

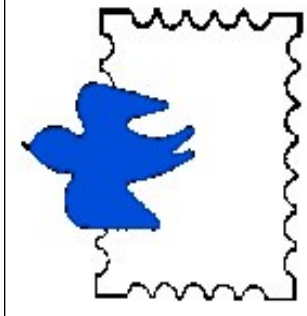
ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

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

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

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

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

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

Wednesday, April 7th: We had about seven members at our Zoom meeting. We discussed having physical meetings starting as early as May.

Eric Welch presented a detailed, tech supported introduction to preparing your own album pages. It was very informative and well received. Thank you Eric!

Tuesday: Our Tuesday morning get together will still NOT have a formal meeting but will have a rousing auction, as always! Make sure you bring some lots and be prepared to find some great new material for your collections.

In-Person Meetings Are Back!

It's finally time to get together IN-PERSON to enjoy our wonderful hobby! After careful consideration and discussions with Ken-Rock management, we will be meeting again at their **NEW LOCATION at 625 Adams St., Rockford.**

There will be a few adjustments and we will have to work out some details as we go along. 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.

As of now we **WILL NOT be providing a ZOOM call.** We will examine that option in the future.

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

Wednesday Presentations

All of us who called in for the ZOOM meetings enjoyed our time together and some interesting presentations and show and tells. Some members who do not attend on Wednesdays were able to join us too!

We will continue with our popular Show & Tell sessions at the Wednesday meeting and maybe look for short 10-15 minute presentations after we work out the time flow of the meetings. **Why don't YOU bring something interesting you acquired over the last 13 months.**

Global Pandemic Issue of the Month



India - 2020

Salute to COVID-19 Warriors

At this time of extreme crisis in India, we show this reminder of those who work tirelessly to save the lives of their relatives, friends and county men/women.



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows the next one isn't until June

July 24-25 - Chicagoland North

Wheeling, IL. Ramada Inn, 1090 S. Milwaukee Ave.
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, 500+ exhibit frames, and many seminars and society meetings.

Star Wars Droids
First Class Forever (55c)
 Pane of 20 (10 Designs)
 May 4 - Virtual Ceremony



The first characters fans meet in the first “Star Wars” film, “Star Wars: A New Hope,” are droids — namely C-3PO and R2-D2 — and droids have continued to play pivotal roles throughout the “Star Wars” galaxy. Representing more than four decades of innovation and storytelling, the droids featured in this pane of 20 stamps are IG-11, R2-D2, K-2SO, D-O, L3-37, BB-8, C-3PO, a GNK (or Gonk) power droid, 2-1B surgical droid and C1-10P, commonly known as ‘Chopper.’ The characters are shown against backgrounds representing settings of memorable Star Wars adventures.

This set of droids is a nod to Lucasfilm’s, as well as its parent company, Disney’s, commitment to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) learning and the continued collaboration between ‘Star Wars: Force for Change’ and global pre-K-12 nonprofit organization ‘FIRST’ (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology). ‘Star Wars: Force for Change’ and ‘FIRST’ have joined forces to expand access to STEM learning to more young people around the world, and to help them envision a brighter, more inclusive future.

I turned to Wikipedia, which tells us, “Star Wars: Force for Change is a Star Wars themed charity program run by Lucasfilm and The Walt Disney Company that collects donations to fund solutions for global problems. The organization also sells Star Wars-themed merchandise using the profits for charitable causes. “Launched in 2014, the program worked closely with UNICEF by selling sweepstakes for the seventh Star Wars film of the saga Star Wars: The Force Awakens and raised approximately \$4.2 million. In addition to recent campaigns [involving] selling lucky draws to people who could make cameo appearances in The Force Awakens, some of the actors from the films such as Mark Hamill visited Los Angeles Children’s Hospital, while Harrison Ford appeared in a charity video to surprise fans.” Lucasfilm, the studio that created the “Star Wars” franchise, is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2021. Greg Breeding was the designer of the stamps and pane. William Gicker was the art director.

Heritage Breeds
First Class Forever (55c)
 Pane of 20 (10 Designs)
 May 17 - Mt. Vernon, VA

These stamps pay tribute to heritage breeds, preindustrial farm animals that are enjoying renewed attention for their versatility, adaptability and unique genetic traits. The pane includes photographs of 10 heritage breeds: the American Mammoth Jackstock donkey, the Narragansett turkey, the Cayuga duck, the San Clemente Island goat, the Mulefoot hog, the Cotton Patch goose, the American Cream draft horse, the Barbados Blackbelly sheep, the Milking Devon cow and the Wyandotte chicken. Zack Bryant designed the stamps with photographs by Aliza Eliazarov. Greg Breeding served as art director.

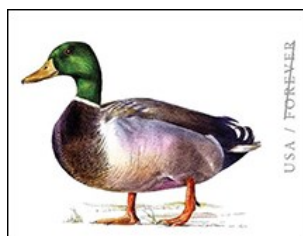


A new stamped card for 2021 features an illustration of a mallard drake. The mallard duck is very adaptable and breeds throughout most of the United States, even in urban areas. The breed is one of the most often seen in “duck” illustrations and makes the quacking sound that is typically associated with ducks.

