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Lincoln Stamp Club

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

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NEWSLETTER

Editor: *David M. Frye*

A Twist on Collecting Current-year Stamps

Digging for Your Own Idea of Treasure in Your Own Personal Mailbox

by *David M. Frye, Editor*

Like many collectors, I got my start in collecting when I received a gift of a stash of stamps. And again, like many collectors, I gradually refined my tastes, narrowed my vision, and increased my budget. I now have some broad—yet still focused—collecting interests, like Vatican City and Germany. A few of my interests may seem rather narrow to others, such as the postal history of the U.S. Post Office Department's issues of 1961.

But behind, beneath, and before all of these more or less obscure passions lies my basic collection of used U.S. stamps.

As more correspondence has moved from postal mail to e-mail and then transmogrified into Facebook posts and text messages, the lowly, yet noble letter has become a bit of an anachronism. This is what gave me the idea, for a change, to search my incoming mail for uses of this year's issues. In particular, I am hoping to collect at least one cover to represent each issue. My own personal rule is that

one cover with one Songbird commemorative, for example, will meet my criterion for that issue. I'm not trying to make this impossible by seeking out one cover for each separate design. The additional wrinkle I've added is that I want each example to pay the rate for which it was intended.

So, for instance, thanks to a charity sending me a rather full #10 envelope, I now have a two-ounce rate usage of the 21¢ Lincoln issue, with a Forever Songbird issue paying the first ounce.

If you have the tendency to save anything remotely philatelic, you might have in your pile some interesting uses of this year's issues. Assembling a collection based on your own incoming mail certainly minimizes the cost of acquisition; the difficulty in obtaining good uses can be ratcheted up with your own criteria (non-philatelic, in-state, hand-addressed—you name your own rules). If you find something interesting, bring it to show-and-tell night, our second monthly meeting.

Russia Zemstvo

Rural Posts

The August meeting will feature a program by Ken Pruess on this topic. The cover—right—was carried by Zemstvo post from Shatsk to Elat'ma, where a Russian Imperial stamp was added to pay the fee for delivery to the Peasant Land Office in Tambov. Find out more on August 7 at the Club's meeting.



SHOW AND TELL Bring Your Unusual, Intriguing Items

Members of the Club are encouraged to bring items from their collection to the program meeting—the second meeting of the month—to show to the other Club members.

You can bring an unusual or distinctive item, an item with a story, an item that needs further identification, or any other item that captures your eye and interest.

We will take some time at this second meeting to give members a chance to show their items and to tell (or ask!) about them.

This is a great way to share with fellow collectors some of the high points of your collection and to find out about nooks and crannies in the world of philately you may not have known about before.

Thanks for giving this invitation some thought and for bringing your items to enrich our Club's gatherings.

August 2014 Exchange

The Club offers the following items at its monthly exchange. Make payments in cash or in personal checks made out to the Club. Items in black are donations to the Lincoln Stamp Club; proceeds from the sale of donations benefit the Club's general work. All Members' sale items are listed in **rust**.

