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Lincoln Stamp Club

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MEETINGS

The Club meets the
first and third Thurs-
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NEWSLETTER

Editor: *David M. Frye*

A Nearly Forgotten Centennial: The Parcel Post, 1913–2013

Office of the Inspector General Unveils “100 Years of Parcel Post”

by *David M. Frye*

Every now and then, a Web search will unearth a surprise, a gem, a treat one had no reason to anticipate. I’ve forgotten how I stumbled upon it, but a few weeks ago I ran across the Web site of the Office of the Inspector General for the USPS. That, in itself, may not sound like much of a great find, but even so, there it was, on the second page of a list of recently posted documents. Hidden among other offerings like “Self-Service Kiosks” and “Towards A Postal Service Intellectual Property Strategy” was the gem—“100 Years of Parcel Post.”

The paper’s highlights make clear the reason for the paper is not simply to mark a centennial. The highlights’ summary begins by noting: When Parcel Post came to America in 1913, it was a deliberate government effort to inject competition into the parcel delivery market.

Parcel Post was an immediate success and transformed the commercial marketplace, particularly rural areas (p. 2).

Presenting an overview of the history of parcel delivery before Parcel Post, the paper observes that pre-1913 federal law did not allow the Post Office Department to deliver parcels domestically, only overseas. The advent of Rural Free Delivery yielded an insight:

When RFD introduced daily mail wagons to rural areas, some carriers began to



From the Archives: “Parcel Post wagon in Benton, Harbor, Michigan.” Source: Smithsonian [National] Postal Museum, appearing in “100 Years of Parcel Post.”

pick up and deliver packages from railway depots on their own initiative and for a fee, suggesting an unexploited business opportunity (p. 5).

Just as in today’s national discourse, the politics of mail delivery was an issue. Twenty-two years after Postmaster General John Wanamaker floated the first proposal for the POD to deliver parcels domestically, a measure finally passed the requisite votes in Congress.

The paper then surveys the current climate for package delivery, before ending with some suggestions for the future of those services.

The report highlights the existence of the Postal Service’s extensive network of post offices and its continuing commitment to deliver to every address in the whole country. What happens with the Postal Service remains to be seen as the debates unfold in Congress.

The report is well worth your time and may give you some insights into some of your back-of-the-book stamps and covers.

Web: [www.uspsig.gov/sites/default/files/doc-
ument-library-files/2013/rarc-wp-14-004.pdf](http://www.uspsig.gov/sites/default/files/document-library-files/2013/rarc-wp-14-004.pdf).

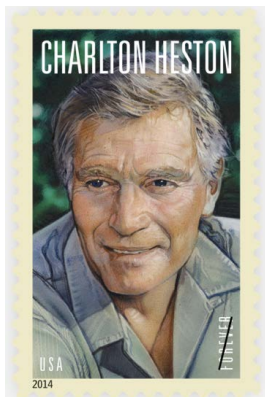
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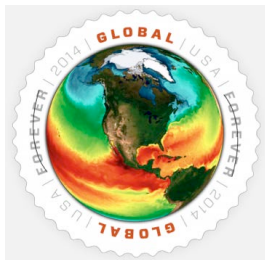
Lincoln Memorial Statue



Great-Spangled Fritillary



Charlton Heston



Sea Surface Temperatures



Ralph Ellison



Songbirds

Annual Fort Hardstuff Dinner

Each year on the Saturday of LINPEX, an intrepid collection of philatelic characters gathers for food and fellowship. Admission is by invitation only, but everyone is invited. Attending once is all that is necessary to become a member of this illustrious assembly.

This year's Fort Hardstuff Dinner will be held in conjunction with LINPEX '14. Here are the details:

Fort Hardstuff Dinner

6:00 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014

Beacon Hills Grill & Bar

5353 N. 27th St.

Lincoln, Nebraska

Menu: <http://www.beaconhills.com/>.

Everyone may order from the menu, using individual tickets with an automatic twenty-percent

gratuity.

Lincoln Stamp Club members are welcome to bring spouses to the dinner.

The dinner this year will feature a special presentation. To help compile a good head count, please contact Carl Marks by Feb. 20:

carlmarks@aol.com
402.782.8752.



