

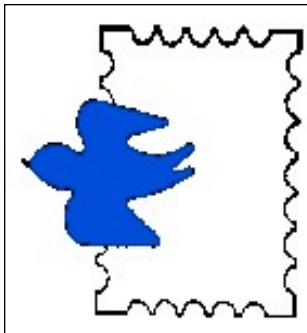
ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

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

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

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

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

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

1st Wednesday Update: At the Wednesday **October 3rd** meeting we had 22 members. We discussed the possibilities of needing a new location. We might have to move to the back room behind our current room. It will be a little tighter but it was open and many of us checked it out and thought it could work.

Frank asked if members might be interested in a "Topical Corner" regular feature in *Rockford Stamp Notes*. There seemed to be an interest and I will kick it off with a brief article this month. (Tim).

The By-Laws Amendment passed unanimously. See the update on page five.

Election - nominations are due THIS month!

Show & Tell.....

1. **Stanley Campbell** showed an AEF Siberia cover, great find!
2. **Tim Wait** talked about Postage Currency, PC in the Scott Specialized Catalog, and showed a counterfeit 50 cent piece.

The Mystery Box Raffle was back after a couple month's absence and guess who won, **Tammy & Tim**, of course!

**** MEETING NOTICE ****

We will be meeting in the back room, behind the current room until further notice. **DO NOT ENTER THE SIDE DOOR WE USUALLY USE. ENTER THRU THE DOUBLE DOORS AND GO DOWN THE HALL PAST THE GYM. THEN BACK THRU THE LUNCH ROOM TO THE BACK ROOM.**

Wednesday's Program

The November program will be **Civil War Documentary Tax Stamps** by **Tim Wait**. This is a great introduction to understanding US Revenue stamps, R1-R152. There is usually spirited bidding on revenue auction lots so I know many of you have an interest in revenues. Come and learn all about them!

3rd Tuesday Update: **October 16th** a 109 lot auction were available for the 15 members present. **Dennis Lemke** came down from Wisconsin and was "The Auctioneer"! The meeting took place in the backroom, behind our regular room. See notice below left.

**** MEETING NOTICE ****

This applies to Tuesday's too. **DON'T USE THE SIDE DOOR! GO THRU THE DOUBLE DOORS, DOWN THE HALL BY THE GYM AND THEN BACK TO THE NEW ROOM. RESTROOM ALSO THERE.**



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Fri-Sun Nov 16-18 - 132nd CHICAGOPEX 2018

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 24 - SUPEX

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

Sat-Sun Dec 1-2- MSDA Milwaukee Holiday Show

Milwaukee, WI. Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S. 13th St. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. 15 dealers, free admission.

Sat-Sun Dec 8-9 - MSDA Westside Show

Oakbrook Terrace, IL Holiday Inn Chicago Oakbrook, 17W350 22nd St. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. 17 dealers, free admission.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

Britain's Most Secure Stamp



Without question, the **£10 Britannia postage stamp** is the **most secure stamp ever released** in the UK. Introduced on 2nd March 1993, it replaced the £5 stamp as the **UK's highest-value stamp**. Its addition was dictated by the need for a stamp that would prepay the postage on heavy packages going by air. However, it was **phased out after just a few years** and as such has become **increasingly scarce** in philatelic circles as they are absorbed into private collections. And as a result of it being the UK's highest-value stamp ever, the **£10 Britannia postage stamp** employs an array of **state of the art printing techniques** to protect it against forgery:

