

ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

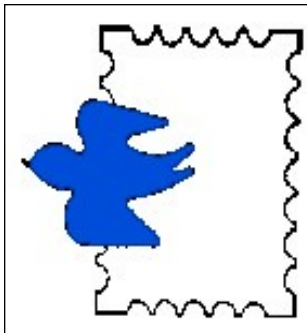
ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

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

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

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

1st Wednesday Update: At the Wednesday August 1st meeting we had 30 members! A good showing. One new member joined.

Tammy Copus has been getting ready for the new school year with the Loves Park Panther stamp Club. See page five for a list of their collections/exhibits.

Tim's presentation on National Air Mail Week was enjoyed by those in attendance.

Mystery Raffle was won by **Gerald Van Alstyne**, not Tammy & Tim!

Show & Tell.....

1. **Ruth Young** showed a postcard of Chicago's Lincoln Park bridge.
2. **Stanley Campbell** passed around a US Passport from 868 with William Seward's signature. He also had a very nice collection of other versions of the US Passport up to the 1970s'.
3. **Frank Schmitt** discussed his recent package to his son in Michigan that had t-shirts, cards and some cash when sent a two pair of tube socks upon arrival. Some shenanigans going on at the USPS!!

3rd Tuesday Update: August 21st there was a small showing with just 13 members. Philately doesn't come first, as we all know, but it can be second some times, right! We still had 63 lots and earned \$13.30. September is traditionally the start of the stamp season and we hope for a bigger crowd with lots of lots. Remember you can bring up to 25 lots each meeting.

Member Update - New Feature

Steve Jennings is on the mend and might even be found at his usual spot behind the counter of Rockford Coin and Stamp a few hours a couple days of the week. Give the shop a call and see if you can stop in for a visit!

Don Arnquist missed the last couple meetings. He hopes to make the Tuesday meeting in September.

If you have info to post, contact Tim at 815-670-5869 or t.wait@comcast.net.

Welcome New Member

Bill Ryerson
Machesney Park

Please join us in welcoming Bill to the club. Make sure to introduce yourself and make him feel at home.

Wednesday's Program

Terry Kurzinski will present "St. Louis World's Fair" at the September 5th meeting. The USPOD issued five stamps, 1c, 2c, 3c, 5, and 10c to commemorate the fair. Come enjoy Terry's informative presentation showing covers and other interesting items.



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Sat-Sun Sep 8-9 MSDA Westside

Oakbrook, IL. Holiday Inn Chicago Oakbrook, 17W350 22nd St. Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3, 15+ dealers, free admission.

Fri-Sat-Sun Sep 14-6 MILCOPEX 2018

Milwaukee, WI. Crowne Plaza-Milwaukee Airport, 640' S. 13th St.. Hours Fri-Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. 20 dealers, exhibits, silent auctions, seminars, free admission.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

USPS 2018 New Issues

Poinsettia

1st Class International Rate
Aug 26—Kansas City, MO



The first United States holiday stamp of 2018 is being issued on a Sunday in the heart of summer. The non-denominated (\$1.15) Poinsettia global forever stamp will be issued in a pane of 10 on Aug. 26. The official city of issue is Kansas City, Mo., home to the U.S. Postal Service's Stamp Fulfillment Services division, but no first-day ceremony is planned.

The Sunday issue date complicates matters for collectors who enjoy buying new stamps on the issue date and obtaining unofficial first-day cancels, as most retail post offices are closed on Sunday, making either endeavor a complicated challenge. The stamp was designed by Greg Breeding using a photograph of a poinsettia taken from above the plant by Betsy Pettet. William J. Gicker served as art director. Banknote Corporation of America printed the stamps by offset.

Four new United States stamps will be issued Sept. 7 to honor John Lennon. As a member of the Beatles and with his later solo career, Lennon is easily one of the most famous musicians and songwriters of the rock era. Along with his wife Yoko Ono, Lennon was also a prominent activist in the peace movement of the 1960s and 1970s.

The four nondenominated (50¢) forever stamps share an identical basic design but display different color schemes. Each features the same black-and-white photograph of Lennon taken by Bob Gruen in 1974 for the *Walls and Bridges* solo album. The stamp images on the pane of 16 are tinted by a range of gradient colors that change from the top of the pane to the bottom.

John Lennon

1st Class Forever Rate
Sep 7—New York, NY



First Responders

1st Class Forever Rate
Sep 13—Missoula, MT



A United States forever stamp paying tribute to emergency workers and first responders will be issued Sept. 13. "With this stamp, the Postal Service recognizes the men and women — including firefighters, law enforcement officers, and emergency medical service professionals — who respond to critical situations with skill, dedication and uncommon bravery," the Postal Service said in a press release.

