

# 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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The Club is an affili-  
ate of the American  
Philatelic Society:  
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## Trading Stamps Offers an Outlet for the Abundant Duplicates that Tend to Accumulate

### Another Way to Build Your Worldwide Collection of Stamps

by *David M. Frye*

If I'm at all like most stamp collectors, then my boxes of duplicates are not at all unusual features of my philatelic "piles." Over the decades, people who know I am a stamp collector have given me extra used stamps—mostly U.S. issues—torn from the corners of their mail. (Yes, now that I know better I try to counsel them to leave the covers intact, but sometimes it's best to thank them for their good intentions!)

In moments of self-prescribed therapy, I've soaked the older stamps from their scraps of paper and organized them—roughly—in glassine envelopes and stashed them away in boxes in my study.

What to do with them remains the question. For a long time, the answer has remained the same: "Nothing!" But then I received an e-mail request from a collector in Germany looking for a trading partner. This caught my eye. After several e-mails back and forth to hammer out the arrangements, we arrived at a system for using Scott catalogue values to trade even-up our duplicates. We settled, to start, on the mid 1980s, as both of us had strong surpluses of stamps from our own countries in those years *and* mostly empty spots in our albums for the issues of the other's country. In the first round, we exchanged about fifty stamps. Even with some good packing and a light stiffening insert, my envelope weighed in at less than one ounce, so my cost to mail the packet was \$1.10. This gave me the chance to use a \$1 Waves of Color stamp, giving my partner the added benefit of



**Crossing in the Mail:** Stamps from the United States and Germany.

obtaining that issue postally used. We are now in our second round of exchanging and have bumped the stamp count up to one hundred.

Not only am I learning more about the stamps of Germany, but sorting through U.S. issues to fill in the holes in my trading partner's list is helping me gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for the issues produced by the USPS.

One of the potential challenges—a common language—failed to arise, as my partner writes fluently in English. A second challenge, a common catalogue reference for stamp identification and values, presented a small hurdle. I have ex-library copies of the *Scott Catalogue*, while my partner uses Michel's references. He has discovered a Web site that aligns various catalogue numbers, so we can overcome these differences.

This has been a great experience and I'd recommend you give it a try. The following links provide a few resources as guides.

**Catalogue Comparison:** [www.christophemaetz.fr/philatelie/basededonnees/?lang=en](http://www.christophemaetz.fr/philatelie/basededonnees/?lang=en)

**Exchange Tips:** [www.2-clicks-stamps.com/article/stamp-collectors-exchange.html](http://www.2-clicks-stamps.com/article/stamp-collectors-exchange.html)

**Exchange Partners:** [www.2-clicks-stamps.com/classified-ads-list.html](http://www.2-clicks-stamps.com/classified-ads-list.html)

Complimentary  
Copy of Aug. '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 contact David Frye before the Aug. 1 meeting, you will receive this month's copy of the magazine by mail. Here is his contact information:

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In this issue:

- ▶ "Wisconsin on Stamps"
- ▶ "Philatelic Connections of the Dennison Manufacturing Company"
- ▶ "Worldwide in a Nutshell: Australian Antarctic Territory."

