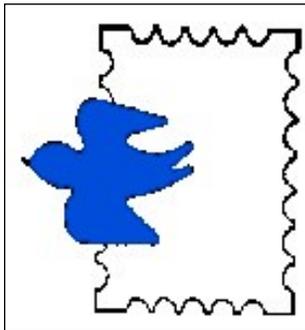


ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

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

Wednesday, November 1

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

Tuesday, November 21

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

Wednesday, October 4th: we had fifteen members in attendance. Where were you?

Elections: Our bi-annual elections are this year. President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer and One Director are up. Nominations will take place at the November meeting with voting in December.

Show & Tell.....

1. **Stanley Campbell** - Rockford 1986 Show cover. Passed out to all for free!
2. **Tim Wait** - pretty NEHI Rockford Bottling Plant advertising cover from 1940.

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

Tuesday, October 17: about 10 members came in for the auction. Always a fun time.

Get Your Dues Paid Early!

We're closing in on the end of 2023! That means your 2024 dues will need to be paid soon. **\$15 for a printed newsletter and \$8 for electronic version.**

This is a bargain for all the philatelic fun you have at the meetings (some of you are missing out), and great auction lots!

Please pay Tim at the Wednesday meeting or Frank at the Tuesday meeting.

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

NOW is the time to start thinking about your contribution to making this show the best ever!

1. **Better auction lots \$5 minimum.**
2. **Four page exhibits - see Tim W. They are Fun!**
3. **Want lists for the dealers. Contact them ahead of time to make sure they bring what you are looking for. See last page for contact info.**
4. **Time to help out at - frame/exhibit set up, dealer setup, greeting our guests at the front desk, auction helpers, frame/exhibit take down.**
5. **Banquet suggestions. We have lots of options on State St. Let us know what you think could work.**

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

Member Health and Welfare

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



Upcoming Stamp Shows

Sat Nov 11 Oshkosh Stamp Bourse

Oshkosh, WI. Mother Theresa Center of Father Carr's Place 2B, 1082 N. Koeller St. Hours 9-3. Bourse only. 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.

Sat Nov 25 SUPEX 2023

Countryside, IL. Holiday Inn, 6201 Joliet Rd. Hours 10-5. Bourse only. Stamps, coins, cards, ephemera. Free admission.

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



President's Corner - Frank Schmitt



Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

This will be our last meeting prior to setting our clocks back. If you think it is getting dark early now, just wait until the weekend. On the other end of that spectrum, we will be setting our clocks ahead during Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo 2024, so we have a target to look forward to and get up an hour earlier for the second day of the show.

Speaking of stamp shows, Chicagopex 2023, the largest stamp show and exhibition in the Midwest is fast approaching. Chicagopex runs from Friday, November 17th through Sunday, November 19th at the Westin Chicago Northwest. This is a show to attend, if possible, featuring many dealers that you will only see in this area at this show. Check for carpooling or ride share possibilities.

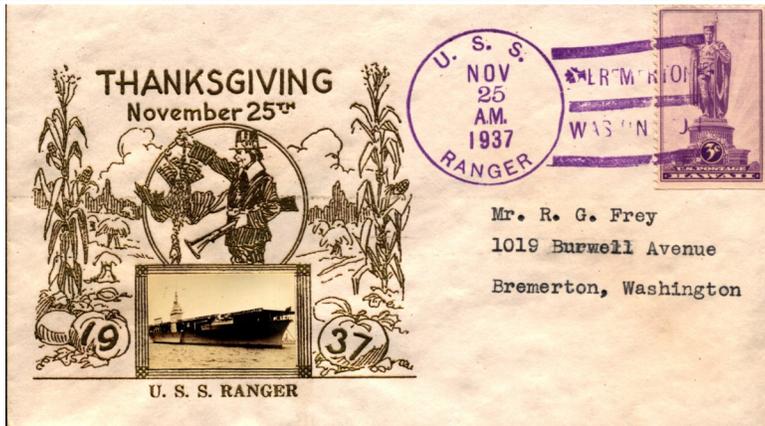
I frequent the Rockford Main Post Office quite often and have discovered an often-unrealized advantage of being a stamp collector, we know how to post a letter or parcel. As strange as this may seem, it is amazing how many people are "lost" when they walk through the doors of a post office. The basics of packaging and even basic addressing are foreign to many of the customers. It's my guess much of this is due to social media, electronic payments and documents that have left so many in this postal knowledge void. I would strongly recommend a greeter/trouble shooter be posted in the lobby to address these issues prior to a customer approaching a window clerk and taking up so much of their time and that of other customers waiting in line. While most of us are "required" to do some business related (personal as well) electronically, I for the most part, prefer the old-fashioned way and am very happy that I have the skills to do so.