The nondenominated (50¢) stamp depicts three figures in action, set against a black background with dark smoke around them and ahead of them. A firefighter tinted entirely in red grasps an axe; an EMS (emergency medical services) worker in shades of white has the EMS "star of life" symbol on her cap, sleeve and medical bag; and a police officer in blue shines a flashlight at the unseen situation ahead.

Birds in Winter

1st Class Forever Rate
Sep 22—Quechee, VT

A double sided pane of twenty Birds in Winter will be issued. Birds shown are the Gold Finch, Cardinal, Woodpecker and Blue Jay. Each of these birds are common in winter climates such as ours well into the winter, unlike most birds who migrate south to a warmer climate. Kind of like we should do if we could!



President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

It was great to see so many in attendance at the August meeting after our short summer respite from club meetings. The meeting was very active with a lot of participation in the show and tell feature and with the great presentation, "National Air Mail Week in Illinois", by Tim Wait. This is a good example of how to take a very specific and limited subject matter and make a great exhibit, hint, hint. The projector is a great addition for the club and made viewing the presentation possible for everyone in a format large enough to see. **The September presentation will be on the "St. Louis World's Fair", by Terry Kurzinski, a must see.**

Just a reminder that nominations for elections are due at the November meeting. It is not too early to start thinking about an office or director position you may be interested in and notify the nominating committee; **Stanley Campbell, Lee Barrie, Jeff Reiken** (just a reminder of who you are gentlemen).

As a matter of discussion, it has been brought up that the terms of office should be doubled so we do not have to hold an annual election. This would apply to the terms of the board of directors also. I would like to have a short discussion at the September meeting on this matter and, if is deemed feasible, take the appropriate actions to change the by-laws accordingly. This is by no means a power grab of office by current officers; we will all gladly be succeeded by someone else. It is intended to give a little continuity to the offices, not be encumbered by an annual election. Give it some thought and bring your comments to the meeting.

Remember to bring your show and tell items to the meetings to share with all. **We are open for presentations for October and November** so if you wish to do a presentation let us know at the meeting and what needs you may have. It is not required to be projected or formatted like the last presentations; you may present it in the best manner that works for you.

Remember to bring a friend or neighbor to the meeting with you. Happy collecting and I hope to see you on Wednesday.

The American Expeditionary Force, Siberia by Stanley Campbell

I've always wanted a postal item from the American Expeditionary Forces that invaded Russia during World War One.

The American Expeditionary Force, Siberia (AEF in Siberia) was a formation of the United States Army involved in the Russian Civil War in Vladivostok, Russia, during the end of World War I after the October Revolution, from 1918 to 1920. The force was part of the larger Allied North Russia Intervention.

U.S. President Woodrow Wilson's claimed objectives for sending troops to Siberia were as much diplomatic as they were military. One major reason was to rescue the 40,000 men of the Czechoslovak Legion, who were being held up by Bolshevik forces as they attempted to make their way along the Trans-Siberian Railroad to Vladivostok, and it was hoped, eventually to the Western Front. At the time, Bolshevik forces controlled only small pockets in Siberia and President Wilson wanted to make sure that neither Cossack marauders nor the Japanese military would take advantage of the unstable political environment along the strategic railroad line and in the resource-rich Siberian regions that straddled it.

This is a postcard printed, most likely by the YMCA, which supported all American servicemen during the war. It has one of the YMCA "huts" (although it looks like a storefront in downtown Vladivostok) as well as the Catholic Cathedral and a harbor view. I've seen unused postcards, but this one was sent by a Henry Gilbert (he wrote "soldier's mail" just above his name) to someone in "Lewistown MO".

It has a bold "US POSTAL AGENCY SIBERIA" postmark, dated 1919, and a wonderful censor stamp. Too bad the contents is only what he read in letters from home, instead of what he was doing there.



Countries ending in “Stan” by Tim Wait

We continue with the “New” countries in Central Asia ending in "stan,":

Uzbekistan

As a generally accepted explanation, the suffix *"stan"* is an ancient Persian and/or Farsi word meaning *country, nation, land, or place of*, so, the country name of Afghanistan would then mean *"homeland"* of the Afghans, or *place of* the Afghans.

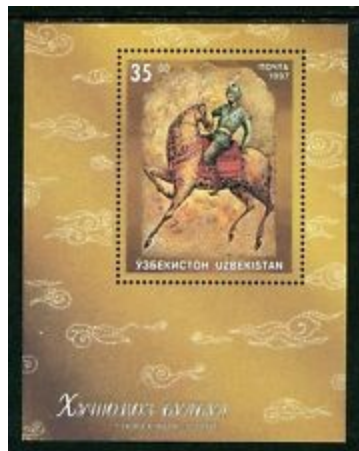
Uzbekistan, officially also the **Republic of Uzbekistan**, is a doubly landlocked sovereign state in Central Asia. It is a secular, unitary constitutional republic, comprising 12 provinces, one autonomous republic, and a capital city. Uzbekistan is bordered by five landlocked “Stan” countries.

