

#### SOUVENIR SHEET SEPTEMBER 2014 Monthly News of the Lincoln Stamp Club

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**M E E T I N G S** The Club meets the first and third Thursdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

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**NEWSLETTER** Editor: *David M. Frye* 

## **First-day Memorabilia** Postal Services Offer Collectors Items Other Than First-Day Covers

#### by David M. Frye, Editor

In this month's program, Dave Wallman will share with Club members his insights into collecting first-day covers. Anticipating his presentation must have planted a seed in the back of my head, because when Joel Johnson asked me to visit the clients of Easterday Recreation Center and give a short presentation on stamp collecting to the group with whom he meets monthly, I decided upon first-day items as my topic.

That, in turn, gave me the idea to share a few items from my collection with you. One of the things that surprised me as I was gathering items to show to the collectors at Easterday is how many different forms first-day items can take. First-day covers, in the traditional sense, are the major form, but there are others.

The two pictures here show two types of items that have helped to broaden my collection of first-day items. The USPS's Bicycling issue of 2012 appears, with a digital color cancel, on a piece of card stock called a Top Deck Card. These cards originally served as the covers on bundles of panes of stamps distributed to post offices. They vary in size to match



Top Deck Card: USPS gives an accounting and inventory control tool new life as a collectible.



Ersttagsblatt: Germany's Deutsche Post captures stamps' technical and design details on its backside.

the panes they cover. The fine print rendered diagonally in the upper-right corner instructs postal employees to carefully cut back the plastic wrapper *only at that corner* and count the panes before removing the whole wrapper. Someone must have asked a postmaster to affix a stamp and cancel it to a card, and another item, available at USPS.com, was born!

The other item, an *Ersttagsblatt*, or firstday sheet, is a form employed by Germany's Deutsche Post to give a wealth of technical and design details on the back of a card displaying a new issue with a first-day postmark. These are numbered (16/2000 in this case) so one can organize them in order of release. The size is standardized, making them easy to place into albums designed to hold them. •

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#### SHOW AND TELL Bring Your Unusual, Intriguing Items

## **September 2014 Exchange** fers the following items at its monthly exchange. Make payments in cash or

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.

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

The Club offers the following item	s 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.	

Lot #	Description	Catalogue	Minimum	Final	Buyer
01	Alderny Sc. 325–330, M set/6	\$12.00	\$3.00		,
02	Central African Rep. Sc. C187, CTO	\$2.00	\$0.50		
03	Chad Sc. 181–210, CTO set/28	\$9.90	\$2.00		
04	Belgium Sc. 572–573, M, '61 Europa	\$0.75	\$0.25		
05	Great Britain Sc. 1791–1795, M str/5	\$6.25	\$1.50		
06	Great Britain Sc. 2514–2520, M set/		\$5.00		
07	Guernsey Sc. 925, M sh/10	\$13.50	\$3.50		
08	Guernsey Sc. 998–1003, M set/6	\$12.00	\$3.00		
09	Guyana Sc. 36–38, U str/3	\$1.00	\$0.25		
10	Korea Sc. 2267a, M Souv. Sh/2	\$1.10	\$0.25		
11	Lithuania Sc. 388, M	\$0.25	\$0.05		
12	Macao Sc. 698, M	\$1.25	\$0.25		
13	Mozambique Co. Sc. 203–207, M set,		\$0.45		
14	Nauru Sc. 184–187, M set/4	\$0.90	\$0.25		
15	Norfolk Island Sc. 229–230, M set/2	\$1.00	\$0.25		
16	Poland Sc. B132, M	\$2.25	\$0.50		
17	Reunion Sc. 126–127, 129, 131, M	\$1.00	\$0.25		
18	Reunion Sc. 177B,C,E,F,G, Mint	\$2.50	\$0.50		
19	Reunion, 6 assorted, M	\$2.00	\$0.25		
20	Romania Sc. 3343–3344, M, 2 Souv. S		\$1.25		
21	Romania Sc. 3537–3538, M, 2 Souv. S		\$1.50		
22	Romania Sc. 3746–3748, M, set/2 +S		\$0.75		
23	Romania Sc. 3762–3768, M, set/6 +S		\$0.75		
24	Romanis Sc. 3770–3774, M, set/4 +S		\$0.75		
25	Romania Sc. 3851, M Souv. Sh.	\$2.25	\$0.50		
26	Russia Sc. 907–908, Used	\$0.85	\$0.25		
27	Russia Sc. 2930A(b), M Souv. Sh. glos		\$3.00		
28	Russia Sc. 6026–6029, M, set/3 +SS	\$2.25	\$0.50		
28	Russia Sc. 8020–6029, W, set/9 +33 Russia Sc. B107–112, M, set/6	\$2.23 \$15.00	\$0.30		
30	St. Vincent Sc. 1131, 1211–22, M, s/1		\$5.00		
31		\$1.40			
	Slovakia Sc. 496, M +FDC		\$0.30 \$1.40		
32	Slovakia Sc. 548, M, sh w/labels + FD Tuvalu Sc. 485–489, M, set/4 +SS				
33		\$3.70 \$2.40	\$0.75 \$0.50		
34	US Sc. 772–777, 782–784, M	\$2.40	\$0.50		
35	US Sc. 785–794, M	\$4.10 \$2.15	\$1.00		
36	US Sc. 795–796, 798–802, M	\$2.15	\$0.50		
37	US Sc. 835–839, 852–858, M	\$5.30	\$1.00		
38	US Sc. 3895, FD-cancelled sheet	\$4.80	\$1.20		
39	US Sc. SP71–73, 3 PO new issue post		\$3.00		
40	Hygrade Philatelic Color Guide	\$—	\$0.50		
41	Wonder Color Gauge	\$—	\$0.50		
42	Uni-Safe Perforation Gauge	\$—	\$0.50		
43	Vidiforms Perforation Gauge	\$—	\$0.24		
44	Norofold Hinges, opened pack	\$—	\$0.50		
45	Stamp Market Quarterly, Vol. 8 No. 2	\$—	\$0.25		
46	Lexington-Concord Alarm, library bit	nd. \$—	\$0.25		

