

# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

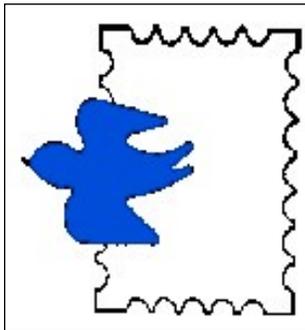
## ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

### Wednesday, May 2, 2018

6:00 pm - Buy, sell and trade

View auction lots

7:00 pm - Meeting & auction

### Tuesday, May 15, 2018

9:00 am - Buy, Sell and trade

View auction lots

9:30 am - Auction

**1st Wednesday Update:** At the Wednesday April 4th meeting we had 28 members for a fun auction.

**Hank Fox, Treasurer** reported total show income of \$686.97! Our best profit in many, many years! Through better exhibits, and more attendance we have been able to increase dealer participation. More dealers means more customers too so it is all coming together.

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

1. **Ruth Young** showed a postcard of Rockford's James Madison Wright School.
2. **Hank Fox** showed a Great Britain FDC with a £1 coin in the FDC.
3. **Tim Wait** showed a 2001 Peanuts/Snoopy FDC with additional postmarks from Camp Snoopy, the amusement park that was inside the Mall of America in Bloomington, MN.
4. **Steve Capone** showed oversize mint envelopes for Wells Fargo with 15c and 30c imprints from the 19th century. Very unusual items.

The **Mystery Box Raffle** returned and guess what, **Tammy & Tim** won! Remember you have to buy some tickets to have a chance to win.

#### Wednesday's Program

We do not have a presenter for the May meeting. Can you share 10-15 minutes, or more, showing off your collection or talking about your collecting interests? Would there be more interest if we had projection capabilities? Let us know what we can do to help YOU participate.

**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, April 17th 23 members came out in the nicer weather to enjoy the auction. 98 lots raised \$64.50 plus \$8.50 from **Winston's** usual donated lots. Thank you **Winston!**

New member **David Dini**, who joined at the show came to his first meeting and fit right in!

#### Member Update - New Feature

**Steve Jennings**, Rockford Coin & Stamp was not at our show in March and is receiving treatment for a curable cancer in his back.

**Tim Wait** will be showing his exhibit, *The Postal Development of Boone County*, at COMPEX. See below for details.

This spot will update 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 May 5-6 WISCOPEX 2018**

Reedsburg, WI. Voyageur Inn & Convention Center, 200 Viking Drive. Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4, 12 dealers, judged exhibits, free admission. Email: rjobe@centurytel.net.

##### **Fri-Sat-Sun Jun 1-3 COMPEX '18**

River Grove, IL. Guerin College Preparatory High School, 8001 W. Belmont Ave. Hours Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4. 35+ dealers, judged exhibits, free admission. Phone 773-775-2100.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

# USPS 2018 New Issues

## Sally Ride

1st Class Forever Rate  
May 23—La Jolla, CA



America's first woman in space, Dr. Sally Ride joined NASA in 1978 and was a member of the crew of Space Shuttle Challenger STS-7 in 1984. She inspired the nation as a pioneering astronaut, brilliant physicist, and dedicated educator, and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2013. Sally Ride was born May 26, 1951 in Encino, Ca., and died of pancreatic cancer July 23, 2012 in La Jolla, which is the official release site for the stamp.

Ride was the only person to sit on the investigative panel for both *Challenger* and *Columbia* shuttle accidents. As a professor she used her experience as an astronaut to explain complicated physics principles. Through her love of science and determination to improve our world, Ride left a lasting impact on generations of students and the future of American space exploration.

The stamp art, sketched first in charcoal and then rendered in oil paint, features a portrait of Ride in her space suit with a space shuttle lifting off in the background.

## Flag Act of 1818

1st Class Forever Rate  
June 9—Appleton, WI



With this stamp, the Postal Service marks the 200th anniversary of the Flag Act of 1818, which gave us the basic design of the current American flag.

The stamp release in Washington, D.C. will be the lead event in this year's June 10–16 "National Flag Week"—June 14 being Flag Day.

**History of the Flag Acts:** The first of three Flag Acts was passed by the Second Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. *Resolved*, That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation. **That's why Flag Day is celebrated on June 14th.**

The second Flag Act, was signed into law by President George Washington January 13, 1794. It changed the design of the flag to accommodate the admission into the Union of the states of Vermont and Kentucky.

*An Act making an alteration in the Flag of the United States.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled, That from and after the first day of May, Anno Domini, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, the flag of the United States, be fifteen stripes alternate red and white. That the Union be fifteen stars, white in a blue field.*

This would be the only official flag of the United States not to have thirteen stripes. As the result of the lack of a Flag Act between 1794 and 1818, there were no official U.S. flags with sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, or nineteen stars. No flag laws were enacted to accompany the admission of new states to the Union during this period.

The Flag Act of 1818 (3 Stat. 415) was enacted by Congress on April 4, 1818. It provided for the modern rule of having thirteen stripes to represent the original thirteen colonies and having the number of stars match the number of states. It also provided that subsequent changes in the number of stars be made on July 4, Independence Day.