The card image comes from preexisting artwork by illustrator and designer Dugald Stermer. The full-body, left-facing profile was created in pencil and watercolor. Art director Ethel Kessler designed the stamped card.

Mallard
Forever Stamped Card

Jun 1 - Fargo, ND



President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

It's a "Ripley's Believe it or Not" moment! Believe it! We will have our first in person meeting since March 2019. After much consideration, and meeting with John Guth of Ken-Rock Community Center, we will be able to meet at their new facility. Ken-Rock is now located at 625 Adams St, in Rockford, which is about 2 blocks east of N. Longwood St. and just south of Rural St.

An email was sent out, to those we have email addresses for, on Monday, outlining meeting requirements consisting of **wearing masks and social distancing**. We will also have hand sanitizer available for use.

Initially, we will be required to be out of the building no later than 8:30 PM. In the email we posed the question of starting the meeting earlier (6:30 PM) but as of now the responses favor the current 7:00 PM start time. **We can have the room starting at 5:30 PM. Tuesday we can enter at 9:00 AM.**

We may also have to put a limit on the number of auction lots until we can fine tune viewing while maintaining social distancing. A limit of five (5) lots on Wednesday evening and ten (10) lots on Tuesday morning has been suggested. I suggest bringing more lots and we can determine any limits at the meeting. Settling of accounts will be done one at a time and the Treasurer will call each person up when he is ready for you. Please be patient and understanding.

Remember this is our first step in returning to a somewhat normal status. We will constantly reevaluate the requirements for masks and social distancing. Safety is our first consideration for each, and every one of our members and to attend our meetings you must follow any, and all requirements.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting and welcome your thoughts and comments for consideration on how to better to meet your needs and the Club needs.

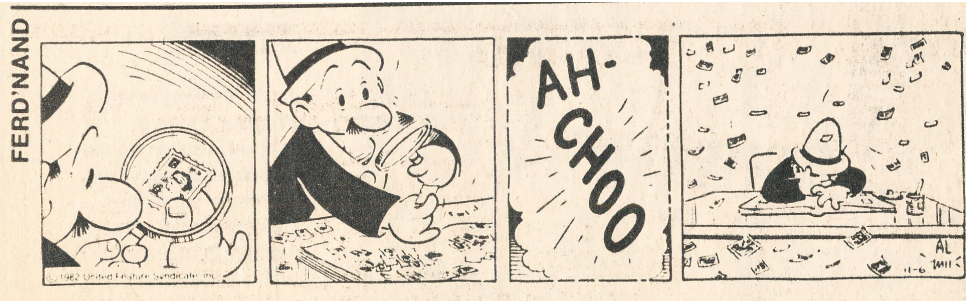
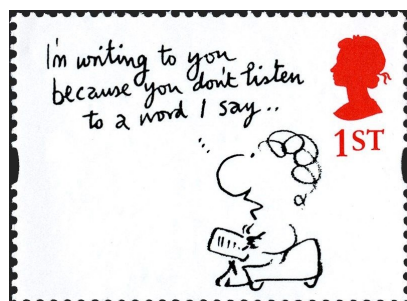
Again, **a big THANKS to Eric Welch for hosting our ZOOM meetings**. We are looking into possibly doing a quarterly ZOOM meeting for those that cannot attend the live meetings. This would be in addition to our in-person meetings or a hybrid in person/Zoom meeting.

Another, thanks to Eric Welch for his presentation on making your own album pages and sharing the numerous websites for doing so.

Remember, articles for the newsletter and programs/presentations at the meetings are always welcome. Don't forget your show and tell.

Happy collecting and stay safe.

The Stamp Club Funnies



Rockford Stamp Show First Day Covers - Part 1 - by Tim Wait

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB
ANNUAL EXHIBITION
APRIL 6 & 7, 1968



ILLINOIS SESQUICENTENNIAL



Ray Costa
549 Jennings
Vallejo, Calif.

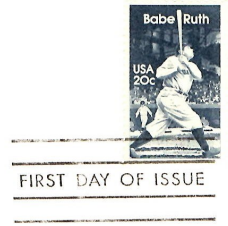
April 6 & 7, 1968

The first club First Day Cover (FDC) idea was associated with my favorite stamp, the Illinois Statehood stamp for the Sesquicentennial (1818-1968).

The design was very imaginative showing a 1818 Daniel Boone like frontiersman and a guitar playing 1968 "Hippie"! The cartoon was drawn by Rockford resident Tom Wojahn, (b. Dec. 1925 d. 2011), cartoonist for Hot Rod Magazine and other publications.

The cachet was very popular in the philatelic press with a picture of Ben Jelinek, Secretary holding up the artwork appearing in Linn's Weekly Stamp News, Mckeels and Stamps magazine.

