

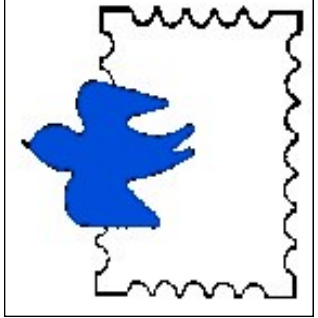
# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

## ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

### Wednesday, September 7

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

### Tuesday, September 20

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

Wednesday, August 3rd: 15 members showed up for our August meeting.

Brief meeting welcoming everyone back from our brief, one month break! We have paid our Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs (WFSC) dues and will be receiving their newsletter (copies will be available at the September meeting). Treasurer's report has us with a balance of \$3,018.75. A nice cushion for any future show hiccups.

### Show & Tell.....

1. **Bill Lothary** - Post Card to France showing Wright Airplane of 1909. Stated, "Saw it fly". Very cool!
2. **Tim Wait** - Special Delivery letter using six 5c indicia ripped from Postal Stationary envelopes. Illegal so charged 30c postage due!
3. **Stanley Campbell** - a) Serviceman's Round Robin 3M (Minnesota) WWII Newsletter. Oct 1945. b) First Flight cover Contract Air Mail (CAM) Route 9, from Rockford March 8, 1930, signed by PM.

Mystery Box winner was President Frank Schmitt!

### Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo March 11-12, 2023

We are returning to our traditional 2nd weekend in March. We are making plans now for the show. Single frame (16 page) exhibits can be entered under the Club Member category and we will have our nationally judged 2-3-4 frame competition. Why not try your hand forming an exhibit? See Tim. We'll also be looking for a new venue for the awards banquet. Please present any ideas.

### Member Health and Welfare

**Gerry Van Alstyne** continues to have tests and procedures, now focusing on his heart. **Steve Capone** has been under the weather. We hope you both feel better.

Tuesday, August 16th: 9 members attended the Tuesday meeting. Auction made \$27.

### Ukraine—Two Front Lines—War and Covid



### Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

#### Fri-Sat-Sun Sep 16-18 MILCOPEX 2022

Brookfield, WI. Milwaukee Philatelic Society.  
Brookfield Convention Center, 325 S. Moorland Rd.  
Hours: Fri-Sat 10-5 Sun 10-3. WSP National show with 20 dealers, 125 frames of exhibits and seminars.  
[www.milcopex.org](http://www.milcopex.org)

#### Sat Oct 1 Monroe Stamp & Postcard Show

Monroe, WI. Monroe Stamp and Postcard Club. Monroe Moose Lodge (behind Farm & Fleet) 639 3rd Ave.  
Hours: 9-3. Free admission, bourse only.

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

**James Webb Space Telescope**  
**First Class Forever (60c)**  
 Pane of 20  
 Sep 8 - Washington, D.C.  
 National Postal Museum

NASA's James Webb Space Telescope, the largest and most complex telescope ever deployed in space, is capable of peering directly into the early cosmos and studying every phase of cosmic history. Launched Dec. 25, 2021, Webb now orbits the Sun about a million miles away from Earth.



The image on the stamp is an artist's digitally created depiction of the telescope against a dazzling starscape. A photograph of a star and distant space in the full pane margin was taken by Webb early in its mission, brilliantly confirming the perfect alignment of the telescope's 18 mirror segments.

Art director Derry Noyes designed the stamp using existing art by James Vaughan and an image provided by NASA/Space Telescope Science Institute.

The Postal Service evokes the holiday spirit with four new se-tenant stamps featuring a colorful digital illustration of elves preparing toys on a winding conveyor belt in a snow-laden forest. Like many beloved Christmas traditions—including Santa Claus himself—elves did not become a well-established part of the holidays in America until—the 19th century. In the 20th century, as elves became firmly rooted in American Christmas lore, they eventually became part of holiday television specials, films and books.

## Holiday Elves

**First Class Forever (60c)**  
 Double-sided booklet of 20  
 Sep 15 - North Pole, AK

Santa's home, North Pole, Alaska, is known for its year-round Christmas decorations, including candy cane-striped street lights. Streets have names like Kris Kringle Drive and Mistletoe Lane. The USPS has a Santa Letters program through which children's letters from Santa are mailed with a North Pole postmark.



