

# 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.

## LOCATION

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## NEWSLETTER AND WEB SITE

Editor: *David M. Frye*

## "African American Postal Workers and the Fight for Jobs, Justice, and Equality"

### Book Review: *There's Always Work at the Post Office*

by *David M. Frye, Editor*

At the beginning of his book, author Philip F. Rubio explains how the title entered the lexicon of American culture through its re-frain-like appearances in Spike Lee's 1987 film, *Hollywood Shuffle*, where several characters observe that the postal service offers African Americans a fallback jobs option.

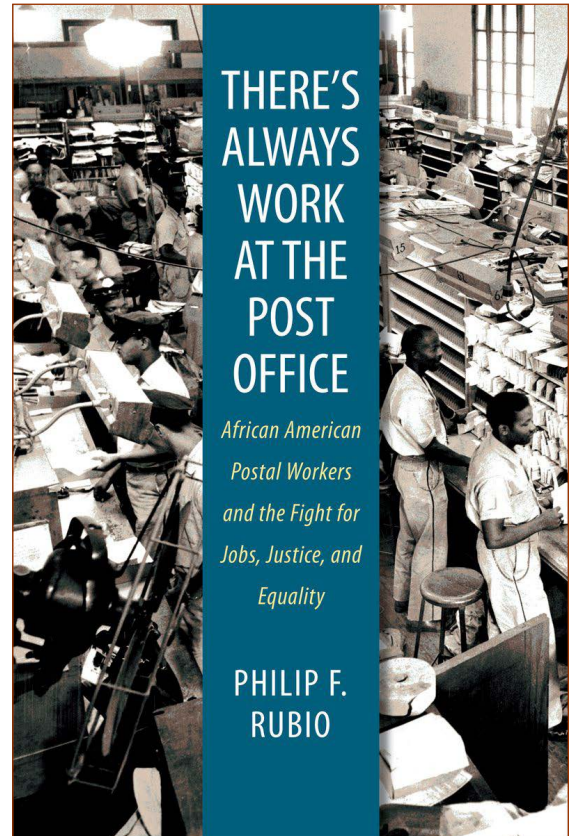
From there, he explains the focus of his research, showing that "... a leading role was played by black postal workers in the United States labor movement and black freedom movement, and that they were influential in shaping today's post office and postal labor force in this country" (p. 7).

Rubio sets the historical context for the book's exploration by surveying the period between the Civil War and World War II. Then he focuses ten of the book's eleven chapters on briefer intervals from 1940 through 1971. The first chapters chronicle the fight against Jim Crow in the Post Office Department and its unionized workforce. Later chapters examine such topics as "Black Women in the 1960s Post Office and Postal Unions" and "The Great Postal Wildcat Strike of 1970."

Ending the book's narrative in 1971 might



**Couriers Prepped for Their Rounds:** African American postal workers shoulder their loads of Christmas packages ready for delivery.



**Personal and Postal History:** Philip F. Rubio's masterful treatment of an overlooked chapter in American history merits a thorough reading.

seem odd, at first glance, but Rubio makes the argument that the 1970 strike helped to set the stage for the creation of the modern U.S. Postal Service in 1971, making that a natural point at which to end this survey and analysis.

Rubio's research and documentation in this volume from 2010 are deep and thorough.

He has written a significant work on a key chapter in American history—and its postal history—making it worthy of one's time.

- **National Postal Museum Blog:** <http://postal-museumblog.si.edu/2010/11/african-american-postal-workers-and-the-fight-for-jobs-justice-and-equality.html>
- **Philip F. Rubio on YouTube:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ghnVtjYtO\\_s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ghnVtjYtO_s).

## APS StampShow

Coming to  
Omaha in 2019

Several years of work to line up support, both from Union Pacific Corporation and from a diverse array of members of the philatelic community, bore fruit on Aug. 19, when the Board of Directors of the American Philatelic Society voted seven to zero, with two abstentions, to bring the 2019 APS StampShow to Omaha, Nebraska.

**Edgar Hicks**, a member of the Lincoln Stamp Club and the Omaha Philatelic Society, who is also a former member of the APS Board of Directors, headed the effort and made the successful presentation to the board.

According to a news article appearing on *Linn's Stamp News'* Web site, "Hicks' proposal connects the show with a railroad theme; in particular, the 150th anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad in 1869."

Members of the Lincoln Stamp Club will have the ideal opportunity to benefit from APS membership in the coming years.

## September 2015 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 in black are donations to the Lincoln Stamp Club. Proceeds from the sale of donations benefit the Club's general work. The lots listed in **color**, if any, are not donations; they are members' lots.