Captain's Quarters, the real Fort Hartsuff, Burwell, Nebraska (www.forthartsuff.org)

February 2014 Exchange

The Club offers the following items at its monthly exchange. Make payments in cash or in personal checks made out to the Club. Items with a catalogue value are donations to the Lincoln Stamp Club; proceeds from the sale of donations benefit the Club's general work. Opening prices on donated items appear under "Minimum."

| Lot # | Description | Catalogue | Minimum | Final | Buyer |
|-------|--|-----------|---------|-------|-------|
| • 01 | U.S. Sc. 295, unused, H, F | \$15.50 | \$2.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 02 | U.S. Sc. 323-324, unused, H, F | \$50.00 | \$7.50 | _____ | _____ |
| • 03 | U.S. Sc. 387-398, unused, H, F | \$34.50 | \$4.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 04 | U.S. Sc. 401, MNH XF, gum crease | \$60.00 | \$10.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 05 | U.S. Sc. 590, Pl. Bl. 4, MNH, F | \$225.00 | \$40.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 06 | U.S. Sc. 740-749, unused, H, V-VF | \$10.80 | \$1.50 | _____ | _____ |
| • 07 | U.S. Sc. 771, Pl. Bl. 6, VF, NGAI | \$50.00 | \$10.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 08 | U.S. Sc. 909-921, MNH, VF | \$3.70 | \$1.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 09 | U.S. Sc. 2216-2219, MNH, VF (face) | \$7.92 | \$6.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 10 | U.S. Sc. 3780b, Complete Bklt. 20 (face) | \$7.40 | \$5.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 11 | U.S. Sc. 3856b, Complete Bklt. VF (face) | \$7.40 | \$6.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 12 | U.S. Sc. 3886b, Pane 20 (face) | \$7.40 | \$5.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 13 | U.S. Sc. 4074, MNH, VF (face) | \$1.80 | \$1.75 | _____ | _____ |
| • 14 | U.S. Sc. 4333, MNH, VF (face) | \$6.72 | \$5.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 15 | U.S. Sc. C133//148, 12 Pl. Bl. 4 (face) | \$35.94 | \$27.50 | _____ | _____ |
| • 16 | U.S. Stamped Envelopes (face) | \$6.00+ | \$3.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 17 | Gambia, Lincoln Souvenir Sheet | — | \$2.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 18 | Showgard Mounts L-XL | — | — | _____ | _____ |
| • 19 | Pager Separators, 2-hole, 48 ct. | — | — | _____ | _____ |
| • 20 | Stock Sheets (5), 4-row, 1-side | — | — | _____ | _____ |
| • 21 | Linn's Magnifier 3X+6X | — | \$1.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 22 | Lighthouse Magnifier 3X | — | \$2.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 23 | Tongs, Spade Tip | — | \$1.00 | _____ | _____ |

The U.S. Postal Service publishes images of its 2014

issues on a Web site. Signing up for e-mail updates will provide

periodic announcements of new images. Notes provide some

background on the designs. www.uspsstamps.com

Love Me ...Love Me Not

The U.S. Postal Service Offers
Special Valentine's Day Postmarks

WASHINGTON — Add an extra "I love you" to that special Valentine's Day greeting card this year with the Cut Paper Heart Forever Stamp and a customized postmark courtesy of the United States Postal Service.

It's simple. Address the card to that special person, affix a First-Class Mail postage stamp (this year's Paper Heart Forever Stamp) and put it into a larger envelope, also with postage.

Address the larger envelope as noted below, then add any of the locations listed to receive that town's Valentine's Day postmark:

- VALENTINE'S DAY POSTMARK, POSTMASTER
- ♥ 368 BLOHM AVE AROMAS CA 95004-9998
 - ♥ 7815 BEAUTY RD BEAUTY KY 41203-9998
 - ♥ 6664 ROUTE 362 BLISS NY 14024-9998
 - ♥ 200 W MAIN ST HARTSVILLE TN 37074-9998
 - ♥ 446 E 29TH ST LOVELAND CO 80538-9998
 - ♥ PO Box 9998 LOVELY KY 41231-9998
 - ♥ 1 LEACOCK RD PARADISE PA 17562-9998
 - ♥ 239 N HALL ST VALENTINE NE 69201-9998.

There is a special joint postmark shared by Juliette, GA, and Romeo, MI. Requests for this postmark may be sent to:

ROMEO AND JULIETTE
VALENTINE CANCELLATION
POSTMASTER
356 BOWDOIN RD
JULIETTE GA 31046-9998

—or—

119 CHURCH ST
ROMEO MI 48065-9998.

For those feeling less in love this Valentine's Day, the Postal Service has a way for them to express their intentions as well. Follow the instructions above and send greetings to the locations below to receive that town's postmark:

- ♥ 1701 EL NIDO DIABLO CA 94528-9998
- ♥ 101 S EDWARDS ST INDEPENDENCE CA 93526-9998.

