

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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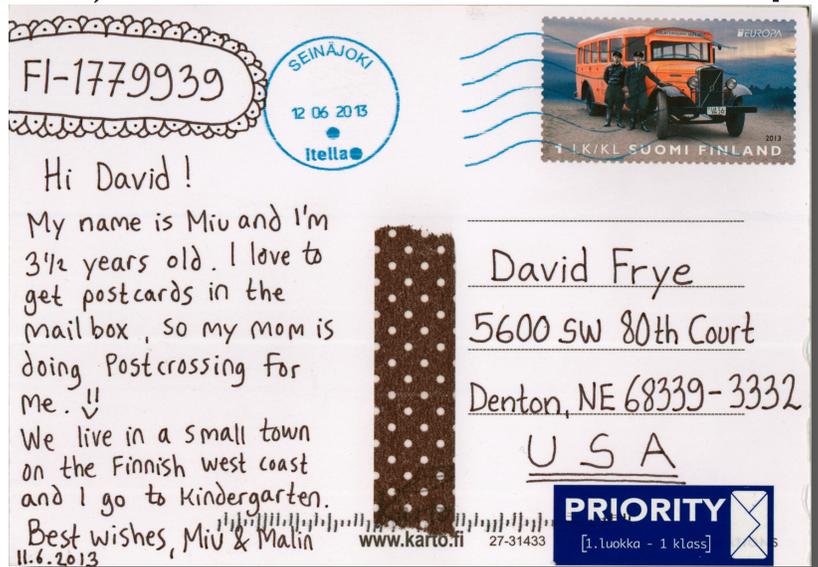
A Six-Month Test Drive of Postcrossing.com Yields a Nice Stack of Worldwide Postcards Web Site Makes It Easy to Get Global Mail with Real Stamps!

by David M. Frye

In the January issue of *Souvenir Sheet*, I wrote about Postcrossing.com, a Web site designed "... to allow people to receive postcards from all over the world, for free."

After writing to suggest this might be a great way for philatelists to receive some intriguing mail with great stamps, I decided to give Postcrossing a try. After signing up, I began to send one postcard at a time to the name given me on each occasion. Postcrossing assigns a unique code to each postcard, which you write on the card. This allows the recipient to register the postcard when it arrives and *that* allows the site to offer some pretty amazing features that depend upon senders and recipients posting those codes.

Since I signed up, I've sent postcards to Russia and China twice each, Germany, Belarus, the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands.



Finland's Europa Issue: A Postcrossing postcard is franked with one of two of Finland's Europa issues of May 5, 2013, depicting a 1933 Volvo LV 70 mail car.

Here's what my mailbox summary looks like after six months of exchanging postcards:

Postcards Received

Country	Distance	Travel Time
Netherlands	7,286 km	11 days
Taiwan	11,723 km	27 days
Finland	7,576 km	8 days
Canada	1,755 km	18 days
Finland	7,257 km	6 days
China	10,458 km	11 days
Japan	9,963 km	13 days.

Sign Up: www.postcrossing.com

August Program Features Questions and Tips for Discovering Answers

Do You Have Philatelic Questions?

One of the great things about stamp collecting is that the more you dig into a topic, the more questions arise. Sometimes, though, a question can sit in front of you, taunting you, leaving you wondering where to turn to begin to search for an answer.

The Club's August program, "Do You Have Philatelic Questions? Learn How to Find Answers to Expand Your Passion," offered by

Cynthia Carlson, will help to pull together some ideas about where to search for answers.

Cynthia hopes for the program to focus on the sorts of questions that members of our Club face as they expand their collections and explore new interests.

To help her prepare for the program, please send some questions to her at crcdh@msn.com. Please bring a friend or relative to the meeting.

**Complimentary
Copy of July '13
The American
Philatelist**

**Available to
Club Member**

Each month, the Club receives a sample issue of the American Philatelic Society's magazine, *The American Philatelist*. We encourage Club members who have not yet joined APS to take a copy, give it a good look-through, and give some consideration to joining APS.

If you typically do not attend Club meetings *and* you are not already a member of APS *and* you are the first one to contact David Frye, you will receive this month's copy of the magazine by mail. Here is his contact information:

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In this issue:

- "Pasteup Usage of Western Express Franks"
- "Heligoland: Zanzibar, Birds, Romantics, Quantum Mechanics, and Atomic Bombs"
- "The Rheumatologic Philatelist."

