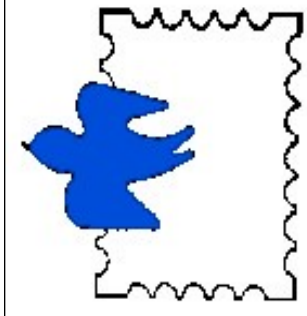


# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

## ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

### Wednesday, October 3, 2018

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

### Tuesday, October 16, 2018

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

**1st Wednesday Update:** At the Wednesday **September 5th** we had a good crowd and a lively auction. **Tammy** reported that the first Loves Park Panthers Stamp Club meeting would be October 10th.

**Hank** reported that this year we have had six mystery raffles, including the two at the show, and the total profit came to \$194. This has been a great way to increase our treasury balance. Thanks to **Hank** for preparing the boxes and to **everyone** who buys tickets!

**Terry's** presentation about the **1904 St. Louis World's Fair** was very interesting. Thank you **Terry**.

#### Show & Tell.....

1. **Ward Miller** had two very colorful envelopes from China he received with auction lots. One insert used for a stiffener showed a picture of a clay statue of Mao Zedong.
2. **Hank Fox** showed an airport dedication cover from Davenport, IA in 1928 that had a crooked stamp, cachet and address!
3. **Tim Wait** showed two March 8, 1930 First Flight cards from Rockford. One being the Rockford Ariel scene that is more common and one with a message from Greenlee Tool Co. of Rockford.

Changing to elections every two years was discussed and a motion was made by **Ward Miller** and seconded by **Butch Columbi** to do so. See page five for the proposed amendment to the By-Laws that we will vote on at the October 3rd meeting.

The 5¢ Box was discussed and we decided to continue having it at the meetings. Maybe we will renew the contents soon.

### Wednesday's Program

This month we ask all members to bring in a fun show and tell from their collection. Let's see what interesting items YOU have!

**3rd Tuesday Update:** **September 18th** 19 members came and two of our "far east" members, **Danny St. Jacques** and **Al Lenz**, were in attendance after missing a few months.

The Tuesday morning get together is just for an auction. It's another opportunity for you to dispose of unwanted items and pick up new items/projects to keep you Philatelically active!

Since we have been seeing fewer auctions lots offered, we recently increased the number of lots you can bring to 25. More lots to sell and more lots to bid on to find something for your collection!



### Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

#### Sat Oct 13 Monroe Stamp & Post Card Show

Monroe, WI. Moose Lodge, 639 3rd Ave. Hours 10-4, 12 dealers, free admission.

#### Sat-Sun Oct 13-14 MSDA Northside

Wheeling, IL Ramada Inn, Chicago North Shore, 1090 S. Milwaukee Ave. Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. 20 dealers, free admission.

#### Sat Oct 20 CENWISPEX 2018

Stevens Point, WI. Holiday Inn, 1001 Amber Ave. Central Wisconsin Stamp Club. Hours 10-4. 14 dealers, free admission.

#### Sat-Sun Oct 20-21 CUPEX 2018

Urbana, IL. Urbana Civic Center, 108 E. Water St. Champaign-Urbana Stamp Club. Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4. 8 dealers, exhibits, free admission.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

