

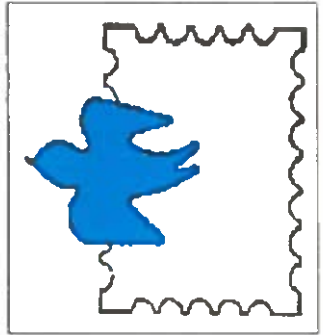
# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

## ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

### Wednesday, November 1, 2017

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

### Tuesday, November 21, 2017

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

**1st Wednesday Update:** At the Wednesday October 4th we had 22 members in attendance. Tammy Copus, Loves Park Elementary Stamp Club leader, said their first meeting would be October 18th. She has a number of members interested from last year and hopes to get more this year. A local teacher gave her some great USPS teaching aids from the Stamps of the Century issue from the 1950's-1960's-1970's.

President Frank Schmitt selected Mike Peters, Steve Capone and Dave Archer to be on this year's Nominating committee. If you would like to run for office or know someone who is interested and wish to nominate them, please see one of these three members.

#### Show & Tell....

1. Tammy Copus showed a New Zealand Kiwi Bird postcard she got out of the last month's mystery box. And gave a nice report on the contents.
2. Steve Capone showed a beautiful, perfectly struck "Collection Distribution Wagon No. 1, Washington, D.C. cancel on an April 3, 1897 cover!

The Mystery Box Raffle was won by Frank Schmitt who said "Draw Again!" and I'll give you one guess who won the next time. Tim & Tammy Copus AGAIN! You gotta buy more tickets to increase YOUR odds.

#### ✠ In Memorial

This month we have to report the passing of Ellen Stadermann, Jim's wife of 54 years. Ellen passed away September 20.

Both Jim and Ellen enjoyed being part of the club. Ellen worked the show table a couple years ago and would drop Jim off at the Tuesday meeting so he could enjoy the camaraderie with fellow collectors. Ellen was involved in a number of charitable organizations. Our condolences go out to Jim and his family.

**3rd Tuesday Update:** The Tuesday October 17th we had 21 members for another rousing auction. 130 lots and donations by Winston and Gordie's estate, generated a whopping \$66.85. This represents a very nice profit for the club.

Thanks to all who brought and bought some nice auction lots. The Tuesday auction is besting the Wednesday night auction almost every month. We have some out of town members that can't come Wednesday bringing lots of lots to sell.



### Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

#### Fri-Sun Nov 17-19 - 131st CHICAGOPEX 2017

Itasca, IL. Westin Chicago Northwest, 400 Park Blvd. Chicago Philatelic Society. Hours Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4. 75 dealers, 266 exhibit frames. Free admission. **Don't miss the Big Show!**

#### Sat Nov 25 - SUPEX

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

#### Sat-Sun Dec 2-3- MSDA Milwaukee Holiday Show

Milwaukee, WI. Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S. 13th St. Hours: Sat 10-4, Sun 10-3. 15 dealers, free admission.

#### Sat-Sun Dec 9-10 - MSDA West Suburban Show

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

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

# USPS 2017 New Issues

There was one surprise issue in October and the USPS announced a new Semi-postal issue for November. See details.

## The History of Hockey

49¢ Forever  
Souvenir Sheet of Two  
PSA Panes of 20  
October 20—Detroit, MI

The National Hockey Association began play in 1910 and evolved into the National Hockey League in 1917. Seven of the 31 NHL teams are based in Canada, with the rest in the US.



With this souvenir sheet, the U.S. Postal Service and Canada Post join in celebrating ice hockey, the fast-paced sport played on frozen ponds and in rinks across North America. The sheet features a scene that illustrates the evolution of the sport across generations. The scene also includes one of the issuance's two se-tenant stamps, which portrays a modern hockey player. The second stamp, which is positioned upside-down, or tete-beche, pictures a vintage player, who represents the game's past, set against a snowy background. One player is wearing a contemporary uniform and using modern equipment, and the other is wearing a vintage garb and using old-fashioned equipment.

The two vertically stacked stamps, which are arranged to mirror each other, are identical to those sold in panes of 20. "The History of Hockey" appears in the bottom left corner of the sheet under the flags of the United States and Canada.

Canada Post is issuing a souvenir sheet and a booklet of 10 stamps.

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## U.S. Postal Service to issue Alzheimer's semi-postal in November

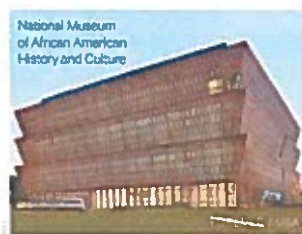
The next semi-postal stamp from the USPS will raise funds to combat Alzheimer's disease. The Postal Service announced October 2nd that the new stamp will be issued in November, but no date or location was announced, and no preliminary stamp design was revealed.

