

Lincoln Stamp Club

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Monthly News of the
Lincoln Stamp Club

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The Club meets the
first and third Thurs-
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NEWSLETTER

Editor: *David M. Frye*

Collecting Tools

A Journey from Album to Album Reflects Changing Collecting Habits

by *David M. Frye, Editor*

I began collecting stamps when I was eight. I had undergone an emergency appendectomy, making me miss by Cub Scout pack's annual Pinewood Derby. As I avoided the usual activities of eight-year old boys in 1970, I was saved from boredom by a family friend who gave me a bunch of stamps. I don't really recall exactly whether they were U.S. or foreign, but I would guess they might have been some of each. My first album was a thin, perfect-bound album with some pictures of common stamps and some empty spaces.

Not knowing any better, I used rubber cement to affix my stamps into place. Sorry about making you cringe, but that's what I did when I was young. I regret now what I did then, and I am sorry!

Decades have passed. At one point, I obtained a Harris Statesman album and began to fill that one (using hinges this time). In the mid 1990s, when I returned to stamp collecting after a break of at least a decade, I moved to a Scott Minuteman album and went with Showgard mounts (black background). This album has bulked up, expanding to five binders. That's how I collect my U.S. stamps.

Several years ago, looking for something new and intriguing, I decided to pick a foreign country and focus on that to satisfy the part of my collecting bug that likes filling spaces on a page. I'd visited Vatican City and have a deep interest in church history and art, so this seemed a great choice.

But, what album to use? I looked at several options, and even contemplated one of the high-end mountless systems. In the end, I decided upon a system that has cropped up since the Web has become a great philatelic tool. William E. Steiner, a member of the American Philatelic Society, maintains a Web



Album Sample: A Vatican City page.

site from which you can purchase an annual subscription to access 80,000 pages for U.S. and foreign issues, plus "a complete set of over 6,500 Classic Era pages."

The site offers free samples. I'd recommend trying out a few pages. If you're interested only in U.S., the updates after the first year are free. If you collect the world, you can renew annually or whenever the mood strikes you.

I've since found that while I printed out the entire set for Vatican City, I am printing pages as needed for the miscellaneous sets I've accumulated from various countries. The pages are sized for 8.5"x11" paper. I use a 48-lb. paper, Showgard mounts, and acid-free, archival-safe sheet protectors. It's a system that works for me. If you'd like to share some notes about your approach, let me know, and we can feature your recommendations.

On the Web: www.stampalbums.com

SHOW AND TELL

June 2014 Exchange

**Bring Your Unusual,
Intriguing Items**

Members of the Club are encouraged to bring items from their collection to the program meeting—the second meeting of the month—to show to the other Club members.

You can bring an unusual or distinctive item, an item with a story, an item that needs further identification, or any other item that captures your eye and interest.

We will take some time at this second meeting to give members a chance to show their items and to tell (or ask!) about them.

This is a great way to share with fellow collectors some of the high points of your collection and to find out about nooks and crannies in the world of philately you may not have known about before.

Thanks for giving this invitation some thought and for bringing your items to enrich our Club's gatherings.

