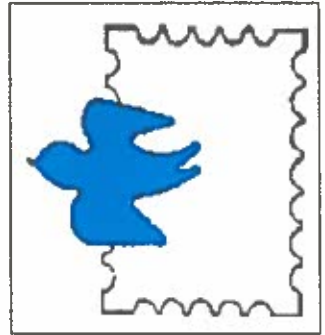


ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

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

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

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

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

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

1st Wednesday Update: At the Wednesday September 6th we had 21 members in attendance. Attendance has been down this year. We used to get close to and occasionally over 30 members at the meeting. Contact a fellow member you haven't seen for a while and remind them of all the fun they are missing out on!

During the meeting the number of lots at the Tuesday meeting, 167 in August!, was thoroughly discussed. A motion to limit each member to 20 lots per month, no limit on club lots or total lots was approved for a six month trial at which point the process will be reviewed again.

Webmaster Ted Gifford reported that the website has crashed and is no longer supported. Tim Wait was appointed to talk with Melanie Rogers from Chicago, who helps the Chicago Philatelic Society, the Chicago Collectors Club and COMPEX stamp show with their websites and social media accounts, about setting up a new website for Rockford. Hosting fees up to \$200 a year and up to \$400 for setting it up were approved.

Show & Tell.....

1. **Jeff Ricken** showed an article from the Buick Club of America magazine when in 1931 the Rio Grande Southern RR modified 1926 Buick "Golden Goose" cars to deliver mail on their line.
2. **Dennis Lemke** showed an interesting Cat post card book.

Tammy gave a thorough report on the August mystery box, including a Canadian Prince Albert stamp found inside a Prince Albert can! Hours of philatelic fun can be yours for the price of a ticket or two.

The Mystery Box Raffle was won by Tim & Tammy Copus AGAIN! They buy at least \$10 of the \$30-\$35 worth of tickets so they do have goods odds.

October is National Stamp Collecting Month! Share your favorite hobby with a friend or family member.

3rd Tuesday Update: The Tuesday September 19th we had 131 auction lots. Including six club lots the auction netted \$53.25!

There were no problems with the new 20 lot maximum per person. Come to a Tuesday meeting for a lively auction and fun philatelic discussions with your fellow members. See YOU there.



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Sat Oct 14 - Monroe Stamp & Postcard Show

Monroe, WI. Monroe Stamp & Postcard Club. Monroe Moose Lodge, 639 3rd St. Hours 9-2:30. 10 dealers, free admission.

Sat Oct 14 - Will County Stamp Show

Joliet, IL. Philatelic Club of Will & Naperville Stamp Club. Messiah Lutheran Church, 40 S. Houbolt, Rd. Hours 10-4. 14 dealers, exhibits, free admission.

Sat-Sun July 14-15 - MSDA Fall Show

Prospect Heights, IL. Country Inn & Suites, 600 Milwaukee Ave. Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. 18 dealers, free admission.

Sat-Sun Oct 21-22 - CUPEX 2016

Urbana, IL. Champaign-Urbana Stamp Club. Urbana Civic Center, 108 E. Water St. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4. 12 dealers, exhibits, free admission.

Sat-Sun Oct 28-29 - TOSPEX 2017

West Allis, WI. Wauwatosa Philatelic Society. Gonzaga Hall, 1435 92nd St. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. 16 dealers, free admission.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

USPS 2017 New Issues

The Snowy Day

One Ounce Forever Rate
October 4—Brooklyn, NY



The U.S. Postal Service® is celebrating Ezra Jack Keats' most beloved story: *The Snowy Day*. Written and illustrated by the celebrated children's author, it was one of the first prominent 20th-century picture books centered on an African-American child.

The issuance features artwork from *The Snowy Day*. Each of the four stamps showcases a different illustration of main character Peter exploring and playing in his neighborhood while wearing his iconic red snowsuit. The images include: Peter forming a snowball, Peter sliding down a mountain of snow, Peter making a snow angel, and Peter leaving footprints in the snow. The words "Forever" and "USA" appear across the bottom of each stamp.

Since *The Snowy Day* was published in 1962, young readers have enjoyed joining Peter on his winter adventure. In 1963, Keats was awarded the prestigious Caldecott Medal, given annually to the artist of the previous year's best children's picture book. *The Snowy Day* has become a classic; since its release, it has sold millions of copies.

The Snowy Day is being issued as a First-Class Mail® Forever® booklet of 20 stamps.

Christmas Carols

1st Class Forever Rate
October 5—New York, NY

The Christmas Carols stamps will be issued at the American Stamp Dealers Association's Fall Postage Stamp Show in New York City.



