

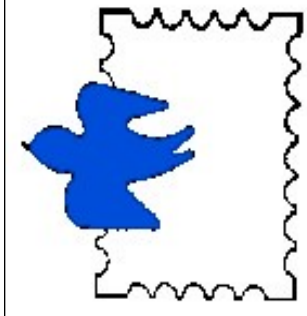
ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

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

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

9:30 am - Buy, Sell and trade
View auction lots
10:00 am - Auction

1st Wednesday Update: At the Wednesday September 4th meeting there were 25 members. Treasurer reported balance of \$4,450.47

President Frank Schmitt discussed contributing YOUR favorite stamp for the page five feature. We would like to continue the Topical Corner. What topic do you collect? (See page three!)

Elections, which will now be for two years terms after we changed the by-las last year, are upon us. Frank appointed the nominating committee of **Stanley Campbell, Jeff Rieken and Dave Archer**. Please let them know if you are interested in service.

The show cachet was discussed and support was given. Some helpful suggestions were made to improve the process. **Please make any suggestions for 2020 at a future meeting.**

Show & Tell.....

1. **Martha Bauch** - a) was living in Tennessee when the American Wildlife sheet of 50 stamps was issued June 13, 1987. She attended the ceremony at the Great Smokey Mountains and showed two of the FDCs. b) Greetings from Rockford inauguration of airmail service postcard from 1930.
2. **Stanley Campbell** - passed around his Tibet collection that he wants to turn into an exhibit.
3. **Tim Wait** - showed an entertaining fold out postcard booklet from WWI sent from Camp Grant.

Thank you all for participating.

Wednesday Night's Program

We are asking EVERYONE to bring something to share in a Show & Tell/Ask. This can be a fun club activity and take as little as a minute to describe your item.

Please take a few moments and find something you can bring to Show & Tell!

3rd Tuesday Update: The Tuesday September 17th held another great auction! 133 lots with \$14 in club lots and a total \$61 for the club. Thank you everyone who brings lots and spends big bucks to take home new treasures. **Mike Seefeldt and Larry Hammes** joined us from Janesville.

Don & Edna Arnquist

Long time dealer member and auctioneer, Don Arnquist and his wife Edna have moved to the Rosewood Care Center on Mulford Road due to health reasons. Their daughter Bonnie Ecklund has been cleaning out Don's stamps.

Bonnie has sorted and bagged Don's stamps into World Wide and U. S., off and on paper. She would like to sell everything at one time as soon as possible.

If you are interested, please contact Bonnie directly at 815-975-0805 and leave her a message.



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Sat Oct 12 Monroe Stamp & Postcard Show

Monroe, WI. 18 & 8 Building, 1802 18th Ave. Hours 9-2:30. Free admission.

Sat-Sun Oct 12-13 MSDA Fall Show

Wheeling, IL. Ramada Inn, 1090 S. Milwaukee. Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3, 15+ dealers, free admission.

Sat-Sun Oct 19-20 TOSAPEX 2019

St. Francis, WI. St Francis Lions Community Center, 3476 E. Howard. Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Free admission.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

Purple Heart

 1st Class Forever Rate
 Pane of 20

Oct 4—Noblesville, IN

Indypex Stamp Show


The Postal Service continues to honor the sacrifices of the men and women who serve in the U.S. military with the issuance of the Purple Heart Medal 2019 stamp that depicts the medal suspended from its ribbon within a purple border matching the purple of the medal and ribbon.

The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the U.S. military who have been wounded or killed in action. It was established during the Revolutionary War and shows a profile bust of Washington beneath his family coat of arms. The original Purple Heart, designated as the Badge of Military Merit, was established by George Washington—then the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army—by order from his Newburgh, New York headquarters on August 7, 1782.

Spooky Silhouettes

 1st Class Forever Rate
 Pane of 20

Oct 11—Milford, NH



This set of four stamps celebrates Halloween, a holiday that lets children and adults delight in the things that scare us. With the approach of autumn, Spooky Silhouettes stamps will offer fun, frightful scenes that symbolize this annual celebration.

