

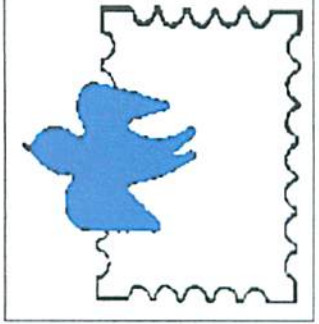
ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

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

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

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

1st Wednesday Update: At the Wednesday August 3rd meeting there were 23 members and a guest, **Dennis Lemke**, who joined that night. There was discussion about the show and the following three ideas were presented. 1) Lower the dealer table fees 2) Advertise the show more and 3) Have the Club buy material to put in the auction. Some discussion took place and these and any other ideas will be taken up by the show committee.

Steve Capone made a suggestion to "Establish a club between Rockford and Janesville", in Beloit or South Beloit. Is there interest in another club or just another RSC meeting in that area? Give your opinion!

Tim Wait announced the purchase of new frames and his plan for next year's show. See more on Page 5.

Show & Tell: **Stanley Campbell** a) 1903 Jerusalem postcard handled by the German PO in Jerusalem b) Travel to Cuba "But Stamps Illegal" and gave free Cuban stamps out. **Ruth Young** showed a giant Washington Bicentennial FDC and postcards given to her by a friend including the "Spruce Goose". **Steve Capone** showed **Lee Barrie's** FDCs of Australian Star Trek labels with a coin from Tuvalu! **Tim Wait** showed the 1963 Christmas issue and a rare Civil War Tax Insurance policy with Oregon and US stamps. Raffle winner **Bob Nilles**.

3rd Tuesday Update: At the Tuesday August 16th meeting we had a BIG auction. This get together is where you can find many things to add to (or start a new) collection!

Winston Ackmann continues to donate lots almost every month to support the club. This is a very generous gesture on his part and is much appreciated.

The Mini-Raffle Box continues to be supported earning another \$7.50 for the club.

Canada's "Spruce Goose" issue from 1986. Not even close to the flying plane on Ruth's postcard! It doesn't look like this one could fly very well either!



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Sat-Sun Sep 10-11 - MSDA West Suburban Show
Lombard, IL. Linder Conference Center, 610 E. Butterfield Rd. Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. 15 dealers, free admission.

Fri-Sun Sep 16-18 - MILCOPEX 2016
Milwaukee, WI. Milwaukee Philatelic Society. Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S. 13th St. Hours: Fri-Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4. Dealers 40, over 125 frames of exhibits, USPS. Free admission.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

Welcome New Members

Dennis Lemke - Elgin
Michael Burdett - Woodbine

Until recently Dennis operated University Stamp & Coin in Madison. He closed his shop and now resides in Elgin. Michael contacted us via our Website and will be attending the Tuesday morning meetings.

Please join us in welcoming Dennis & Michael to the club. Make sure to introduce yourself and make them feel at home at the Wednesday or Tuesday meetings.

U.S. 2016 New Issues

Patriotic Spiral

Aug 19 - Falls Church, VA



Without declaring it directly, in announcing this new stamp, the Postal People addressed the growing divisions in America, with this description:

"This festive and energetic stamp design features 50 blue and red stars spiraling around a central gold star on a white background. The idea for the design was to illustrate a community of stars protectively orbiting a central star that in an abstract sense stands for our nation's steadfast idealism and hope for a more perfect union."

The stamp is available in two formats, with two different First Day of Issue locations: Booklets of 10 for consumers, issued in Falls Church, VA; and self-adhesive coils of 10,000 for businesses, issued in Kansas City, MO. While the Postal People say that the coils of 10,000 will be available at post offices, collectors seeking small strips must order them via the Philatelic Sales website or phone Fulfillment Center.

Apples

Aug 12 - Kansas City, MO

This new one-cent definitive stamp features two Albemarle Pippin Apples on a branch surrounded by leaves. The Newtown Pippin is an American apple originated in the late 17th or early 18th century. U.S. presidents George Washington and Thomas Jefferson both grew the Newtown in Virginia, where it acquired the alternate name Albemarle Pippin after Albemarle County, Virginia. Issued in coils of 3,000 and 10,000.



This continues the new Fruit Definitive set that started with a 10¢ Pears stamp January 17th followed by the 5¢ Grapes stamp issued February 19th. A pretty and colorful well designed set even if it does lack the importance of the "Great American's" issues of the 1980's and 1990's.



Jack O' Lanterns

Sep 29 - Anoka, MN



In the spirit of Halloween, the Postal Service issues these delightfully eerie stamps featuring photographs of four different jack-o'-lanterns. These creatively carved pumpkins have been symbols of Halloween in the United States since the late 19th century, not long after celebrations of the holiday began here. These are the first Halloween-themed stamps issued by the Postal Service. Paul Montanari designed and carved the pumpkins under the art direction of Derry Noyes of Washington, DC. Sally Andersen-Bruce photographed the lit jack-o'-lanterns used on the stamps. Issued in a double sided pane of 20 (convertible booklet).