July Exchange

The Club offers the following items at its monthly exchange. Payments may be made in cash or in personal checks made out to the Club. All items are donations to the Lincoln Stamp Club; proceeds benefit the Club's general work.

Lot #	Description	Catalogue	Final	Buyer
• 01	Canada Sc. 845–846, M, bl. 4	\$2.40	_____	_____
• 02	Canada Sc. 851–852, M, bl. 4	\$2.40	_____	_____
• 03	Canada Sc. 855, M, bl. 4	\$1.20	_____	_____
• 04	W. Germany Sc. 1440–1441, 2 pr. w/margin codes	\$6.00	_____	_____
• 05	W. Germany Sc. 1448, M	\$1.25	_____	_____
• 06	W. Germany Sc. B628–629, M	\$3.15	_____	_____
• 07	W. Germany Sc. B630–633, M, pl. no. single (B630)	\$5.30	_____	_____
• 08	W. Germany Sc. B634–635, M, pr.	\$5.50	_____	_____
• 09	W. Germany Sc. B636–639, M	\$4.05	_____	_____
• 10	W. Germany Sc. B640, M	\$1.25	_____	_____
• 11	W. Germany—Berlin Sc. 9NB231, M, pl. no. single	\$1.25	_____	_____
• 12	Great Britain Sc. 1024, M, pr.	\$2.10	_____	_____
• 13	Netherlands Sc. 594–596, M	\$1.70	_____	_____
• 14	Netherlands Sc. 599, M	\$0.65	_____	_____
• 15	Netherlands Sc. B558a, M, min. sht., 2 ea. B556–558	\$4.50	_____	_____
• 16	Netherlands Sc. B560–563, M	\$3.65	_____	_____
• 17	Netherlands Sc. B564, M	\$0.95	_____	_____
• 18	Netherlands Sc. B592a, M, bklt., 4 B589+2 B592	\$5.50	_____	_____
• 19	U.S. Sc. C87, M, w/Mr. ZIP (USE ZIP CODE)	\$0.35	_____	_____
• 20	U.S. Sc. C89, M, w/MAIL EARLY IN THE DAY	\$0.50	_____	_____
• 21	U.S. Sc. UC48 w/1282, UC 50, UC 53, UC 56, unused, folded, \$1.04 face	—	_____	_____
• 22	U.S. Sc. UC 51 w/1585x2, UC 56 x2, unused, unfolded, \$0.90 face	—	_____	_____
• 23	U.S. Sc. U597, M	\$0.40	_____	_____
• 24	U.S. Sc. UX65, M	\$0.25	_____	_____
• 25	U.S. Sc. UX76, M	\$0.40	_____	_____
• 26	U.S. Sc. UX77, M	\$0.30	_____	_____
• 27	U.S. Sc. UX78, M	\$0.30	_____	_____
• 28	U.S. Sc. UX 83, M	\$0.25	_____	_____
• 29	U.S. Sc. UX85, M	\$0.25	_____	_____
• 30	U.S. Sc. UXC17, M	\$1.00	_____	_____

"A Commemorative in Conflict: The Fort Sumter Issue of 1961"

Borrowing a Copy of the Postal History Journal, June 2013

The June 2013 issue of *The Postal History Journal* is available for members to borrow. David Frye's article on the Fort Sumter Issue of 1961 appears, along with an article on the

Buy American Movement of 1932–1933 and reviews of recent literature and summaries of postal history appearing in other journals. See David Frye if you are interested.

2012 Report Logs Progress in Reducing the Environmental Impact of Postal Service Operations

Trending Green: USPS Reports Advances in Sustainability Efforts

WASHINGTON — Demonstrating continued progress after five years of annual corporate sustainability reporting, the U.S. Postal Service recently released its 2012 Annual Sustainability Report, highlighting accomplishments including reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, solid waste and facility energy use.