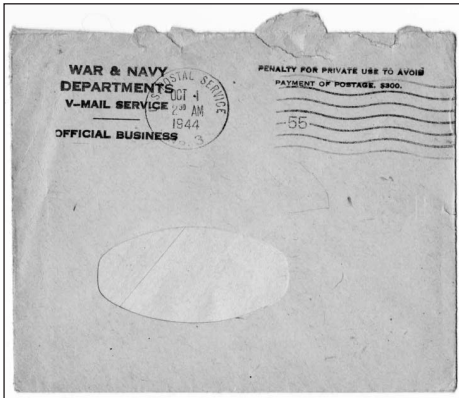
Lot #	Description	Catalogue	Minimum	Final	Buyer
01	Australia Sc. 275 MNH	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	_____
02	Australia Sc. 751-755 MNH	\$0.95	\$0.40	_____	_____
03	Belgium Sc. 83 U	\$5.75	\$2.00	_____	_____
04	Bahamas Sc. 305 U	\$1.75	\$0.75	_____	_____
05	Brazil Sc. 1276 U	\$2.25	\$1.00	_____	_____
06	Czechoslovakia Sc. 750-755 U	\$2.15	\$0.80	_____	_____
07	China Sc. 1664 MNH	\$9.25	\$3.50	_____	_____
08	China Sc. 1665 MNH	\$11.50	\$5.00	_____	_____
09	Congo Sc. J36-J37 CTO	\$0.35	\$0.20	_____	_____
10	Cuba Sc. E18 MNH	\$1.60	\$0.50	_____	_____
11	Cuba Sc. 320 U	\$1.50	\$0.50	_____	_____
12	Cyprus Sc. 444 M	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	_____
13	Egypt Sc. ? U	\$—	\$0.75	_____	_____
14	Eq. Guinea Sc. 1512-1518 M	\$0.60	\$0.25	_____	_____
15	Farde Islands Sc. 143-144 CTO	\$—	\$0.25	_____	_____
16	Fudeira Sc. 1076-1095 CTO	\$—	\$0.75	_____	_____
17	Hong Kong Sc. ? U	\$—	\$1.00	_____	_____
18	Jamaica Sc. 461-464 MNH	\$0.95	\$0.50	_____	_____
19	Yugoslavia Sc. 1374-1376 CTO	\$0.40	\$0.25	_____	_____
20	Madagascar Sc. 306 CTO	\$0.15	\$0.10	_____	_____
21	Philippines Sc. 18-19 U	\$0.35	\$0.20	_____	_____
22	Pitcairn Islands Sc. 338-342 CTO	\$2.25	\$0.75	_____	_____
23	Russia Sc. 4690-4692 CTO	\$0.40	\$0.15	_____	_____
24	San Marino Sc. 540-549 CTO	\$5.15	\$2.15	_____	_____
25	San Marino Sc. 843-847 MNH	\$4.00	\$1.50	_____	_____
26	San Marino Sc. 1100-1102 MNH	\$4.25	\$1.00	_____	_____
27	San Marino Sc. 1113 MNH	\$5.00	\$2.25	_____	_____
28	San Marino Sc. 1125-1134 MNH	\$23.20	\$10.00	_____	_____
29	San Marino Sc. 1143-1145 MNH	\$4.25	\$2.00	_____	_____
30	San Marino Sc. 1148-1152 MNH	\$3.05	\$1.25	_____	_____
31	San Marino Sc. 1187-1189 MNH	\$6.20	\$3.00	_____	_____
32	U.S. Sc. ? Cover	\$11.60	\$5.00	_____	_____
33	U.S. Sc. 689 MNH	\$1.00	\$0.50	_____	_____
34	U.S. Sc. 734 U	\$8.75	\$2.00	_____	_____
35	U.S. Sc. 804 MNH	\$0.70	\$0.25	_____	_____
36	U.S. Sc. 942 MNH	\$0.50	\$0.15	_____	_____
37	U.S. Sc. 943 MNH	\$0.40	\$0.15	_____	_____
38	U.S. Sc. 1717-1720 U	\$0.70	\$0.25	_____	_____
39	U.S. Sc. 2122 U	\$10.00	\$5.00	_____	_____
40	U.S. Sc. 2390-2393 U	\$0.90	\$0.25	_____	_____
41	U.S. Sc. 2394 U	\$8.00	\$4.00	_____	_____
42	U.S. Sc. 3222-3225 M	\$19.95	\$10.00	_____	_____
43	U.S. Sc. UC65 MNH	\$2.50	\$1.25	_____	_____
44	St. Vincent Sc. 8901-8906 MNH	\$1.25	\$0.50	_____	_____
45	St. Vincent Sc. 741-743 CTO	\$0.45	\$0.10	_____	_____
46	St. Vincent Sc. 691-695 CTO	\$0.40	\$0.25	_____	_____
47	Virgin Islands Sc. 73-75 MNH	\$0.45	\$0.20	_____	_____
48	Miscellaneous Stamp Mounts	\$—	\$1.00	_____	_____



