

Lincoln Stamp Club

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Monthly News of the
Lincoln Stamp Club

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MEETINGS

The Club meets the
first and third Thurs-
days, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

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AFFILIATION

The Club is an affili-
ate of the American
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Secession and the U.S. Mail: The Postal Service, the South, and Sectional Controversy An Investigation of the Interplay of Politics and Postal Policies

by *David M. Frye*

Historian Conrad Kolmbacher begins his book, *Secession and the U.S. Mail*, by noting an observation made by Roy Franklin Nichols, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for History, that the administrative policies of the United States Post Office, as implemented by Postmaster General Joseph Holt in 1859 and 1860, “so ignited southern anger and hostility against the federal government that [they] became ‘one of the less tangible factors leading to secession.’”

Kolmbacher’s careful and close reading of numerous primary documents, including the official reports of various postmasters general, congressional records, individuals’ correspondence, personal diaries and memoirs, and period newspaper accounts and editorials, provides the foundation for tracing the impact of postal policy on the nation’s seemingly inexorable move toward fragmentation.

Postal historians often define their work as the investigation of the routes, rates, and attendant markings on postal material. By taking a slightly different approach, this book leads the reader through the decisions creating and the actions implementing the federal policies that governed the establishment of routes, the setting of rates, and the evaluation of their effectiveness.

Kolmbacher focuses primary upon two pivotal years—1859 and 1860—in which PMG Holt relentlessly pursued policies that demanded that services in states generate the revenues to support themselves. He moved to wean states with losses from dependence upon the states that ran surpluses. This meant trimming routes and reducing the frequency of mail service in the more rural southern states.

On a second front, Holt sought to cleanse the operations of the postal service from



History and Analysis: Conrad Kolmbacher explores the role of the postal service in the unfolding events that led to the Civil War. AuthorHouse, Bloomington, Ind., 2013. ISBN: 978-1-4817-4413-3. Available in hardcover, paperback, Kindle, and NOOK formats.

corruption, which ran him up against the realities of the highly political nature of the postal service in that period, when over four hundred local postmasters received their appointments directly from the president of the United States. These initiatives increased sectional stresses. While Holt was a Democrat from Kentucky, he ended up as a staunch Republican who defended the administration of President Abraham Lincoln.

If you appreciate carefully researched and well-told history, desire to investigate the interplay of politics and postal policy, and seek to add a worthy volume to your postal library, then this book will not disappoint you.

By-Law Updates

Consideration of Governing Documents on the Agenda for November Meeting

The Lincoln Stamp Club's Board of Directors met on Thursday, August 15, and voted unanimously to recommend the membership adopt a set of revisions to the Club's By-Laws. The draft revisions are available on the Club's Web site.

After discussing and reviewing the proposals in the business meetings in September and October, the Club will discuss the draft and hold a vote at the business meeting on November 7, 2013. These steps for considering revisions are the ones outlined in the By-Laws themselves.

The major proposal increases the number of possible positions on the Board of Directors to include members holding various positions of appointed leadership in the Club. Most other changes are editorial and are designed to achieve internal consistency in the document.

By-Laws: <http://www.lincolnstampclub.org/downloads/ByLaws2005Rev2013-draft.pdf>

November Exchange

The Club offers the following items at its monthly exchange. Make payments in cash or in personal checks made out to the Club. The items with an opening figure are offered by a member. Items with a catalogue value are donations to the Lincoln Stamp Club; proceeds from the sale of donations benefit the Club's general work.