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. 481, XF OG, H, gum crease	\$13.00	\$2.50	_____	_____
• 02	U.S. Sc. 482, XF OG, H, Pl. Blk. (6)	\$22.50	\$4.00	_____	_____
• 03	U.S. Sc. 615, G NH, SE	\$4.50	\$0.25	_____	_____
• 04	U.S. Sc. 632, F-VF MNH, Pl. Blk. (4)	\$2.00	\$0.50	_____	_____
• 05	U.S. Sc. 634, F-VF MNH, Pl. Blk. (6)	\$?	\$0.50	_____	_____
• 06	U.S. Sc. 651, VF MNH, gum crease	\$0.90	\$0.25	_____	_____
• 07	U.S. Sc. 654, G OG H, Pl. Blk. (6)	\$22.50	\$2.00	_____	_____
• 08	U.S. Sc. 670, VG OG H	\$3.75	\$0.25	_____	_____
• 09	U.S. Sc. 702, VF MNH, Pl. Blk. (4)	\$2.40	\$0.50	_____	_____
• 10	U.S. Sc. 703, MNH	\$0.35	\$0.20	_____	_____
• 11	U.S. Sc. 703, MNH, Pl. Blk. (6)	\$4.70	\$2.35	_____	_____
• 12	U.S. Sc. 704, VG-F MNH, Pl. Blk. (4)	\$5.75	\$0.75	_____	_____
• 13	U.S. Sc. 765, VG NGAI	\$50.00	\$7.50	_____	_____
• 14	U.S. Sc. 771, VF NGAI	\$2.60	\$0.50	_____	_____
• 15	U.S. Sc. 837, F MNH, Pl. Blk. (4)	\$7.50	\$1.00	_____	_____
• 16	U.S. Sc. 1572-1575, Sht. (50) (face)	\$5.00	\$3.00	_____	_____
• 17	U.S. Sc. 1613-1615, 1615C, MNH	\$0.80	\$0.40	_____	_____
• 18	U.S. Sc. 1745-1748, Blk. (47) (face)	\$6.11	\$4.00	_____	_____
• 19	U.S. Sc. 2216-2219, MNH (face)	7.92	\$5.00	_____	_____
• 20	U.S. Sc. 3182-3191, M, 10 Sht. (face)	\$48.90	\$49.00	_____	_____
• 21	U.S. Sc. 3293, M, Sht. (10) (face)	3.30	\$3.30	_____	_____
• 22	U.S. Sc. 3675, Blkt. Pane (20) (face)	\$7.40	\$4.50	_____	_____
• 23	U.S. Sc. 3830, Blkt. Pane (20) (face)	\$7.40	\$4.50	_____	_____
• 24	U.S. Sc. 3833a, Blkt. Pane (20) (face)	\$7.40	\$4.50	_____	_____
• 25	U.S. Sc. 4123, MNH (face)	\$1.68	\$1.50	_____	_____
• 26	LINPEX 2014 Covers, Unused (5) (list)	\$2.90	\$3.00	_____	_____

The following items are presented in this exchange by a member of the Club.

• 27	French Eq. Africa, Sc. 166-168, MNH	\$0.75	\$0.25	_____	_____
• 28	Germany, Sc. 84, F, several short perfs	\$1.40	\$0.50	_____	_____
• 29	Germany, Sc. 1027, F	\$0.75	\$0.30	_____	_____
• 30	Germany, Sc. 1028-34, 36-38A, 44, VF	\$4.25	\$2.00	_____	_____
• 31	Germany, Sc. 1060, 1062, F	\$0.40	\$0.20	_____	_____
• 32	Ger. (Berlin), Sc. 9N286-287, 291, VF	\$0.60	\$0.25	_____	_____
• 33	Greece, Sc. 2195, M	\$1.95	\$1.00	_____	_____
• 34	Israel, Sc. 1134, M	\$0.20	\$0.10	_____	_____
• 35	Israel, Sc. 1260, M (Women's Volleyball)	\$1.25	\$0.60	_____	_____
• 36	Japan, Sc. 2082-2083, M	\$2.20	\$1.10	_____	_____
• 37	Senegal, Sc. 142-145, 147, M, HR (147)	\$1.00	\$0.25	_____	_____
• 38	Senegal, Sc. 203, M	\$0.20	\$0.10	_____	_____
• 39	Vatican City, Sc. 19-27, M	\$1.80	\$0.75	_____	_____
• 40	Vatican City, Sc. 301, 303, M HR, pencil	\$1.95	\$0.25	_____	_____
• 41	Vatican City, Sc. 313-316, M HR	\$1.35	\$0.50	_____	_____
• 42	Vatican City, Sc. 323-325, M HR	\$0.70	\$0.25	_____	_____
• 43	Vatican City, Sc. 414-415, MNH	\$0.50	\$0.25	_____	_____
• 44	Vatican City, Sc. 416-419, MNH	\$0.85	\$0.40	_____	_____
• 45	Vatican City, Sc. 595-600, M	\$1.40	\$0.70	_____	_____

News From the World of Collecting Exhibit for Sale

Dave Bize, a member of the Lincoln Stamp Club, is looking for a new home for his five-frame exhibit of the Nebraska Territory Issue of 1954. This exhibit has earned national gold and vermeil awards. Some of the items in the exhibit are extremely rare. Dave has invested about \$7,000 in acquiring the items and is looking for \$4,500.

If you are interested, contact Dave at 623.556.4428.

Newsletter Earns Silver

David Frye, the editor of *Souvenir Sheet*, entered the final three issues of 2013 in the American Philatelic Society's Chapter Activities Committee's 2013 Newsletter Competition. The Club has received notice that the issues earned a silver award. The issues will be on display at the APS StampShow 2014 in Hartford, Connecticut, in August.

Two judges' sheets have supplied a number of suggestions for refining the content and appearance of the newsletter. David will bring the sheets to the June meetings for members to review.

