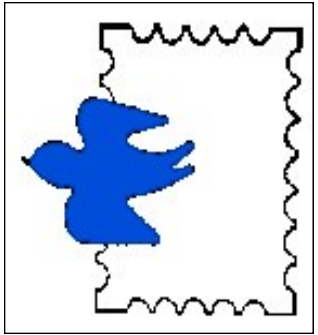


# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

## ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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Next VIRTUAL Meeting:

Wednesday, March 3rd

**7:00 pm - ZOOM Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 3rd:** We had nine members join in the call. We're still waiting for YOU to join in!

Frank got a call about a collection. It had been sitting in a basement or garage for 30 years and you could tell by the smell!

### Show and Tell:

1. **Marth Bauch** showed the 1982 20c Architecture stamp showing the Frank Lloyd Wright design. She also had a 1984 Love Stamp lapel pin.
2. **Stanley Campbell** - showed a French Occupation item from 1953 Hanoi and "Torchy Timberloss" labels, an early 1950's fire prevention mascot from WI.
3. **Tim Wait** showed a selection of Air Mail Special Delivery covers from the 1930's.

Come prepared with something special to show at the March meeting!

**Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo** will NOT be held in March 2021 due to continued Covid-19 exposure. Even though we now have effective vaccines, they will not be widely available until summer or later.

### Virtual Meeting Wednesday, March 3rd

To participate you will need to send an email to Frank Schmitt at [prevent1@comcast.net](mailto:prevent1@comcast.net) **no later than Tuesday, March 2nd**

Frank will reply with the link to the meeting. On the day and time of the meeting, re-open his email and click on the link. If you have ZOOM loaded on your computer it should take you to the meeting.

If you have any questions about ZOOM, contact Frank at 815-226-4391 or Tim at 815-670-5869 (after 7pm).

### Wednesday ZOOM Presentation

During a ZOOM meeting anyone can "Share their Screen" and show stamps, covers or make presentations from files or images on their computers. You can share a file or just hold something up to the screen for all to see.

### Member Health and Welfare

**Gerry Van Alstyne** reports that he has been diagnosed with a very rare Adult Bochdalek Hernia. This is so rare that less than 400 cases have ever been reported in world wide literature! He is awaiting news if he will require surgical intervention.

**Stanley Campbell** is recovering after being hit by a car while walking through the crossing at the Auburn/Main St. traffic circle. He had numerous pins inserted into his hip region. Marth is taking good care of him!

### Global Pandemic Issue of the Month



Mexico

Two COVID-19 Hero's stamps



**Upcoming Area Stamp Shows**  
**Our First Local Show in a Year!**

### March 27-28 - MSDA WI/IL Stateline Show

Pleasant Prairie, WI. Double Tree Hilton, 11800-108th St. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3.

### 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, 800+ exhibit frames, and many seminars and society meetings.



**Colorado Hairstreak  
Butterfly**  
Nonmachinable Surcharge  
Forever (75c)  
Pane of 20  
Mar 9—Estes Park, CO

The Colorado hairstreak graces the eighth nonmachinable butterfly stamp for use on irregularly sized envelopes, such as square greeting cards, invitations or announcements. The stamp art is a highly stylized, simplified image of a Colorado hairstreak (*Hypaurotis crysalus*). Artist Tom Engeman created the stamp art. Art director Derry Noyes designed the stamp.

## Nonmachinable Butterfly Stamps

The USPS launched a series of Nonmachinable Surcharge rate stamps in 2010 with the issuance of a Monarch Butterfly stamp in a square design. For every rate change since then, a new stamp has been issued. In 2016 a “No-Machinable Surcharge” forever stamp was issued. Another was issued in 2019 and now our featured stamp in 2021. Below are the stamps in the series leading up to our new issue this month.



May 17, 2010 - 64¢  
**Monarch Butterfly**  
New York, NY  
Scott #4462



Jan 20, 2012 - 65¢  
**Baltimore Checkerspot  
Butterfly**  
Baltimore, MD  
Scott #4603



Jan 23, 2013 - 66¢  
**Spicebush Swallowtail  
Butterfly**  
Pine Mountain, GA  
Scott #4736



Feb 10, 2014 - 70¢  
**Great Spangled  
Fritillary Butterfly**  
Kansas City, MO  
Scott #4859



Sep 24, 2016 - Forever  
**Eastern Tailed-Blue  
Butterfly**  
Kansas City, MO  
Scott #5136



Jan 27, 2019 - Forever  
**California Dogface  
Butterfly**  
Kansas City, MO  
Scott #5346

Mar 8, 2006 Postcard 24¢  
**Common Butterfly**  
Scott #4000, 4001, 4001a, 4002  
The USPS used fancy butterflies for surcharge stamps after this “common” postcard issue!