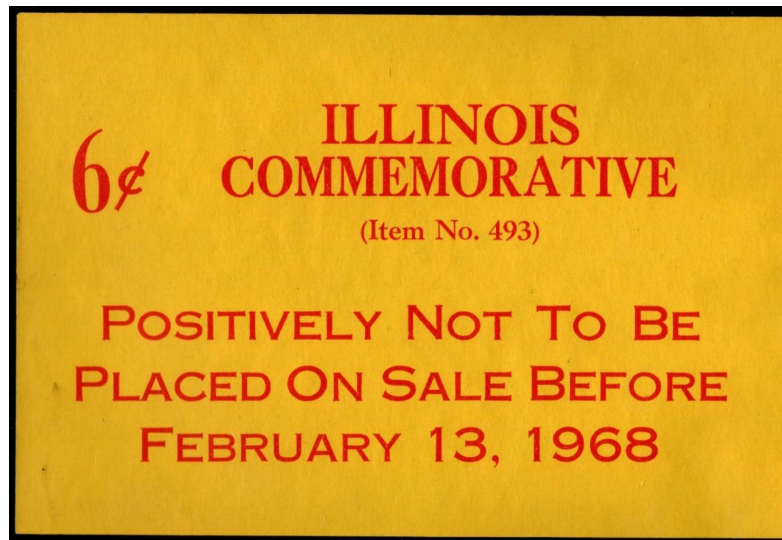
- The stamp is **the only definitive stamp ever to incorporate Braille embossed dots** – not so much help to the blind or partially sighted to identify the stamp but as a further deterrent to the would-be counterfeiter.
- Furthermore, the £10 Britannia consisted of the two pairs of elliptical holes at the top and bottom. Previously this curious feature had been confined to savings, television, and national insurance and telephone stamps. After the £10 stamp it became the normal for the Machin definitives as well.
- The stamp also features “Ten Pounds” in tiny red and blue print over the design.
- Metallic ink was used for the Queen’s silhouette and a series of X’s over the stamp.
- Security paper with red silk treads visible on the back only was used.

Collecting Illinois Sesquicentennial Stamp of 1968 by Tim Wait

Collecting a “Modern” stamp can be fun and interesting. Here are some unusual items from the Illinois stamp.



Signed by:
George Barford, Stamp Designer
 Engravers:
Howard F. Sharpless, Lettering & Numerals
Joseph S. Creamer, Jr., Vignette



Facing Slip placed on top of a sealed pad of stamps delivered to the post office.

Printing and Perforating Errors

Left: perfs shifted
 Center: Yellow shifted & perf shifts
 Right: Perfs shifted on top row stamp resulting in missing “6c U.S. Postage”



Set Off

Blue color printed on gum side when a sheet was not fed through.



President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

Here we are into November already and with it comes a busy month for the club. The nominating committee will be presenting us with a slate of candidates for all officer positions and board of director positions. If you are interested, or would like to nominate someone, please let the nominating committee know. The nominating committee members are; **Stanley Campbell, Lee Barrie, and Jeff Rieken**. Officers positions will now be for a 2-year term and board of director terms will be for a 6-year term. Don't let that scare you from running. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the November meeting and will also be accepted at the December meeting prior to the election.

Thank you to those that shared a show and tell at last month's meeting and please continue something to share at all future meetings. The program for the November meeting will be a presentation by Tim Wait on revenue stamps. This subject was a request from the floor and Tim, being our club expert on this area of collecting, offered to share an overview of revenue collecting. **If you would like to present a program let me know and if there is a program you would like to see, please ask. Also, articles for the newsletter are always welcome, please share.**

If you haven't attended a stamp show in a while, now is the time. CHICAGOPEX '18 is November 16-18, at the Chicago Westin Northwest, 400 Park Blvd., Itasca, IL. It is the largest stamp show in Illinois featuring an exhibition of 250+ frames, 75+ dealers, and U.S. & U.N. Post Offices. Many familiar faces are seen there each year. If you need a ride ask around and someone may have room to take you in with them.

Thanks to all members that make contributions to Tammy for the Loves Park Panthers Stamp Club, please review the list of topical areas the members are interested in and share if you can. December is our charity auction from which all proceeds are donated to the Ken-Rock Kids; so, look through your duplicates, sweep your stamp room floor, and donate any items that you no longer collect or need to help these kids.

Unfortunately, due to a conflict, I will not be able to attend the November meeting before 8 PM, if at all. I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and happy stamp collecting.

The Topical Corner - By "Every Member" This time Tim Wait

Since I am writing this first edition of *The Topical Corner*, I get to pick the topic! I have been an avid bicycle rider since I first learned to ride at six years. Many of you remember "Super Skinny Tim" from 1998-2005, which was the result of riding 4,500 to over 6,000 miles a year!

