

LINCOLN STAMP CLUB

SOUVENIR SHEET

April 2018

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MEETINGS

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

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CLUB HAPPENINGS LAST MONTH:

LINPEX 2018: A rousing success in spite of icy weather Saturday (Larry promises to do better next year). LaVonne Uffelman's exhibit of Presidential stamps and antique sewing buttons won Most Popular Exhibit. Congratulations! A philatelist from Malmo won the raffle for the Legends of the West error sheet. Thank you to the club member that donated the sheet - we sold 136 raffle tickets.

March 1: BUSINESS MEETING:

LINPEX 2018 was reviewed. We discussed ideas to improve revenue or decrease expenses, but the club is in a strong financial position, so there is little concern for having the shows as they are. Dale reviewed each of the jobs for the show and asked that everyone write down specifically what was done so we have a guideline for future shows that anyone else can follow. It was agreed to expand the show hours to 9am to 6pm on Saturday and 9am to 3pm on Sunday. We talked about the October Stamp Workshop. We are checking into using the same location and John Radway will check with Messiah Lutheran Church about holding the workshop there.

Ron Ecklund passed around a 1926 hard bound edition of the Scotts Postage Stamp catalog (about 3" high).

Dave Wallman showed a collection of LINPEX covers that he acquired at the show. One states that the first LINPEX was in 1967.

Mark Sellhorn passed around a 1939 cover commemorating the release from prison of a gentleman falsely accused of bombing a 1916 parade.

The club's first member buy/sell/trade night was a success.

AS A REMINDER: At the April 5 meeting we will look through 18 APS Sales Circuit books with US mint and used, 19th century, plate blocks, BOB, foreign, (British Commonwealth, Germany, Africa, Central America), topicals and FDC's. Catalog values are 25c to \$200; prices are 15% to 60% of catalog. Bring your checklists and fill in some empty spaces in those collections. Dale will be the treasurer for your purchases.

March 15:

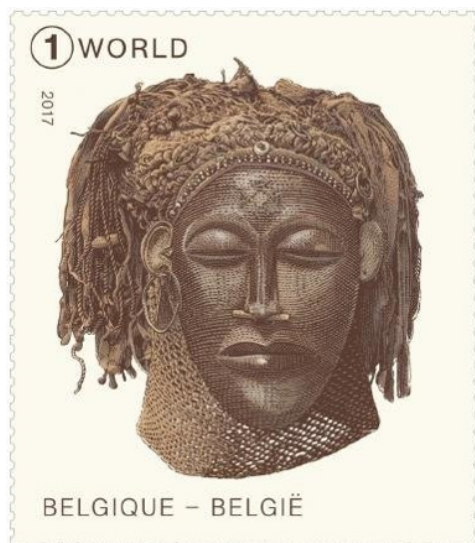
Dale Niebuhr passed around the February stamp calendar from the Spellman Museum, and is compiling a LINPEX procedures list for future use.

Mark Sellhorn showed a presentation book of the stamps and covers flown in the first international rocket mail from Texas to Mexico in 1936.

PROGRAM: *Countries that Still Produce Engraved Stamps* by **Bob Ferguson**

Bob showed stamps from 2016 to present of several countries that still use engraved stamps. His compiled list detailed the number of stamps engraved within the total number of stamps issued by each country and listed the names of the engravers used by each country. Bob's visual presentation showed beautiful images of the actual stamps engraved by each engraver. They are truly works of art and each was enjoyed as they showed different styles and levels of engraving. Some of the examples are shown on the following page.

Countries With Engraved Stamps



Missile Mail

Throughout its history, the Postal Service has explored faster, more efficient forms of mail transportation. Technologies now commonplace – railroads, automobiles, and airplanes – were embraced by the Post Office Department at their radical birth, when they were considered new-fangled, unworkable contraptions by many. One such technology, however, remains only a footnote in the history of mail delivery – missile mail. On June 8, 1959, in a move that Postmaster General Arthur A. Summerfield heralded as "of historic significance to the peoples of the entire world," the submarine *USS Barbero* fired a guided missile carrying 3,000 letters towards the naval auxiliary air station in Mayport, Florida. Racing along at about 600 miles per hour, the guided missile traveled the more than 100 miles from the deck of the submarine off the coast of Florida to the air station in about 22 minutes. The letters, in special commemorative envelopes, were all from the Postmaster General to leading government officials and prominent citizens with a special interest in the Post Office Department. "Before man reaches the moon," Summerfield was quoted as saying, "mail will be delivered within hours from New York to California, to England, to India or to Australia by guided "missiles." History proved differently, but this experiment with missile mail exemplifies the pioneering spirit of the Post Office Department when it came to developing faster, better ways of moving the mail.