The Postal Service reported a 9.9 percent decrease, or 1.3 million metric tons, in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions since 2008—nearly equivalent to removing 270,000 passenger vehicles from the road for a year. The goal is to reduce GHG emissions by 20 percent by fiscal year 2020. In addition, the Postal Service decreased facility energy use by 34 percent since 2003, achieving the goal of a 30 percent reduction by 2015.

“The Postal Service continues to make sustainability progress that is not only the right thing to do for the environment, but is right for our business,” said Chief Sustainability Officer Thomas G. Day. “We are exceeding targets in key areas and are working to improve efforts across the organization every day.”

Other key highlights from the year include:

- Registering 800 Lean Green Teams of employees who adopt low- and no-cost green practices in their facilities
- Diverting 48 percent of solid waste to recycling, which generated a savings of \$25 million in waste hauling and generated \$23.8 million in revenue
- Issuing 15 stamps in the Earthscapes stamp collection, providing a reminder that the environment we share is worth protecting
- Maintaining 42,218 alternative fuel-capable vehicles in the Postal



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Service fleet

- Decreasing 11 trillion British thermal units (Btu) from facility energy use since 2003.

“Sustainability progress requires the commitment of all postal employees in more than 31,000 facilities,” Day said. “By incorporating these principles into our day-to-day work as well as our strategic planning, we will continue to achieve our goals.”

The Postal Service also released its 2013 Office of Management and Budget Sustainability and Energy Scorecard. The Postal Service is on track for four out of five of the federal objectives. As a self-funded agency, the Postal Service reports voluntarily,

but continues to align many objectives to follow the scorecard.

The Postal Service has been recognized for several environmental awards, including the 2012 Green-Gov Presidential award, a 2012 EPA WasteWise recognition award and most recently, 10 Federal Green Challenge awards.

Visit www.usps.com/green and the USPS Green Newsroom to learn more about the Postal Service’s sustainability initiatives.

The 2012 Annual Sustainability Report also can be found on Slideshare: www.slideshare.net/UnitedStatesPostalService/2013-sustainabilityreportweb.

Meetings: Collectors at Easterday Rec Center

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.

- **Independence Day: No Meeting.**
- **Business Meeting, Program, and Exchange:** July 18, 7–9 p.m. *Stamp Collecting at Easterday Recreation Center*, Joel Johnson.
- **Business Meeting and Exchange:** Thurs., August 1, 2013,

7–8:30 p.m.

- **Program:** *Do You Have Philatelic Questions? Learn How to Find Answers to Expand Your Passion*, Cynthia Carlson, Thurs., August 15, 2013, 7–8:30 p.m.
- **Business Meeting and Exchange:** Thurs., September 5, 2013, 7–8:30 p.m.
- **Program:** *Grading Stamps*, Ken Pruess, Thurs., September 19, 2013, 7–8:30 p.m.
- **Coming Up:** October 3, 17; November 7, 21; and December 5, 19.

USPS Releases New Postal Issues: July & August '13

July 13: *New England Coastal Lighthouses*; five forever (46¢) comm.; pane of 20; Cape Elizabeth, Maine, New Castle, N.H., Wakefield, R.I., New London, Conn., and Boston, Mass.

Aug. 8: *A Flag for All Seasons*; four forever (46¢) def.; 2-sided pane of

20; Milwaukee, Wis.

Aug. 9: *Bobcat*; single (1¢) def.; water-activated, 10k coil; Milwaukee, Wis.

Aug. 9: *Folk Art Eagle*; single (46¢) stamped env.; Milwaukee, Wis.

Aug. 16: *A Flag ...*; four forever (46¢) def.; pane of 10; Milwaukee, Wis.

Aug. ?: *Three additional comm. issues.*

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 **July 25 for the Exchange on August 1**.

Info about more significant items, which might require members to research ahead of time, should be sent by **July 25 for the September 5 Exchange**.

Forms for your items are available online:

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

LOCAL SHOWS

Omaha Stamp Show: Get the exhibitor's prospectus for the **Sept. 7–8** show at www.omahaphilatelicsociety.org or from Mike Ley by e-mail at giscougar@aol.com.

Hold the Date: The Lincoln Stamp Club will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary in 2014 with LINPEX '14. The show, featuring an expanded bourse, exhibits, and an anniversary observance, will be **Feb. 22–23, 2014**.

No Meeting July 4.
Next Meeting July 18.

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