

LINCOLN STAMP CLUB

SOUVENIR SHEET
March 2018

CLUB HAPPENINGS LAST MONTH:

OFFICERS

President:
Dale Niebuhr (2018)
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Mark Sellhorn (2018)
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EXCHANGES

Manager: *Dale Niebuhr*

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
1144 M St.
Lincoln, Neb.

CONTACT

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February 1: BUSINESS MEETING:

Dave Wallman passed out the updated membership roster. Several members have not yet paid their 2018 dues, but they will be reminded in the newsletter. We discussed preparations for LINPEX 2018. George Wagner will join the list of dealers. Copies of the media release and show poster were passed out. The show covers and insert were put together and passed to Joel. We have 14 exhibits lined up, still need a couple more to round out the available frames. LINPEX ads were placed with Mekeel's and Linn's and will be coming out in their publications before the show. George suggested badges for the dealers; we will work up something. We still need more people to sign up for times to sit at the welcoming table for the show.

George Wagner passed around some plate blocks that he offered for sale.

Keith Riese passed around a stamped cover that did not require stamps; a stampless cover from Japan; and mentioned he had joined the Society for Hungarian Philately.

Mark Sellhorn showed a 1946 postcard advertising a Mail-o-Mat machine by Pitney Bowes for mailing covers without stamps.

February 15: Preparation for LINPEX 2018

LINPEX preparations were discussed, going down a list of tasks to be done. Country Inn will let us in for set-up earlier on Friday. We will let the dealers know that we will be setting up at 4:00 pm. Dale emphasized that we will need a lot of help setting up on Friday and tearing down on Sunday. The preliminary floorplan and program were reviewed and some changes were noted. Cynthia will work up ballots for the Favorite Exhibit Award. Dave showed tickets that he worked up for the Legends of the West raffle at the show.

Several members volunteered exhibits and several others expanded theirs to give us 17 frames of exhibits at the show. **GREAT JOB!** Show visitors will certainly see how much fun philately can be.

Dale passed around a sign-up sheet for the type of material that members will have for sale at the March 1 buy/sell meeting. Bob will present programs in March and April and the April 3 meeting will have APS Sales Circuit Books to look through

Larry Spreeman passed around sheets printed by the Postal Buddy system of the USPS in 1990.

Mark Sellhorn passed around a puzzle postcard of the Statue of Liberty and handed out a stamp quiz.

OTHER CLUB BUSINESS

Please check the mailing label on this newsletter. If the number behind your name is not “18”, now would be a really great time to send in or bring in your 2018 dues. Please let us know if we need to update your label.

Also, please note our new mailing address:

Lincoln Stamp Club
PO Box 6756
Lincoln, NE 68506-6756

If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, come by and join us for an evening of philatelic fellowship. Our April 5 meeting will conclude by checking out some APS Sales Circuit Books containing:

- U.S. mint stamps
- U.S. used stamps
- Foreign used stamps
- Topical stamps
- First Day Covers

THE RAREST AND MOST VALUABLE POSTAGE STAMPS



1-cent 1868 Z-Grill

There are currently only two known 1-cent 1868 Z-Grills, both with cancellation marks. One is owned by the [New York Public Library](#) as part of the [Benjamin Miller Collection](#). This leaves only a single 1-cent 1868 Z-Grill in private hands. This 1868 1 cent Z-Grill stamp sold for \$935,000 in 1998 to [Mystic Stamp Company](#).

Later, in late October 2005, Sundman traded this Z-Grill to financier [Bill Gross](#) for a block of four [Inverted Jenny](#) stamps worth nearly \$3 million. By completing this trade Gross became the owner of the only complete collection of U.S. 19th century stamps.



Inverted Jenny

Also known as Upside Down Jenny, The Inverted Jenny is a United States postage stamp with a face value of 24 cents. It was first issued on 10 May 1918. It is a printing error that makes this one of the rarest postage stamps in the world. It features the image of the Curtiss JN-4 airplane upside-down. It is believed that only 100 stamps with the error exist now. Even though at least three more sheets had been printed with the error, they all were destroyed. A single Inverted Jenny stamp was sold for \$977,500 at an auction in 2007.



British Guiana 1c Magenta

This stamp fetched \$9.5 million in a 2014 auction. The British Guiana 1c magenta is now considered the most valuable and rarest stamp in the world. Only one of its type exists now, which is used and cut in the shape of an octagon. The stamp was issued in 1856 by former British Guiana.

It features a sailing ship along with the colony's motto 'Damus Petimus Que Vicissim' (We give and expect in return).

It was discovered in 1873 by a Scottish schoolboy named Louis Vernon Vaughan among his uncle's letters. The stamp has been mentioned in various films as a prized object.



Treskilling Yellow

The Swedish stamp named Treskilling Yellow was issued in 1855. This stamp once held the world record for the highest price for a single postage stamp in auction. It was sold in a 1996 auction for \$2.3 million. In an auction in 2010, it was resold, though the exact price is not public knowledge. The stamp is the only one of its kind. Its fame comes from a printing error. The three-skilling stamps were printed in blue-green and eight-skilling ones were in yellow. By mistake, a number of three-skilling stamps were printed in yellow. The only known surviving one was discovered by a schoolboy and philatelist named Georg Wilhelm Baeckman in 1886, while going through his grandparents' attic.



