

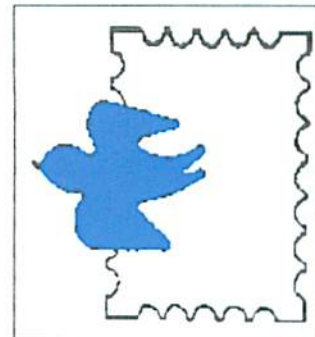
ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

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

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

9:30 am - Buy, Sell and trade
View auction lots
10:00 am - Meeting & auction

1st Wednesday Update: At the Wednesday October 5th meeting, I wasn't there! I can't remember the last time I missed a meeting and didn't have notes to report. Fortunately, **Tammy Copus**, our Secretary gave me the highlights to report here.

President Steve Capone nor **Vice President Frank Schmitt** were there, so **Director Matt Mace** ran the meeting. There were 26 members in attendance bidding on 57 lots in the auction.

There was no Mystery Box Raffle this month. **Hank Fox** say we will have TWO really good ones next month.

Winston Ackmann and **Stanley Campbell** had Show and Tell items for all to enjoy. **Ernie Petit** had very interesting NASA flight covers to show too.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Nominations Committee did not present their slate. **The slate will be presented at the November meeting and we will also be taking nominations from the floor.** Printed ballots will go out to ALL members shortly after the November 2nd meeting and anyone can mail in their ballot to our PO Box. You can only vote once, this isn't Chicago you know! So, if you mail a ballot, please do not request one at the December meeting.

The December 7th meeting will be our annual Charity auction for Rock House Kids. All lots are to be donated and all receipts will go to the Kids. Last year we donated \$126. Lets see if we can do better this year.

Coffee will be provided. Please bring some cookies or other sweets for all to enjoy.

Loves Park Panthers Stamp Club

Tammy reports that she has a record 25 members this year. More than double last year. She is busy planning projects and activities and will be needing anything you wish to donate, stamps, supplies and ESPECIALLY OLD WW ALBUMS to give to the kids. Great job Tammy and good luck!

3rd Tuesday Update: At the Tuesday October 18th meeting there were 17 members on board. 119 lots that earned \$24.25 from **Winston Ackmann** donations and \$35.50 from the other lots. A great total that continues to pay for the meeting room and help build our treasury.

Tuesday meetings are a must attend if you are looking for new material to add to your collection.

✝ In Memorial

With a sad heart we have to report that **James (Jim) Lahey, DeKalb**, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sunday, October 9, 2016, after a valiant and courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. Jim and his wife Linda were regular attendees since they joined in 2009. Jim greatly enjoyed the Club and liked adding items to his collections. Please accept our condolences Linda. May Jim rest in Peace.



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Fri-Sun Nov 18-20 - CHICAGOPEX 2016

Itasca, IL. Westin Chicago Northwest, 400 Park Blvd. Chicago Philatelic Society. Hours Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4. 80+ dealers, 290 exhibit frames. Free admission. **Don't miss the Big Show!**

Sat Nov 26 - SUPEX

Countryside, IL. Union of Operating Engineers Hall, 6200 Joliet Rd. Suburban Collector's Club of Chicago. Bourse only.

Sat-Sun Dec 12-13 - MSDA West Suburban Show

Lombard, IL. Linder Conference Center, 610 E. Butterfield Rd. Hours: Sat 10-4, Sun 10-3. 20 dealers, free admission.

U.S. 2017 New Issue PREVIEW



John F. Kennedy
100th Birth Anniversary



National Museum of African American History and Culture



Father Theodore Hesburgh

Sharks



Delicioso-Central and South American, Mexican and Caribbean foods on American cuisine.



Love Skywriting



Year of the Rooster



Uncle Sam's Hat
Additional Ounce rate.



Seashells - Postcard rate.



Flowers from the Garden.



WPA Poster stamps.

In October, the USPS released images for some of the new issues to come in 2017. No dates or locations have been announced yet. These are just a few, we are sure, of the many varied and interesting stamp issues that we will be seeing.

Recently the USPS also filed for a rate increase to return to 49¢ for a First-Class letter, among other requested rate increases. That will play out in committees to see if the price goes up next year or not.

I am sure JFK will be a favorite. The WPA Poster stamps look interesting and you have to like those SHARKS coming right out of the deep blue see!

