

# LINCOLN STAMP CLUB

## SOUVENIR SHEET January 2018

### OFFICERS

President:

*Dale Niebuhr (2018)*

Vice President:

*Bob Ferguson (2018)*

Secretary:

*Mark Sellhorn (2018)*

Treasurer:

*Dave Wallman (2018)*

Board Member:

*Joel Johnson (2018)*

### EXCHANGES

Manager: *John Schultz*

### APS AMBASSADOR

*Dale Niebuhr*

### 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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Lincoln, Neb.

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### AFFILIATION

An American Philatelic Society  
affiliate: **APS #0799-064882.**

## CLUB HAPPENINGS LAST MONTH:

### December 7 BUSINESS MEETING:

Club officer elections were held with the results shown at the left. We discussed the upcoming LINPEX 2018. The theme will be Black Jack Pershing and his Nebraska connection. Plans for the show cachet and cancel were decided to tie in the Pershing Rifles. Borrowing an idea from another club, the members put together stamp packets for the beginners' table at LINPEX.

There will not be a program in February as we prepare for LINPEX. In March, Bob Ferguson will have a program on countries that still engrave stamps and in April we will have a Circuit Night looking thru APS sale circuit books.

**Bob Ferguson** passed around his summary of the USPS issues in 2017 by format, theme and anniversary.

**Mark Sellhorn** showed three WWII patriotic covers with then-current Christmas seals tied.

An auction followed the meeting.

### December 21

Due to inclement weather, Mike was not able to present his program on ***Fun with Exhibiting.*** The program is postponed to the January 18 meeting.

We discussed preparations for LINPEX 2018, different ways to publicize the next fall stamp collecting day, ways to attract new members of all ages, and ways of removing self-adhesive stamps using different brands of citrus oil.

**Dave Wallman** brought in a tub of foreign stamps and we put together packets for the beginner's table at LINPEX 2018

**Mark Sellhorn** passed around postcards showing the world's longest town name in Wales (Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch) which translates into: Mary's church by the white hazel pool, near the fierce whirlpool, with the church of Tysilio by the Red Cave.



Many American schoolchildren have heard the story of how Betsy Ross sewed the first United States flag. But they may not have heard the controversy that surrounds that story.

The tale of Betsy Ross was generally unknown prior to 1870. That was when William Canby first told the Pennsylvania Historical Society of his grandmother's place in our flag's creation.

According to Canby, back in 1776, General George Washington came to Ross' upholstery shop to commission a flag based on a rough design. Ross made some adjustments and sewed the original Stars and Stripes. It was this flag that was presented to Congress and confirmed as the nation's emblem.

With no actual records and nothing but hearsay to go on, Canby was largely disbelieved. But by 1873, his story was running in Harper's Weekly. The audience grew significantly, as did belief.

Other descendants of Betsy Ross have continued the legend, and even embellished a little. And supporters are always looking for historical evidence to prove the story. But today it is often dismissed as a myth or considered a fable.

Whether the Betsy Ross story has any truth to it may never be known for sure. But it will forever be part of our nation's history, even if only as folklore.

# Lincoln Stamp Club Survey

In an effort to help us make the Lincoln Stamp Club more beneficial and enjoyable for all, please answer the following survey questions and bring them to the next meeting or mail them to our P.O. Box 83942 (68501).

If you did not already complete the Collecting Interests survey done last year, please complete one now so that we can share your interests with other members. Thank you for your time and participation in the surveys.

1. Approximately how many years have you been a stamp collector? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Approximately how many years have you been a member of the Lincoln Stamp Club? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is your current age?    \_\_\_\_\_ Under 20                      \_\_\_\_\_ 60-69  
   \_\_\_\_\_ 20-39                      \_\_\_\_\_ 70-79  
   \_\_\_\_\_ 40-49                      \_\_\_\_\_ 80+  
   \_\_\_\_\_ 50-59
4. How often do you attend Lincoln Stamp Club meetings?    \_\_\_\_\_ Nearly all of them  
   \_\_\_\_\_ Most of them  
   \_\_\_\_\_ Some of them  
   \_\_\_\_\_ Seldom or never
5. Please list any topics you would like to see in future programs/meetings:  
  
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6. Please offer any suggestions you might have to improve the monthly stamp auctions:  
  
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7. Would you have any interest in a member buy/sell night (instead of an auction) and would you have any items to sell?  
  