A favorite activity can often be a lead in to a topical collection. Other hobbies or your profession frequently get people started.

Topical collecting can be as simple or extensive as you want to make it. I like stamps that prominently feature the bicycle preferably with a rider. You could also collect EVERY stamp that has even a tiny bicycle in the background! A thematic collection is different as you can expand the idea of cycling to the unlimited; from the materials used to make a bike or accessories to tracks, road vs mountain biking, etc.

Cycling is more popular in Europe, example the Tour de France in July, and many European countries issue cycling related stamps. I usually shy away from some African countries that issue stamps for EVERYTHING just to sell to collectors but sometimes they are just too nice to pass up. Bicycling is a major sport in the Olympics too and many cycling stamps have been issued including US Scott #1460 for the 1972 Olympics.



Here are some more of my favorite Bicycling stamps!



1894 Fresno and San Francisco Bicycle Mail Route. Local issue stamp, guaranteed by Arthur C Banta, the proprietor.



Let's keep this going. Write something up for your topic and send it to me. More, or less space can be used. I'll work with you to get illustrations off eBay!

United States Revenues - Their Purpose Illustrated by Tim Wait

Silver Tax Stamps (RG) The Silver Purchase Act of 1934 (Ch. 674, 48 Stat. 1178, June 19, 1934) required that all newly-mined silver had to be sold to the Treasury. The initial purchase price was set at 50 cents per ounce. Over the period that the law was in force, the price of silver was increased several times until it reached \$1.29 per ounce.

The act provided that all silver bullion in the possession of private individuals or corporations not required for commercial or industrial use also had to be surrendered to the Treasury.

The tax on profits in the sale of silver for commercial or industrial use was 50% of the amount by which the selling price exceeded the cost (including an allowance for expenses). To facilitate the collecting of this tax the government issued forms on which the transaction was documented and silver tax stamps were applied to these forms. This tax applied to all transactions beginning June 19, 1934. The tax ended June 4, 1963 when the exchange provisions regarding silver certificates began to be phased out.

The first silver tax stamps were created by overprinting the then current general documentary tax stamps. Twelve cents denominations and eleven dollar denominations were issued.

Following the provisional issue, a permanent design was prepared by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. All denominations of the silver tax stamps were printed in gray. A coincidence or were they trying to convey SILVER in the color?

The first of the annual series was prepared for with a generic design featuring the Secretaries of the Treasury and overprinted "Series 1941." In 1944, the decision was made to issue the stamps without overprint.

Some of the early provisional stamps, RG28-36 range in Cat. Value from \$15,000-\$40,000!! Those spaces will remain blank in almost everyone's album. For a reasonable outlay you can get a representative maple.

August 1, 1959

Properly used and received - FORM 2 (Silver) Rev. Jan 1955 \$3.20 Tax paid with 2 RG114 and 3 RG120.

U. S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE		Date of memorandum
FORM 2 (Silver) REV. JAN. 1955	MEMORANDUM OF TRANSFER OF AN INTEREST IN SILVER BULLION <i>(If space provided on this form is insufficient to supply complete data, use additional sheets)</i>	8-13-59
1. Date of Transfer August 13/59	2a. Name of Transferor Levinson Brothers	
2b. Address (Number, street, city or town, postal zone number, State) 48 North Street, Rochester 4, N. Y.		
3a. Name of Transferee Handy & Harman		
3b. Address (Number, street, city or town, postal zone number, State) Bridgeport, Conn		
4a. Interest in silver bullion transferred (indicate in fine troy ounces) 469.80 Ounces	4b. Date delivered or to be delivered Already Delivered	
5. Date and manner of acquisition, or date of production when that determines cost (give date of contract and delivery date in case interest was acquired under contract for future delivery) Acquired over a period of 10 weeks from various sources		6. Is the transfer a sale for future delivery? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
7. Price for which the interest is or is to be transferred.	\$ 429.28	
8. Cost of such interest to the transferor (see Regulations 85, article 42).	\$ 320.00	
9. Balance (line 7 minus line 8).	\$ 109.28	
10a. Allowed expenses, if any, itemized.	Refining charges . . . \$ 82.88 Express & Mis - . . . 20.00	
10b. Enter total in line 10a.	\$ 102.88	
11. Balance (line 9 minus line 10b).	\$ 6.40	
12. Tax (50% of amount on line 11)	\$ 3.20	
13. Amount of tax covered by claim for abatement attached hereto		
14. Tax payable (line 12 minus line 13)	\$ 3.20	
I declare under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing is a true statement of the transfer by the above-named transferor of interest in silver bullion effected on _____, 19____. The amount of tax due on this transaction has been paid by affixing in the space below documentary ("Silver Tax") Stamps in the amount of \$_____.		
_____ 9/3/59 (Date)		_____ Ahe J Levinson (Signature) General Manager (State whether individual transferor, member of firm, or if officer of corporation or duly authorized manager or agent, give title)