Don Clark was the artist and stamp designer. Antonio Alcalá was the art director.

## Peanuts - First Class Forever (60c)

Pane of 20 - Sep 30 - Santa Rosa, CA



Ten new stamps salute the birth centennial of cartoonist Charles M. Schulz whose "Peanuts" characters are some of the best known and most beloved in all of American culture. For five decades, Schulz alone wrote and drew nearly 18,000 strips, the last one published the day after he died. Each character reflects Schulz's rich imagination and great humanity. His resonant stories found humor in life's painful realities including rejection, insecurity and unrequited love.

The ten Peanuts stamps form a frame around a 1987 photograph of Schulz. Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamps from Schulz's artwork and an existing photograph by Douglas Kirkland.

Santa Rosa is home to the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center. Schulz moved his home and studio to Santa Rosa in 1969, and lived there for the rest of his life. The regional airport is named in his honor and bronze Peanuts sculptures grace the airport and downtown's historic Railroad Square.

## President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

When we meet again Labor Day will have come and gone. While that generally indicates summer is pretty much over, vacations are on the decline, schools are back in session, it is also an indicator for something else. Stamp shows! Yes, stamp shows will start to become more frequent (hopefully not too many became closed albums because of the rath of COVID) and we can make in person purchases, mingle with old and new friends of the hobby, and settle back into our stamp collecting groove. We can even be brave and venture into a new collecting area to expand our knowledge base.

Unfortunately, my involvement in my collections has pretty much been ignored as of late for a variety of reasons. Conflicts with the few show dates in the recent past caused me to miss them. Home and yard projects took precedence over hobbies for the most part of the summer. It is now time to get pumped up and back into the hobby. **Hopefully, many of you feel the same and will be attending our meetings again.** We still have fun, gain a little new knowledge, and many pick up a few treasures in the auction. What more could you ask for?

While affixing discount postage to outgoing mail the other day it struck me that I might have to use a bit more care in the selection of stamps that I use. With Roe v. Wade being overturned is it appropriate to use the Planned Parenthood stamp? With the "Woke" movement and removal of numerous statues throughout the nation is it appropriate to use the stamps that honored many of those same individuals? There is a plethora of older stamps that could now be considered offensive to some individuals in the state of our nation today. Should I be concerned that somewhere in the mail stream a postal employee could be offended and take it upon themselves to discard or destroy that piece of mail? Could an employee at a payment center take offense and not process a payment? Not trying to be political but rather just some random thoughts and what ifs. Any thoughts/comments? I know, I have too much time on my hands.

Show and tell, presentations, and newsletter articles are always welcome, share yours.

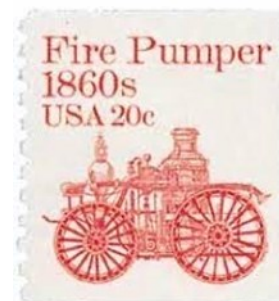
Please join us for our Wednesday evening meeting and Tuesday morning auction. You'll be glad you did.

Stay well and happy stamp collecting!

## Firefighting as a Topical Collection - Frank Schmitt

Having spent a career spanning over 35 years in the Fire Service it would only seem natural to collect stamps relating to that career. There is a broad range of stamps available covering many aspects of the topic, fire apparatus, firefighting, fire buckets, fire hydrants, fire prevention, fire boats, firefighting planes, forest fires, and more. You can also become a member of *Fire Service in Philately* which publishes a newsletter, hosts buy, sell, trade and auctions. Many members have/had fire service-related careers or are fire buffs (have a keen interest in the fire service). Topical dealers, such as Tela Smith, (a career firefighter) carry a very heavy stock of fire related topical stamps. The American Topical Society publishes a list of 1,231 firefighting topical stamps, available at a nominal cost. There is no shortage of FDC's as well.

Here are but a very few of the stamps I have in my collection:



Do you collect a topic related to you current or prior career? It is natural extension of what you devoted your working like to.

Let us know what topic you collect and we can feather you in a future newsletter. Assistance is available from your editor.