## August 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  | Burkina Faso (Upper Volta) Sc. 43, M          | \$0.25    | _____ | _____ |
| • 02  | China Sc. 205 or 224 or 252?, UF              | \$0.25    | _____ | _____ |
| • 03  | Egypt Sc. 54, UF                              | \$0.25    | _____ | _____ |
| • 04  | Gabon Sc. 85, M                               | \$0.25    | _____ | _____ |
| • 05  | W. Germany Sc. B594-597, M, 4 singles         | \$3.50    | _____ | _____ |
| • 06  | W. Germany Sc. B598-599, M, 2 singles         | \$2.30    | _____ | _____ |
| • 07  | W. Germany Sc. B600-603, M, 4 singles         | \$3.55    | _____ | _____ |
| • 08  | W. Germany Sc. B604, M                        | \$1.40    | _____ | _____ |
| • 09  | W. Germany Sc. 1366, M                        | \$0.70    | _____ | _____ |
| • 10  | W. Germany Sc. 1367, M                        | \$0.70    | _____ | _____ |
| • 11  | W. Germany Sc. 1368, M                        | \$0.50    | _____ | _____ |
| • 12  | W. Germany Sc. 1369, M                        | \$1.75    | _____ | _____ |
| • 13  | W. Germany Sc. 1370, M                        | \$2.10    | _____ | _____ |
| • 14  | W. Germany Sc. 1371, M                        | \$0.90    | _____ | _____ |
| • 15  | W. Germany Sc. 1372-1373, M, 2 singles        | \$2.00    | _____ | _____ |
| • 16  | W. Germany Sc. 1374, M                        | \$0.90    | _____ | _____ |
| • 17  | W. Germany Sc. 1375, M                        | \$0.65    | _____ | _____ |
| • 18  | W. Germany Sc. 1376, M                        | \$0.90    | _____ | _____ |
| • 19  | W. Germany Sc. 1377, M                        | \$0.90    | _____ | _____ |
| • 20  | W. Germany Sc. 1378, M                        | \$1.90    | _____ | _____ |
| • 21  | W. Germany Sc. 1382, M                        | \$1.25    | _____ | _____ |
| • 22  | W. Germany Sc. 1383, M                        | \$0.70    | _____ | _____ |
| • 23  | W. Germany Sc. 1384, M, Sheet of 5            | \$4.50    | _____ | _____ |
| • 24  | Netherlands Sc. 56, VF                        | \$0.25    | _____ | _____ |
| • 25  | Netherlands Sc. 580-581, M, 2 singles         | \$0.95    | _____ | _____ |
| • 26  | Netherlands Sc. 582, M, pair                  | \$1.20    | _____ | _____ |
| • 27  | Netherlands Sc. 583, M                        | \$0.50    | _____ | _____ |
| • 28  | Netherlands Sc. B547, M, with selvage "2"     | \$0.90    | _____ | _____ |
| • 29  | Netherlands Sc. B547a, M, Souvenir Sheet of 3 | \$2.75    | _____ | _____ |
| • 30  | U.S. Sc. RF20, UG, USIR Playing Card 10¢      | \$0.30    | _____ | _____ |

### Request for Trading Partner

## Collector in Spain Seeks U.S. Collector for Exchanging Stamps

The Club received an e-mail message through its Web site that stated, "I exchange used stamps from 2000 to 2013 with any collector. In exchange I can send the same."

If you are interested, contact the collector:

Luis Cases  
Ausias March-37  
46013-Valencia  
Spain  
luiscases@aono.com.

## Business Model Needs Fixing to Give USPS the Flexibility and Authority to Close \$20 Billion Gap

### Postmaster General Testifies Before House Committee

WASHINGTON — Postmaster General Patrick R. Donahoe told a House committee on July 17, 2013, that the Postal Service continued to face systemic financial challenges because it had a business model that did not allow it to adapt to changes in the marketplace and it did not have the legal authority to make the fundamental changes that were necessary to achieve long-term financial stability.

“We cannot pretend these marketplace changes aren’t happening or that they don’t require us to make fundamental changes to our business model. We need comprehensive reform now,” Donahoe testified before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

Donahoe said the Postal Service was moving quickly down a road that led straight to a large financial chasm and postal reform legislation could be the bridge over that chasm. “If we build the bridge properly, the Postal Service can have a bright future. It can adapt and better serve the changing mailing and shipping needs of American industry and the American public. It can be a more powerful engine for economic growth and it can be profitable and operate without burdening the American taxpayer,” he said.

“We need a bridge that gets us all the way to the other side. Half measures are about as useful as half a bridge,” Donahoe added. “We need legislation that, together with our planned changes, confidently enables at least \$20 billion in savings by 2016. If not, we go over the edge.”

The Postal Service Five-Year Business Plan provides a road map to restore financial stability and preserve affordable mail service for the American public. Much of the savings cannot be achieved without legislative

action by Congress.