Hopefully we will see you at the Wednesday evening meeting with a friend, neighbor, relative or some other guest. We also look forward to hearing about your show and tell, recent finds or related philatelic happening, we'd even be happy to listen to your short presentation if you were so moved. Don't forget your auction lots and of course money to purchase some of the other available lots.

Keep in mind our December meeting is our annual Christmas party and charity auction to benefit the Ken-Rock kids. Start putting together lots today.

Stay safe, stay healthy, happy collecting.

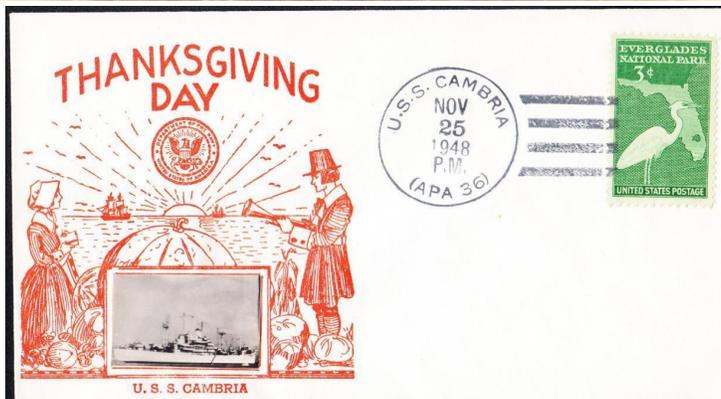
Thanksgiving - Jeff Hall



1937 Walter Crosby thermograph Thanksgiving cover from the aircraft carrier USS Ranger. Nice purple cancel matches the purple 3c cent Hawaii territory issue.

Walter Crosby was a prolific, to say the least, maker of cachets and First Day Covers. His signature look was the inclusion of a very small photograph of the topic.

He was particularly fond of naval activities as shown here.



He was still making Thanksgiving ship covers in 1948. Here the U.S.S Cambria is pictured

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.

Country of the Month - Netherlands - Early Rulers Stamp History

The Netherlands consists of twelve provinces; it borders Germany to the east, and Belgium to the south, with a North Sea coastline to the north and west. It is 16,029 sq. mi. with a population estimated of 16.9 million. It would be the 42nd largest US state but rank 13th in population!



Netherlands issued its first stamps in 1852, a 5c blue 10c lake and 15c orange featuring a portrait of King William III (King 1849-1890). It was very common for countries to honor their reigning Monarch on their first stamp.



In 1890, with the death of William, Princess Wilhelmina took the throne and served until her abdication in 1948 due to poor health. In 1890 a set of 11 stamps were issued with her portrait.



From 1898 to 1924 this Queen Wilhelmina stamp was in service with 27 different shades and denominations.



In 1924 a modern looking design featuring Queen Wilhelmina was issued in many different denominations and colors and was the workhouse definitive stamp of the Netherlands, much like the US Prexie issue of 1938



In 1948 Queen Wilhelmina's daughter, Juliana became Queen and in 1949 a long set of stamps came out with her portrait.



In 1931 a 36c airmail stamp featuring Queen Wilhelmina was issued.

Not too many monarchs had airmail stamps issued in their honor.

Do you have a country whose stamps you would like to learn more about? Let Tim know.

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

President.....Frank Schmitt
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Secretary.....Tammy Copus
Treasurer.....Tim Wait
Director.....Tim Copus
Director.....Steve Capone
Director.....Terry Kurzinski
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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



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