

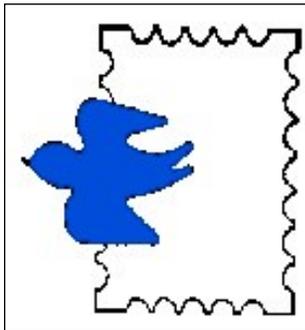
ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

Wednesday, October 4

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

Tuesday, October 17

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

Wednesday, September 6th: we had seventeen members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report of \$2,781.10, after show deposit to Hoffman House.

Show & Tell.....

1. **Stanley Campbell** - a) encased postage from Germany in the 1920's with advertising on back. These were issued due to coin shortages b) four covers to Warren, IL from Costa Rica, Canal Zone & Christobal c) WWII Soldier's Ballot envelope from 1945.
2. **Tim Wait** - two interesting Airmail Special Delivery covers.
3. **Jim Young** - Latvia 1920's stamps printed on maps and obsolete currency due to paper shortages.
4. **Jeff Rieken** - a) John Deere St Louis cover 1921 b) Illinois State Fair 1966 advertising letter.

The mystery box winner was **Tammy Copus**. At least it's been a couple months since her last win!

Tuesday, September 19: about 10 members came in for the auction. Always a fun time.



Interesting use of our 1977 Stamp Show postmark to Germany with 31c Air Mail stamp.



Upcoming Stamp Shows

Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo - March 9-10

NOW is the time to start your contribution to the show! **You can begin to get better auction lots put together. You can plan how you can help at set-up, front table, auction, take-down or elsewhere. You can get your four page exhibit started too!**

This is your show and we can all make it a bigger success every year by participating in many ways.

Member Health and Welfare

Hank, Butch and Terry visited **Ward Miller** at Wesley Willows. He was glad to see some stamp friends.

If you or if you know anyone we should mention, please let Frank or Tim know.

Sat Oct 7 **Monroe Stamp & Postcard Show**

Monroe, WI. Monroe Moose Lodge, 639 3rd Ave. Hours 9-3. Bourse only. Free admission.

Fri-Sun Oct 6-8 **Indypex**

Noblesville, IN. Hamilton County Fairgrounds and Convention Center, 2003 Pleasant St. Hours: Fri-Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. **National WSP show**. Bourse, exhibits, seminars. Free admission.

Fri-Sun Nov 17-19 **CHICAGOPEX**

Itasca, IL. Westin Chicago Northwest, 400 Park Blvd. Chicago Philatelic Society. Hours Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4. 75+ dealers, 300+ exhibit frames, seminars **National WSP show**. Free admission.

Ask other members if you are interested in going to a show. Ride sharing can be a big savings and fun!



Winter Woodland Animals

First Class Forever (66c)
Booklet of 20 (4 designs)
Oct 10 – Woodland, MI

Connect to the natural beauty of the winter season and celebrate four species that make their homes in the woodlands of North America. Among the most familiar of wildlife, deer, rabbits, owls and foxes are found across much of the American landscape. This booklet of 20 stamps features graphic illustrations of these four animals in different woodland settings in winter. Art director Antonio Alcalá designed the stamps with Katie Kirk, who illustrated the stamps.

This should be the last stamp issue for 2023. When the Linn's Popularity Poll comes next year we can all vote for the best and worst!

What Do You Collect - Frank Schmitt

This is a common question posed to stamp collectors, aka, philatelists. It may be posed by a dealer at a stamp show as you approach his table/s, a fellow collector, or in casual conversation with friends or in a group. Oftentimes, a generalized response/answer is given, which is adequate for most unless that answer reveals a common interest, or the dealer specializes in that collecting area/subject.

Have you ever, or recently, asked yourself that question? Give it some thought! Why do you collect what you do? Is it because you were influenced by someone to collect that area/subject when you started your collection. Is it because that is what you have always collected and there is no need to expand your interests? Is it because that is what I know, and it is just easier that way? Is it I specialize (or limit my collecting) because I want to have the best collection assembled for this collecting area? There is always the possibility of budgetary constraints, but we will forego that as a given for most collectors.

Another question is, why don't I collect what I don't collect? Is it because we have succumbed to tunnel vision because we are so focused on our current collecting area/s? There are many valid answers to this question, i.e., time, space, expense, and a spouse asking, "don't you already have enough stamps?"

What prompted this rambling? While preparing club lots for auction, I found myself looking at and cataloging stamps I had never taken the time to look at or study before. There has been some WOW! moments in the beauty and detail in the engravings and colors of some stamps. The subject matter can be quite interesting as well. If nothing else, it has been a learning experience in identifying stamps and gaining some appreciation for what dealers must do to prepare their inventory for sale. Broadening one's horizons is always positive.