Lick & stick

self adhesive Die cut 11 Die Cut 10¾ x 11¼ 3 sides

Coil

## President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

Sadly, we have reached a benchmark for the Rockford Stamp Club, it has been one full year since our last physical meeting. It was unimaginable at the time that this virus could/would cause the ravage that it has on an individual basis and throughout our worldwide society. Hopefully we are on track to some semblance of normalcy in the not-too-distant future. Let's remember everyone that has suffered and/or lost a loved one.

On a happier note, there are a couple of stamp shows that are going to take place in the month of March. One is a bit distant, St. Louis Stamp Expo, March 19-21, and a bit closer, MSDA WI/IL Stateline Stamp Show, Pleasant Prairie, WI, March 27-28. From what I understand COVID-19 precautions will be taken and enforced but it is still an attend at your own risk. It is a start, hopefully successful, and an indicator of more to come. If you should attend either of the shows a report for the April newsletter would certainly be appreciated.

I believe that most everyone has experienced the slow delivery service of the USPS, both incoming and outgoing. Most recently I received my water bill 2 days after the due date. The City of Rockford was understanding and waived the late fee. My son in Portland, ME received a card postmarked December 9<sup>th</sup> in Champaign, IL on January 27<sup>th</sup>. I am a little behind on reading my Linn's Stamp News and other stamp periodicals, so I am not aware of any new auxiliary markings used on any of the delayed mail. This would be something to watch for and could be a nice addition to a modern postal history collection. If anyone has, or should, receive such an item please share it with us.

Our February ZOOM meeting had about the same number of attendees as usual, but there were some new faces. Stanley Campbell and Martha Bauch, and Hank Fox joined us. It was nice to see Stanley and get an update on his recovery and then get Martha's report on his behavior. It was great to see Hank make the leap and see what ZOOM is all about. Stanley provided us with some very nice show and tell items and Tim shared some items from his collection and provided a virtual tour of his stamp room/office. Eric Welch and David Dini shared their collecting interests which truly expands our networking and finding common collecting areas and interests which may be used as a resource for sharing knowledge and stamps.

If you haven't yet, you are encouraged to join our March 3<sup>rd</sup> Zoom meeting at 7 PM. The link will be emailed to you the day before the meeting. It's free, it's informative, it has a show and tell, you are welcome to share any information you care to, you are welcome to ask questions or if you are in need of supplies or other collecting need you may ask if anyone has what you need. While it is far from an in-person meeting and doesn't include an auction, it is a nice way to keep up with our club members, see their faces, and it is informative. "Hey Mikie, try it, you may like it", Hank did.

Remember, this is your newsletter and your voice. You are more than welcome to submit an article or commentary to Tim for inclusion in the newsletter. Tim can usually find images of stamps to include in your article if you provide him the Scott catalog number. Please consider sharing your knowledge and/or items of interest with the rest of the club members. You may reap some additions for your collection from other members as did the writer of a recent article.

As the COVID-19 vaccination process move forward and the number vaccinated swells we will review our options and best practices to start meeting in person again.

Until that time, stay safe and happy collecting!

## Rockford - "The Lowell of the West"



August 1900

All-over advertising cover for some of Rockford's main manufacturing businesses at the turn of the 19th century.

Rockford was famous for its manufacturing plants and this type of advertising raised awareness of the many businesses.

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Sadly, none of these businesses survive today.