FUN with Postal History By Tim Wait

The Right Reverend Charles Louis Van Tourenhout
Ste. Genevieve, Missouri
b. February 22, 1863 d. April 25, 1947
Rector, Ste. Genevieve's School
Served as a Priest for over 60 years



Extraordinary letter sent Air Mail / Special Delivery from O'Fallon, Mo., August 26, 1936 at 3pm to Rev. Van Tourenhout as a passenger arriving at New York on the Steamer "Isle de France" the next day.



Let's start with the "route" this cover took on its journey. The letter was machine cancelled O'Fallon, MO., August 26 at 3pm. An alert clerk saw that the date and time were not readable over the special delivery stamp and used a duplex handstamp to mark the letter again with a readable date and time.

O'Fallon is located about 34 miles northwest of St. Louis. The St. Louis to Kansas City train went through O'Fallon and this letter was placed on the train where it received the "St. Louis, MOS & K.C. R.P.O. (Railway Post Office), backstamp, cancel the same day. From St. Louis it was placed on Contract Air Mail (CAM) Route No. 2 to Chicago.

No arrival stamp was applied in Chicago but from there it went on a "Night Flight" along the Government Transcontinental Route that stretched from New York to San Francisco. The cover was received at 9am in New York, backstamp. It was then forwarded to Station G and received at 10am, backstamp.

Now for the fascinating part of this letters journey! Special Delivery service meant that upon arrival at the destination post office, a Special Delivery Messenger would take the letter to the address. This letter didn't have an address, just "arriving New York August 26th - Steamer "Isle de France".

Remarkably, this letter was marked **SEND VIA PILOT BOAT**

The employees at the New York Post Office took their job very seriously. Since the sender, Rev. Martin B. Hellriegel, paid for special delivery service, they were going to make sure his letter received it!

Rev. Martin B. Hellriegel
B. November 9, 1890
D. April 10, 1981

When large ocean going ships arrived in New York, a pilot boat was sent out to guide them to their designated dock. **In 1936, the pilot boat also carried Special Delivery letters to the crew and passengers on the ship!** What great service!

Thankfully for future postal historians, like me, they created a postal marking for this mail that evidenced the service being given. A very rare handstamp!

Postal History can be a way to add to your collecting enjoyment. Genealogy can also add to the fun of researching your letter. Do you have anything interesting to share in your newsletter, *Rockford Stamp Notes*?



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

I keep filling this page with Stuff I Really Like. If you are tired of hearing from me, why don't YOU send me a scan and write up of something interesting from your collection. Show and Tell at the Wednesday meeting is nice but it only reaches 25-30 of our 70 members. By explaining what you like to collect to all our members in the newsletter, you may find that someone might have something to sell to you! So for now, here is another one from me!

The tax law never allowed U.S. Postage Stamps to indicate payment. Internal Revenue did not receive any payment for the stamps, instead the U.S. Post Office got the money and performed no service!

4. Illegal Use of Po

You all know me for my Civil War revenue exhibits. I recently completed a NEW single frame (16 page or in this case 8 double pages) exhibit:

Adhesive Stamps Used to Pay the 2¢ Tax on U.S. Bank Checks 1862-1883.

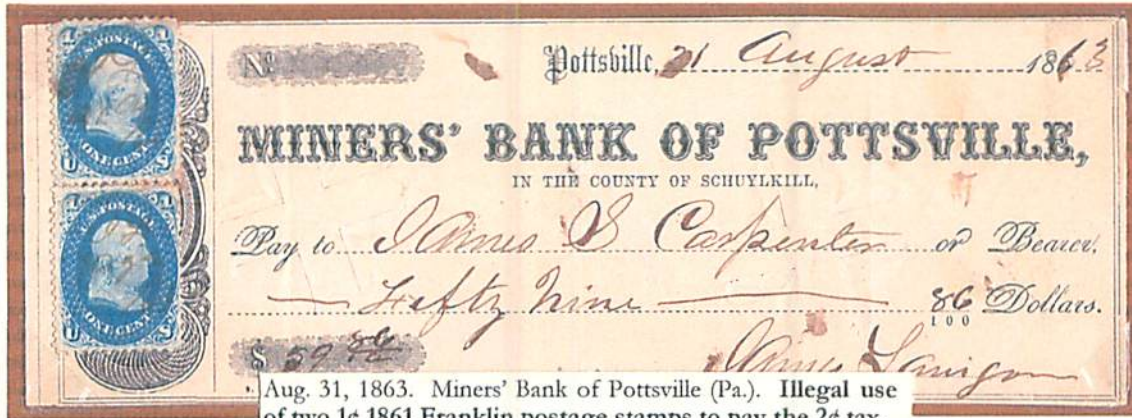
This exhibit shows the Revenue stamps that properly paid the tax, improperly paid with inappropriate types of revenue stamps and illegally paid with U.S. Postage stamps.