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 Buffalo, N.Y. 9/3/59

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The Rockford Stamp Club



American Philatelic Society Chapter # 735

WEB SITE UPDATE - The website is being designed and should be up in early fall.

Rockford Stamp Club By-Laws Amendment October 3, 2018

Amended Article V Section II: *The term of office for officers shall be two years except that of directors which shall be for six years, or in either case until their respective successor shall be qualified and elected to that office.*

At the Wednesday, October 3, 2018 regular club meeting the above motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved. This will be effective starting with the 2019 Elections.



The Best Eating Candy Bars in the World

Does anyone remember the **Love Nest** candy bars? It was made by Lamb's Candies in Vinland, NJ. The internet came up empty other than images.

Loves Park Panthers Stamp Club

Tammy had a lot of kids last year and a fine group of displays at the Show in March. This is the fun project that many of the members work on during the winter. Below is a list of topics that they are looking for more material to expand their collections. If you have anything in any of these areas that you would like to donate, please bring them to the meetings soon and give to Tammy.

France - Mexico

Snakes - Foxes

Birds - Flowers

Butterflies - Desert

Planets - Space

Presidents

Any and all material relating to the above topics will be appreciated. Some are more advanced than others but Tammy helps them all with their exhibits.

They are still looking for material for the above topics.

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

Arlington Heights, IL
847-414-5408

Riverbank Treasurers

Jerry Wessler
New Lisbon, WI
608-515-6150

Croaker's Collectibles Marty Croak (Sun. Only)

McFarland, WI
608-838-1553

Win Schaeffer

Flossmoor, IL
708-715-4321

John's Stamp Den

John Steele
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309-444-8247

Alroy Stamps

Al Lenz
Schaumburg, IL
847-524-0147

University Ave. Stamps

Dennis Lemke
Middleton, WI
608-831-1277

Rockford Coin & Stamp

Steve Jennings

Rockford, IL
815-282-4444

Steve Capone

Rockford, IL
815-394-0537

Applebox Philatelic's

Richard Duda
Mt. Prospect, IL
847-439-7614

David Alex (Sat. Only)

Glenview, IL
847-291-7826

DMS Collectibles

Dave Stauffer

Bloomington, IL
309-963-4248

W. H. Burdick

Mtn. Home, AR
870-425-7799

Terry Kurzinski

Cherry Valley, IL
815-262-9117

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.

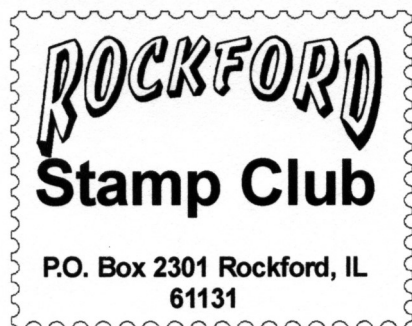
The 2018 Club Officers

President.....Frank Schmitt
815-226-4391
Vice-President.....Ward Miller
Secretary.....Tammy Copus
Treasurer.....Hank Fox
815-397-0573
Director.....Terry Kurzinski
Director.....Steve Capone
Director.....Tim Copus
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 7 and Tuesday Nov 20

Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo

Is this the year YOU enter an exhibit of your collection? See Tim.