

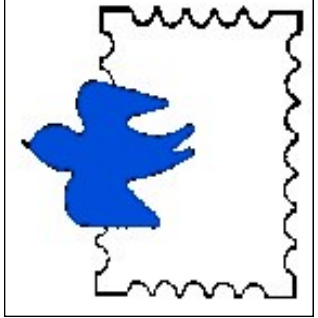
ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

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

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

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

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

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

Wednesday, September 1st: Attendance was down with only 16 members. **You are missing all the fun if you aren't here!** 2022 Show dates and locations are still under review.

Show & Tell.....

1. **Stanley Campbell** - recent Great American Stamp Show program from Rosemont.
2. **Hank Fox** - U.S.S. Fox ship cover. Ship active in WWI and WWII.
3. **Tim Wait** - a) Hand Painted 1968 Illinois Sesquicentennial FDC b) Columbian 5c envelope to England with lots of markings! c) Rockford ILLS 1854 to England with "24 in box" rate marking, rare!

Thank you to everyone who keeps bringing interesting items to share. **It's YOUR turn next!**

Afterwards a few members reconvened at the Taco Bell on E. State St. Not a great atmosphere but it was somewhere to go. Think about other local restaurants, with indoor seating open past 9pm, where we could go to continue our philatelic discussions.

2022 Show Update

We still don't have a date or location but I can report that the show will NOT be at Forest Hills. Our weekend of Mar 12-13 now has a show in Chicago AND a show in Milwaukee! The first weekend in March they have the coin show. They have no other weekends open in Apr-May-Jun-Jul because of all the postponed weddings from 2020 and 2021! We will continue looking.

Wednesday Meeting Presentations

We will continue with our popular Show & Tell sessions at the Wednesday meeting and are always looking for short 10-15 minute presentations about any stamp related topic. Contact Frank or Tim if you would like to make a presentation at a future meeting.

Tuesday, September 21st: smaller group. Nice auction lots. Don't miss our daytime gathering where we offer another time and location to buy, sell and trade for philatelic treasures.

Some of the same members that come on Wednesday night plus a few who can't get to a night time meeting. Plus lots more lots to bid on!



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Oct. 2 - Monroe Stamp & Postcard Show

Monroe, WI. Monroe Moose Lodge. 639 3rd Ave. Hours: 9-3. Dealer bourse. Free admission. Contact Jim at 815-369-4753.

Oct. 9 - WISCOPEX / Stampfest 2021

New Berlin, WI. Ronald Reagan Elementary School, 4225 So. Calhoun Rd. Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs. Hours: 10-5. Judged philatelic exhibits. Nine dealer bourse. Free admission.

Oct. 9 - WILCOPEX

Joliet, IL. Messiah Lutheran Church. 40 Houbolt Rd. Philatelic Club of Will County. Hours: 10-4. Philatelic exhibits. Dealer bourse. Free admission.

Oct. 23-24 - MSAD Fall Show

Glen Ellyn, IL. College of DuPage Student Resource Center, 425 Fawell Ave. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Bourse only. www.msdstamp.com for list of dealers. Free admission.

Spread the word if you are interested in going to one of these shows. Ride sharing with other members can be a big savings and fun!

A Visit From St. Nick
First Class Forever (58c)
 Double sided Booklet of 20
 Oct 7 - Santa Clause, IN

These four new designs add to the plethora of Santa stamps that have been issued by postal administrations around the world, including the United States. These stamps tell the story of Santa's visit on Christmas Eve following the theme of *A Visit from St. Nicholas* commonly known as *'Twas the Night before Christmas*. Written by Clement Clarke Moore in 1822, the poem gives reference to St. Nick and his sleigh full of toys.

The first stamp shows Santa on a snowy rooftop with an enormous bag of gifts slung over his shoulder, stepping into a brick chimney. The second stamp shows green stockings hung on the fireplace with Santa's boots appear. A close-up of Santa's bearded face and stocking cap fills the third stamp. His left eye is winking which is a reference to "his wink of an eye" in the poem.

The final stamps shows Santa and the bag of gifts in his sleigh, which is being pulled across the sky by his flying reindeer. The background shows a starry night with a huge full moon. This completes St. Nick's visit that will be played out millions of times on Christmas Eve while we are all sleeping.

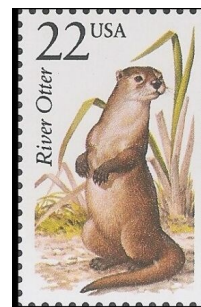
Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamps with original art by Brad Woodard.



The first U.S. Postage stamp for 8-cents was issued in 1972. It was the 11th annual Christmas issue. The first line from Moore's poem *'Twas the Night before Christmas* is inscribed above the vignette.