The tax rate was 2¢ from the beginning of the tax on October 1, 1862, all the way until it was rescinded June 30, 1883.

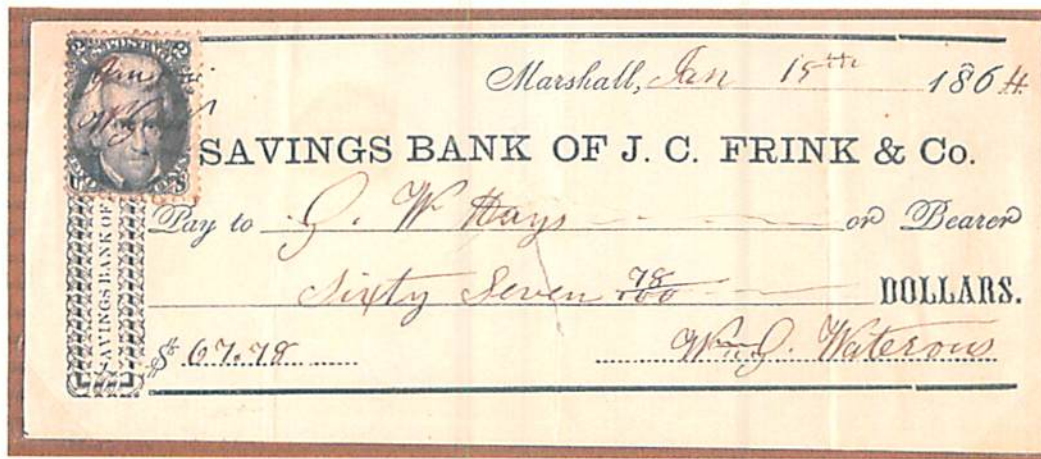
Shown at left are three examples paid illegally with U.S. postage stamps. The reason this was illegal is that the Post Office got the revenue, not the Department of Treasury!

The bottom check was even over paid with a 3¢ stamp.

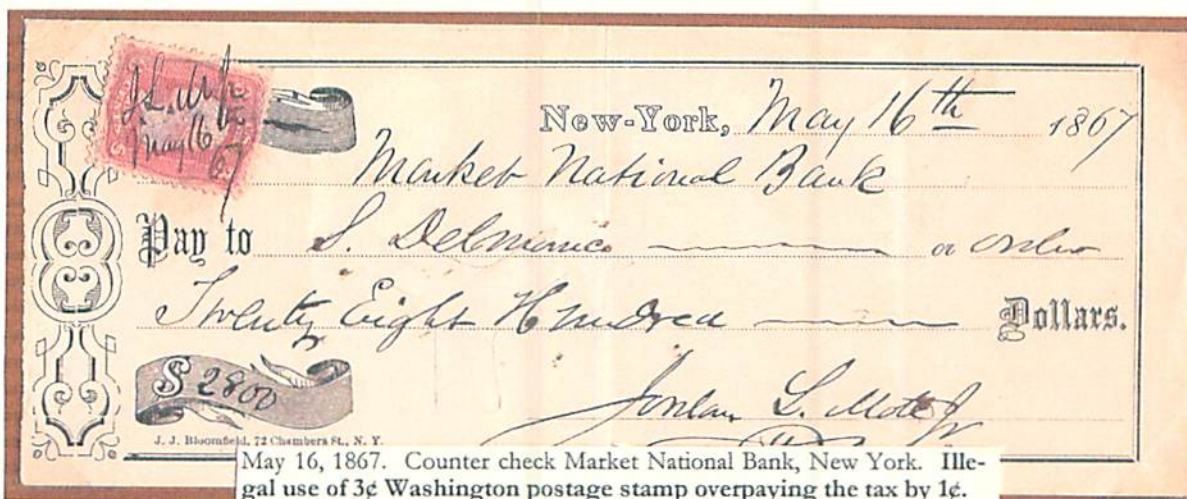
Come see me at the Wednesday meeting to view the entire exhibit.