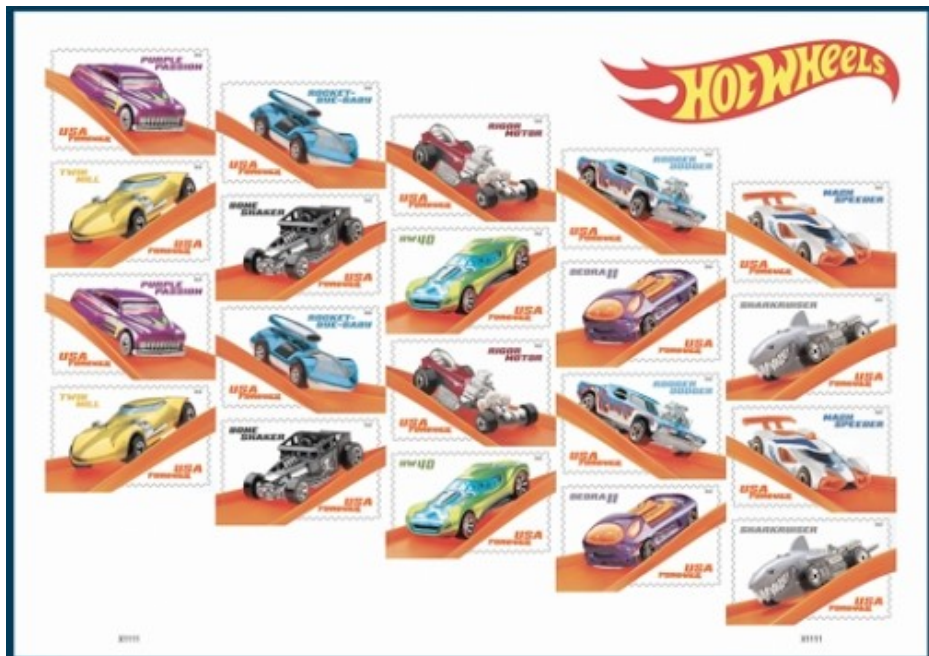
# USPS 2018 New Issues

## Hot Wheels

1st Class Forever Rate  
Sep 29—Fort Worth, TX

The Mattel toy company is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its famous Hot Wheels die-cast model cars, and the United States Postal Service is joining in with a set of 10 different Hot Wheels forever stamps. The non-denominated (50¢) offset-printed stamps will be issued in a set of 10, sold in a pane of 20.

Each stamp features one of 10 cars from the past half-century of Hot Wheels. The name of the respective car model is printed on each stamp. Photographed by Len Rizzi, each car is shown positioned on an orange Hot Wheels plastic track.



The stamps show; Purple Passion (1990), Rocket-Bye-Baby (1971), Rigor Motor (1994), Rodger Dodger (1974), Mach Speeder (2018), The Twin Mill (1969), Bone Shaker (2006), The HW40 (2008), a car introduced to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Hot Wheels, Deora (1968) was included in the first Hot Wheels line, Deora II, showcased on the stamp, came out in 2000, and The Sharkruiser (1987).



## Sparkling Holidays Santa

1st Class Forever Rate  
Oct 11—Pigeon Forge, TN

This year's Holiday stamps include the iconic Coca-Cola Santa first used to advertise Coca-Cola in 1931. There will be four stamps and a one stamp souvenir sheet.

Traditional Christmas will feature a Madonna and Child. A Kwanzaa stamp features a family with seven candles representing the seven principles of African culture and community.

The Hanukkah stamps features a Minora and will be a joint issue with Israel.

## Madonna and Child by Bachiacca

1st Class Forever Rate  
Oct 3—Santa Fe, NM



## Kwanzaa

1st Class Forever Rate  
Oct 10—Raleigh, NC



## Hanukkah

1st Class Forever Rate  
Oct 16—Newport, RI

## President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

A big thank you to **Terry Kurzinski** for a great presentation on the St. Louis World's Fair, it was very informative and I personally learned a great deal. We do not have a presentation scheduled for our October meeting, please consider giving a presentation on a subject of your choice or recommend a subject that you would like to see presented. Please bring a show and tell for this meeting. If you attended one of the recent stamp shows and acquired that elusive item from your want list, please share it.

Thanks to all who share their periodicals with club members at each meeting. If you are not a current subscriber to a stamp periodical you may want to consider asking for a subscription or membership for Christmas. A membership to the APS brings you a subscription to *The American Philatelist*, you may also consider a subscription to *Linn's Stamp News*, or *American Stamp Dealer & Collector*, all are fine publications that cover numerous aspects of collecting. This is an excellent way to keep current on new issues, new finds, auctions and results, exhibiting and a plethora of other information.

Remember, the officer elections are soon approaching and all officer positions are open for nomination and one director position is open. As discussed at the last meeting the proposal for 2-year terms for officers and 2/4/6 terms for directors was put in a motion and will be voted on at the October meeting. The corresponding by-laws change for consideration may be found in another area of this newsletter. If interested in running for office, notify a member of the nominating committee, **Lee Barrie**, **Stanley Campbell**, and **Jeff Reiken**.

Remember, you may now submit 10 lots per member in the Wednesday evening auction held after the meeting and presentation. Also, start assembling your donation lots for the December auction with all monies realized being donated to Ken-Rock Kids.