The United States Postal Service is turning on the special effects for its 2019 Halloween stamp issue. The non-denominated (55¢) Spooky Silhouettes forever stamp set of four will be issued Oct. 11, just in time to mail Halloween greetings.

The stamps are being **printed by flexography using rainbow foil**, according to technical details published by the Postal Service on Sept. 12. A description in the Fall 2019 issue of *USA Philatelic, the Postal Service's mail order catalog*, adds that “Beneath the ink of each image lies a layer of iridescent pigment.”

The four images show spooky scenes captured as silhouettes through Gothic style windows. On the first stamp, an arched window frames a raven on a bare tree branch with a black cat below against a yellow sky background.

Two cathedral style windows show wispy ghost figures, one sad and one smiling. Behind them is an orange tint. On the third stamp, a window with heavy curtains reveals a giant spider approaching its web. The background is a deep glowing red. The final stamp depicts another arched window with three flying bats. Black stars are also visible in the deep purple sky.



A Legend of Sleepy Hollow stamp was issued in 1974, “in time for the stamps to be used with Halloween cards,” the Postal Service noted.

In 2016, in anticipation of the holiday that year, the USPS issued a set of four stamps picturing brightly lit Halloween Jack-O'-Lanterns.



President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

As seasons change (Fall is here) we can change our priorities and focus more intently on our great hobby of stamp collecting. The number of area shows is on the increase and some have already passed, i.e., Milcopex, but not to worry, Chicagopex is fast approaching, November 22-24, mark your calendars and save the date for one of the top three shows in the nation. On that note, our own Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo is fast approaching, and it is not too early to plan your single frame exhibit, prepare auction lots, and sign up to help. (Tim could still use some help with storage of exhibit frames, can you help?)

I found it quite exciting to observe all of the interaction between the club members prior to the start of last months' meeting. There was buying, selling, trading, discussions, sharing of knowledge, viewing of auction lots and general fellowship. What would be even more exciting is if some of the private show and tell and sharing of knowledge would be done in a manner that was inclusive of all club members. Show and tell your treasure during the full club show and tell, or share it with the full club with a presentation. You're amongst friends that share a common interest and will be appreciative of your sharing of knowledge. That is the mission of our club, please help!

Now that I have had my say from the soap box, I must apologize again that I will not be in attendance for the October, November, and possibly December meetings. Travel and other unscheduled must appear functions seem to always have a tendency to conflict with regularly scheduled events. Unfortunately, these meetings encompass the nomination and election of officers and the annual Christmas meeting and charity auction.

Matt Mace will fulfill the duties of President in my absence. Thank you for understanding and cooperation.

Happy Collecting!

Topical Corner - Camels in Arizona by Hank Fox

Camels are on stamps from almost every country. They go way back in history and are always remembered at Christmas-time. They have been joked about, "one hump or two"?, and received lots of negative press because of a camel pictured on a pack of cigarettes. But camels were absolute lifesavers in the Middle Eastern and African deserts. But here in the U.S. they are mainly just seen in zoos.

Camels were used to carry mail in Central Asia since before stamps were issued. But let's go back in U.S. history and learn about camels that were brought to Texas and the Arizona desert. In 1855 the U.S. Government decided that camels could be used in extending the road from Ft. Defiance, (Quartzsite) to the Colorado River. So contacts were made and in 1857 two groups of camels totaling about 80 were delivered in Texas and trailed to Arizona by a middle easterner named Hadji Ali. He was eventually called Hi Jolly and a monument dedicated to him in 1935 is at Quartzsite. But like so many projects the road and camel project ended due to the Civil War and they were turned loose in the desert!

But what happened to the camels? Their legend lives on. People see mirages on the desert and ghosts of camels. Stories were handed down and told over the years primarily by the native Arizona American Indians. One of the stories has a camel struck by lightning and turned into stone. It is called Camelback Mountain near Phoenix .