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8. Please offer any suggestions you might have to improve the annual LINPEX stamp show or the fall stamp collecting workshop:  
  
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9. Please offer any suggestions you might have to attract new members:  
  
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10. Please offer any other suggestions you have to make the Lincoln Stamp Club better:  
  
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## Collecting Interests

\_\_\_\_\_ (name)

**Please fill this out and bring it into a meeting or send it in to the Post Office box. This will help pick themes and topics for our programs, exchanges and show/tell.**

**The Philatelic Organizations that I belong to:**

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**The countries, topics and areas that I collect (or accumulate):**

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## Pony Express: Facts & Fiction

### Facts.

- The Pony Express operated from April 3, 1860, to October 26, 1861.
- Pony Express motto: “The mail must go through.”
- The oath: “I, ....., do hereby swear, before the Great and Living God, that during my engagement, and while I am an employee of Russell, Majors and Waddell, I will, under no circumstances, use profane language, that I will drink no intoxicating liquors, that I will not quarrel or fight with any other employee of the firm, and that in every respect I will conduct myself honestly, be faithful to my duties, and so direct all my acts as to win the confidence of my employers, so help me God.”
- Trail length: 1,966 miles, with riders covering about 60-120 miles each.
- At peak, there were 190 stations, 80 riders and 420 horses.
- Average speed: 7 miles per hour.  
Average delivery: 10 days. Riders set a record delivering Lincoln’s inaugural address to California, in seven days and 17 hours.
- Mail cost: \$5/half-ounce — about \$85/letter in today’s money.  
Longest ride: Bob Haslam rode 380 miles when his relief rider refused to go on because of Indian threats. Haslam found the station keeper killed at another stop.

### Fiction

- Pony Express ads recruiting riders said “orphans preferred.”  
“It sounds good in print, but the advertisement didn’t come into existence until 1923 for a magazine cover,” said Pat Hearty, president for the National Pony Express Association.
- Buffalo Bill Cody was a Pony Express rider. His case is not very good for having been a Pony Express rider,” said Hearty, noting that Cody would have been 14 years old. “He worked for the company, and probably was a messenger for the company as a very young boy. To give him credit, he probably had more to do with keeping the memory of the Pony Express alive than anyone. ... He had it as part of his Wild West show.”
- Wild Bill Hickok rode for the Pony Express. Nope, but he was an assistant station tender at Rock Creek Station, Neb.
- Frank T. Hopkins, about whom Disney made the movie “Hidalgo,” rode for the Pony Express.
- Doughnuts were invented because girls wanted to give rider Johnny Fry a treat that’s easy to hold on horseback. This is part of doughnut lore, but it may also be that pastries cook better with the center gone.

## Club Notes

### Exchange Lots

We do not have a list of items for the January auction at this time. Any items for the auction will be brought to the business meeting. Please send your descriptions and prices to John Schultz (jschultz2@neb.rr.com) by January 15 for the February exchange.

### Welcome

The Lincoln Stamp Club welcomes guests to every meeting of the Club 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. Membership forms are on the

### Meetings

#### 📅 Business Meeting, Exchange and Show & Tell:

Thursday, January 4:

#### 📅 Program: Thursday, January 18: **Fun with Exhibiting** by **Mike Ley**

#### 📅 Business Meeting, Exchange: and Show & Tell:

Thursday, February 1.

#### 📅 Program: Thursday, February 15: No program. Get ready for LINPEX 2018

### Facebook

The Lincoln Stamp Club is on Facebook. Please “like” the Club and share its updates with your circle of friends.

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