Celebrate the season with four new stamps inspired by some of America's favorite holiday songs: "Jingle Bells," "Deck the Halls," "Silent Night," and "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas." The artist chose images that illustrated a major theme of each of the four carols. A lamb reflects the gentle mood of "Silent Night." Dressed in its finery, a sleigh horse represents the carol "Jingle Bells." Inspired by the lyrics of "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas," the stamp art imagines a child's hopeful monologue with Santa. For "Deck the Halls," Christmas lights and holiday cookies set the mood. The stamp art is designed so the stamps are as graphically pleasing in a group as they are individually. Familiar lyrics from each song highlight the individual stamps.

Composed in the mid-1880s by James Pierpoint, "Jingle Bells" is one of the most recognized and popular Christmas carols. Although it is not certain who wrote the original lyrics for "Deck the Halls," the Welsh tune was published in the late 18th century. The lyrics first appeared in America in the 1881 publication *The Franklin Square Song Collection* under the title "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly."

Possibly the most beloved Christmas carol of all time, "Silent Night" has been translated into dozens of languages. In 1816, Joseph Mohr, an Austrian priest, wrote a poem, which two years later church organist Franz Gruber put to music. Today, "Silent Night" is performed every year in a special late-afternoon service on December 24th at St. Nicholas Church. Traditionally, it is not performed anywhere in Austria before that five p.m. service.

The lyrics for "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas" were adapted from the poem "Lilly's Secret" written by children's author Emily Huntington Miller. The poem's first known publication was in the December 1865 issue of *The Little Corporal*, a children's magazine. The song was first published in the 1870s, but the tune's composer is unknown.

Christmas Carols stamps are being issued as Forever® stamps in booklets of 20.

President's Corner

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

Hopefully you have all survived our recent streak of hot weather. It was actually a good time to spend time in our air-conditioned stamp dens and work on and enjoy our collections.

Thank you for the frank discussion and resulting resolution to controlling the over-abundance of auction lots at the Tuesday morning auctions. I believe it is a good sign that there are so many lots available rather than having to beg for lots to be submitted. In six-months we will revisit the situation and see if we wish to may any further changes.

Having been on the road for 12 days I did not have a lot of time to devote to stamp collecting and arrived too late in Omaha to visit Terry Kurzinski at his table there. I did however come upon a couple of items ancillary to stamp collecting on our trip, and am planning on a couple of short articles or a show a tell in the future after a little more research.

Again, I encourage you to keep working on your exhibit frames for our show (and beyond) as well as some interesting auction lots. Remember as a member you can show one 16 page frame for free or enter the fee required, 2-3-4 frame competition.

Thank you for sharing some interesting show and tell presentations and special thanks for the members that are submitting articles to Tim for the newsletter.

Also, our December meeting is fast approaching, so sweep your floors and check your duplicate stock for suitable auction lots to donate to the fund-raising auction for the Ken-Rock kids (all proceeds realized from the auction go to the kids). Be generous, as this is essentially there only outside donation for the year.

Happy stamp collecting and we will see you Wednesday evening.

From Birth to Birth Announcements in Mailboxes in 4 Hours By Lee Barrie

New Arrival Announcement
SPECIAL DELIVERY THE SPECIAL DELIVERY RECORD

Customs Declaration

ITEM: *one* WEIGHT LBS. *10* OZ. *1* LENGTH IN. *2 1/2*

NAME: *Krista Michele Barrie*

MAILING OFFICE: *Rockford*

DELIVERING EMPLOYEE: *DeBlasis* DATE REC. *4-19-75*

SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER:



This is the back of a Post Card I took to the Rockford Post Office at 5:00 AM, Krista was born at 4:04AM. The other side was already addressed and stamped. One of the cards was sent to Robert Stone, the editor—owner of the Rockford Journal. Robert went to the Downtown Post Office to pick up his mail from his Post Office Box. So he received the first notice of my daughter's birth, he read the card and called my dad, asking him about the date and my dad verified the information that Krista was born at 4:04 AM and notices were being delivered before 8:00 AM. He wrote up a small article for the Rockford Journal that week. It helped that most of the information was already on the card and that I knew the Clerk Supervisor on duty and that the clerks had time to work the cards into the system!

Post Office Seals—Registry Seals by Tim Wait

Official Seals first appeared in 1872. The first seal was designed to prevent tampering with registered letters while in transit. Postmasters were to begin using special "Registered Package Envelopes" to transmit registered letters. As a further means of protection, a large green stamp-like seal was to be applied over the juncture of the flap.



Scott # OXF1



Properly used on a Registered Package Envelope

The stamp was printed by the National Bank Note Company of New York. The original design was engraved for typography by Edmund Oldham on a steel die. For reasons of economy, the printing plate was made out of copper instead of steel.