*An Act to establish the flag of the United States.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress Assembled, That from and after the fourth day of July next, the flag of the United States be thirteen horizontal stripes, alternate red and white: that the union be twenty stars, white in a blue field.*

*And be it further enacted, That on the admission of every new state into the Union, one star be added to the union of the flag; and that such addition shall take effect of the fourth day of July then next succeeding such admission.*

Our current 50-star flag was adopted July 4, 1960 after the admission of Hawaii on August 21, 1959. The 49-star flag, adopted after Alaska was admitted to the Union on January 3, 1959, was one of nine flags to only be in use for one year.

## President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

Thank you to everyone for making the April Wednesday night meeting and the Tuesday morning auction happen in my absence. I can truly say I missed not being in attendance and enjoying the action and the fellowship. I understand we had a very favorable report on the success of our show and hope this is an indicator of some stability in our hobby.

While in Lansing, MI in early April I decided to go out in search of a stamp shop or two. Unfortunately, one of the listed shops had closed in early March and sold all their inventory to another out-of-state firm. The other shop was interesting in that it is a coin, stamp, small antique area and a small militaria museum. Not having a lot of time, I did not have the opportunity to see much of the stamp inventory (mainly because "the stamp guy" had just left for lunch) but did purchase a couple of covers and postcards. The "stamp guy" did return from lunch and we had a short visit but it appears most their business was in coins. I will try and visit the store again on another visit to Michigan.

The board of directors, officers, and show chairman have not had the opportunity to meet yet to discuss the show and what changes may or may not be needed. If you have any suggestions, comments, or concerns about the show, or club issues, please let one of us know at the May meeting.

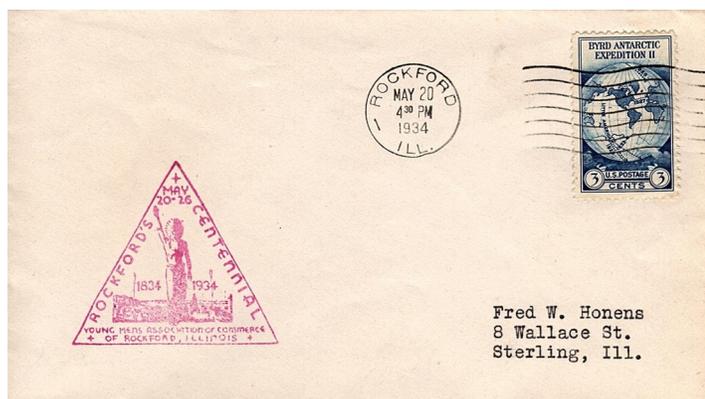
Please considering making a presentation on your specialty or interest at one of our Wednesday evening meetings to share your passion and knowledge with the rest of the members.

Happy collecting and bring a show and tell with you to share at the meeting.

## Rockford's Centennial Celebrations

Rockford traces its roots to **1834**, as the combined settlements of Midway were founded on both banks of the Rock River. On the west bank, Germanicus Kent and Thatcher Blake (with his slave Lewis Lemon) founded Kentville; the east bank was settled by Daniel Shaw Haight. With the location of the Rock River located equidistant between Lake Michigan and the Mississippi River, the combined settlement derived the name "Midway". In 1836, Winnebago County was created (from both Jo Daviess and LaSalle counties), with Midway named as its county seat. In **1837**, the village of Midway was renamed Rockford, highlighting a rocky river ford across the Rock River in the village.

In **1839** Rockford was incorporated as a Town. In **1852** Rockford was incorporated as a City. So, Rockford had four "centennials" in the 20th century. 1934 Founding, 1937 Name change to Rockford, 1939 Town, and 1952 City. Here are items from the 1934 and 1952 celebrations.

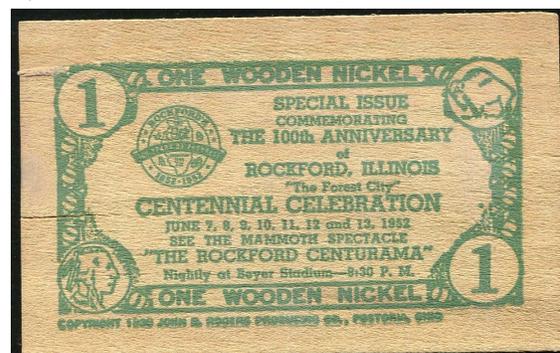


Rockford celebrated its one hundredth birthday with a program which commenced May 20th and concluded May 26th. Four of the seven days were devoted to the districts, east, west, north and south of the city, the fifth day was Rockford Day, the sixth Centennial Day and the seventh Church Day.

The feature was a pageant performed by more than 800 persons. Depicted were episodes showing life and customs of Winnebago Indians, the activities of early fur traders and missionaries, the coming of the first white settler, Stephen Mack, the founding of the city, the arrival of the first immigrants, the establishment of the first churches and schools, and the development of Rockford industries.



From June 7-13, 1952, Rockford, "The Forest City" held a Centennial Celebration where you could see the Mammoth Spectacle "The Rockford Centurama" nightly at Beyer Stadium. Photo courtesy of Terry Kurzinski.