The Alzheimer's stamp will be the first of five semi-postal stamps to be issued over a 10-year period, with each stamp to be sold for no more than two years. A Post Traumatic Stress Disorder stamp will be issued in 2019 with the other three subjects yet to be determined.

The five semi-postal stamps are being planned in accordance with the Semi-Postal Authorization Act (Public Law 106-253), which grants the USPS discretionary authority to issue and sell semi-postal stamps to advance such causes as it considers to be "in the national public interest and appropriate."

Alzheimer's Awareness was the subject of a 42¢ stamp issued October 17, 2008 (Scott 4358). Though it addressed the subject of Alzheimer's as part of the USPS social awareness stamp program, the 2008 stamp did not raise funds to fight the disease, as the new stamp will.

See the August 2017 *Rockford Stamp Notes* for additional back ground information on prior USPS Semi-Postal issues.



## African American Museum

49¢ Forever  
October 13—Washington, DC

The African American Museum stamp, which was delayed from an August release, was finally released in Washington, DC on October 13th.

## President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

It seems fall has finally arrived and the temperatures are an encouragement to stay indoors and work on our favorite hobby. Hopefully that includes working on your exhibit frames for our upcoming show. A trip to the Chicagopex show may be the avenue to finding that one key piece to bring your exhibit to the next level. This meeting will be a great chance to assemble a carpool to the great show, if you are going and can offer a ride to others please make an announcement. If you would like to go and don't have a way, ask if anyone has room for another rider to enjoy the ride with.

Thank you to all that presented a show and tell at the last meeting. A special thanks to Steve Capone for sharing the beautiful cover from Washington, D.C. that was postmarked "Collection & Distribution, Wagon #1, Trip 3, April 13, '97". It also contained a beautiful illustration of the Riggs House. You are missing some real "gems" if you are not attending the Wednesday evening meetings.

**Keep in mind our December auction is a fundraiser for the KenRock Kids. The entire proceeds of each donated auction lot go to the kids. Start working on those lots now and be as generous as possible, they really count on this donation.**

The nomination committee is working on presenting a slate of candidates for officers and directors for the upcoming year. The nomination committee members are: Mike Peters, Steve Capone, and Dave Archer. If you would like to submit a nomination please contact one of them. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the November meeting. If you are interested in one of the positions, please throw your hat in the ring.

Please remember articles for the newsletter are always welcome, just write it and send it to Tim Wait and it will be shared with all.

Happy stamp collecting and we hope to see you at the next Wednesday evening meeting and at the monthly third Tuesday morning auction as well.

## U.S. Special Delivery Stamps - Part One By Tim Wait

Special Delivery service started October 1, 1885. The service was initially limited to cities with a population of 4,000 or more, which resulted in 555 post offices being serviced at the start. Beginning October 1, 1886, Special Delivery service was available at all post offices.

A 10¢ Special Delivery stamp, up until 1944, secured later delivery during daytime and evening hours at most post offices. Post Offices employed "messenger boys" who were paid 8¢ of the 10¢ fee to rush the letter to its recipient.

When the service began in 1885 the only means of transportation was to run the letter to the addressee. Most letters were to businesses which were usually located in the center business district of the community, near the main post office. Two stamps with different inscriptions were issued in 1885 and 1886.

In 1902 when a new series of definitive stamps was issued, a new special delivery stamp featuring a "bicycle messenger" was issued. In 1908 a new design showing the "Hermes of Mercury", the messenger god, was issued. This issue was quickly nicknamed the "Merry Widow" stamp after a popular play at the time and received much negative press. It was also smaller and green so not as noticeable as the larger blue stamps that had been used. Shortly thereafter in 1909 the "bicycle messenger" was put back to press and it was quietly retired from use.

To be continued next issue.



E1. Secures immediate delivery at a special delivery office



E2-5. Secures immediate delivery at any post office



E6,8-11. Secures immediate delivery at any post office, Bicycle Messenger



E7. "Hermes of Mercury". Used for less than a year.

# "MAILOMAT"



## The "MAILOMAT" COIN-OPERATED LETTER BOX

... furnishes postage and mailing service, day and night, to people who have letters to mail ... and no stamps. It is a coin-operated U. S. mail box and postage meter.

To mail a letter you (1) drop coins in a slot (2) dial your postage value (3) insert your letter ... and away it goes, stamped, postmarked and automatically deposited for collection. No adhesive stamps ... no stamp-licking ... no premium for postage.

This "self-service post office" prints U. S. meter stamps in denominations up to 52¢ on letters of various kinds and sizes, including Air Mail, Special Delivery and foreign mail. It can handle as many as 72 letters a minute.