“There is a simple question to ask about the legislation this committee is in the process of developing,” Donahoe testified. “Does it enable \$20 billion in savings by 2016? We believe our plan meets this test and provides the most responsible approach for our customers and employees, but we cannot implement it without legislation.”

Donahoe said the Postal Service had been very aggressive in reducing costs, including decreasing its annual cost base by \$16 billion and reducing the size of its career workforce by 202,000 employees since 2006. “We have been able to accomplish these incredible operational changes because of the tremendous dedication and effort of our employees. It is to their credit that the organization continues to function at a high level and provide the service our customers and communities expect,” said Donahoe.

Donahoe added that the Postal Service’s package business is strong and growing, and marketing mail will remain strong into the future. “Unfortunately, declines in First-Class Mail overshadow these healthy parts of our business and the efforts we have taken

to adapt to lost revenue.”

The Postal Service’s legislative requirements, as part of its Five-Year Business Plan, include:

1. Require USPS Health Care Plan (Resolves Retiree Health Benefits Prefunding Issue)
2. Refund FERS Overpayment and Adjust Future FERS Payment Amount
3. Adjust Delivery Frequency (Six-Day Packages/Five-Day Mail)
4. Streamline Governance Model (Eliminate Duplicative Oversight)
5. Provide Authority to Expand Products and Services
6. Require Defined Contribution Retirement System for Future Postal Employees
7. Require Arbitrators to Consider Financial Condition of Postal Service
8. Reform Workers’ Compensation.

These legislative requirements are fully explained in the written testimony:

**Testimony:** [about.usps.com/news/testimony-speeches/welcome.htm](http://about.usps.com/news/testimony-speeches/welcome.htm)

### From the “Vault”



**Registered Letter:** Sent June 15, 1933, from Antwerp to Washington, D.C., bearing a pair of the 1.75 Fr. issue of 1931–1932, Sc. 231. If you have an intriguing cover to share, send a high-resolution image and details to [questions@lincolnstampclub.org](mailto:questions@lincolnstampclub.org).

# Meetings: Finding Answers to Stamp Mysteries

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 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 (nominations) and 21; and December 5 (elections) and 19.

## 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](mailto:questions@lincolnstampclub.org) by **Aug. 25 for the Exchange on Sept. 5**.

Send info about more significant items, which might require members to research ahead of time, by **Aug. 25 for the Oct. 3 Exchange**.

Forms for your items are available online:

- [www.lincolnstampclub.org/downloads/SmallExchangeSheets.pdf](http://www.lincolnstampclub.org/downloads/SmallExchangeSheets.pdf)
- [www.lincolnstampclub.org/downloads/ExchangeSheet.pdf](http://www.lincolnstampclub.org/downloads/ExchangeSheet.pdf)

## USPS Releases New Postal Issues: August '13

**Aug. 8:** *Made in America*; 12 forever (46¢) comm.; pane of 12 (5 var. of selvage); Washington, D.C.

**Aug. 8:** *A Flag for All Seasons*; 4 forever (46¢) def.; 2-sided pane of 20; Milwaukee, Wis.

**Aug. 8:** *Eid*; 1 forever (46¢) special; pane of 20; Milwaukee.

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

**Aug. 9:** *Folk Art Eagle*; 1 forever (46¢) stamped env., multiple formats; Milwaukee.

**Aug. 16:** *A Flag for All Seasons*; 4 forever (46¢) def.; pane of 10; Independence, Ohio.

**Aug. 23:** *Althea Gibson*; 1 forever (46¢) comm.; Flushing, N.Y.

**Aug. 23:** *March on Washington*; 1 forever (46¢) comm.; Washington, D.C.

## LOCAL SHOWS

### Omaha Stamp Show

Mark your calendar for the **Sept. 7–8**.

Details at [www.omahaphilatelicsociety.org](http://www.omahaphilatelicsociety.org).

### 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](http://www.lincolnstampclub.org/linpex).



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