In October the USPS will be issuing SIX different items in their "Holiday Celebration Series" with a total of NINE stamps. They are making sure they are as "Politically Correct" as possible and not missing out on any religious groups business! The stamps are being called:

Kwanzaa Diwali Holiday Windows (non-secular) Nativity Hanukkah Florentine Madonna & Child

Something for everyone! Or you could just do what I do and buy prior year's Christmas stamps at a steep discount, and put 3-4-5 or more on each card and see if your non-philatelic friends comment!

We will be featuring all these stamps in the October *Rockford Stamp Notes*.

The American Philatelic Center & APRL Library



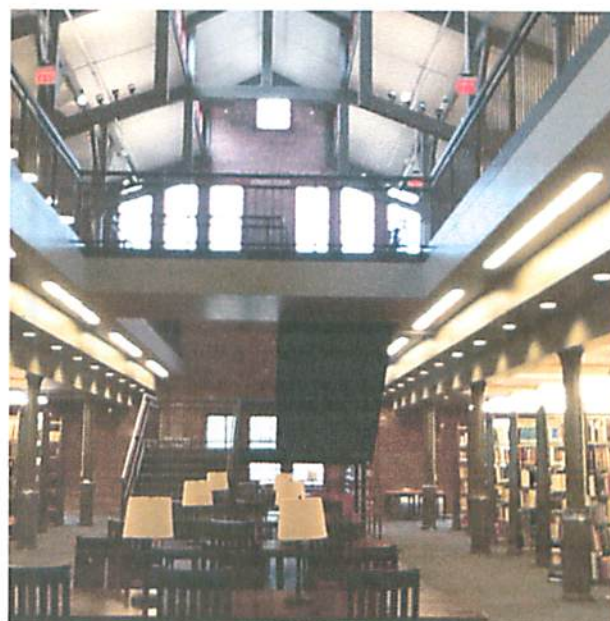
I recently had the honor and pleasure of teaching a class, "Civil War Documentary Tax Stamps and Their Uses, 1862-1883" at the 37th Annual Summer Seminar on Philately, June 19-24, 2016 at the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, PA. This was my first trip to APS stamp Headquarters and it was an excellent adventure!

Our national stamp society's home is in a renovated Match Factory from the 19th century. Bellefonte was a major stop on the first Transcontinental Air Mail route in 1924 and has a rich air mail philatelic history as demonstrated on the wall near the entrance to the main hall donated by the Mystic Stamp Company in honor of their founder, Maynard Sundman.

The officers and staff of the APS are a friendly bunch and welcome visitors any day. If you are ever travelling through Pennsylvania, it is well worth a stop!



This is where the American Philatelic Research Library (APRL) has called home for the last few years. Notice the almost empty shelves on the left.



While we were there for the seminar, work was nearing completion on the new APRL which will have its Grand Opening October 28-29, 2016. This is a state of the art library facility with much more space and adequate rooms to handle the work of the APRL in keeping up with all the new publications and donations from collectors.

The APRL has one of the world's largest and most accessible collections of philatelic literature. Its nearly three miles of shelving contain more than 23,000 book titles and 5,700 journal titles. Researchers are welcome to visit the library at the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte. For those who cannot travel to Bellefonte, the APRL offers photocopy and scanning services as well as reference assistance by phone and e-mail. APS and APRL members may borrow books directly by mail and non-members may borrow books through interlibrary loan. To learn more about our services and to make a request, go to www.stamps.org.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS (or Neat Stuff I Really Like) By Tim Wait



Everyone is coming to Rockford's
AIR-CIRCUS
 and Air Meet, Saturday and Sunday
 AT MACHESNEY'S AIRPORT
JUNE 7th and 8th

In Event of rain, Circus will be postponed to June 14, 15
AIRPLANE RACES-STUNTING
THRILLS GALORE-40 PLANES
 See the Airplane Wedding!
 Something Doing Every Minute!

Rockford Airport
 Rockford, Illinois
 June 4, 30

Miss Mabel Macdonald
 727 Giles Blvd. E.,
 Windsor, Ont., Canada.

Dear Miss Macdonald-

Mr. Machesney of the Rockford Airport has handed me your note with the request that I write an answer.
 It is rather hard to write to some one that you do not know but never the less I will do the best I can and I wonder if you would be kind enough to send me a Photo of yourself for this little favor if you call it that much. Would you Please?
 Some time it might be possible that I would be able to get up as far as Windsor then I hope that I will have the pleasure of meeting you. Am sending you one of the bills of our Air Meet down here.
 Waiting for an early reply and I remain Very Sincerely Your Friend,

Paul S. Jones

510 W. Jefferson St.
 Rockford, Illinois, U.S.A.

Machesney's Airport—Rockford Airport

Interesting letter written June 4th and mailed from Rockford on June 6, 1930 to Miss Mabel Macdonald, Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Air Mail to Canada was the same as in the US, 5¢, From August 1, 1928 to July 5, 1932, when it increased to 8¢.

Advertising cover created for the Air-Circus held at Machesney's Airport which was located at the location of the Machesney Park Mall on North Second Street.