Is any of this going to affect what I collect? Probably to some extent. There are some engraved stamps done by Czeslaw Slania (look him up) that are going to be a must for a limited specialty collection of his work. Are there other areas/countries that I have been attracted to and will I collect as well? Probably not. What about alternatives?

Many stamp shows have exhibits. These exhibits contain some of the most beautiful and scarcest stamps, covers and ephemera available, most times things we could only dream of owning. The depth and detail the exhibitor has put into his/her exhibit is amazing and many items have taken decades to acquire. There is great possibility these exhibits will be our only opportunity to see some of these items. So, the next time you go to a show, take/make time to look at the exhibits, there is more than the bourse.

Another huge, and less formal, opportunity is when some asks you, "what do you collect?", respond with "let me show you!". How simple is that? Sharing our collections, taking pride in what we have assembled in our collection, and sharing our knowledge and experiences.

What do you collect?



President's Corner - Frank Schmitt



In April 2022, the Europa stamp theme for 2023 was changed to “Peace — the highest value of humanity” at the request of Ukraine’s post office to demonstrate solidarity with Ukraine during a time of war.

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

Fall is here, well supposedly, and with it comes National Stamp collecting Month for the month of October. October is a very fitting time to celebrate and promote our hobby because it is when the focus changes from outdoor activities to indoor activities (at least in the northern states) and what better way is there to pass the time. More than passing time, it is a plethora of learning experiences including history, customs, geography, world sites, and on and on, like no other small piece of printed paper. Computers have immeasurably enhanced our access to broaden our knowledge and horizons within the hobby and essentially enabling endless research. If only we could capture the curiosity of the younger generation (beyond the gaming side of computers) and get them to marvel at these wonders of the world it would greatly enhance our hobby in many ways.

We had discussed the possibility of doing a display and/or Stamp Club “open house” at one of the libraries or a post office but there was no interest from any of those that Tammy contacted. I guess it is just a sign of the times, personal face-to-face interaction has lost out to technology, no one wants to be bothered anymore. I think it is still worthy of pursuing something of this nature regardless of the month.

I snuck out of the house and made a quick trip to MILCOPEX on Friday, September 22nd. It was kind of a light crowd on Friday and from speaking to others that attended on Saturday it appeared attendance was a little weak overall. This was their first Friday/Saturday show and only their second time at this venue. On that note, it makes it even more critical that we do a really good job of promoting the Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo, each one of us starting today. New venues can take a while to catch on and we certainly don’t want people still going to Forest Hills Lodge.

I visited the Broadway Branch of the Rockford Post Office. It is open after repairs were made to a leaking pipe in the ceiling. It is not a space known for its beauty but is open and functional and as of Monday, September 25th, has a permanently assigned clerk. The clerk that was working when I stopped by told me the best source of new issues is the 6th St. Branch (N. 6th St. and Jefferson St.). She said the window clerk there “always has everything”.

Looking forward to many faces at the Wednesday, October 4th meeting. Bring a friend, bring a show & tell item, or two, bring auction lots, bring money to purchase auction lots, and remember to take a “Nice Pill” before the meeting.

Stay well, stay safe, happy collecting!

Illinois Beer Stamps - by Tim Wait

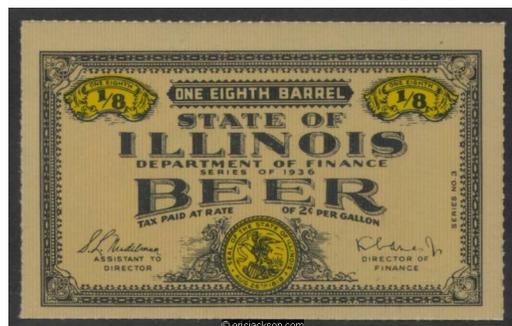
Illinois first issued stamps to denote the taxing of beer in 1934. The last issue recorded came out in 1957. An interesting revenue specialty. Below are a few examples of the different types. Information from *The State Revenue Catalog*, Edited by Dave Wrisley, American Revenue Association, 2013.



B1 Series of 1934. 1/2 Case. 2c per gal.



B59 Series of 1941 24 12oz bottles 4c per gal.



B23 Series of 1936. 1/8 Barrel.

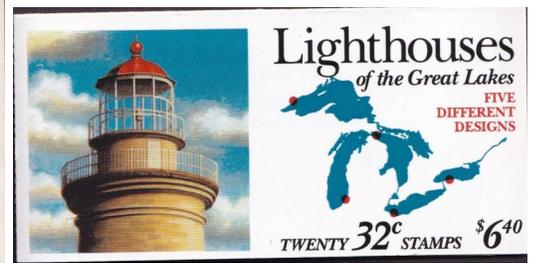


B21. Sometimes they are NOT pretty!

