

Lincoln Stamp Club

SOUVENIR SHEET
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Monthly News of the
Lincoln Stamp Club

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MEETINGS

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

LOCATION

St. Paul U.M. Church
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AFFILIATION

The Club is an affiliate of the American Philatelic Society:
APS #0799-064882.

NEWSLETTER AND WEB SITE

Editor: *David M. Frye*

Pressing Matters

Stamps Printed in a Variety of Ways that Reflect Technology Changes

by *David M. Frye, Editor*

Last month the U.S. Postal Services stamp-oriented Web site—USPS Stamps—featured an interview with Joseph Bockert, who has worked for the USPS for three decades, focusing most recently on stamp development. The “Ask the Expert” feature posed a question to him: *How have printing methods evolved throughout stamp history?* He provides a really helpful answer that surveys U.S. stamp production beginning in 1847 and ending with contemporary issues.

His answer dwells a bit on the security of printing techniques and compares the strengths of those varying techniques. His whole answer is worth the time to read. You can find this piece on the Web.

- **Postal Explorer:** uspsstamps.com/stories/evolution-stamp-printing.

I was curious to see the close-up results from various presses, so I’ve scanned four stamps at 1200 dpi and then cropped out representative 0.5”x0.5” squares for your review.



Rotary Press: The work-horse press for much of the mid 1900s mono-chrome (Sc. 1360).



Lithography and Engraved (Giori): Masterfully fine control of ink placement (Sc. 1362).



Huck Press: Engraved and multi-color technique well suited to artwork (Sc. 1363).



Photogravure (Andreotti): Full-color images emergent from multiple dots (Sc. 1426).

Club Notes Passing of Herb Henry, Longtime Member

by *David M. Frye, Editor*

Herbert G. Henry, a longtime stamp collector and member of the Lincoln Stamp Club, died on July 11, 2015. About a half dozen members of the Club attended his funeral at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Lincoln, on Friday, July 17.

Herb was a sixty-nine year member of the congregation and had been instrumental in opening the door for the Club to hold its meetings at the church.

He focused his stamp collecting in several areas: the British Machins, the Confederate States of America, and modern mint United States stamps. He kept the Club’s members updated on Scott’s decisions regarding the

assignment of catalogue numbers to modern U.S. issues.

He held several offices in the Club. He was elected vice president for 2010, but then assumed the duties of president upon the death of Alan Anderson.

LINPEX ’13 included his exhibit, “Copers to Howell Cobb,” featuring Civil War correspondence sent to Cobb, governor of Georgia, representative of Georgia, son of Georgia, chairman of session meeting in South, and general of the South.

A native of Hardy, Nebraska, he is survived by Ruth, his wife of sixty-eight years.

The Club is grateful for Herb’s enthusiastic participation and will miss him.

Programs Set for

Rest of 2015

Each month at its second meeting, the Club offers a program. The schedule of programs for the rest of the year is now in place. Here are the topics and presenters:

- August 20: *A Philatelic Safari: The Stamps of German East Africa, Tanganyika, and Tanzania*—**David Frye**.
- September 17: *Zeppelin Covers*—**John Radway**.
- October 15: *Open*
- November 19: *Prexy Postal History*—**Willy Knopp**.
- December 17: *The Trans-Mississippi Issue*—**Ken Pruess**.

If you would like to add your topic to the schedule, or if you have ideas for topics you'd be interested in hearing about, contact **Ken Pruess**, Vice President.

- **E-mail:** kpruess2@unl.edu.

Club's Exchange Takes a Break

The monthly exchange will return in September. Now's a good time to look through your surplus items and decide if you would like to present them in the exchange. See the back page for info on how to do this. Thanks!

Preview of August's Program: "A Philatelic Safari"

The Stamps of German East Africa, Tanganyika, and Tanzania



Mwanza, Tanganyika, to Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia: An air mail cover sent on ? Aug. 1963 (the cancel is indistinct) from Mwanza on Lake Victoria's southern shore to Salisbury, the capital of Southern Rhodesia. The 20c stamp comes from Tanganyika's series released on Dec. 9, 1961, to mark the country's debut as an independent state. The 30c commemorative was issued jointly by Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika on June 28, 1963, under their shared East African Posts & Telecommunications Administration. Such joint issues were valid for postage in all three countries.