Lot #	Description	Catalogue	Minimum	Final	Buyer
• 01	Afghanistan unauth., CTO 5 +1 sht.	\$—	\$0.25	_____	_____
• 02	Ajaria (Batum) private iss., 2 souv. shts.	\$—	\$0.25	_____	_____
• 03	Åland Sc. 270–281a, 2008 M set	\$72.65	\$35.00	_____	_____
• 04	Argentina, at least 65 diff. used stamps	\$—	\$0.65	_____	_____
• 05	Australia Sc. 1288–1293, M str. 6 + 4	\$17.25	\$7.00	_____	_____
• 06	Cambodia Sc. 280a, M sht. of 3	\$2.00	\$1.00	_____	_____
• 07	Cuba Sc. 3663, CT souv. sht.	\$0.75	\$0.50	_____	_____
• 08	Estonia Sc. 259–260, M souv. sht. + 1	\$3.30	\$1.50	_____	_____
• 09	Germany Sc. 84, U, sev. sht. perfs.	\$1.40	\$0.20	_____	_____
• 10	Germany Sc. 1028–34, 36–38A, 44 U F	\$4.25	\$1.50	_____	_____
• 11	Germany (Berl.) Sc. 9N286–87, 91 UVF	\$0.60	\$0.25	_____	_____
• 12	Gr. Britain Sc. 2608–2613, 6 M w/ fold.	\$9.15	\$4.50	_____	_____
• 13	Italy Sc. 2673, M w/selvage R	\$1.25	\$0.75	_____	_____
• 14	Jersey Sc. 1213a, M sheet	\$9.00	\$4.00	_____	_____
• 15	Laos Sc. 1254–1258, 5 M singles	\$5.95	\$3.00	_____	_____
• 16	Marshall Islands Sc. 623–624, M, 2 sht.	\$2.50	\$1.25	_____	_____
• 17	Mexico Sc. C434, M sht.	\$3.50	\$1.75	_____	_____
• 18	Poland Sc. 3822, M sht., event-canc. sht.	\$3.35	\$1.50	_____	_____
• 19	Romania Sc. 3736–3741, 6 M singles	\$2.90	\$1.50	_____	_____
• 20	Russia Sc. 5992, M	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	_____
• 21	Viet Nam Sc. 1290–1296, 7 M singles	\$6.50	\$3.00	_____	_____
• 22	U.S. Sc. 740–749, M LH	\$10.00	\$5.00	_____	_____
• 23	U.S. Sc. 756–765, M LH	\$14.60	\$7.25	_____	_____
• 24	U.S. Sc. 1581, 84–85, 91–93, 6 bl. of 4	\$4.80	\$1.25	_____	_____
• 25	U.S. Sc. 1604, M P#38778 UR	\$2.40	\$1.20	_____	_____
• 26	U.S. Sc. 1606, M P#39133 UL	\$2.40	\$1.20	_____	_____
• 27	U.S. Sc. 1608, M	\$0.85	\$0.40	_____	_____
• 28	U.S. Sc. 1608, M P#39157 UL	\$3.75	\$1.50	_____	_____
• 29	U.S. Sc. 1610, M	\$2.00	\$1.00	_____	_____
• 30	U.S. Sc. 1612, M	\$8.50	\$5.00	_____	_____
• 31	U.S. Sc. 2540, M P#2-A4122	\$24.00	\$12.00	_____	_____
• 32	U.S. Sc. 3139, M sht. (12), \$6.00 face	\$12.00	\$6.00	_____	_____
• 33	U.S. Sc. 3140, M sht. (12), \$7.20 face	\$14.50	\$7.00	_____	_____
• 34	U.S. Sc. 3506a, 1st-day ceremony folder	\$—	\$1.00	_____	_____
• 35	U.S. Sc. BK140, P#1	\$5.50	\$2.00	_____	_____
• 36	U.S. Sc. BK140B, P#1111	\$62.50	\$29.00	_____	_____
• 37	U.S. Sc. BK142, P#2	\$16.00	\$4.00	_____	_____
• 38	U.S. Sc. BK181, P#1111	\$11.00	\$5.00	_____	_____
• 39	U.S. Sc. BK191, P#1	\$21.00	\$5.80	_____	_____
• 40	U.S. Sc. BK204, P#A22222	\$12.50	\$5.80	_____	_____
• 41	U.S. Sc. BK211, P#K111111	\$12.00	\$5.80	_____	_____
• 42	U.S. Sc. O133, M	\$9.00	\$5.00	_____	_____
• 43	1 pk. Lindner Hinges + misc. Hinges	\$—	\$0.50	_____	_____
• 44	3 pks. Harris Hinges	\$—	\$1.00	_____	_____
• 45	3 pks. Fold-o-Hinges	\$—	\$1.00	_____	_____
• 46	4 Westco Mint Block Protectofiles	\$—	\$0.50	_____	_____

News From the World of Collecting

LINPEX 2015 Exhibits

The Club's next stamp show—LINPEX 2015—will feature a sixteen-frame exhibition open only to single-frame exhibits. A panel of two judges will review the exhibits. The simplified fee structure is \$20 per exhibit.

Copies of the prospectus and entry form are available on the Club's Web site:

- www.lincolnstampclub.org/linpex/2015/linpex-prospectus.pdf
- www.lincolnstampclub.org/linpex/2015/linpex-entryform.pdf

Sale Items at Meetings

Through the generosity of donors who contribute their holdings to the Club to support its educational programs, the Club has obtained a supply of U.S. postage stamps. These are available for purchase at meetings. The fixed price is two-thirds of face value. The Club accepts either cash or checks made out to the Lincoln Stamp Club.

In addition, **donated items** that did not sell at past exchanges will also be available for the minimum prices listed on the exchange tags.

Finally, the Club has received a **supply of covers**. Older covers—many from the WW II era—will be available for 25¢ each or five for \$1. More recent covers will be available for free.

Club Member Activities

Mike Ley, one of the judges for LINPEX 2015, has two exhibits that won Grand Awards at World Series of Philately shows over the past year. This makes the exhibits eligible for competition for the title of the 2014 Champion of Champions. Here are the titles:

- *Burma—The Post War Issues of 1945 to 1947* (Grand Award at Omaha Stamp Show 2013; it also appeared at LINPEX 2011.)
- *Burma—The First Two Issues* (Grand Award at Plymouth Show 2013.)