The "Mailomat" was developed by Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Co., Stamford, Conn., in cooperation with the U. S. Post Office Department, to provide the public with stamp-buying and mailing facilities at times and places where they are not now available ... in post office lobbies, hotels, stores, railway terminals and other public places.



"MAILOMAT" postcard supplied by Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Co., the developer of the "Mailomat" machines.

Provided by Lorne Laidlaw

## POST CARD

Please do not write directly below:

### "MAILOMAT" First Day Cover



A "MAILOMAT" First Day Cover from Miami, Fla., dated May 24, 1948.

This is also on a postcard supplied by Pitney-Bowes but different from the one above.

Provided by Terry Kurzinski

Instructional post card, compliments of Pitney-Bowes, Inc.  
Mail it in "Mailomat" for 1c to any address in the U.S.A.

This Space For a Brief Greeting

Scott Bishop  
May 24, 1948  
Miami, Florida

This Space For Address Only

J R Hamilton  
2779 Fashion  
Long Beach, 10  
California



The "MAILOMAT" Coin-Operated Letter Box was the first automated mailing machine installed by the United State Post Office Department in the late 1940's. You just put in the correct coins, dial in the postage you need and insert your letter. The machine automatically put "postage" in the form of a printed Pitney-Bowes meter.

The machines were available when the Post Office wasn't open and could also be placed in hotels, store, railway terminals and other public places.

This was an experiment that has morphed over the last 70 years to the Automated Postage Center (APC) machine found in most post offices today.



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

Chicagopex 2017

The largest annual show in Illinois and throughout the Mid-west, will be held Friday, November 17th to Sunday, November 19th. The show hosts over 75 stamp dealers and 266 frames of exhibits. Chicagopex is also one of just two venues for a Philatelic Literature competition with about 30 entries. This dwarfs our Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo that has 14 dealers and 30 exhibit frames!

Two national societies, the Society of Israel Philatelists and the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group are holding their annual conventions at the show.

This year also features THREE separate book signing and presentations.

- Nov. 17th 1pm "The Pictorial History of Walt Disney's First Superstar: Mickey Mouse, Volume One" by Edward Bergen.
Nov. 18th 2pm "US Contract Mail Routes by Railroad (1832-1875)" by Hugh V. Feldman.
Nov. 19 11am "Holocaust Postal History" by Justin Gordon.

This year's show theme is "Celebrating the 525th Anniversary of Columbus' Sailing". Special souvenir show cachets and cancellations will be available for all three days of the show. There will also be an exhibit of material from the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition with material from the extensive collection of our own Lyman Hensley. This is a must see exhibit that will enhance your experience at the show.

I recommend you make every attempt to attend and enjoy all this great show has to offer.

50th Anniversary of Statehood Issue

With Illinois Bicentennial coming up next year I was researching all the "Statehood" stamps issued by the USPOD and USPS over the years. Usually they celebrate the 50th, 100th, 150th and 200th anniversary of a states admittance to the United States.

Scott 858, issued Nov. 2, 1939 celebrated not one but four new states. North and South Dakota, Montana and Washington. This stamp is also referred to as the "clothesline" issue due to the look of the stamp. These states got ripped off in my opinion!



Table with 3 columns: MEMBER AD. Column 1: For Sale: World Wide off paper 4oz special \$6.95. Contact DR Arnquist 815-226-9020. Column 2: Wanted: Old letters from Boone & Winnebago County, IL. Contact Tim Wait at 815-670-5869 or email t.wait@comcast.net. Column 3: Wanted: FDC-Doris Gold Cachet Unaddressed and signed by Doris Gold. Cash or trade. Contact Hank Fox at one of the meetings.

ROCKFORD 2017 STAMP SHOW DEALERS

Our 14 stamp dealers had a great crowd of customers on Saturday. We hope you were able to find something for your collection. Remember, the dealers are the backbone of our show and their support allows us to put on this event.

New for 2017

- Fox River Stamps Michael Mules Salem, WI 414-234-9867
University Ave. Stamps Dennis 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 Normal, IL 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.

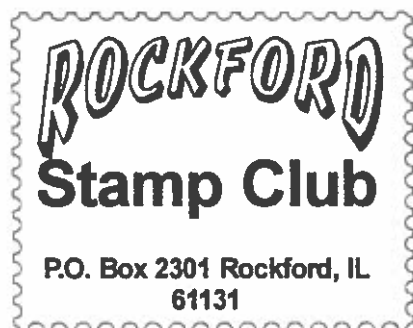
## The 2017 Club Officers

President.....Frank Schmitt  
815-226-4391  
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815-397-0573  
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Director.....Terry Kurzinski  
Director.....Steve Capone  
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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 1 and Tuesday Nov 21**

We want to see EVERYONE at our meetings. Come enjoy some philatelic fun and maybe find something in the auction.