# U586 16c Revalued to 15c - July 28, 1978

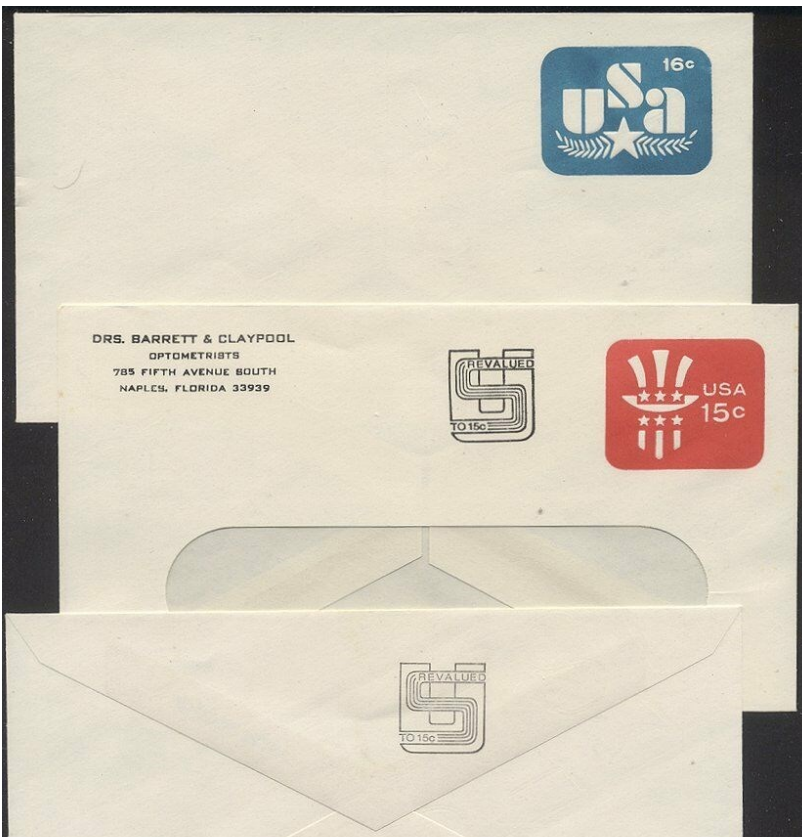
Before the postal rate change took effect on May 13, 1978, the Postal Rate Commission spent many long days debating what the new rates should be. One proposal, supported by President Carter, was to establish a dual rate of thirteen-cents per ounce for private citizens and a business rate of sixteen-cents. However, difficulties arose in establishing guidelines to distinguish these two classes. If the private citizen's letter was to be hand addressed, as was proposed, then certain handicapped persons would be unable to take advantage of the lower postage rates. If typewritten addressing could be used by private citizens, what would distinguish business mail? Debate continued

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as the May 13, 1978, deadline drew ever closer. Millions of nondenominated "A" stamps, printed for the 1975 rate change but unreleased at that time, were readied for distribution. Stamp printers were directed to print certain sixteen-cent issues, since it seemed certain that at least some form of first class mail would bear that rate. The sixteen-cent embossed stamped envelope was one such issue. When the Postal Rate Commission decided on the fifteen-cent rate for all first class mail, this sixteen-cent embossed stamped envelope had to be revalued. On July 28, 1978, in Williamsburg, Pennsylvania, the revalued envelope was placed on sale.



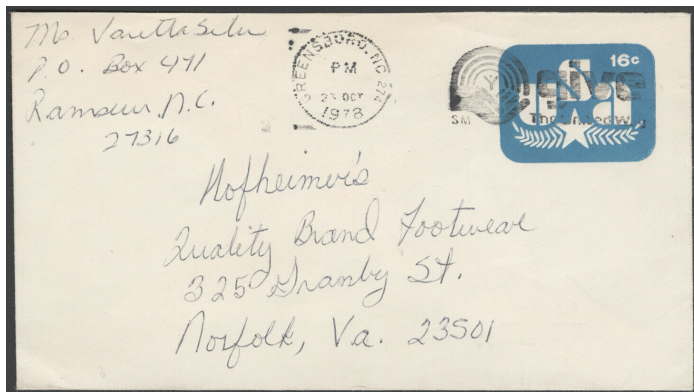
**REVALUED ENVELOPE**  
One of several issues altered as a result of the 1978 postal rate increase.