Aug. 31, 1863. Miners' Bank of Pottsville (Pa.). Illegal use of two 1¢ 1861 Franklin postage stamps to pay the 2¢ tax.



Jan. 15, 1864. Savings Bank of J.C. Frink & Co, Marshall, (Ind.). Illegal use of 2¢ Jackson postage stamp to pay the 2¢ tax.



May 16, 1867. Counter check Market National Bank, New York. Illegal use of 3¢ Washington postage stamp overpaying the tax by 1¢.



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

The Press Release went out October 18 for the inaugural **Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo on March 11-12, 2017**, at our long time location, Forest Hills Lodge. Already we have received feedback! The **Collector's Club of Chicago (CCC)** forwarded the email to its entire membership which includes many active exhibitors. Ken Martin, APS Chief Operating Officer replied that he would work the announcement into his next "Happenings" article in the *American Philatelist*. John Hotchner, a philatelic writer in just about every media outlet available expressed interest. All this in just a week. I will keep everyone updated on future announcements as I see them.

We will still have a **Club Members Only, one sixteen (16) page frame**, competition so keep working on anything you would like to show. See me for more details or assistance in preparing your exhibit.

CHICAGO CUBS IN FIRST WOLRD SERIES SINCE 1945

How could I let this pass without comment? Some of you might have listened to that 1945 series on the radio! What a heartbreaker to lose to the Tigers in Game 7!

As of this writing the Series is tied 1-1. Now we return to Chicago to get three straight Wins! That's what I am hoping for. Go Cubbies!

The USPS has issued quite a few baseball related stamps starting in 1939 with the controversial "Baseball Centennial Issue". Some now say organized baseball was being played before 1839.

I decided to look to the USPS for inspirational Cubs players on stamps. To the left is what I found!

Scott #855
Baseball Centennial



Scott #3519
Wrigley Field

Best I could do!

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>

THANK YOU - ROCKFORD 2016 STAMP SHOW DEALERS

We had a great show with 14, yes 14 dealers on Saturday with two not being able to stay for Sunday. All the dealers were doing brisk business Saturday morning, which continued throughout the weekend.

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| <p>New for 2016
David Alex
Glenview, IL
847-291-7826</p> | <p>John's Stamp Den
John Steele
Washington, IL
309-444-8247</p> | <p>Rockford Coin & Stamp
Steve Jennings
Rockford, IL
815-282-4444</p> | <p>W. H. Burdick
Mtn. Home, AR
870-425-7799</p> |
| <p>Applebox Philatelic's
Richard Duda
Mt. Prospect, IL
847-439-7614</p> | <p>Alroy Stamps
Al Lenz
Schaumburg, IL
847-524-0147</p> | <p>Pfohl's Stamps
John "Kermit" Kirpes
Dubuque, IA
563-582-6247</p> | <p>Terry Kurzinski
Cherry Valley, IL
815-262-9117</p> |
| <p>Farrell Stamps
Len Farrell
Brookfield, IL
708-280-7114</p> | <p>Geezer's
Dave Birch
Oakwood, IL
217-260-9375</p> | <p>Phil Edwards
Normal, IL
309-452-2593</p> <p>Steve Capone
Rockford, IL
815-394-0537</p> | <p>DMS Collectibles
John Butler
Normal, IL
309-963-4248</p> |
| | | | <p>Newland's Stamps & Post Cards
Jim Newland
Peru, IL
815-794-1984</p> |

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 9:30am, 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.

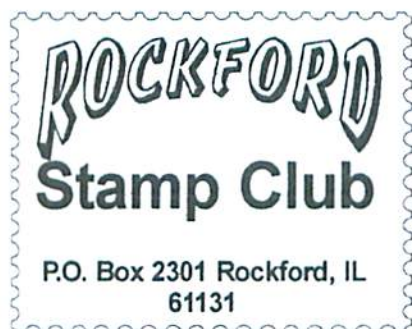
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Director.....Matt Mace
Director.....Tim Copus
Director.....Terry Kurzinski
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Show Chairman.....Tim Wait
815-670-5869

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



NOVEMBER Meetings

Wednesday, Nov 2 and Tuesday Nov 15

Don't miss out on the fun!