Tajikistan issued its first stamp May 7, 1992. It has a larger stamp issuing policy with 404 stamps through 2004. Most stamps represent local history, people, art or animals but with large sets with many stamps of the same denomination.



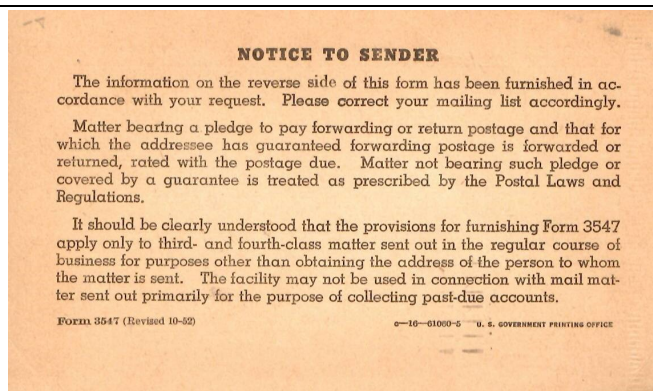
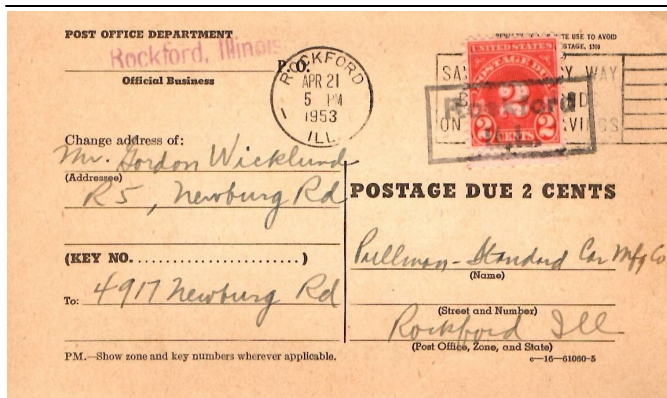
Uzbekistan #1
May 7, 1992
Block of 4

Uzbekistan #139
Apr 18, 1997
Souvenir Sheet
Fairy Tales



Uzbekistan #319
Nov 8, 2001
Art work of Oral Tansiqboyev

A review of Uzbekistan stamps on eBay reveals that a variety of issues are available. There were 586 listings, with quite a variety of stamps, and they like souvenir sheets!



April 21, 1953. Change of address notification for a third or fourth class mail piece, mailed from the Rockford Post Office to the Pullman-Standard Car Mfg. Co. This is when Newburg Rd went from a Rural Route (RR5) to street numbers (4917). A nice boxed “Rockford ILL” handstamp cancels the 2c postage due stamp.

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American Philatelic Society Chapter # 735

WEB SITE UPDATE - The website is being designed and should be up in early fall.

USPS New Issue ERROR!

The Art of Magic Aug. 7—Las Vegas, NV

A surprise souvenir sheet of three stamps of the Magic Rabbit stamp was also issued August 7th. It has lenticular printing that creates the illusion of motion on the stamps by showing a rabbit coming out of a magician's hat and then disappearing.

At APS StampShow in Columbus, OH, two days after the first day, error sheets were sold by the USPS that had no die cuts! There were many happy collectors and the Scott catalogue editors, who were on site, certified the find and said it will appear in Vol. 1 of the 202 Scott Catalogue in April 2019.



MEMBER AD

Wanted: Used U.S. singles 1213A 5¢, 1590 9¢, 1590A 9¢, 1622C 13¢, 1623 13¢, 1623B 13¢, 1736 A Stamp 15¢. Bring to any meeting for Dave Archer.

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!

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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 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.

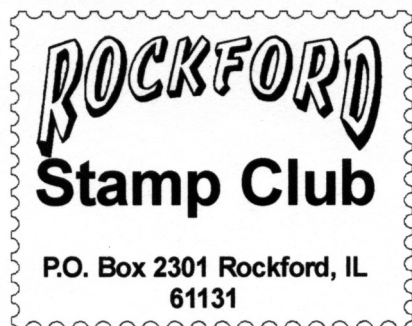
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815-397-0573
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Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

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



August Meetings

Wednesday, Sep 5 and Tuesday Sep 18

Clean out your stamp closet. Bring some lots to sell and have money to get new stuff!