The 1959 event was widely-publicized as the "first official missile mail" to distinguish it from earlier rocket flights. The earliest known unofficial transportation by rocket of U.S. Mail took place on February 23, 1936, when two rockets transported mail about 2,000 feet across a frozen lake towards the Hewitt, New Jersey, Post Office, from Greenwood Lake, New York. The rockets crash-landed before reaching their destination and slid along the ice; the postmaster of Hewitt obliged by removing the two bags of mail and dragging them the rest of the way to the Post Office.



Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield (rear center) looks on as mail is loaded onto the *USS Barbero* in Norfolk, Virginia, in 1959.

U.S. Navy photo; collection of United States Postal Service



Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield unloads mail from a Regulus guided missile at the Mayport Naval Auxiliary Air Station near Jacksonville, Florida.

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Everybody Tries Rocket Mail



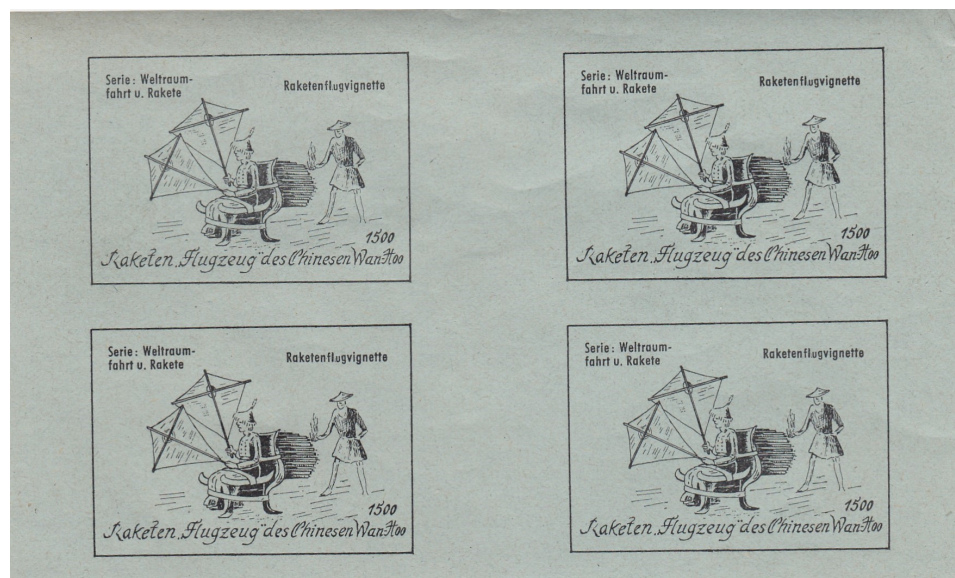
USA 1960

Britain 1971

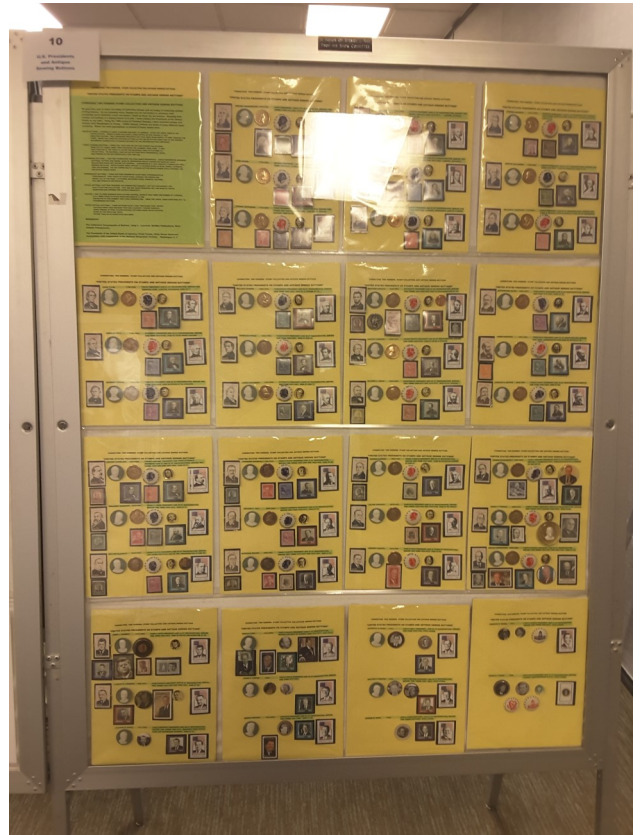


Germany 1970

???China 1500???



LINPEX 2018



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/. StampClub.

Meetings

ⓘ Business Meeting: Show & Tell, APS Sales Circuit Books (US mint, US used, foreign, topicals, and FDC's)
Thursday, April 5

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

ⓘ Business Meeting,:Show & Tell ; Exchange/Auction
Thursday, May 3:

ⓘ Program: Thursday, May 17:

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