

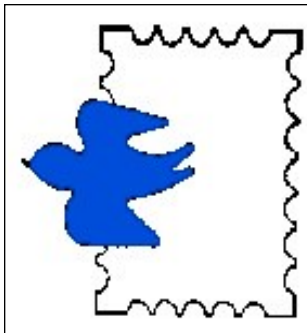
ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

Wednesday, November 2

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

Tuesday, November 15

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

Wednesday, October 5th: 14 members and two guests. Winston needed two daughters to keep him in line this time! Come enjoy the fun.

Bingo started last Wednesday so we had some company in the building. We will be in the room down the hall.

Show & Tell.....

1. **Stanley Campbell** - Spanish Civil War—1930's stamps and covers from the Gen. Franco era. Military censors, overprints, interesting era.
2. **Tim Wait** - Rockford "Crash" cover from the 1980's.
3. **Jim Young** - reported that the Broadway PO Station continues to get most new issues and has a very nice selection of stamps and philatelic items. Stop by sometime for a visit.

Mystery Box winner was Tammy Copus, again!

Tuesday, October 18th: continues to be a fun meeting and great auction. There are always many lots to bid on. YOU should bring some lots to sell next time! Sell off your duplicates or unneeded material (nothing is unwanted!) and acquire some new great items.

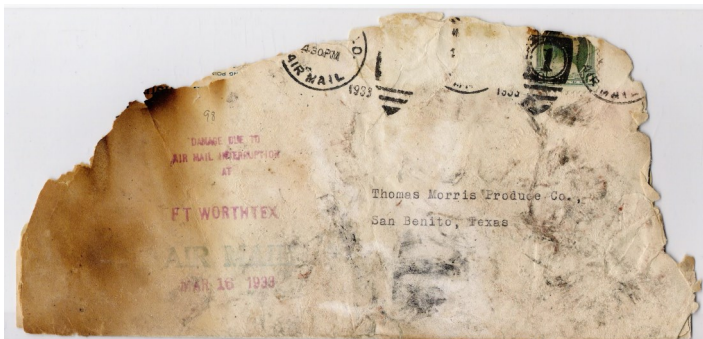
There are always a few different members from the night meeting to see and visit with.

Dues Notice

Due to continued increases in ink, paper and postage over the last year, it was approved by the membership to raise dues to \$15 for a mailed newsletter and \$8 for an emailed newsletter. This is the first increase we have had in a long time and it was necessary to cover just the cost of the newsletter.

We hope you can come to a meeting and pay in person, but since attendance has been so much lower we are giving you notice here and you can send your checks to:

Rockford Stamp Club
PO Box 242
Belvidere, IL 61008-0242



No this is a collectible cover! 1933 Air Plane crash with one mostly remaining 1c Washington Bicentennial. I like crash covers that you can tell were in a crash.

Member Health and Welfare

Ward Miller had a fall and was in the hospital for a week! Get well soon Ward!



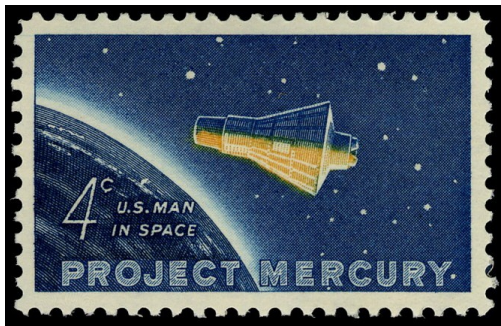
Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Fri-Sun Nov 18-20 135th CHICAGOPEX
Itasca, IL. Westin Chicago Northwest, 400 Park Blvd.
Chicago Philatelic Society. Hours Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4. 75+ dealers, 287 exhibit frames. Free admission.

Don't miss the Big Show! See page four for more info.

Ask other members if you are interested in going to a show. Ride sharing can be a big savings and fun!

Project Mercury, 1958-1963



The Mercury Program flights tested newly invented NASA equipment and technology. The early successes of Mercury paved the way for man's extended travel in outer space. On February 20, 1962 John Glenn became the first American to orbit Earth in the Mercury capsule Friendship 7. Glenn orbited Earth three times in a trip that lasted close to five hours.

The Post Office Department issued a stamp honoring this event with a historic event of its own: the Project Mercury Issue became the first US postage stamp to be issued on the same day as the event it commemorated.

The Post Office Department, NASA, and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing agreed to the special release provided it occur under "strict security precautions." This called for unusual circumstances for the stamps' creation. Operations that normally occurred via letters now took place face to face. Charles R. Chickering, a Bureau of Engraving and Printing designer, took an annual leave and designed the stamp from home. The stamp engraver did not go to work during normal hours, but instead worked in the office at night to finish the engraving for the postage stamp. The completed stamps were transferred underground and sent to 301 postal inspectors in sealed boxes. Only after NASA recovered John Glenn and declared his mission a success were the inspectors told by telephone to turn over the boxes to the postmasters. Hence, for the first time in history, a stamp was released on the same day as the event it was commemorating.