Lot #	Description	Open	Final	Buyer
• 01	Scott Catalogue 2007: Vol. 1 (A-B)	\$0.50	_____	_____
• 02	Scott Catalogue 2007: Vol. 2 (C-F)	\$0.50	_____	_____
• 03	Scott Catalogue 2009: Vol. 3 (G-I)	\$0.50	_____	_____
• 04	Scott Catalogue 2007: Vol. 4 (J-O)	\$0.50	_____	_____
• 05	Scott Catalogue 2009: Vol. 5 (P-SI)	\$0.50	_____	_____
• 06	Scott Catalogue 2009: Vol. 6 (So-Z)	\$0.50	_____	_____
• 07	U.S. Sc. 614-616, VG-F OG H (\$23.90 cat.)	\$3.00	_____	_____
• 08	U.S. Sc. 617-619, F-VF OG H (\$20.85 cat.)	\$4.00	_____	_____
• 09	U.S. Sc. 620-621, F-VF OG H (\$14.50 cat.)	\$3.00	_____	_____
• 10	U.S. Sc. 622, F-VF OG H (\$11.00 cat.)	\$1.50	_____	_____
• 11	U.S. Sc. 623, VG OG H (\$12.00 cat.)	\$1.00	_____	_____
• 12	U.S. Sc. 627, F OG H (\$2.50 cat.)	\$0.50	_____	_____
• 13	U.S. Sc. 628, F OG H (\$5.25 cat.)	\$0.50	_____	_____
• 14	U.S. Sc. 629, F OG H (\$1.75 cat.)	\$0.25	_____	_____
• 15	U.S. Sc. 631, F MNH pair (\$6.25 cat.)	\$0.75	_____	_____
• 16	U.S. Sc. 632a, F MNH Blkt. pane of 6 (\$8.00 cat.)	\$1.00	_____	_____
• 17	U.S. Sc. 634d, VG MNH Blkt. pane of 6 (\$2.50 cat.)	\$0.25	_____	_____
• 18	U.S. Sc. RW4, VG SE used (\$60.00 cat.)	\$5.00	_____	_____
• 19	U.S. Sc. RW5, F used (\$60.00 cat.)	\$7.50	_____	_____
• 20	U.S. Sc. RW6, F NG unsigned (\$45.00 cat.)	\$7.00	_____	_____
Lot #	Description	Catalogue	Final	Buyer
• 21	U.S. 2 lbs. on piece with postmarks	—	_____	_____
• 22	U.S. Hastings, Neb., 23 poster stamps	—	_____	_____
• 23	U.S. Antique wood stamp box	—	_____	_____
• 24	U.S. 4 reproductions of 19th c. steamboat lithographs	—	_____	_____
• 25	U.S. SP1608 (of Sc. 4030)	\$6.00	_____	_____
• 26	U.S. CP617 (of Sc. 3501)	\$29.00	_____	_____
• 27	U.S. Sc. 4203-4204 FD Ceremony Program w/cancel	\$3.00	_____	_____
• 28	U.S. Sc. 4380-4383, Bl. 8+2 (Open at \$4.20)	\$4.20	_____	_____
• 29	Germany Sc. B724-B727 M	\$7.75	_____	_____
• 30	Germany Sc. B728-B732 M	\$10.75	_____	_____
• 31	Germany Sc. B733 M	\$1.75	_____	_____
• 32	Germany Sc. B734-B738 M	\$8.15	_____	_____
• 33	Germany Sc. B739-B740 M	\$2.75	_____	_____
• 34	Germany Sc. 1697 M	\$1.50	_____	_____
• 35	Germany Sc. 1698 M	\$1.10	_____	_____
• 36	Germany Sc. 1699-1703 M	\$7.00	_____	_____
• 37	Germany Sc. 1736 M	\$1.50	_____	_____
• 38	Germany Sc. 1737 M	\$2.25	_____	_____
• 39	Germany Sc. 1738 M	\$1.00	_____	_____
• 40	Germany Sc. 1739 M	\$1.75	_____	_____
• 41	Germany Sc. 1740 M	\$1.40	_____	_____
• 42	Germany Sc. 1741 M	\$1.40	_____	_____
• 43	Germany Sc. 1742 M	\$2.00	_____	_____
• 44	Germany Sc. 1743 M	\$1.00	_____	_____

Membership for 2014

It's Time to Remit Your Dues to Renew Membership in the Lincoln Stamp Club

Membership in the Lincoln Stamp Club runs each year from January to December, so now is the time to renew your annual membership.

When you check the mailing label on your copy of the newsletter, the two-digit code following your last name gives the year that your membership expires. So, for instance, if you find a "13" there, then your membership runs through the end of December.

To renew, send

\$12—plus \$1 for each additional family member—to:
Lincoln Stamp Club
PO Box 57434
Lincoln, NE
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You may also bring your dues to any Club meeting. Dues are payable in cash or by check made out to the Club:

Lincoln Stamp Club.

Additional details about the benefits of membership are posted on the Web.

Membership: <http://www.lincolnstampclub.org/membership/>.

LINPEX 2014 Exhibits

Exhibition at February's Stamp Show is Seeking Members' Intriguing Philatelic Items for Display

One of the key attractions of LINPEX 2014 will be the competitive exhibition of eighty frames of philatelic story-telling by exhibitors from nearby and around the country.

Each exhibit will receive careful attention from the panel of three judges. Two are accredited and one is an up-and-coming exhibitor who will use the experience gained at LINPEX to guide further work toward becoming an accredited judge.

Exhibiting offers the opportunity to take your material, tell a compelling story about it, educate the public, and learn—as one always does—by becoming deeply familiar with the details of your holdings.

The basic entry fee for each exhibit is \$15; the fee for each frame is \$8. Details are available on the Web of by talking with David Frye, Exhibits Coordinator.

Exhibiting: <http://www.lincolnstampclub.org/linpex/>.