U586a Surcharge Omitted  
Cat \$225

U586b Surcharge on U581  
Cat \$225 used  
Not listed mint

U586c As U586a Surcharge  
printed on envelope flap  
Cat \$175



U586a Postally Used!  
Cat \$1,000



U586 Unofficial FDC  
Wilkes-Barre, PA

# Welcome to the Rockford Illinois Stamp Club Website

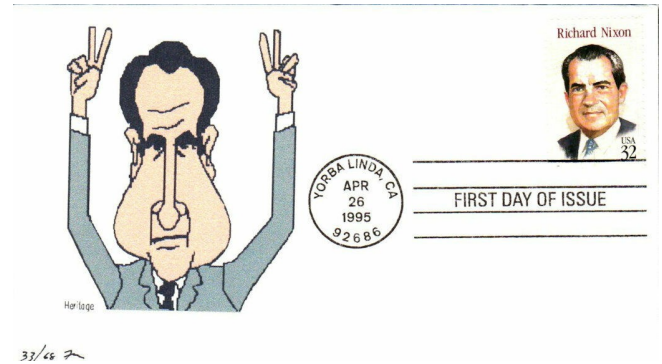
[www.rockfordstampclub.com](http://www.rockfordstampclub.com)

**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.**

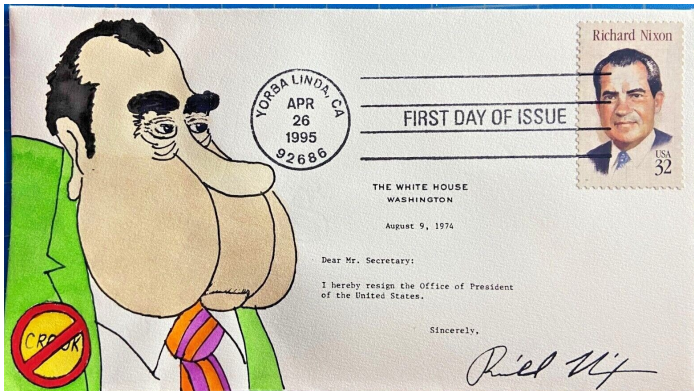
## Nixon - Greatest Statesman or Greatest Crook?



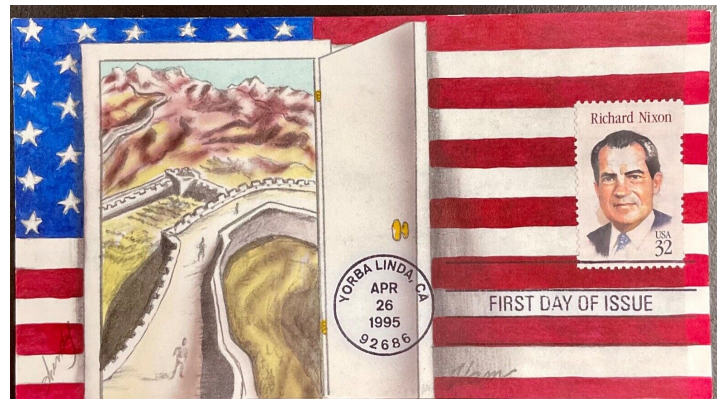
Edken Cachet



Heritage Cachet



Gary Hudeck—Hand Painted



Wendy Ham—Hand Painted

**Richard Milhous Nixon** (Jan. 9, 1913 - April 22, 1994) b. Yorba Linda, CA.  
 37th President - 1969-1974 36th Vice President - 1953-1961 US Senator (CA) 1950-1953 US House (CA) 1947-1950

Love him or hate him, Nixon had an influential political career serving the US from 1947-1974.

## ROCKFORD 2-3-4 2022 Dealers

We had ten dealers signed up for the show. Unfortunately Bill Burdick had to cancel at the last minute due to his wife's illness. The dealers were all busy Saturday and making good sales. Sunday was slower but still some nice business being made. **Remember to support our dealers throughout the year for all your philatelic needs.**

**Terry Kurzinski**  
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**Jeff**  
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**Riverbank Treasurers**  
**Jerry Wessler**  
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**Thank you to Josh and Amy from the Elkhorn, WI, Post Office for bringing a great selection of stamps.**

# 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.

## The 2022-2023 Club Officers

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Vice-President.....Ward Miller  
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## Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

1991 Perry Arnquist Emeritus	1999 Dwane Kaplenk*
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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



**IN-PERSON Meetings are BACK!**  
**Wednesday, September 7 at 5:30/7pm**  
**Tuesday, September 20 at 9/10am**  
**Our NEW location is 625 Adams St.**