As some of you know, I collect the Bicycle Special Delivery Stamp, Scott #E6, E8-E11 that was first issued in 1902 (earliest document use January 15, 1903) and was the special delivery stamp until 1908, when the "Merry Widow" special delivery stamp was issued in December 12, 1908.

The Merry Widow stamp was not very popular and postal employees complained that it wasn't distinctively different from the 1¢ Jamestown issue and did not aid in noticing Special Delivery letters as the BLUE stamps had done since the inception of the service, October 1, 1885. The Bicycle stamp was re-issued in January 1911 and was in use until a Motorcycle stamp, Scott #E12, was issued July 12, 1922.

Now how about the cover on the right! Not only do I get my favorite Bicycle Messenger zipping along on his way to deliver a letter, for which he got paid 8¢ of the 10¢ fee, but he is right next to his counterpart, the City Carrier delivering all the non-special delivery letters and parcels, Scott #Q2.

A nice combination of special service stamps for my Bicycle Special Delivery collection.

Two Mail Carriers on One Letter!



Bremerton, Wash Aug 4, 1913 6-30pm. Received Seattle, Wash Aug 5 at 1am. In 1913, Special Delivery mail was to be delivered from 7am to 11pm. Since this was received at 1am in Seattle, it would have gone out first thing at 7am on August 6th. Properly handstamped "Fee claimed at Seattle, Wash., to indicate that it actually received Special Delivery service.



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.

Announcing the Inaugural
Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo

The Rockford Stamp Club will be hosting its first **Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo on March 11-12, 2017**, at our long time location, Forest Hills Lodge. With up to 50 "Ameripex" style 16 page aluminum frames available, we will be **limiting our competition to two, three and four frame exhibits**. We will still have a **Club Members Only, one sixteen (16) page frame**, competition too.

In the American Philatelic Society's World Series of Philately (WSP), the 30 or so national level shows, there are two major categories of competition, multi-frame up to a limit of 10 frames and single frame. There are Grand awards for the best multi-frame and the best single frame exhibit with both going on to compete at the Summer (multi-frame) and Winter (single frame) APS Stamp Shows that are held in different locations around the country every year.

An exhibit of 2-3-4 frames has a hard time competing against a larger, more developed 5-10 frame exhibit and historically often doesn't receive as high of an award. There are of course exceptional 2-3-4 frame exhibits that receive Gold medals but never the Grand or Reserve Grand awards in the multi-frame competition.

The **Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo** will be a new concept exhibition to exclusively feature these smaller exhibits. The show will be judged by APS certified judges and will have Grand and Reserve Grand award winners and will follow APS judging standards with Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze award levels. Points will be determined and we hope to have Uniform Exhibit Evaluation Forms (UEEF) completed for each exhibitor.

This concept will add to the excitement at the annual Rockford Stamp Show and bring in exhibits and exhibitors from a broader geographical area. This in turn will help build dealer business and attract more dealers helping to build our show. For those who have been around for a while, in the 1970's and early 1980's, Rockford was one of these World Series of Philately shows featuring national level exhibits and judges from around the country. While the effort to build our show back to that level might be beyond our reach, this new competition will help put Rockford back on the national philatelic map and is a great first step to continued improvement of our Show. Tim Wait, Show Chairman.

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.

THANK YOU - ROCKFORD 2016 STAMP SHOW DEALERS

We had a great show with 14, yes 14 dealers on Saturday with two not being able to stay for Sunday. All the dealers were doing brisk business Saturday morning, which continued throughout the weekend.

New for 2016

David Alex
Glenview, IL
847-291-7826

Applebox Philatelic's

Richard Duda
Mt. Prospect, IL
847-439-7614

Farrell Stamps
Len Farrell
Brookfield, IL
708-280-7114

John's Stamp Den

John Steele
Washington, IL
309-444-8247

Alroy Stamps

Al Lenz
Schaumburg, IL
847-524-0147

Geezer's
Dave Birch
Oakwood, IL
217-260-9375

Rockford Coin & Stamp

Steve Jennings
Rockford, IL
815-282-4444

Pfohl's Stamps

John "Kermit" Kirpes
Dubuque, IA
563-582-6247

Phil Edwards
Normal, IL
309-452-2593

Steve Capone
Rockford, IL
815-394-0537

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

Terry Kurzinski
Cherry Valley, IL
815-262-9117

DMS Collectibles

John Butler
Normal, IL
309-963-4248

Newland's Stamps & Post Cards

Jim Newland
Peru, IL
815-794-1984

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 9:30am, 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.

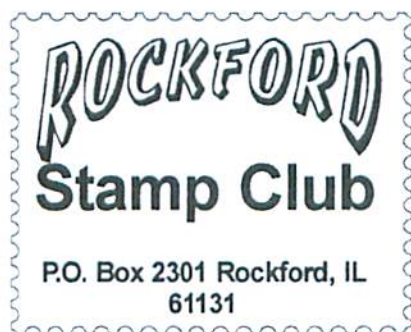
The 2016 Club Officers

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779-771-9527
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815-397-0573
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Director.....Tim Copus
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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



SEPTEMBER Meetings

Wednesday, Sep 7 and Tuesday Sep 20

See YOU there!