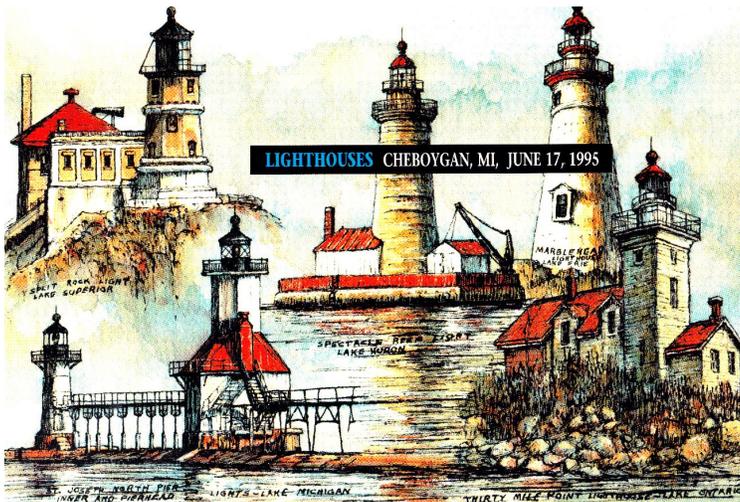


Case Stamp 24 Bottles. 4c per gal. USED on piece!

Lighthouses of the Great Lakes #2969-2973



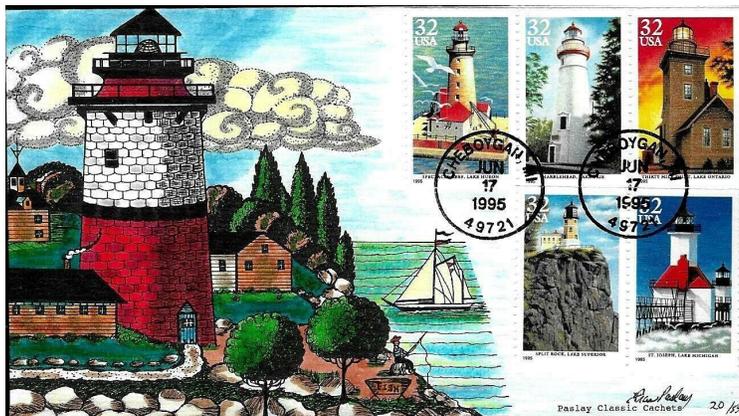
Split Rock, MN on Lake Superior
 Spectacle Reef, MI on Lake Huron
 St. Joseph, MI on Lake Michigan
 Marblehead, OH on Lake Erie
 Thirty Mile Point, NY on Lake Ontario



First Day Ceremony Program, Cheboygan, MI, June 17, 1995



Split Rock Lighthouse - Second Day Issue Postmark



Hand Painted Beasley Classic Cachet 20/55

This Lighthouse Booklet was a sequel to the 1990 Lighthouse booklet featuring U.S. Coastal Lighthouses. The USPS would go on to issue quite a few more popular Lighthouse Booklets.

These could make a great collection/exhibit as they are all colorful subjects and cachet artists have done many wonderful covers!

Chillin' at the Auction!

Stamp collectors come in all shapes and sizes and we all can have fun collecting. Last month, **Stanley Campbell** made himself comfortable during the auction action!

Each meeting we are happy to see our fellow collectors to catch up with them and to "talk" stamps. It's a fun Wednesday evening or Tuesday morning time together. We always hope to see more members return to the meetings. Please let us know if you need assistance getting to a meeting. Our numbers are on the outside cover.

Everyone collects differently and has their own way of enjoying this wonderful hobby, even with their shoes off!!



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.

A Few #1's & #2's of the World

Jeff Hall is sharing pictures of his #1 and #2 from the U.S. and Great Britain. Great Britain was the first country to issue postage stamps in 1840. The U.S. was Third in 1847. Who was the second in 1843?



In 1840 Great Britain also issued prepaid letter sheets, U1 and U2, denominated One Penny and Two Pence in the same black and blue colors. These were called Mulready's after the designers, William Mulready. The design was so elaborate and misunderstood that it generated widespread ridicule and lampooning, and in addition was perceived in some areas as a covert government attempt to control the supply of envelopes, and hence control the flow of information carried by the postal service. As a result of the uproar the Mulready's were replaced with a simple design which is commonly known as the Penny Pink. The Penny Pinks were issued on 10 February 1841.

Thank you! ROCKFORD 2-3-4 2023 Dealers

The below dealers all participated at the 2023 show. If you saw something but passed at the show it's not too late to contact them and still get it for your collection! **Remember to support our dealers throughout the year for all your philatelic needs.**

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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.

The 2022-2023 Club Officers

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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



We've been missing many of you!
Wednesday, October 4 at 5:30/7pm
Tuesday, October 17 at 9/10am
Our NEW location is 625 Adams St.