The Back of the Book Early Panama - Tim Wait

My Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers, 2021 edition has 1,335 pages a listings. Once you get through every conceivable U.S. stamp, stamp like thing and the Confederate States of America, you come to U.S. Possessions.

First up is Canal Zone. The Canal Zone is a strip of territory of about 552 square miles following generally the line of the Canal. It was under the jurisdiction of the U.S. from 1904-1979. It's first stamps were Panama stamps of 1904 overprinted CANAL ZONE issued June 24 and withdrawn July 17, 1904. These were replaced with U.S. Series of 1902 1, 2, 5, 8 and 10 cent stamps over printed Canal Zone. In December of 1904 and continuing until early 1924, a plethora of Panama stamps were overprinted in a variety of font types, styles and colors recorder as Cat #9-69.



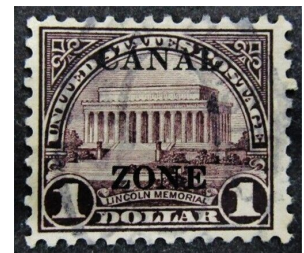
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From 1924-1928 the U.S. again overprinted the current Fourth Bureau stamps from the 1/2 cent Nathan Hale to the \$1 Lincoln Memorial. The U.S. administration went back and forth with first Panama, then U.S., then Panama and then U.S. issues. Finally, in 1928, Panama began to issue its own stamps. To be continued next month.

President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

Throughout my life I have often heard the adage, "Time flies when you are having fun!". While I have found that to be true, also true is, time flies regardless of what one is doing. Here it is time for another newsletter and another meeting already. Our Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo is also one month closer to happening. Activity within the stamp collecting hobby is ramping up with numerous shows on the horizon, colder weather with fewer outside activities so we can delve into our collecting activities with a rekindled passion. Everyone can attend our club meetings and auctions, assist with presenting our quality stamp show, assemble the one frame exhibit (or go big and go for the Gold), offer up a presentation at our meeting, write an article for the newsletter, bring a show and tell. All the aforementioned activities translate to "time flies while having fun".

Last month our Wednesday night meeting was moved back to the banquet room of Ken-Rock. While it is not quite as convenient as the bingo hall area, it worked well and there was no interference from the bingo function. I believe the Wednesday night bingo may still be in a trial basis, it seemed to be well attended. There did not appear to be too much difficulty with parking. If you feel this is an issue and is having a negative impact for our club let us know and we will try and remedy the situation.

Stay safe and happy collecting.

Gerald Van Alstyne - Our Other "Oldest" Member



Recently we had a special birthday for Martha Bauch, who at 96 is our oldest member. This month we are commemorating Gerry who is the "other oldest" member of the Rockford Stamp Club. Not in age but in years of membership. Jerry joined the club in 1957 and has been a member ever since, 65 years!

Gerry has been very involved with the club as Vice President and Program Director. As a few of you may remember, we used to have a program or presentation at most meetings. Maybe an APS slide show or a member presentation, something to encourage our members to learn more about our wonderful hobby.

His mother, Harriet, gave him a box of stamps when he was 8-10 years old and a life long collector was born. For many years he collected plate blocks and has collected many other philatelic and non-philatelic items over his lifetime.

Gerry enjoys coming to the Wednesday evening and Tuesday morning meetings but has unfortunately had to miss a few due to health issues.

Next time you see him, say Hi and congratulate him for his support of our Club.



C30 issued Sep 25, 1941



1094 issued Jul 4, 1957

Plate Blocks Gerry had in his collection from "special" years



C3a issued May 15, 1918

Plate Blocks Gerry wished he had!!

547a \$3,500+

C3a \$3 million



547a issued Mpv 1, 1920

CHICAGOPEX Stamp Show - November 18-20

Chicagopex is one of the premier World Series of Philately (WSP) shows in the country. The Grand Award winner qualifies for the annual Champion of Champions competition, along with almost 30 other shows, that will be in Cleveland in August 10-13, 2023.

After two years off, Chicagopex is hosting the AAPE Champion of Champions competition. Exhibitors who have received a Single Frame Grand award at previous WSP shows can enter to be crowned the BEST Single Frame exhibit. In addition the AAPE Team competition will take place again. This is open to teams of five single frame exhibitors who compete for the most points and to be honored with their names on the Trophy. The Mexico-Elmhurst Philatelic Society-International, Rossica Society for Russian Philately and the Bermuda Collectors Society are also convening at Chicagopex this year.

In the 287 frames of philatelic exhibits you will find an extensive variety of topics to view and enjoy. There is also a literature competition open to almost every aspect of philatelic writings.

During the show there are numerous meetings, presentations and book signings.

And on to the dealer bourse. With over 75 dealers from all over the U.S. and UK with many making their only appearance in the mid-west.

All of this information and much more, including a list of exhibits, dealers and program of events can be found at the CPS website: www.Chicagopex.org.