From the "Vault"—Members' Show and Tell



Formosa (Free China) to Holland: Sent July 22, 1961, from Tai Chung, Formosa (now Taiwan) to Etten Gld, Holland, bearing several issues: a pair of the 10c issue of 1959 (Sc. 1219), depicting Chu Kwang Tower, Quemoy; a single copy of the 80c issue of 1961 issue honoring the first anniversary of President Chiang Kai-Shek's third term inauguration (Sc. 1318); and one copy of the 50c issue of 1960 recognizing the summer activities of China's Youth Corps (Sc. 1265). **If you have an intriguing cover to share, send a high-resolution image and details to questions@lincolnstampclub.org.**

Officers for 2014

November's Meeting Features Nominations for Leadership for Next Year

With the exception of the one position of board member held by Joel Johnson through the end of 2014, all of the positions for Club officers are open for nominations at the business meeting on November 7.

If you have never held a position of leadership in the Club, or if you have been mulling a return to leadership after some time away, or if you are experienced and would like to continue offering your talents, then this coming meeting will offer you the chance to volunteer to serve the Club and its members for 2014.

In addition to these elected positions, the Club always has need for members to coordinate other parts of the Club's life:

- Exchange Coordinator
- Exchange Item Contributor
- Web Manager
- Newsletter Editor
- Newsletter Contributor
- Stamp Buddy Volunteer
- LINPEX Exhibitor
- LINPEX Volunteer.

Please consider how the hobby is calling you to give back to philately some of what you have received over the years.

Special Presentation

Club to Participate in APS Pilot Program

Edgar Hicks, a member of the Club and a former member of the Board of Directors for the American Philatelic Society, will describe this new program, designed to match up mentors with fellow APS members at all stages in their collecting lives, when he meets with the Club at the November business meeting.

StampBuddy Service: <http://www.stamps.org/stampbuddy/>.



Meetings: Business Meeting & Collecting Christmas

The Club meets at a central location:
St. Paul United Methodist Church
1144 M St., Lincoln, Neb.

Go south on 11th Street, then turn left into the church's parking garage between N and M Streets. Take the elevator to the *main* floor. Street parking is available too.

- **Business Meeting with Nominations and Exchange:** Thursday, November 7, 2013, 7–8:30 p.m.
- **Program:** *Collecting Christmas*,

Helen Marks, Thursday, November 21, 2013, 7–8:30 p.m.

- **Business Meeting with Elections and Exchange:** Thursday, November 5, 2013, 7–8:30 p.m.
- **Program:** *France & the American Legion*, Carl Marks, Thurs., December 19, 2013, 7–8:30 p.m.
- **Coming Up:** Jan. 2 (new officers begin service) and 16, 2014; Feb. 6 and 20; March 6 and 20; April 3 and 17; May 1 and 15; June 5 and 19; July 3 and 17.

WANTED

Items for Monthly Exchanges

If you would like to include items in the monthly exchanges, send your descriptions and prices to questions@lincolnstampclub.org by **Nov. 25 for the Exchange on Dec. 5.**

Send info about more significant items, which might require members to research ahead of time, by **Nov. 25 for the Jan. 2 Exchange.**

Forms for your items are available online:

- www.lincolnstampclub.org/downloads/SmallExchangeSheets.pdf
- www.lincolnstampclub.org/downloads/ExchangeSheet.pdf

USPS Releases New Postal Issues: Nov. & Dec. '13

Nov. 7: *Gingerbread Houses*; 4 forever (46¢) special; 2-sided pane of 20; TBA.

Nov. 11: *Medal of Honor: WW II*; 2 forever (46¢) comm.; prestige folio of 20; New York, N.Y.

Nov. 14?: *Harry Potter*; multiple (?) forever (46¢) comm.; pane of 20; TBA.

Nov. 19: *Hannukah*; 1 forever (46¢) special; pane of 20; Los Angeles, Calif.

Dec. ?: *Kwanzaa*; 1 forever (46¢) special; pane of 20; TBA.

Looking Ahead to Jan.–Feb. 2014:

Year of the Horse, Love, Olympics, Winter Flowers, Floral Weddings, Star Spangled Banner, Stars and Stripes, Ferns, Alfred "Chief" Anderson, Harry Potter (?), Abraham Lincoln, Hummingbird, Great-Spangled Fritillary, Ralph Ellison, Shirley Chisholm, Wilt Chamberlain, The Beatles.

LOCAL SHOWS

West Omaha Stamp Show

Nov. 2–3. Comfort Inn, 72nd & Grover, Omaha, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Free admission.

LINPEX '14

The Lincoln Stamp Club will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary during a show set for **Feb. 22–23, 2014.** The show will feature an expanded bourse, exhibits, and an anniversary observance. Exhibit info at www.lincolnstampclub.org/linpex.

Please Send Your 2014 Dues
of \$12 to the Club by 12/31.
See Details on p. 3.

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