Otters in the Snow
First Class Forever (58c)
 Double sided Booklet of 20
 Oct 12 - Otter, MT



A River Otter was previously illustrated as part of the American Wildlife Series of 1987. Issued June 13, 1987 in Toronto Canada!

The Otters in Snow stamps picture four different scenes of the playful North American river otter reveling in winter's white landscape. The original illustrations for the stamps were rendered in pen and ink with watercolor. Art director Derry Noyes designed the stamps with artwork from illustrator John Burgoyne.

River otters and sea otters are found throughout the United States. Otter Montana is a small community named for Otter Creek. Although it is unincorporated, it does have a post office, and now, a First Day of Issue ceremony.

These are the last two USPS issues for 2021. No other Holiday stamps will be issued this year as all the prior Holiday issues are still available from USPS.com and (maybe) at your local post office!

President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

It appears our new meeting location has assimilated into the world of Where's Waldo! Our attendance numbers our down from our former location and the question is why? Is the location too difficult to find and/or access? Is it the lingering effects of COVID-19 and its variants? Is it the requirement to follow current COVID 19 mandates? Because of the lack of meetings did it become easier to rely on internet options? While it can be a bit confusing to get to, as well as leave, once you have done it a couple of times and determine the best route for your needs, it is not all that bad. **The facility is much better than the former location to say the least.** Please join us again if you have not yet attended a meeting and if you have, please keep coming back. Sadly, some of our members have permanently closed their albums over the past 18 months and will never return. Nothing compares to a live stamp event, meeting, show, or auction.

Along with our decreased attendance our auction lots are down a bit, but there is still plenty to bid on. We have occasionally noticed some higher quality items which of course command a higher starting bid which often fails to attract a bid. Keep in mind the time and supplies the individual has spent to prepare these items for auction. Most starting bids are still below what you could ever expect to pay a dealer or even possibly win in an online auction. A few club lots that did not attract bids in recent club auctions were taken to Tosapex and were snapped up by dealers at starting bid prices or above. While not a huge amount, our club profited in the amount of \$50.00. This indicates there was plenty of profit margin left in these lots for them to realize a gain. Every auction lot sale profits **OUR CLUB** and helps to pay the rent and expenses while keeping dues reasonable. **Please attend your club meetings, bring auction lots, buy auction lots, and pick up and take home for your leisurely reading pleasure the many stamp periodicals that are being shared and are free for the taking. Knowledge is power.** My late Great-Uncle John always said, "Get all the education you can, it is the only thing that can't be taken from you".

I attended the Tosapex show in St. Francis, WI, (Milwaukee suburb), Saturday, September 11th. A new location, not unlike Ken-Rock Community Center, not the easiest to find but worth the effort. Most dealers were busy, some overwhelmed, trying to balance purchaser and seller needs. I noticed a good number of people coming primarily to sell inherited collections, mint sheets, plate blocks etc., to the dealers, which can also make a show a huge success for a dealer. From my observation there is going to be a lot of "new" material on the market soon. There is also a wealth of knowledge available through talking with the dealers. I visited a couple of dealers selling supplies as I am in search of a country album. I was given many options, with as many pros and cons, to take into consideration and my brain is still massaging that information before I make a final decision. A benefit of attending shows is you may get dibs on the new material a dealer has just acquired or be able to give a fellow collector a heads up.

Another thing to consider is a ride share program for our club meetings. As winter approaches and darkness arrives earlier and earlier some members are no longer able to drive for whatever reason. If you have difficulty in coming to the meetings and need a ride let us know so we can try to accommodate your needs. Year-round interaction with people of common interests is important to everyone's well-being.

Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday, October 3rd. Remember the buy, sell, trade before the meeting.

Happy collecting and stay safe!

Civil War Revenue Tax 1862-1872 - Tim Wait

This space features interesting Civil War documents from my collection. I can probably continue this space until.....2099!



Receipt by an Express carrier, compensation over 25c to \$1, tax 2c. Received January 28, 1863 by Wm. A. Knowlton, Rockford, IL. American Express money package containing \$31 sent via America Express from Dubuque, Ia. to Cedar Falls, Ia. And then to Rockford. Tax paid with R9 2c Blue Express Imperf. This from a find of Knowlton cover fronts. Knowlton was the business manager for the wealthy widow, Mrs. John H. Manny. John Manny was the inventor of the Manny Reaper. Mary eventually married Robert Tinker, of the famous tinker Cottage in Rockford.

Central America Part I - Costa Rica - Tim Wait



Introduction

Central America was first visited and partially subjugated by Europeans from Spain in the 1500's. They partially controlled the region but continually fought with the British in theatres here and world wide! Today Central America is made up of seven countries. Below is their date of first stamp issuance.