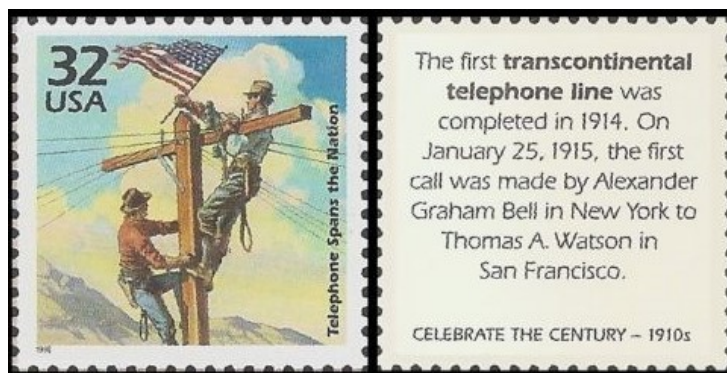
As always, friends, neighbors, and relatives are welcome at our meetings.

Happy collecting and I hopefully will see you at the October meeting.

## Working Men and Women on Stamps



Welder  
Scott #4801g



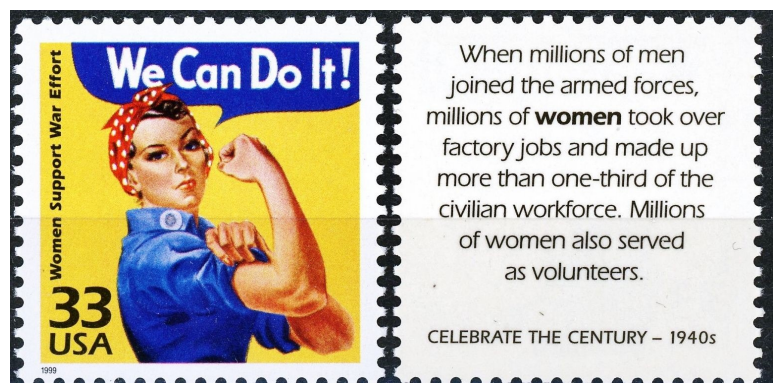
Telephone Linemen - Scott #3183c



Letter Carriers  
Scott #2420



Colonial Blacksmith  
Scott #1718



Rosie the Riveter - Scott #3186c

# Frank E. Humeston—Rockford's Philatelic Inventor by Tim Wait

We enclose specimens of a new Stamp Mount we are just placing on the market, and we think you will concede that it is the neatest, most attractive and most thoroughly practical Mount you have ever seen.

"There are others" but not like these. Most of the Mounts heretofore offered have been such hideously ugly things that their use would disfigure an Album instead of adorning it. In bringing out this new Mount, we have endeavored to produce one that would meet every requirement both as regards usefulness and embellishment, and we think our effort has been successful. The Mounts, as you will see, are printed in a soft, neutral tint with which stamps of any color will harmonize. They give the stamp an attractive setting and will beautify the appearance of your collection. All collectors who have seen these Mounts have been charmed with them and are enthusiastic in their praise. We make the Mounts in two sizes, the specimen enclosed being the smallest. The No 1 Mount is designed for stamps of ordinary size, and the No. 2 for larger stamps like the U. S. Columbian, Canada Jubilee, etc. We can furnish them in sheets of twenty-four (to cover page of album), or can be cut singly, or in strips, as may be preferred.

The price of the No. 1 Mount is \$1.00 per thousand, and No. 2 \$1.25 per thousand, by mail, post-paid.

We should be pleased to hear from you with at least a trial order and assure you of prompt and faithful attention.

FRANK E. HUMESTON,

A. P. A. 1304.

Rockford, Illinois.

Frank E. Humeston was member #1304 of the APA (American Philatelic Association, precursor to the American Philatelic Society).

In an internet search he was listed in *The American Philatelist* May 1890 issue as a new member of the Purchasing Agency that bought new issues for members. He is listed in the December 1894 Membership Directory as one of the two members in Rockford, one of just 36 in Illinois!

Mr. Humeston worked for W.F. & John Barnes Co., of Rockford and is listed on five patents for tooling and machinery parts from 1882-1896.

