

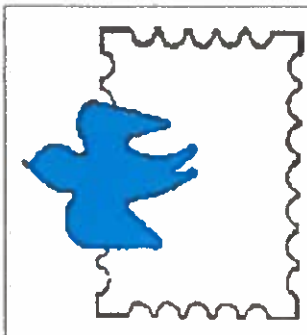
ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

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

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

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

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

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

1st Wednesday Update: At the Wednesday August 2nd meeting we welcomed everyone back after our month off in July. We had a nice crowd and **Sidney Haf-fenden** brought his wife Cindy as a guest. Sidney, haven't you turned her into a philatelist yet?

Hank Fox, Treasurer reported that we have a total of \$4,309.43 in available funds as of July 31st.

Tim Wait reported on the recognition given to our new 2 -3-4 frame exhibiting concept in *The Philatelic Exhibitor*, the journal of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors. This goes to over 900 collectors, exhibitors and the media. See Tim for a copy of the article.

Show & Tell.....

1. Hank Fox showed a 1980 Milcopex program with Al Lenz, one our members and show dealer.
2. Tim Wait showed a) miniature 'plastic stamps' with rough images of US stamps, b) interesting USPS advertising mail he received at work.
3. Steve Capone showed a WWII V-Mail.
4. Ward Miller had a Tell & Show about 10,000 Dogs on Stamps.

The Mystery Box Raffle was back and guess who won, Tim & Tammy Copus AGAIN!

Ward Miller—50 Year APS Member

Ward brought the medal awarded to him by the APS for 50 years of membership. Congratulations Ward! Do we have any other 50 year APS members?

Gordie Carlson Donation

Mary Carlson, Gordie's daughter has donated several cartons of material that were not of interest to stamp dealers. **Matt Mace** has started to go through the material and will be having Club Lots. Lots will continue to be placed in the Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening auctions.

3rd Tuesday Update: The Tuesday August 15th meeting we had a massive 167 lot auction generating over \$60 for the club. Thank you **Lorne** for another postage donation for the newsletter.

Cash on Hand. This is a very healthy balance making us secure if anything happened to Forest Hills. If that property were to become unavailable, a replacement location for the show could cost \$1,000+ more. The show is growing but we would have to be careful about adding more dealers to fast without customers to support them.

Stamp Show Volunteer Gifts

At the April meeting I handed out Rockford Stamp Club Key Chains to our show committee and volunteers.

I still show the names of some of you who haven't received your gift. See me at the September meeting, as I will have them with me.



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Sat-Sun Sep 9-10- 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 15-17 - MILCOPEX 2017
Milwaukee, WI. Milwaukee Philatelic Society. Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S. 13th St. Hours: Fri-Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-3. Over 25 dealers, 125+ frames of exhibits, USPS. Free admission.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

Father Theodore Hesburgh

One Ounce Forever Rate

September 1—Notre Dame, IN



FR. TED HESBURGH
USA

The Fr. Ted stamp is also being issued in coil form as a test of acceptance by mailers and a smaller roll of only 50 stamps vs 500—10,000 of definitive stamps issued for large mailers.

Time will tell if non-commercial customers use the coil stamps.

The U.S. Postal Service® honors the Reverend Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., longtime president of the University of Notre Dame and a dedicated champion of civil rights and other social issues. Father Hesburgh was considered one of the most important educational, religious, and civic leaders of the 20th century.

The stamp art features an oil-on-panel painting of Father Theodore Hesburgh standing on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. The portrait is based on a 1980 photograph.

On June 24, 1943, Theodore Hesburgh was ordained into the priesthood and two years later was appointed religion instructor and chaplain to World War II veterans at Notre Dame. In 1952, he became Notre Dame's 15th president, a position he held for 35 years, the longest presidential term in the university's history.