Camel Rider—1938
Mauritania Scott#76



Camel Caravan—1950
Spanish West Africa
Scott #3

Maybe this caravan
was carrying mail!



Carousel Animals
U. S.—1988
Scott #2392

Camel Mail
Sudan-1279
Scott #13



Three Wise Men
Ireland Scott #848
1991

USPOD Money Order Business in the Late 19th Century by Tim Wait

The domestic United States Postal Money Order System was established in 1864 to allow Union soldiers to send money home to their relatives and to reduce the risks of sending cash through the mails. Amounts up to \$30 could be sent for a minimal fee of 10-20 cents. By 1890 the total value of money orders issued was over \$110 million a year.

Not every post office was a money order office. Very small post offices would not have sufficient cash on hand to honor the money orders. Around 1891, it was the practice of the department to extend the system only to post offices where the postmaster compensation was over \$250 per annum.

Now to two examples with local connections.

WINNEBAGO, Illinois. No. **193**

ADVISE OF U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDER *Oct. 26* 1894

DRAWN BY THE ABOVE NAMED POST OFFICE, ON THE POST OFFICE

AT *Franklin Grove* State *Ill*

Amount of order *Five* Dollars *4* Cents

Name of Payee, *Wm. W. Haines*

Name of Remitter *Mrs. James Falconer*

Signature: *Robert Spottswood* Postmaster.

Winnebago - Oct. 26, 1894

\$5.00 from Mrs. James Falconer to Wm. W. Haines at the Franklin Grove PO.

Signed by Robert Spottswood, PM

Served 7/21/1893 to 6/30/1897

In 1895 his compensation was \$590.38, making the Winnebago PO eligible to handle Postal Money Orders.

Belvidere - Dec 23, 1895

\$5.00 from Rev. J. S. Rockenbach to Alice Sunday at the Franklin Gove PO.

Signed by Charles N. Smith, PM

Served 1/30/1894 to 4/13/1898

In 1895 his compensation was \$2,300 (Equivalent to \$68,755 today.)

You will note that all three of these post offices had **M.O.B.** postmarks for this service. Winnebago and Belvidere used a double circle. Franklin Grove an octagon!

ADVISE OF U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDER *Belvidere, Illinois.* No. **6755**

Dec 23 1895

TO THE POSTMASTER AT *Franklin Grove*

ORDER OF ABOVE NUMBER AND DATE DRAWN ON YOU FOR

Five Dollars *00* Cents

In favor of *Alice Sunday* PAYEE

No. _____ Street _____

NAME OF REMITTER *Rev. J. S. Rockenbach*

POSTMASTER *Charles N. Smith*

CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION.
(To be used in case the person presenting the corresponding Money Order for payment is unknown to the Postmaster.)

I hereby certify that _____
here present, who has received the Money Order corresponding to the within Advice as _____ thereof, is known to me to be the person he represents himself to be.

(Name) _____
(Address) _____

This Advice shall be dispatched by the first mail after the issue of the Order. The Postmaster at the office draws upon, unless it is withdrawn by the issuing Postmaster on account of payment, will keep the Advice carefully for one year from the last day of the month of issue, when, if the Order remains unpaid, it must be sent by him to the Auditor for the Post Office Department as an "Invalid Advice." If, on the other hand, the Order has been paid at the office drawn upon, the Advice must be retained thereat for four years, after which it may be disposed of as waste paper.

The spaces opposite are to be filled in when the blanks named are used.

Form No. 6006.....189.....
Form No. 6050.....189.....
Form No. 6075.....189.....
Form No. 6089.....189.....

Both of these were sent to the Franklin Grove, Illinois PO. Postmaster J.H. Eagle's compensation in 1895 was \$1,800. The back of the form had places for the date received and date paid. The example above was received Dec 24 and paid Dec 24, just in time for Christmas!

The form also included a Certificate of Identification if the person was unknown by the Postmaster. The PM must have known Ms. Sunday as it was not filled out. These were to be kept at the paying PO for four years.

The Postal Money Order System served as a valuable service to transfer small amounts, eventually up to \$100, at a time when many people did not have bank accounts and helped build commerce throughout the country.