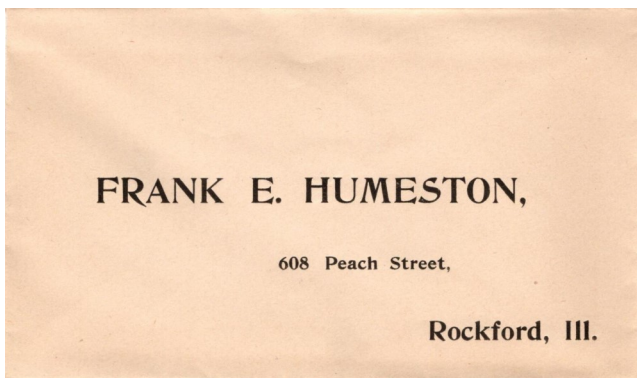
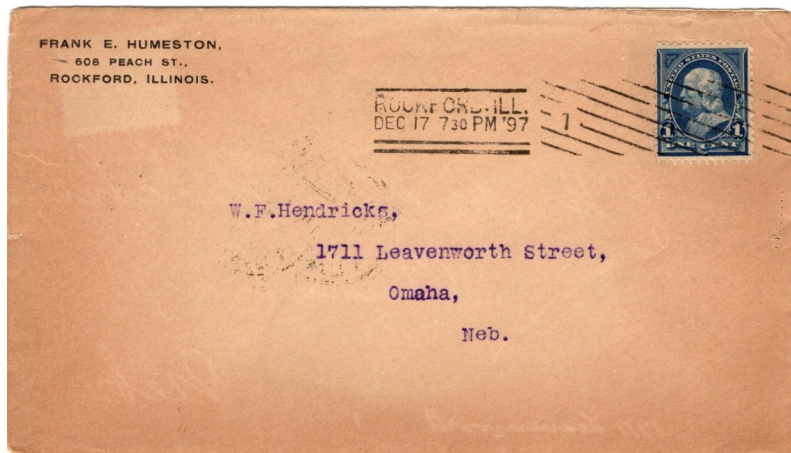
In addition to his day job, he also developed and sold a new stamp "Mount".



According to Mr. Humeston's December 17, 1897 advertising letter, "Most Mounts heretofore offered have been such hideously ugly things that their use would disfigure an Album". His Mounts are "printed in a soft neutral tint with which stamps of any color will harmonize. They give the stamp an attractive setting and will beautify the appearance of your collection".

Above; the advertising letter. Below; the Dec 17, 1897 letter, sent at the one cent Third-Class rate, which was effective from June 8, 1872 until April 14, 1925. A pre-printed reply envelope was also included.

Under the stamp on the Mount were spaces for "WMK" "Perf" and "Date". Prices were quite reasonable!





**Rockford Stamp Club  
By-Laws Proposed Amendment**

At the September 5th meeting the following change to **Article V Officers and elections, Section II** of the by-laws was put to a motion and seconded and approved by a majority of those present, to be effective with the **2019 elections**. Per Article XI, all members must be provided a copy of the proposed by-law amendment seven days prior to a regular CLUB meeting. This notice complies with that requirement.

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

**Proposed 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.*

**We will be discussing and then voting at the October 3rd meeting.**

**Out and About**

A number of members were seen at the MSDA Show in Oakbrook September 8-9 and Milcopex September 14-16. These MSDA show is just a dealer bourse but Milcopex is one of the two, along with Chicagopex in November, World Series of Philately (WSP) shows in our area. They have seminars and national level exhibits too!

Members at the show; **Ward Miller, Frank Schmidt, Jim & Ruth Young, Steve Capone, Rich Londo, Dennis Lemke, Tim Wait & Terry Kurzinski**. Anyone else? Maybe you can hitch a ride to a future show with some of these members!

**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.

The last one should be easy. Just donate a nice four margin US Scott #2!!!

**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**  
Washington, IL  
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

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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.

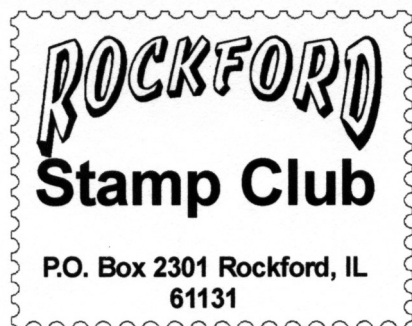
## The 2018 Club Officers

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



## October Meetings

Wednesday, Oct 3 and Tuesday Oct 16

## Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo

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