A NEW CLUB FEATURE

Members' Classified Ads Can Match Seekers and Sources

by David M. Frye, Editor

If you're like most stamp collectors, one of philately's great challenges and sources of satisfaction also serves as one of your greatest sources of frustration. The hunt for just the right item gives the hobby the thrill of the pursuit, but if your pursuit reminds you a bit of Wile E. Coyote's futile attempts to nab the Road Runner, then any idea for broadening the reach of your search can be worth your time and attention.

To meet this need, the Club will offer a new feature in the pages of *The Souvenir Sheet*: Club Classifieds. Here are the guidelines for getting us started:

- Any member may run a classified ad.
- Ads will run at most three consecutive issues.
- There is no charge to members to place an ad.
- Ads must be submitted to the Club by the

fifteenth of the month prior to the issue in which the ad will appear.

- The editor may edit the ads to save space.
- Ads must include the items sought or offered and the contact information (either phone or e-mail) of the person placing the ad.
- Any negotiations take place between the two parties without involving the Club. To get us started, I'll place a few ads.

CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

Padre Félix Varela on Cover: Seeking US Sc. 3166 (1997) on non-philatelic covers. davidfrye@windstream.net. (201508a01)

Gandhi on Cover: Looking for US Sc. 1174-1175 (1961) on non-philatelic covers. 402.450.2072. (201508b01)

PS Form 3817: Do you have any US Certificates of Mailing with cancelled stamps? creativity@widesky.biz. (201508c01)

A Members' Exhibition Set for LINPEX '16

by David M. Frye, Editor

Following the regular Club program on July 16, the LINPEX '16 Planning Committee met. It decided that the exhibition for the show would feature sixteen frames of exhibits. No exhibits larger than four frames can be submitted. The exhibition will be open only to members of the Lincoln Stamp Club. A nominal fee of \$5/frame will help to defray the expenses for renting and transporting the exhibit frames from Omaha. Watch for information about registering your exhibit.

The group discussed whether or not to have a show cover and what theme it might present. Ideas included the 75th anniversary of the opening of the North Platte Canteen, the centennial of Fort Robinson's end of service as an operational post, and the 150th anniversary of the birth of Nicholas Black Elk.

- **Web:** www.lincolnstampclub.org/linpex/.

Social Media Update: Club on Facebook

by David M. Frye, Editor

According to some recent studies, sixty-four percent of Americans own and use smartphones to access the Web. Recognizing that organizations desiring to reach out to people in today's media climate need to present themselves effectively for mobile devices and through social media, the Club has taken the first of several steps to share its news and information in new ways.

The Club now has a Facebook page that will include updates about meetings and other helpful and intriguing posts. If you have a Facebook account, consider liking the Club's page. If you have ideas for news to share with others on Facebook, contact the Club there or by e-mail.

- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/LincolnStampClub
- **E-mail:** questions@LincolnStampClub.org.

Club Member Becomes APS Expertizer

by David M. Frye, Editor

One of the Club's members, **Dave Hamilton**, shared the news that he has been named an expertizer for the American Philatelic Expertizing Service (APEX) for submissions of items from the Ryukyu Islands.

The Web notes that APEX offers "opinions on the genuineness of philatelic material at moderate cost. APEX utilizes the services of more than 120 specialists and a variety of high-tech equipment to provide guaranteed opinions."

- **APEX:** www.stamps.org/stamp-authentication/
- **How-to Use APEX:** www.stamps.org/userfiles/file/How-Tos/HowToUseAPEX.pdf.

Philatelic Tools

Web Sites Offer Current US Stamp Info

by David M. Frye, Editor

Recently I've been trying to track down the production details of recent U.S. issues and have discovered several sites that have helped a great deal.

Postal Explorer

- **Postal Explorer:** pe.usps.com.