Thanks to Ken Pruess for pointing out the opportunity to enter this competition.

Frye's Story Published

David Frye has served as the publicity chairperson for the Postal History Society since 2012. One of his stories, "Postal History Society Explores Mail's Cultural and Philatelic Stories," using illustrations supplied by Diane DeBois and Robert Dalton Harris, noted postal historians, appeared in the May-June 2014 issue of *Scribblings*, the journal of the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library. The article lifted up the type of research and exploration that DeBois and Harris planned to feature in their presentation at the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show in May.

Aside from promoting that event, the article lifted up the basic understanding of postal history as "... telling the story of how mail has been handled, who handled it, and why."



Letters on Stamps on a Letter: A pair of Tanzania's Sc. 182, released Oct. 23, 1981, depict a postal employee sorting letters by hand. One of set of four stamps, the issue marked the 1981 Conference of Commonwealth Postal Administrators, held in Arusha, Tanzania.

If you have an intriguing cover to share, send a high-resolution image and details to questions@lincolnstampclub.org.

USPS Releases Figures on Dog Bites

No Nebraska city made the top-thirty list of cities in which postal employees are most frequently attacked by dogs. According to a mid-May release, 5,581 postal employees were attacked by dogs in 2013. To reduce this count, the USPS reminds individuals of some tips:

- If a letter carrier delivers mail or packages to your front door, place your dog into a separate room and close the door before opening the front door. Dogs have been known to burst through screen doors or plate-glass windows to get at strangers.
- Dog owners should remind their children about the need to keep the family dog secured. Parents should remind their children not to take mail directly from letter carriers in the presence of the family pet as the dog may see handing mail to a child as a threatening gesture.
- The Postal Service places the safety of its employees as a top priority. If a letter carrier feels threatened by a vicious dog or if a dog is running loose, the owner may be asked to pick up the mail at the Post Office until the carrier is assured the pet has been restrained. If the dog is roaming the neighborhood, the pet owner's neighbors may be asked to pick up their mail at the Post Office as well.

"There's a myth we often hear at the Postal Service," said USPS Manager of Safety Linda DeCarlo. "Don't worry—my dog won't bite. Dog attacks are a nationwide issue and not just a postal problem. Any dog can bite and all attacks are preventable through responsible pet ownership."

More Info: about.usps.com/news/national-releases/2014/pr14_032.htm



Not Owney, the Postal Dog!

Meetings: Business, Exchange, & Religion on Stamps

The Club meets at a central location from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays each month:

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, June 5.
- **Show and Tell (see p. 2) and Pro-**

gram: "... be glad to see anything of God ..."—*U.S. Postal Depictions of Religion*, David M. Frye, Thursday, June 19.

- **Business Meeting with Exchange:** Thursday, July 3.
- **Show and Tell (see p. 2) and Program:** "*Do We Really Need the Postal Service?*", Kurt Meyer, Thursday, July 17.
- **Looking Ahead:** Aug. 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 **June 25 for the Exchange on July 3.**

Send info about more significant items, which might require members to research ahead of time, by **June 25 for the August 7 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: June through September '14 ... and Beyond!

June 6—*Hot Rods*: 2 forever (49¢) stamps.; booklet (20); *America on the Move* series; York, Pa.

June 27—*Canvasbacks*: 2 \$15 federal migratory waterfowl hunting and conservation stamps; WA pane (20), self-adhesive pane (1); Washington, D.C.

July ??—*Medal of Honor: Korean War*: 2 forever (49¢) com.; prestige folio (20); TBA.

July 30—*Civil War*: 2 forever (49¢) com.; pane (12); *Battle of Petersburg,*

Battle of Mobile Bay; Petersburg, Va., and Mobile, Ala.

August 21—*Hudson River School*: 4 forever (49¢) com.; booklet (20); *American Treasurers* series; Hartford, Conn.

August ??—*Janis Joplin*: 1 forever (49¢); pane (16); *Music Icons* series; perhaps in San Francisco, Calif.

August ??—*Farmers' Markets*: 4 forever (49¢) com.; pane (20); TBA.

September ??—*War of 1812: Fort McHenry*: 1 forever (49¢) com.; pane (20); Balti-

more, Md.

To Be Announced—*Batman, Graphic Design, Solar System, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Global Holiday, Eid, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Most Loved Pets, Wilt Chamberlain, and Celebrity Chefs.*

Artwork: www.uspsstamps.com/stamps/preview.

Note: This Postal Service site shows two sets of images: Stamp Preview and Currently for Sale.



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