In order to make sure the greeting cards receive the special postmark and are delivered in time for Valentine's Day, requests should be sent to the cities above by Feb. 5.

There is no charge for the postmark for fewer than fifty requests. For more than fifty, customers will be charged five cents each.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses, and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

Archive: http://about.usps.com/news/national-releases/2014/pr14_004.htm

From the "Vault"—Members' Show and Tell

Package Carried by Bus: The Pacific Greyhounds Lines, Inc., stamp states, "Good for transportation of one package between points as shown on cover only on day month shown below. September 24 of year punched on cover[.] Subject to tariff rules and regulations. Form 60 1346 Express Service[.]" **If you have an intriguing cover to share, send a high-resolution image and details to questions@lincolnstampclub.org.** Thanks to Ken Pruess for sharing this month's cover!

Club Membership

Lincoln Stamp Club Offers Collectors of All Types a Variety of Benefits

The Lincoln Stamp Club, celebrating its fiftieth year in 2014, offers collectors diverse benefits and opportunities.

First of all, the Club meets twice monthly. The first meeting, held on the first Thursday of the month, features an **exchange**. This event offers a variety of philatelic items for sale. Sometimes these items come from donations to the Club and other times, individual members will sell items from their own holdings. You can see a typical list of exchange items on p. 2 of this newsletter. The other part of this meeting is the **business meeting**, which also includes time for members to share **intriguing items** from their collections and to pass on local and national **stamp-collecting news**.

The second meeting of the month, held on the third Thursday, is focused on a **program**. Members, guests, and the occasional multimedia offering provide entertaining and educational **presentations** on topics that vary as much as our members'

interests. The current and upcoming programs are listed on p. 4.

You're holding another one of the Club's benefits in your hands (or looking at it on your screen): ***The Souvenir Sheet***, our monthly newsletter. Printed in full color, it is mailed to members' homes around the first of the month.

Another communications benefit is our **Web site**, www.lincolnstampclub.org. It contains news about meetings, a repository of newsletters going back to 2010, informative links to other stamp-collecting resources on the Web, and updates on our stamp show.

LINPEX, our stamp show, is the last major benefit we offer our members. Of course, the public is invited, but members have the chance to become involved in planning and carrying out an event that helps to educate the general public about stamp collecting.

All of this for only \$12 per year. **Find out more:** questions@www.lincolnstampclub.org

Meetings: Business & "Evaluating Stamp Condition"

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 Exchange:** Thursday, February 6, 2014, 7–8:30 p.m.
- **Program:** *Evaluating Stamp Condition*, Ken Pruess, Thursday,

February 20, 2014, 7–8:30 p.m.

- **Business Meeting with Exchange:** Thursday, March 6, 2014, 7–8:30 p.m.
- **Program:** *The Purple Heart Medal*, Carl Marks, Thursday, March 20, 2014, 7–8:30 p.m.
- **Coming Up Later in 2014:** April 3 and 17; May 1 and 15; June 5 and 19; July 3 and 17; August 7 and 21.
- **Programs:** If you want to present a program, talk to our VP.

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 **Feb. 25 for the Exchange on March 6.**

Send info about more significant items, which might require members to research ahead of time, by **Feb. 25 for the April 3 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: Feb. & March '14

Feb. 07—Hummingbird: 2 postcard (34¢), 1 design; pane (20), coil (100); Kansas City, Mo.

Feb. 10—Great-Spangled Fritillary: 1 nonstandard surcharge (70¢); pane (20); Kansas City, Mo.

Feb. 12—Abraham Lincoln: 2 additional ounce (21¢), 1 design; pane (20) and coil (100); Springfield, Ill.

Feb. 14—Winter Flowers: 4 forever (49¢); double-sided pane (20); Little Rock, Ark.

Feb. 18—Ralph Ellison: 1 3-oz. rate comm. (91¢); Kansas City, Mo.

Mar. 13—C. Alfred "Chief" Anderson: 1 2-oz. rate (70¢); pane (20); Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Mar. 13—USS Arizona Memorial: 1 Priority Mail Express (\$19.99); pane (10); Honolulu, Hawaii.

Mar. ??—Yes I Do: 1 2-oz. rate (70¢); pane (20); Weddings series; TBD.

Artwork: www.uspsstamps.com/stamps/preview

LINPEX '14

The Lincoln Stamp Club will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary during a show set for **Feb. 22–23, 2014**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. The show will feature a seven-dealer bourse, exhibits, the Fort Hardstuff Dinner. Details: www.lincolnstampclub.org/linpex. The Club has received mention on the USPS's calendar of events: www.uspsstamps.com/event/2014/february/22.



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