The National Bank Note Company furnished six lots of these seals. The first was delivered to the Post Office Department on July 15, 1872. Only 5,922,100 seals are reported to be printed through the last delivery of December 9, 1874. It is believed one additional printing of about one million stamps was delivered in early 1875. This would seem plausible to more closely match the number of envelopes delivered.

Registered Package Envelopes were first printed by the Morgan Envelope Company of Springfield, Connecticut. The first delivery was on June 30, 1872, only to weeks before the seals, at a cost of \$14.00 per 1,000. The following year, George Nesbitt & Company of New York offered to supply the same pouches for almost five dollars less. A total of 6,834,900 envelopes were printed from June 30, 1872 to September 30, 1874.

On July 28, 1874, a patent was granted to Alexander N. Lewis of New York for the invention of a new type of registered pouch which provided sufficient security without the use of the seal. An official Post Office Department circular, dated 1875 stated that:

As "registered seals" are not to be used on the new envelopes, you will forward to the Assistant Postmaster-General all such seals remaining on hand when your stock of old envelopes is exhausted.

Collecting

These interesting Registered Package Envelopes and the corresponding Registry Seals are very collectible and affordable.

According to my 2014 Scott Specialized, a mint OXF1 is valued at \$30 and used at just \$7.50. The early printings of envelopes by Morgan are inscribed W.H.H. Terrell, the Third Assistant PMG. The Nesbitt envelopes read E.W. Barber, who replaced Terrell and awarded the contract to Nesbitt. These envelopes with stamps properly used on the envelope catalog \$60 and \$40, respectively.

A second version, Scott #OXF1a is printed in yellow green on pelure paper and catalogs \$75 mint and \$40 used. A variety of papers were used that are not listed in Scott.

The color of the cancel can increase the value of the stamp. Blue adds \$5 but green or magenta add \$50!

Die Proofs of the issue were also produced.



Large Die Proof on Wove Paper

Special Printings

In 1875 (?) The Continental Bank Note Co. produced a special printing on hard white wove paper without gum in a bluish green shade. Scott #OXF2 Cat. 1,000.

In 1880 (?) The American Bank Note Co. produced a special printing in bluish green on soft porous paper. Scott #OXF3 Cat. 1,250.

Is this an area of interest to you?



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.

Abraham Lincoln 1809-1959
150th Birth Anniversary



Feb. 12, 1959
Hodgenville, KY
By George Healy



Feb. 27, 1959
New York, NY
By Gutzon Borglum



Aug. 27, 1958
Freeport, IL
Lincoln—Douglas de-
bate. By Joseph Boggs
Beale



May 30, 1959
Washington, DC
Daniel Chester French
Statue of Lincoln
(Lincoln Memorial) as
drawn by Fritz Busse

In 1958-1959 the USPOD issued four stamps to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln. The first stamp commemorated the 100th anniversary of the debates held for a senate seat in cities around Illinois. Lincoln lost but became known across the country and was elected president two years later.

The First Class Letter Surface rate was 4¢, effective August 1, 1958. The First Class, Postal and Post Cards, Surface rate was 3¢, effective the same date. This explains why the 3¢ and the two 4¢ stamps were issued but why issue a 1¢ stamp? The last 1¢ stamp was from the Liberty Issue in 1954. Since there was no 1¢ rate, the stamp was used to make up various rates for other services.

MEMBER AD	MEMBER AD	NEW MEMBER AD
For Sale: World Wide off paper 4oz special \$6.95. Contact DR Arnquist 815-226-9020.	Wanted: Old letters from Boone & Winnebago County, IL. Contact Tim Wait at 815-670-5869 or email t.wait@comcast.net.	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.

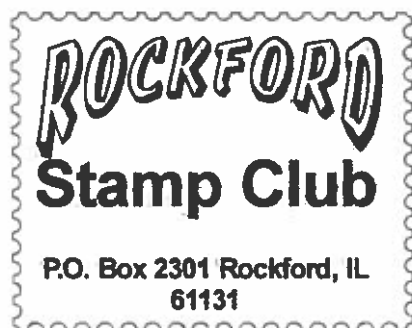
The 2017 Club Officers

President.....Frank Schmitt
815-226-4391
Vice-President.....Ward Miller
Secretary.....Tammy Copus
Treasurer.....Hank Fox
815-397-0573
Director.....Matt Mace
Director.....Terry Kurzinski
Director.....Steve Capone
Webmaster.....Ted Gifford
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



October Meetings

Wednesday, Oct 4 and Tuesday Oct 17

Bring some auction lots to the next meeting and reinvest your fortune in some new stamps or covers!