1952  
Wooden  
Nickle

# Countries ending in “Stan” by Tim Wait

Numerous countries in Central Asia have a name that ends in "stan," including:

**Afghanistan - Kazakhstan - Kyrgyzstan - Pakistan - 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*.

**Afghanistan** an ancient country - The first stamps issued were under "The Kingdom of Kabul" in 1871. The Kingdom of Afghanistan began issuing stamps in 1891. These first stamps were all designs and inscriptions in "Dari", which is very hard to decipher!



1892 Proof

The 20th century stamps started to be more recognizable to Western collectors in the 1930's.



Scott # 269 & 290

Afghanistan has been in turmoil since the Soviet invasion of 1978 although their stamp issues before and after are quite similar.

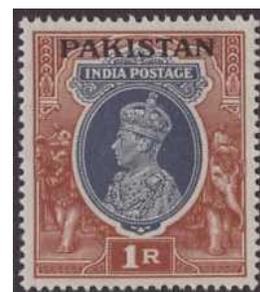


Scott #913 New Flag of Afghanistan

My 2006 Scott catalogue stops listing regular issues in 1989 at #1383. It then shows a 2002 issue, #1384 under "Transitional Islamic State". During the US assisted Afghanistan War mail delivery was not much of a priority.



**Pakistan** - Used the stamps of India until it was partitioned in 1947. Its first stamps, overprints on Indian stamps, were issued October 1, 1947.



Scott #14

Pakistan's first country issue was from July 9, 1948. Four stamps featured Pakistani buildings and a Crescent and Urdu inscription



Scott # 20-23

The issues of Pakistan are mostly related to their culture. Their stamp program has been reasonably contained with just over 1,000 Scott numbered stamps issued up to 2004.



Scott #1052 12/6/2004

Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad, 30th Anniversary

Next month we will look at the new "Stans".



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

## Place Names of Winnebago County

**Winnebago County.** Named for Winnebago, a Siouan people whose village extended from near Moline northward along the Rock River into central Wisconsin. Winnebago is probably from a Potawomi word meaning “people of stinking water”, a reference to the fact that many Winnebago lived along the Fox River in Wisconsin, which became polluted with rotting fish each summer. The Winnebago call themselves the Ho-chunk. The county seat was established at Winnebago and moved to Rockford in 1839.

**Cherry Valley.** Settled 1834, Incorporated as a Village in 1857. Named for Cherry Valley, Otsego County, N.Y., probably by site owner Edward Fletcher, possibly by Mrs. John Butler, both of whom had previously lived in Cherry Valley, NY. For unknown reasons, in its early years the community was known informally as Grabtown and Graball. Served by **Post Offices;** Long Prairie, June 13, 1839; Cleveland, June 25, 1840; Newburgh, June 28, 1847 and finally Cherry Valley, August 29, 1849.

**Durand.** Village 1869. Thirteen miles northwest of Rockford. Founded about 1857 by J.R. Herring and named for Henry S. Durand, president of the Racine and Mississippi Railroad. **Post Offices;** Medina, January 24, 1850; Durand Station, April 30, 1858.

**Harlem.** Two mile east-southeast of Machesney Park. According to Stennett, the name was chosen “for the curious reason that Harlem was six miles from New York city and this site is six miles from Rockford. **Post Office;** July 9, 1839. Closed January 31, 1928.

**Harrison.** Nine miles northeast of Machesney Park. Founded in 1840 and named for William Henry Harrison, recently elected president of the United States. **Post Office;** January 20, 1846. Closed January 31, 1905.

**Kishwaukee.** Five miles southeast of Rockford. Named from the Kishwaukee River. Early histories claim that Kishwaukee means “fish eaters” or “clear waters”. Rather, it is probably from a Meskwaki (Fox) word for “sycamore tree”. Kishwaukee was a Native American name for at least part of the stream; in his autobiography, Black Hawk wrote of it. **Post Office;** January 26, 1838. Closed August 31, 1905. To be continued.

### 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.

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

## 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!

### Buy the Stamp

**Rick Hyams**  
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**Al Lenz**  
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### University Ave. Stamps

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Rockford, IL  
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### Applebox Philatelic's

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309-963-4248

#### W. H. Burdick

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### Terry Kurzinski

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### Fox River Stamps

#### Michael Mules

Salem, WI  
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.

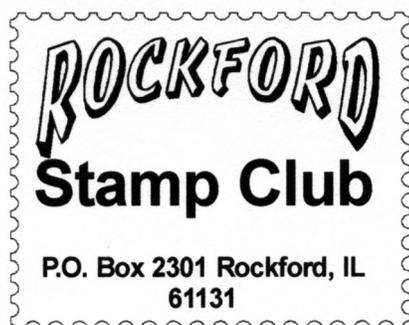
## The 2018 Club Officers

President.....Frank Schmitt  
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815-397-0573  
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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



## May Meetings

Wednesday, May 2 and Tuesday May 15

What do you collect?

Can you give a brief presentation at  
a Wednesday night meeting of your  
collecting specialty?