Mauritius 'Post Office'

These stamps were issued in September 1847, when it was a British colony. The stamps were of two denominations; one penny with the color of orange-red and two pence of dark blue. The stamp was modeled after the British stamps, featuring the profile of Queen Victoria. The words Post Office were printed on them, from what the stamp take its name. It was changed to 'Post Paid' from the next series. A legend has originated that the wording was an error, but philatelic scholars confirm that it was not. The stamps were brought to attention of collectors by a merchant's wife in 1864. Only 26 stamp are existing now. They are valued at around \$4 million.



Basel Dove

The Basel Dove is a stamp issued by the Swiss canton of Basel, on July 1, 1845. It was the first tricolor stamp in the world and had a face value of 2.5 rappen. Basel was one of the only three Swiss cantons to print postal stamps. The Basel Dove, depicting a white dove with a letter in its beak, was designed by architect Melchior Berri. It sported the colors black, crimson and blue. Around 42,000 stamps were printed in the series until it was withdrawn in 1854. A Basel Dove stamp is now worth around \$20,000.



Penny Black

The Penny Black was the first adhesive postage stamp in the world, introduced in Britain by Rowland Hill, who is known as the 'father of postal stamps'. It features the profile of the British Queen Victoria. The stamp gets its name from both the color and value of it. Issued in 1840, it was withdrawn in a year because the cancellation mark was difficult to spot in the black background. The stamps of this series are very hard to find, and are estimated to be worth around \$3000.

A number of unused sheets of these stamps are kept at British Postal Museum.



The Whole Country is Red

This Chinese stamp was issued in 1968, during the Cultural Revolution. With a face value of 8 fen, it was noted for its printing error. The stamp represented the expansion of Communism in China. It shows the map of China in red color and the picture of a worker, a farmer and a soldier holding the copies of 'Selected Works of Chairman Mao' (Little Red Book). However, the map of Taiwan, was not red, but white. SinoMaps Press noticed the error by afternoon of the issue date and the stamps were immediately recalled, though a few went to collectors. They are among the rarest postage stamps now.



Hawaiian Missionaries

Issued by the Kingdom of Hawaii in 1851, these are among the rarest stamps in the world. The stamp denominations were: 2 cents, 5 cents and 13 cents. They went on to be known as 'Missionaries' because most of them were discovered on mail between Missionaries in Hawaii. All of the stamps were made on blue paper of cheap quality. The design consisted of the numeral of denomination in the center and in words at the bottom. The phrase 'Hawaiian / Postage' were inscribed on 2 and 5-cent stamps while 'H.I. & U.S / Postage' was printed on the 13-cent stamps. The 2-cent version is the rarest among the three, with only 15 of them existing.



Tyrian Plum

The Edward VII Tyrian Plum is one of the rarest postage stamps from Britain. It was issued in 1910 to replace the existing two-color two-pence stamp bearing the profile of King Edward VII. The new stamp, with face value of two pence, also featured the king. In total, 24 million stamps were printed but following the unexpected demise of the king in May that year, almost all of the stamps were destroyed. A few stamps exist though their actual number is not known. The only known used stamp is in the Royal Philatelic Collection.



Canada 12-pence Black

Also known as the Black Empress of Canada, this stamp was issued in 1851 and is one of the rarest now. The stamp depicts the profile of Queen Victoria, based on the Queen's portrait drawn by Alfred Edward Chalon. This design is called Chalon Head. Even though more than fifty-thousand copies were printed, a small number of the stamps were sold. In 1857, the unsold stamps were withdrawn and destroyed. It is believed that only a little more than 100 stamps of this kind exist now. One stamp is estimated to be worth about \$500,000.

March 2018 Member Buy/Sell

At the March 1 meeting we will be trying something new. Club members will bring things for sale or trade and will have them displayed for all to see. Right now we have 4 members bringing the following types of material:

U.S. mint and used
Foreign mint and used
U.S. plate blocks
Germany
Topical stamps

These are very broad terms and large categories. As we evolve into a more practiced system, we hope to have more specific categories and countries. Your help will be greatly appreciated in adding your name to the list of members selling/trading/buying and providing some of those duplicates or collections that you have been wanting to move out. Just let us know what you have and what your asking price is or what you would like to trade for.

Let us know at the meetings or by mail what you would like to sell or buy as we go forward. We would certainly enjoy any material that you would want to include on consignment.

On the flip side of members bringing in material to sell or trade, your want lists would be a great addition. You never know if some else has the items you are looking for. Just let us know your wish list and see if another member has want you want.

April 2018 APS Sales Circuit Books

At the April 5 meeting, we will be checking out some APS Sales Circuit Books with U.S. mint stamps, U.S. used stamps, foreign used stamps, topical stamps, and First Day Covers. We will have another APS Sales Circuit Book night at the September 6 meeting. Those books have not yet been selected, so this would be great time to let Dale (our APS Ambassador) know what you would like to see.

Club Notes

Exchange Lots

In April we will look for purchases in APS Sales Circuit Books. Please send your descriptions and prices to Dale Niebuhr (dale.niebuhr@gmail.com) by April 15 for the May 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 Web: [Membership: www.lincolnstampclub.org/membership/](http://www.lincolnstampclub.org/membership/).
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Meetings

Business Meeting: Show & Tell, & Member Buy/Sell
Thursday, March 1

Program: Thursday, March 15 : *Countries that Still Produce Engraved Stamps* by Bob Ferguson

Business Meeting: Show & Tell and APS Sales Circuit Books
Thursday, April 5

Program: Thursday, April 19: *Engraver Martin Morck—the next Slania?* by Bob Ferguson

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