## The Winter Olympics of US Stamps - Part 2 by Tim Wait



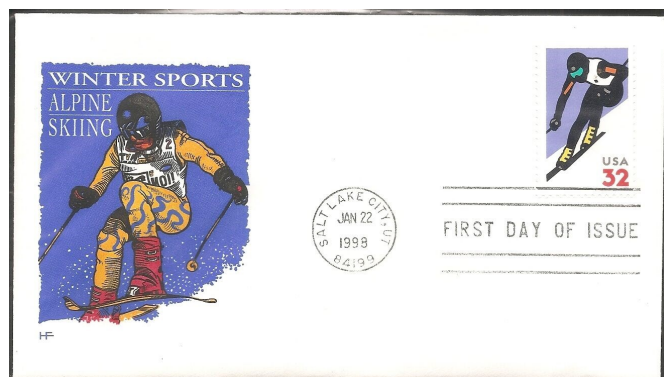
The USPS was all in again with this colorful, stylized set of five stamps for the 1992 Winter Olympics held in Albertville France. Scott #2611-15, was issued January 11th, a month before the games began on February 8th. Familiar topics were hockey, figure skating, speed skating, down hill skiing and bob sledding.

Information about the event depicted, and a reminder of the 1980 Gold medal USA Hokey team added some interesting information in the top and side selvage of the sheet.



The International Olympic Committee had been considering a change of date to separate the Summer and Winter Olympics so they were not held in the same year. To facilitate the change, the Winter Olympics were held just two years later in 1994. This set up an every two year cycle for the event that continued until 2020 when the Summer Olympics were postponed until July 2021, hopefully!

For the 1994 games in Lillehammer Norway the USPS stuck with what worked in 1992. Five designs showing Alpine Skiing, Luge, Ice Dancing, Nordic Skiing and Ice Hockey were released January 6th. Descriptive text was again printed in the selvage that included the official name of the event and a description.



The stamp was issued in Salt Lake City, UT, the future site of the 2002 Winter Olympics back in the USA!

In 1997 the USPS was busy designing the Celebrate the Century series of 10 sheets of 15 stamps! That left little time to design Olympic stamps. On January 22, 1998 a single Alpine Skiing stamp was issued, Scott #3180. The games were held in Nagano Japan February 2-22.

A controversy arose over the cost of using the Olympic rings and the USPS didn't want to pay so they do not appear on the stamp. Technically, it's not an official Olympic stamp! Just a stamp honoring Alpine Skiing.

**To be continued in April**

# 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.

## Giant Pandas by Tim Wait

The giant panda (*Ailuropoda melanoleuca*); also known as the panda bear or simply the panda, is a bear native to south central China. It is characterized by large, black patches around its eyes, over the ears, and across its round body. Though it belongs to the order Carnivora, the giant panda is a folivore, with bamboo shoots and leaves making up more than 99% of its diet. Source: *Wikipedia*

Panda stamps have been issued by many countries, especially in the Far East. Many non-active stamp issuing “nations” issue Panda stamps as it is a popular topic for collectors. Here is a sampling of stamps from current eBay listings from real” stamp issuing nations!



Mongolia 1990



China 1985



Japan 2018



China 1973



## ROCKFORD 2-3-4 Stamp Expo Dealers

See below for the intended 2020 dealer lineup and some of our regular dealers who had other commitments planned. We had one new dealer this year, Tiger Collectibles from Stoutsville, MO and two dealers returning after multi-year absences, James Newland from Peoria and Pfol's Stamps from Dubuque.

**As almost all shows have been canceled, our dealer friends have not been able to go to shows to buy and sell. Please contact your favorite dealer or two and 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  
Rockford, IL  
815-394-0537

Pfol's Stamps  
John Phols  
Dubuque, IA  
563-582-6247

### Riverbank Treasurers

Jerry Wessler  
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608-515-6150

Win Schaeffer  
Flossmoor, IL  
708-715-4321

James Newland  
Peoria, IL

Double J Stamps  
Jeff  
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, 3200 11th 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.

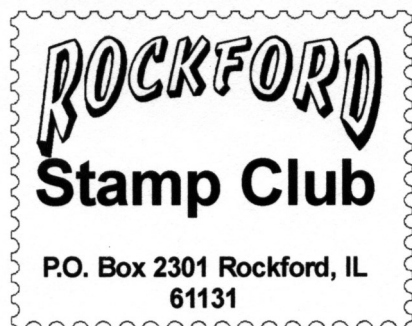
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Director.....Steve Capone  
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## Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

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



**Still NO Physical Meetings Planned!**

**ZOOM online meeting planed for:**

**Wednesday, March 3rd at 7pm**

**See inside on page one for details**