- Costa Rica - 1863
- Honduras - 1865
- Nicaragua - 1865
- El Salvador - 1867
- Guatemala - 1871
- Panama - 1878
- Belize - 1981 (formerly British Honduras)

We will start from their first stamp issues through Classic Period to 1940. **Let's begin with the first stamp issuing country, Costa Rica.**



Costa Rica's 1st Issue American Bank Note Co.

Values 1/2 Real, 2 Real, 4 Real and 1 Peso.

In 1883 the currency was changed from Reales to Pesos and Centavos.

The original issue was revalued 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 centavos.

In 1901 Costa Rica issued a bi-colored set of 10 values with a variety of scenes, buildings and historical figures.



Through 1940 Costa Rica had issued 195 regular postage stamps. In the Back-of-the-book section we have a variety of issues.

Postal-Fiscal	AR1-4	1884-1888
Semi-Postal	B1	1922
Air Post	C1-C56	1926-1940
Air Post Official	CO 1-13	1934
Postage Due	J1-J13	1903-1915
Official	O1-O94	1883-1936

Postal-Fiscal - From April 1884 to September 1889 revenue stamps were permitted as postage stamps when post offices were out of stamps. Not something the U.S. ever did.



Like many other Central and South American countries, Costa Rica saw the benefits of issuing MANY Air Post stamps. They were of higher values and there was a great market for them by collectors throughout the world. By 1940 they had issued 56 stamps including this beautiful diamond shaped set of three.



Dedicated Official stamps were not issued until 1926 Regular issue postage and air post stamps were overprinted "Official". There must have been a lot of Official mail as they issued 94 regular and 13 Air Post issues by 1940!



Our last category for Costa Rica is Postage Dues. Two designs were issued by 1940 with the first set of eight in 1903 and the second set of 5 issued in 1915. Shown is one from the second set.

The post office continues to issue many Air Post stamps compared to regular issues. In my Scott 2006 Catalog there are 581 regular issues and air post up to C939! They didn't issue Special Delivery stamps until 1972. No more postage due stamps were issued after the 1915 set above. No more Official stamps we issued either.

A new category, Postal Tax was introduced in 1959 and were for Children's Village and were obligator on all mail during December. These continue today.

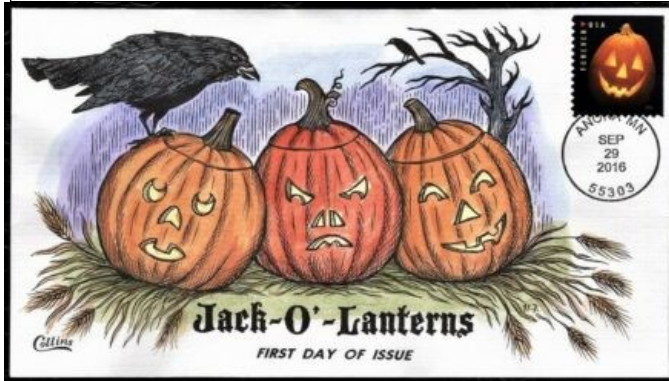
This concludes our mini-tour of Costa Rican stamps. Next up will be Honduras.

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.

Halloween in the US and France!



Jack-o'-Lanterns

Four whimsical carved pumpkins issued Sep. 29, 2016, in Anoka, MN. Why Anoka?

Anoka is the "Halloween Capital of the World" because it hosted one of the first Halloween parades in 1920.



The French don't say "trick-or-treat", instead they ask "candies or a spell". When the French do dress up, they typically go scary.

1909 Halloween postcard from Mendota, NY

ROCKFORD 2-3-4 Stamp Expo Dealers

We will be approaching all our past show dealers to participate in the long awaited Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo - 2022. We had one new and two returning dealers scheduled for 2020, Tiger Collectibles from Stoutsville, MO and two dealers returning after multi-year absences, James Newland from Peoria and Pfol's Stamps from Dubuque. Hopefully, many of our dealers will be returning to our show next year. **Remember to support our dealers throughout the year and contact them let them know what you need.**

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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, 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.

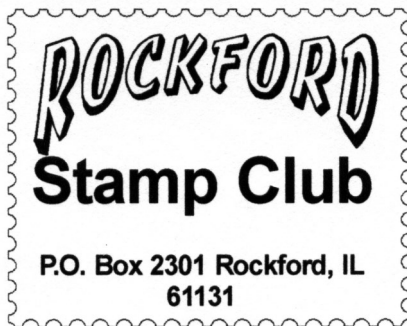
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1996 Dan Hammell *	2004 Timothy Wait
1997 Robert Rosell *	2012 Tim Gallagher *
1998 Matt Mace	

* Closed album



IN-PERSON Meetings are BACK!

Wednesday, October 6 at 5:30/7pm

Tuesday, October 19 at 9/10am

Our NEW location is 625 Adams St.