This is a subsite of the main U.S. Postal Service Web site. I found a great deal of helpful information about the various classes of mail, but not so much about individual issues. That's not its purpose. What it does excel at is giving the details about why certain markings appear and why the stamps on a cover reach the totals they do to meet certain rates and pay for certain services.

- **Virtual Stamp Club:** www.virtualstampclub.org.

Follow the link for the 2015 Stamp Program to find out about current issues. That page has links to details on all U.S. issues going back to 1997. The info here is laboriously gathered from the nooks and crannies of USPS releases. A great labor-saver!

If you have run across some Web sites that have helped you learn more about stamps, whether classic or modern, domestic or foreign, please share your findings by sending an e-mail with the link to the Club:

- **Lincoln Stamp Club:** questions@lincolnstampclub.org.

Learn How to Sell Stamps on eBay.com

by Ken Pruess, Vice President

Would you like to sell stamps? I have sold thousands of lots on eBay.com and would be willing to give you suggestions to get started. This would have to be in your home and with your equipment.

Before the first session, I would require that you do some homework. It is essential that you have a scanner, be a registered eBay user, and have a PayPal account. Both of these take only minutes to set up. Contact me if you're interested.

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Omaha Stamp Show: Mark Your Calendar

Omaha Stamp Show

APS Word Series of Philately Show

Saturday–Sunday, Sept. 12–13, 2015

Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Metro Community College

2909 Edward Babe Gomez Avenue

Omaha, Nebraska

125 Exhibit Frames

16 Stamp Dealers

USPS Station

Show Cover

Exhibits Chairman:

Mike Ley

giscougar@aol.com

Deadline: Aug. 24

Topics: Business and "Tanzania: A Philatelic Safari"

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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.

~Welcome~

The Lincoln Stamp Club welcomes guests to every club meeting and encourages collectors of all interests and experience to consider joining. Dues are only \$12/year, and can be mailed to the Club at its address on the front page or brought to a meeting. A membership form is available on the Web:

- **Membership:** www.lincolnstampclub.org/membership/.

- **Business Meeting and Exchange:** Thursday, Aug. 6.
- **Show & Tell and Program:** Thursday, Aug. 20: "*A Philatelic Safari*" by David Frye.
- **Business Meeting and Exchange:** Thursday, Sept. 3.
- **Show & Tell and Program:** Thursday, Sept. 17: "*Zeppelin Covers*" by John Radway.
- **Business Meeting:** Oct. 1.

NEEDED

Items for Monthly Exchanges

If you would like to include items in the monthly exchanges, give your descriptions and prices to **Jim Camp, Exchange Coordinator, by Aug. 15 for the Sept. 3 Exchange.**

Give him info about more significant items, which might require members to research ahead of time, by **Aug. 15 for the Oct. 1 Exchange.**

Forms for your items are available online:

- www.lincolnstampclub.org/downloads/SmallExchangeSheets.pdf
- www.lincolnstampclub.org/downloads/ExchangeForm4up.pdf.

United States Postal Service Issues: August–September 2015

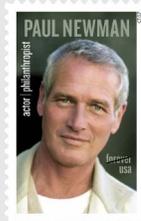
August 4—*U.S. Coast Guard*: 1 forever (49¢) com.; pane (20); Washington, D.C.

August 12—*Elvis Presley*: Music Icons Series; 1 forever (49¢) com.; pane (16); Memphis, Tenn.

Aug. 20—*World Stamp Show—NY 2016*: 2 forever (49¢) com.; pane (20); Grand Rapids, Mich.

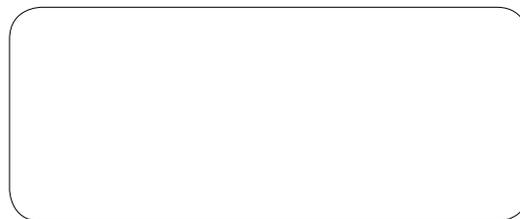
Aug. 20—*Ingrid Bergman*: 1 forever (49¢) com.; Legends of Hollywood Series; joint issue with Sweden; Los Angeles, Calif.

Sept. 18—*Paul Newman*: 1 forever (49¢)



com.; pane (20); FD City TBA.

- www.uspsstamps.com/stamps/preview
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