A champion of causes ranging from immigration reform to civil rights, Father Hesburgh worked with many organizations in roles that reflected his personal beliefs, including the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, from 1957 to 1972; the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching; the National Science Board; the Overseas Development Council; and the Select Committee on Immigration and Refugee Policy, among others. An advocate for finding peaceful uses of atomic energy, he was the Vatican's representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency from 1956 to 1970. In 1987, Father Hesburgh retired as Notre Dame's president and continued to devote his time to public service work.

Father Hesburgh was the recipient of many honors, including two of the nation's highest civilian awards: the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1964 for his contributions to civil rights, and the Congressional Gold Medal in 2000. The library at Notre Dame is named for Father Hesburgh, and he received more than 150 honorary degrees from colleges and universities around the world, believed to be the most ever awarded to one individual.

National Museum of African American History and Culture

1st Class Forever Rate

September 24—Washington, DC



Black history is inseparable from American history, and the black experience represents a profound and unique strand of the American story. This issuance recognizes the richness of that experience by celebrating the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C.

The stamp art is based on a photograph of the museum showing a view of the northwest corner of the building. Text in the upper left corner of the stamp reads "National Museum of African American History and Culture."

Opened on September 24, 2016, the National Museum of African American History and Culture is the 19th Smithsonian museum and the only national museum devoted exclusively to African American life, art, history, and culture. Its collections, which include art, artifacts, photographs, films, documents, data, books, manuscripts, and audio recordings, represent all regions of the United States and acknowledge the cultural links of African Americans to the black experience around the world as well. The museum provides opportunities for the public to explore and enjoy African American history while demonstrating the centrality of that history to our nation's past, present, and future.

The stamp art is based on a photograph by Alan Karchmer. Art director Antonio Alcalá designed the stamp.

President's Corner

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

My apologies for missing the July and August, Tuesday morning auctions and the August, Wednesday evening meeting. Simon James Schmitt, whom was supposed to be delivered by priority mail on Wednesday, August 2nd, was delivered by Express Mail on Monday, July 31st at 7#'s 7oz. and 20" long. Delivery was at 9:52 AM with no postage or penalties due. All are doing well. Thank you to all the officers and members that stepped up and fulfilled the necessary rolls to make the meeting and auctions happen. I understand the auctions have had record breaking numbers of lots and very active bidding, thank you to both sellers and buyers for your participation.

Here we are in the month of September already, so it is not too early to start giving thought to our stamp show scheduled for March. Now is the time to start thinking about your exhibits if you are planning to participate as an exhibitor. This will give you time to polish things up (research and proof read) and find that one last item to complete your exhibit and make it a winner. It is not too soon to begin to assemble silent auction lots keeping in mind there is a \$5.00 **minimum** starting bid per lot. We strongly encourage stronger, higher priced lots. If you have any ideas on how to improve the show please bring your thoughts forward.

October is stamp collecting month so let's all consider bringing a friend or neighbor to the October meeting or possibly advertising our meeting as an open house for anyone interested in the hobby. We can discuss this at the September meeting and any other ideas anyone may have to get some exposure for the club.

Please remember to share your treasures as a show and tell or tell and show during our regular meetings. If you would like to do a 10-15-minute presentation on some philatelic subject please let one of the officers know so we can schedule your presentation. Both formats promote the expansion of our knowledge base and understanding and enjoyment of our hobby. We **all** have something interesting and fun to share and remember, the throwing of vegetables and fruits at our members is not allowed during their presentation.

Happy stamp collecting!

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



In Hawaii, a local printer produced bright, full color airmail envelopes the Thom Equipment Co., illustrated front and back, every bit as eye-catching as a multi-view postcard could be. This same design was also produced for Waikiki Hotels with pictures of the hotels on the back.

This airmail - special delivery cover was posted 9 PM, January 5, 1960, in Honolulu and received at Los Angeles, Calif. Ascot Sta. Special Delivery section at 6:30am on January 7th. The 7¢ Blue Jet coil stamp, Scott #C52 was issued July 31, 1958. The 30¢ Special Delivery Letter, Hand to Hand stamp, Scott #E21 was issued September 3, 1957.

