

Lincoln Stamp Club

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The Lincoln Stamp
Club's monthly news

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Meetings

The Club meets the
first and third Thurs-
days, 7–9 p.m.

Location

St. Paul United
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Affiliation

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

A Memorable Visit to the Post Office

by David M. Frye

One day in the midst of the summer of 1973, my parents loaded by brothers and me into our family station wagon and took us on a day-long road trip from Lebanon, Pa., north to Snyder County to visit several of Dad's relatives.

My most vivid memories are tied to a woman we called Aunt Mildred. She was my paternal grandmother's aunt, so she was really my Great-great-aunt Mildred. But that's not what we called her.

She lived in Middle Creek, Pa. She was a postmistress and owner of a general store. I had gotten started in stamp collecting several years earlier, so the idea of spending some time at a post office was exciting to me.

Her post office was unlike any of the ones I had visited in my hometown. It was tucked into the front corner of her general store, to the left when you came through the screen door from the store's front porch. The store itself was on one side of the building, and Aunt Mildred's house was on the other side.

The post office had lots of little mail boxes and a window I could stand up to on my tiptoes to look through to see where Aunt Mildred worked when she was sorting the mail.



This example of the Post Rider stamp from the Middle Creek Post Office shows misregistration of the green and black inks, with the green shifted to the left. The printing of the Bicentennial star logo also has deposited some ink above and to the left of the logo.



Mildred Stumpff, former Postmistress, Middle Creek, Pa., and Proprietor of the Stumpff General Store. —Photograph by Tilman R. Frye

She gave me her copy of the souvenir page for the eight-cent Post Rider issue in the American Bicentennial Issue: Rise of the Spirit of Independence Series and sold me one of the stamps to put on the page. It is one of the items in my collection that I treasure, not because it is rare, but because Aunt Mildred had given it to me.

Like any normal boy, I was interested in looking at the candy and dry goods in her store, and I loved that she cut some ring bologna from her supply in the store and carried it through the door to her kitchen to make lunch for us. But the best memory was of my visit to Aunt Mildred's Middle Creek Post Office.

New U.S. Stamps

July 27, Owney the Postal Dog, single forever rate (44¢) commemoratives, Washington, D.C.

July 28, U.S. Merchant Marine, four forever rate (44¢) commemoratives, Clipper Ship, Auxiliary Ship, Liberty Ship, and Container Ship, Great Neck, N.Y.

Newsletter Ideas

Send ideas to questions@lincolnstampclub.org or by mail to:

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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.

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.

Club Plans Business and Program Meetings

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

Thursday, July 7, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

The Club will make a decision about the kind of show LINPEX 2012 might be.

Presentation: Dumpster Diving 101,

George Wagner

Thursday, July 21, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Business Meeting & Exchange

Thurs., August 4, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Presentation: "Switzerland's Thirteen Types of Postal Stationery" (American Helvetia Philatelic Society DVD)

Thursday, August 18, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

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