Baseball was used as a recurring theme during the 1980's by the club. Two of the years we were able to combine the topic with a future USPS Issue.



April 4 & 5, 1983

Our cachet in 1983 commemorated the 50th anniversary of the *Baseball All-Star Game* held at Chicago White Sox Comiskey Park played July 6, 1933. The biggest star at the time was the "Bambino" Babe Ruth. Ruth hit a two run homer in the third inning to lead the American League to a 4-2 win.

He is featured on the cachet and his 20¢ stamp, issued in Chicago on July 6, 1983, Scott #2046. Cachet designed by Kit Scheidenhelm, Belvidere artist and school teacher. This was his first show cover that also became a FDC.

ROCKFORD '81

APRIL 4-5, 1981
ANNUAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS



**200th Anniversary
Battle of Yorktown
1781-1981**



April 4 & 5, 1981

It took over 10 years but a cachet featuring the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Yorktown was used in 1982. The cachet featured the two color 1931 150th anniversary stamp, Scott #703. The stamp featured General Rochambeau, who commanded the French ground troops, General Washington and Comte de DeGrasse who commanded the French naval fleet. On October 16, 1981, the USPS issued a commemorative stamp in Yorktown, VA.

This is a show cover from April that was later submitted for a first day cancel in October.



Scott#
1937-8

ROCKFORD 84



FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

April 4 & 5, 1984

The 1984 cachet honored Roberto Clemente of the Pittsburgh Pirates. Clemente was an All-Star for 13 seasons, playing in 15 All-Star Games. He was the National League (NL) Most Valuable Player (MVP) in 1966, the NL batting leader in 1961, 1964, 1965, and 1967, and a Gold Glove Award winner for 12 consecutive seasons from 1961 through 1972.

Tragically, his life ended early when a chartered plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Isla Verde, Puerto Rico immediately after takeoff on December 31, 1972, due to engine failure.

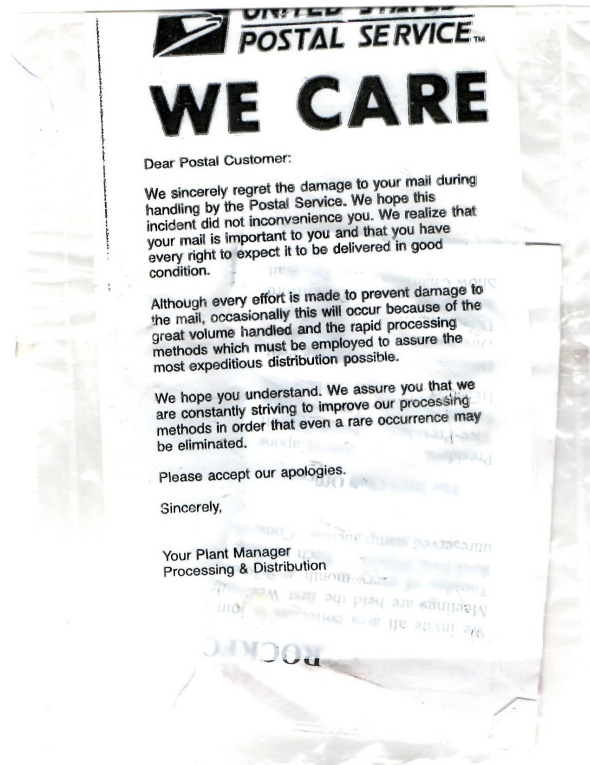
A 20¢ stamp was issued in Carolina, PR on August 17, 1984, Scott# 2097, the day before what would have been his 50th birthday. Another design by Scheidenhelm.

Welcome to the Rockford Illinois Stamp Club Website

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.

United States Postal Service - We Care



October 2014 - I was so glad to see that the USPS Cares! One-half of the newsletter returned in the “USPS We Care body bag”. They didn’t even mark the reason for return!!

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.**

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Rockford, IL
815-282-4444

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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.

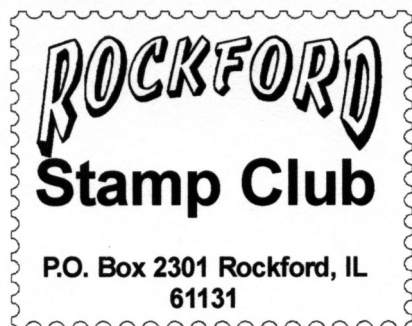
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1993 Donald Arnquist	2001 Mike Peters
1994 Otto Ehlers *	2002 Craig Edgington
1995 Dick Wibom *	2003 Earl Button
1996 Dan Hammell *	2004 Timothy Wait
1997 Robert Rosell *	2012 Tim Gallagher *
1998 Matt Mace	

* Closed album



IN-PERSON Meetings are BACK!

Wednesday, May 5th at 6/7pm

Tuesday, May 18th at 9/10am

See inside on pages one & three for all the details including the new location