David Frye's review of *Secession & the U.S. Mail* appeared in the June 2014 issue of *Postal History Journal*. An earlier form of this review appeared in the November 2013 issue of *Souvenir Sheet*.

Cover Quiz



Check that Franking:

This cover weighed in at no more than one ounce and was mailed in 2014. Do the stamps (1) pay the correct postage, (2) overpay, (3) underpay, or (4) constitute an illegal use? Here's a bonus question: how many postal clerks could correctly answer the first question? Ken will be ready to check your answers at the August meeting.

If you have an intriguing cover to share, send a high-resolution image and details to questions@lincolnstampclub.org.

Philately Around the World

A Stamp of History

Editor's Note: The following article appeared online on July 26. While its dateline is from a distant land, the article highlights exactly the same challenges and opportunities we face here in promoting philately.

CHENNAI, INDIA — Stamp collection is almost always synonymous with the word hobby. But did you also know that stamps are a good source of information and a great way to learn history?

Mahesh Parekh of South Indian Philatelists' Association (SIPA) says that the hobby of collecting stamps or philately, as it is generally known, is more common abroad and that in India there needs to be more awareness, especially among children. "In India, when you ask what a child's hobby is, he/she would most likely say watching television; that is entertainment," he says. Why then does he promote philately as a hobby? "Every stamp is a brand ambassador of its country. A stamp tells you all about its country's history, geography; it tells you a story," he informs.

Stamp Expo 2014, put on by SIPA, showcases unique and exciting stamps; there are those that are shaped like a clown, a country, and a bird and for all the romantic ones out there, a heart. It makes sense to showcase such interesting ones, for Parekh says that they want children to come to the expo to learn about the rich history the stamps have to offer and to dispel the myth that philately is usually perceived as a boring hobby. It doesn't take much investment to start a stamp collection, "You can start with Rs. 500 [Note: about \$8.18] a month," Parekh says. The SIPA also plans to conduct a national-level exhibition to celebrate its diamond jubilee in 2016.

Source: <http://www.thehindu.com/features/metroplus/society/a-stamp-of-history/article6252612.ece>

Meetings: Business, Exchange, & Russia Rural Posts

The Club meets at a central location from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays each month:

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 *main* floor. Street parking is available too.

- **Business Meeting with Exchange:** Thursday, August 7.
- **Show and Tell (see p. 2) and**

Program: "Russia Zemstvo Rural Posts," Ken Pruess, Thursday, August 21.

- **Business Meeting with Exchange:** Thursday, September 4.
- **Show and Tell and Program:** "Collecting First-day Covers," Dave Wallman, Thursday, September 18.
- **Business Meeting with Exchange:** Thursday, October 2.
- **Looking Ahead:** October 16, November 6 and 20.

WANTED

Items for Monthly Exchanges

If you would like to include items in the monthly exchanges, send your descriptions and prices to questions@lincolnstampclub.org by **Aug. 25 for the Exchange on Sept. 4.**

Send info about more significant items, which might require members to research ahead of time, by **Aug. 25 for the Oct. 2 Exchange.**

Forms for your items are available online:

- www.lincolnstampclub.org/downloads/SmallExchangeSheets.pdf
- www.lincolnstampclub.org/downloads/ExchangeSheet.pdf.

Omaha Stamp Show

The Omaha Philatelic Society is hosting its stamp show—The Omaha Stamp Show—September 6–7, 2014. The show will be held at the Metropolitan Community College, 2909 Edward Babe Gomez Ave., Omaha. Hours are 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Saturday and 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Sunday.

USPS Releases New Postal Issues: August to October

August 7—*Farmers' Markets*: 4 forever (49¢) com.; pane (20); Washington, D.C.

August 8—*Janis Joplin*: 1 forever (49¢); pane (16); Music Icons series; San Francisco, Calif.

August 21—*Hudson River School*: 4 forever (49¢) com.; booklet (20); American Treasurers series; Hartford, Conn.

September 13—*War of 1812: Fort McHenry*: 1 forever (49¢) com.; pane

(20); Baltimore, Md.

September ?—*Celebrity Chefs*: 5 forever (49¢) com.; pane (20); TBA.

Fall ?—*Batman*: 1 forever (49¢) com.; details TBA.

October ?—*Graphic Design, Solar System, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Global Holiday, Christmas Magi*: several forever (49¢) com.; details TBA.

Artwork: www.uspsstamps.com/stamps/ preview. The site gives helpful background details.



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