Who Is George S. Bangs? By Frank Schmitt

On occasion my daughter Sarah and me will visit cemeteries in search of gravesites of persons of historical significance or unusual and interesting monuments erected in memoriam to loved ones. June 21, 2017 was one such day and we made our way to Rosehill Cemetery, 5800 Ravenswood, Chicago, IL. Little did we know that we would encounter a gravesite and monument that would have a relationship to the hobby of stamp collecting or probably more precisely postal history. I must admit, as many of us do, I also have interests other than stamp collecting, i.e. photography and train watching. That said, I must admit the original draw to this monument was the rail car, but upon investigation it became much more interesting.



The engraving on the tree portion of the monument where the bark was peeled back read:

George S. Bangs
Died November 21
1877
aged 51, 8 months, 21 days

His crowning effort
The Fast Mail

The railcar was carved with, "United States Railway Post Office" and the plot thickened. This now warranted some research upon my return home. Wikipedia and related links provided the following:

George S. Bangs succeeded George B. Armstrong as general superintendent of the postal railway service. Bangs is credited with "Fast Mail" trains, these were specially designed trains consisting of only mail cars with expedited schedules designed to accommodate the needs of the Post Office rather than the needs of the traveling public. These trains were equipped with special retrieving hooks so mail bags would be retrieved from specially designed hooks so the train would not have to stop in small towns. As the mail was retrieved the mail would be delivered by pushing out the bag whose destination was the town being passed through. The mail was sorted on the train and delivered as the train went on its route. With help from participating railroads, namely the New York Central and the Pennsylvania railroads, the first five-car train was assembled on September 16, 1875. The train traveled from New York City to Albany, Buffalo, Cleveland, Toledo, and Chicago on its first trip and carried more than 33 tons of mail. During its first year of service fast mail never missed a single connection and failed to arrive in Chicago on time only on three occasions. On trips east, the train failed to arrive in New York on time only once.

Under the guidance of General Superintendent George S. Bangs from 1871 to 1876, the Railway Mail Service instituted separation of the mails by states, an innovation that further served to reduce backups of mail by dispatching the mail for each state to the most distant railway post office that could process it. The number of clerks in the railway postal service, including route agents, mail route messengers, and local agents, reached 2,286, and the number of miles of railroad upon which mail was carried totaled 70,083.

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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.

Who Is George S. Bangs...continued.

I could not find a postage stamp honoring Bangs or the railway post office. The closest is Scott Q3 the 3-cent Parcel Post Railway Postal Clerk stamp.



So, it seems it may be difficult to separate hobbies and you never know what you will find or where. The above information is the result of a rudimentary search of the internet and I would guess far from complete.

My challenge to each of you is to either add to this story, or share with us the unique or the unusual you have encountered. It is **our** newsletter so let's each of us craft an article and share it with all and take some of the pressure off Tim to provide articles to fill the pages. This was fun and educational for me. Give it a try. You can always put your show and tell in print.

Frank - thank you very much for the fascinating article. I hope our readers enjoyed the "fun" you had combining your hobbies. **You** can do an article for the *Rockford Stamp Notes* too! As Frank says above, take that show and tell item you've been wanting to bring in and send me a scan and write an article instead. That way all our members can enjoy your "Recent Acquisitions or Stuff I really Like"! Tim

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.

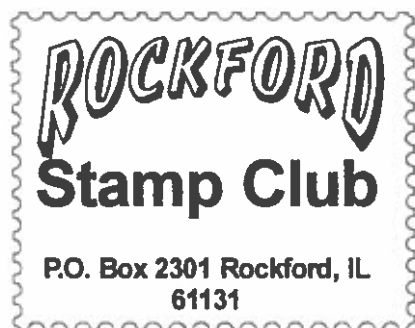
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Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

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 6 and Tuesday Sep 19

Welcome back to the Wednesday night meetings. Tim for more Philatelic Phun!