

Lincoln Stamp Club

Souvenir Sheet May 2011

The Lincoln Stamp Club's monthly news

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The Club meets the first and third Thursdays, 7–9 p.m.

Location

St. Paul United Methodist Church
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Lincoln, Neb.

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Affiliation

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

Pair of Commemoratives Honor NASA

by David M. Frye

One of the original Mercury 7, Alan Bartlett Shepard, Jr., is featured on a commemorative stamp issued this month to recognize NASA's exploration of space.

He made the first manned flight for the U.S. only weeks after Soviet Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin orbited the earth as the first man in space on April 12.

President John F. Kennedy set the U.S. on a path to the moon with his May 25, 1961, speech, *Special Message to the Congress on Urgent National Needs*. He said, "First, I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the earth. No single space project in this period will be more impressive to mankind, or more important for the long-range exploration of space; and none will be so difficult or expensive to accomplish."

The U.S. Post Office Department planned a commemorative stamp to honor the first orbital flight in the Mercury program, originally scheduled for late 1961. The department designed and produced the stamp in secret, held it in reserve when delays moved the flight from 1961 to 1962, and released it nationally on Feb. 20, 1962, only hours after John Glenn's successful flight.

Finland, Aland Featured in May Exchange

Thanks to a generous donation, the following items will appear in the May Exchange. Proceeds will benefit the Club. Items are all from Finland. Most lots have four copies each, either block or strips. Stamps are MNH.

| Cat. # | Val. | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|--|-------------|
| 708 booklet | 8.00 | | |
| 817–818 | \$48.00 | 856–857, 863 booklets | 14.00 |
| 815–816, 819, 827–828, 834–835 | 35.00 | These items are from Aland, a province of Finland. | |
| 876–880, 882–889 | 76.80 | | |
| 846–847, 868–870, 873–875 | 36.80 | | |
| 826, 871–872, mini-sheets | 11.00 | Cat. # | Val. |
| B241–243 | 15.00 | 62–63 | \$12.00 |
| B244 | 12.00 | 64–67 booklet | 22.50 |
| B245–247 | 20.00 | 37,29,40,44,46,50 | 28.60 |
| 820–825 booklet | 9.00 | | |



Alan Shepard's May 5, 1961, suborbital flight in **Freedom 7** marked the first manned U.S. mission to space. He later flew on **Apollo 14**.

New U.S. Stamps

May 4, *Mercury Project and Messenger Mission*, Two forever rate (44¢) commemoratives, Kennedy Space Center, Fla.

May 5, *Purple Heart*, single forever rate (44¢) definitive, San Diego Calif.

May 20, *Indianapolis 500*, single forever rate (44¢) commemorative, Indianapolis, Ind.

May 23, *Garden of Live*, ten forever rate (44¢) special stamps, Crestwood, Ky.

Omaha Show

This annual APS World Series of Philately Stamp show is set for Sept. 10–11, 2011, at Metropolitan Community College. Info is posted at www.omahaphilatelicsociety.org.

Newsletter Ideas

Send ideas to questions@lincolnstampclub.org or by mail to: David M. Frye
5600 SW 80th Court
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Membership

A “10” by your name on the label means it’s *past* renewal time. To renew, send \$8 to the Club at the address on the front page. Thanks.

WANTED

MEMBERS OR GUESTS TO TELL A STAMP STORY

The Lincoln Stamp Club invites you to share your philatelic passion by giving a presentation at one of our meetings or by writing a short article for our newsletter. If you are interested, or want to find out more, e-mail questions@lincolnstampclub.org or talk to the Club’s officers.

Condolences

...to the family of Homer L. Edmiston, a former member of the Lincoln Stamp Club who died on April 3, 2011.

May, June, and July Schedule of Meetings Set

The Club’s meetings are all held at a single location:

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 second floor.

Business Meeting & Exchange

First Thurs., May 5, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Presentation: “Switzerland—A Panorama of its Stamps” (American Helvetia Philatelic Society DVD)

Third Thurs., May 19, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Business Meeting & Exchange

First Thurs., June 2, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Presentation: To be Determined.

Third Thurs., June 16, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Business Meeting & Exchange

First Thurs., July 7, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Presentation: To be Determined.

Third Thurs., July 21, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

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