## Treasures from the Cover Closet

# Rebus V-Mail Preserves Seabee's Wartime Experience

**An Uncle's Coded Greeting:** Ralph Sellhorn, the uncle of Mark Sellhorn, a member of the Lincoln Stamp Club, sent this Rebus V-mail to Mark's aunt and Ralph's younger sister, Mrs. Katherine Rohde. Mark writes, "Ralph joined the Seabees in 1941 at age thirty-five and served in the Pacific. I do not know what islands he served on. He and my dad would talk about the war, but never when we kids were around." Mark notes that his aunt gave him her V-Mail collection before her passing, as Mark was the only other war veteran in the family.



**Note:** If you have a cover with a story, one with some intriguing auxiliary markings or distinctive franking, or one that presents you with a bit of a mystery, send a high-resolution scan and some notes to [questions@lincolnstampclub.org](mailto:questions@lincolnstampclub.org). Your cover and comments will appear in a future installment of "Treasures from the Cover Closet."

## Welcome to the Lincoln Stamp Club

The Lincoln Stamp Club welcomes its newest member: **Bob Ferguson**. A longtime stamp collector, he recently retired from a position with Humanities Nebraska. He has made numerous stamp-themed presentations across the state. In recent years, he has ventured into virtual stamp collecting to supplement his older, album-based collection. He has lived in Lincoln since 2000. We welcome Bob to the Lincoln Stamp Club!



**Presentation Update—Tanzania:** Two suggestions from Club members have given David Frye additional guidance for his new Tanzania collection. **Mark Sellhorn** pointed him to the German Colonies section of Scott's for the German East Africa overprints, and **Willy Knopp** recommended *U.S. International Postal Rates, 1872–1996* for rates on mail originating in Tanzania and its predecessors.

## Omaha Stamp Show: Dealers, Exhibits, Covers, USPS

### Omaha Stamp Show

APS World 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

**Theme:** Medal of Honor Winners from Nebraska

**125 Exhibit Frames**

**16 Stamp Dealers**

**USPS Station • Show Cover**

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/OmahaPhilatelicSociety](http://www.facebook.com/OmahaPhilatelicSociety)

**Web:** [www.omahaphilatelicssociety.org](http://www.omahaphilatelicssociety.org)

## Topics: Business and “W/WII Scientists on Stamps”

The Club meets at a central Lincoln 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.

### ~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/](http://www.lincolnstampclub.org/membership/).

- **Business Meeting and Exchange:** Thursday, Sept. 3.
- **Show & Tell and Program:** Thursday, Sept. 17: “*Zeppelin Covers*” by John Radway.
- **Business Meeting and Exchange:** Thursday, Oct. 1.
- **Show & Tell and Program:** Thursday, Oct. 15: “*Scientists Involved in WWII on Stamps*” by Kurt Meyer.

## 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 Sept. 15 for the Oct. 1 Exchange.**

Give him info about more significant items, which might require members to research ahead of time, by **Sept. 15 for the Nov. 5 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/ExchangeForm4up.pdf](http://www.lincolnstampclub.org/downloads/ExchangeForm4up.pdf).

## United States Postal Service Issues: September–October 2015

**Sept. 2—*Spectrum Eagle Coil*:** 6 non-denom. (25¢) presorted 1st class.; coil (10k); Eagleville, MO.

**Sept. 18—*Paul Newman*:** 1 forever (49¢) com.; pane (20); Cleveland, OH.

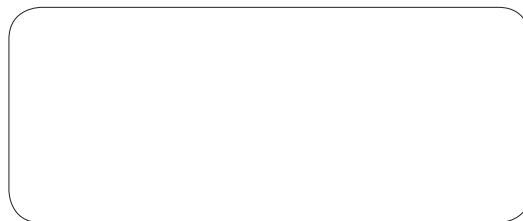
**Oct. 1—*Charlie Brown Christmas*:** 10 forever (49¢) com.; 2-sided pane (20); Santa Rosa, CA.

**Oct. 23—*Geometric Snowflakes*:** 4 forever (49¢) com.; 2-sided pane (20); New York, NY.

?—*Neon Celebrate*: 1 forever (49¢) special;

pane (20);  
FD City ?.

- [www.uspsstamps.com/stamps/preview](http://www.uspsstamps.com/stamps/preview)
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