Welcome to the Rockford Illinois Stamp Club Website

www.rockfordstampclub.com

WEB SITE UPDATE - The NEW website was unveiled January 2019! We have started adding content including past issues of *Rockford Stamp Notes* and pictures. **Please let us know your comments. Tim & Frank - webmasters.**



Amelia Earhart

FIRST WOMAN TO:

Fly the Atlantic Ocean
Fly both ways across the U. S.
Receive the National Geographic Gold Medal for solo achievement

FIRST PERSON TO:

Fly the Atlantic Ocean solo
Fly from Hawaii to the U.S. mainland
Fly non-stop from Mexico City to Newark, New Jersey
Fly an Autogiro across the continent

The decorations and awards showered on her are too numerous to mention here, but quotes from a few of the citations establish her unique place in the hearts of the world:

"She was at home in the Universe and unafraid." "Few, if any, can achieve Amelia's stature, but it is an honor to try in her name." "The world is a better place to live in because it contains human beings who will give up ease and security and stake their own lives in order to do what they themselves think worth doing."

Her inquisitive, restless, fun-loving nature overflowed with kindness, was embellished by beauty, and disciplined by a quiet, unswerving determination to prove the possibility of the seemingly impossible. A winking light on tiny Howland Island in the vast Pacific is dedicated to Amelia who dared to try; her epitaph, a line from her poem, "Courage is the price. . ."

The 99's, Inc., an international organization of licensed women pilots have established a scholarship to help its members increase the scope of their aeronautical knowledge, patterned on AE's philosophy of life; "It usually works out that if one follows where an interest leads, the knowledge of contacts, somehow or other, will be found useful sometime." Donations may be addressed to "The 99s, Inc. - Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 99, Will Rogers Airport, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma."

C68 First Cachet - July 24, 1963
Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund
Founder and First President of the Ninety Nines, Inc.

This Spot Needs A Stamp

EVERY one of you can come up with a special or favorite stamp that you can share a little story about. We have had a few in the past and I would like to build on this tradition. **Let me know what your stamp is!**

Submitted by **Frank Schmitt**



Scott #1183 Kansas Statehood
100th Anniversary

I was 11 years old when this stamp was issued and I think I was mostly impressed with the contrast of the colors of the stamp which was so different, at the time, when compared to other stamp issues. This was probably about the same time that I was able to go to the Post Office and purchase a single copy of the new issues with money earned by collecting pop bottles and cashing them in. It was at this time that I was also able to order the 25 cent packets offered on match book covers and anxiously await their arrival in the mail. I was introduced to stamp collecting when I was around 5 years old by a businessman that had an office next door to the house our family lived in. Of course at that time it was just used stamps mostly off of the mail that he had received at his business. Times were certainly a lot simpler back then and collecting was certainly less costly!

ROCKFORD 2-3-4 Stamp Expo 2019 Dealers

Thank you to our 2019 dealers! All our dealers were busy selling and buying stamps, covers and other philatelic items. The dealers were also major contributors, both selling and buying in our silent auction. Dealers are the backbone of philately, working hard to make sure we can fully enjoy our hobby! Please support them throughout the year.

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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, 3200 11th 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.

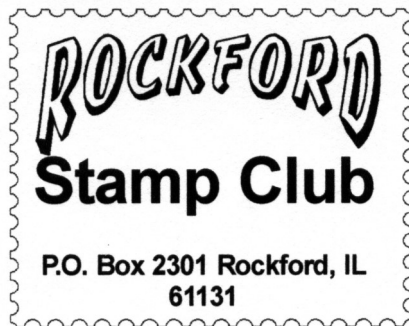
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1996 Dan Hammell *	2004 Timothy Wait
1997 Robert Rosell *	2012 Tim Gallagher *
1998 Matt Mace	

* Closed album



October Meetings

Wednesday Oct 2 — Tuesday Oct 15

You know you have something interesting to share. Bring it to the Wednesday meeting!