Make sure you set aside a day, or three!, to fully participate and enjoy the show. There will be much to see and do and I guarantee you will find something new for your collection!

The Topical Corner - Giraffe



The Giraffe - The giraffe is a large African hoofed mammal belonging to the genus *Giraffa*. It is the tallest living terrestrial animal and the largest ruminant on Earth. The giraffe's chief distinguishing characteristics are its extremely long neck and legs, its horn-like ossicones, and its spotted coat patterns.

The United States featured a Giraffe on a 1992 Wild Animal set of five stamps. The FDC shows them in the wild. The cancel shows the giraffe looking in on a Panda and Flamingo.

Of course, being native to Africa you would expect to find Giraffes on their early stamps. At right a just a few colorful and beautiful stamps. Mozambique & Company, 1937, Belgium Congo overprinted for Congo in 1960 and Nyassa.



Africa continues to honor the Giraffe on stamps from many countries. Even those countries that issue stamps exclusively for collectors can legitimately picture a Giraffe, in addition to the many Elvis, Marilyn Monroe and US president stamps!



Giraffes are popular in Zoos around the world. Some countries issue stamps showing off the types of animals that they have in zoos to educate and fascinate their visitors.

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.

Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo *** March 11-12, 2023

Show details and highlights and important information.

Where: Forest Hills Lodge, 1601 West Lane Rd (Hwy 173), Loves Park.

Hours: Saturday 10-5 (Set up starting at 8am)
Sunday 10-4 (Take down exhibits 3pm)

Volunteer: We can always use volunteers to set up exhibit frames and put in the exhibits. Last show we really needed more help with takedown so please consider staying to help. **We also need help welcoming guests at the front desk.**

Banquet: Last show we were very disappointed with Stockholm Inn. They have put in a minimum count of 25 which we didn't reach and the club had to pay for the under count. We started at 6pm and were informed shortly thereafter that they were closing at 7pm! We are actively looking for a new location. **We need a location to seat up to 25-30 and a private or semi secluded room so we can present awards. If you know of any place, especially closer to the show, please let Tammy Copus or Tim Wait know.**

Dealers: We will be slightly raising table fees this year. Last show we only had 10 paid dealers. We really need 14-15 to cover our increasing costs in 2024.

Auction: Start setting aside special, more costly items for the show auction now! Quite often there is a lot more bidding than at a meeting. Minimum starting price is \$5.

Exhibiting: We will be having THREE opportunities to exhibit at the 2023 show!

A) 2-3-4 frame exhibits that will be professionally judged and compete for the "Coveted" Rockford Sock Monkey award.

B) single frame (16 pages) club frames that will be awarded first, second and third awards.

C) **NEW - 4 PAGE member showcase. This is meant to be a fun way to show a mini-exhibit. This can be an easy way to get started in exhibiting. No judging, no pressure, just show off something special.** See Tim with any questions.



Belgium Congo
Apr 2, 1930 - C5-6

These high value 15fr and 30fr air-mail stamps were issued nine months after the original stamps valued 50c to 5fr. They were used to pay higher fees and charges to far off destinations. Beautifully engraved stamps!

ROCKFORD 2-3-4 2022 Dealers

We had ten dealers signed up for the show. Unfortunately Bill Burdick had to cancel at the last minute due to his wife's illness. The dealers were all busy Saturday and making good sales. Sunday was slower but still some nice business being made. **Remember to support our dealers throughout the year for all your philatelic needs.**

Terry Kurzinski
Cherry Valley, IL
815-262-9117

David Alex
Glenview, IL
847-291-7826

WYstamps.com
Wayne Youngblood
Prairie Du Sac, WI
608-370-9098

Steve Capone
Rockford, IL
815-394-0537

Bardo Stamps
Jim Bardo
Buffalo Grove, IL
847-634-2676

W. H. Burdick
Mtn. Home, AR
870-425-7799

Fox River Stamps
Michael Mules
Salem, WI
414-234-9867

Gold Path Covers
Xian (Shawn) Xu
Carmel, IN
415-519-7805

Double J Stamps
Jeff
Arlington Heights, IL
847-843-8700

Riverbank Treasurers
Jerry Wessler
New Lisbon, WI
608-515-6150

Thank you to Josh and Amy from the Elkhorn, WI, Post Office for bringing a great selection of stamps.

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, 625 Adams 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.

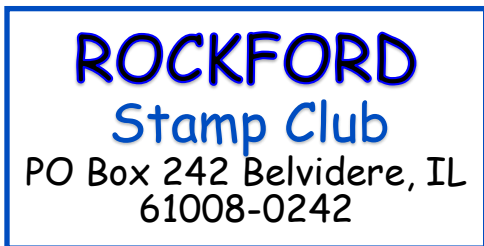
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Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

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



IN-PERSON Meetings are BACK!

Wednesday, November 2 at 5:30/7pm

Tuesday, November 15 at 9/10am

Our NEW location is 625 Adams St.