# 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/linpexprospectus.pdf

• www.lincolnstampclub.org/linpex/2015/linpexentryform.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 half the minimum prices 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.

# **APS StampShow Honors**

Mike Ley, a member of the Lincoln Stamp Club, earned World Series of Philately Prix d'Honneur at the APS StampShow for two of his exhibits: *Burma—The Post War Issues* of 1945 to 1947 and *Burma—The First Two Issues*.

The show was held August 21–24, 2014, in Hartford, Connecticut.

Several years ago, LINPEX included in its exhibition the work of Adam Mangold, a youth collector. His exhibit, *Building a Nation* ... One State at a Time, appearing at the show, earned a Gold award in the Youth category and received the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Youth First and the American Topical Association Youth Award.

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## Minding the Pennies:

This cover shows, by the sender's stamped change of address, a degree of attention to managing the company's expenses. On the other hand, the affixed postage was a bit light. A 3¢ postage due stamp, cancelled while attached to its pane, covered the postage due.

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

# Digging Through the Past with Google.com **Precancel Notes**

**Editor's Note:** The following excerpt comes from the May 15, 1918, issue of "The American Philatelist," p. 260.

I am indebted to Mr. Chas. Wilson for samples of the following Lincoln, Nebraska dues. These precancels appeared last winter. 5 types were used on the 3¢ postage due perforated 11. No. 1. Lincoln, Nebraska electrotype plate like regular type. No. 2. Lincoln, Nebraska, similar to the new roller type cancellation. No. 3. Lincoln, Nebraska Oval Office Killer. No. 4. A horizontal line drawn with a black grease pencil thru the center of the stamp. No. 5. A vertical line drawn with a black grease pencil thru the center of the stamp.

**Editor's Note:** This passage appeared in the September 15, 1918, issue of "The American Philatelist," p. 367.

Mr. Chas Wilson sends three Lincoln dues on part cover. The 10¢ is especially nice as it is cancelled with the roller type reading down. He states that he receives from 200 to 400 dues each month. Lincoln Nebraska also precancels with a pen using both the Parcel Post dues and the regular postage dues.

Source: books.google.com/books?id=zJwyAQAAMAAJ

# **Hudson River School Stamps**

- Distant View of Niagara Falls, Thomas Cole, 1830.
- Summer Afternoon, Asher B. Durand, 1865.
- *Sunset*, Frederic Edwin Church, 1865.
- Grand Canyon, Thomas Moran, 1912.



## Meetings: Business, Exchange, & Collecting FDCs

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, September 4.
- Show and Tell (see p. 2) and

# **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. **Program:** *"Collecting First-day Covers,"* Dave Wallman, Thurs-day, September 18.

- Business Meeting with Exchange: Thursday, October 2.
- Show and Tell and Program: "Damaged and Altered Stamps," APS Program with Ken Pruess, Thursday, October 16.
- Business Meeting with Exchange: Thursday, November 2.
- Looking Ahead: November 6 and 20, December 4 and 18.

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#### **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 Sept. 25 for the Exchange on Oct. 2.

Send info about more significant items, which might require members to research ahead of time, by **Sept. 25 for the Nov. 6 Exchange**. Forms for your items are available online:

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

## **USPS Releases New Postal Issues: The Rest of 2014**

- September 13—*War of 1812: Fort McHenry*: 1 forever (49¢) com.; pane (20); Baltimore, Md.
- September ??—*Winter*: 5 forever (49¢) #10 stamped envelopes.; details TBA. September 26—*Celebrity Chefs*: 5 forever
- (49¢) com.; pane (20); Chicago, Ill.
- September ??—Breast Cancer Research: 1 forever (49¢+11¢) semi-postal.; pane (20); Details TBA.
- October ??—*Batman*: 1 forever (49¢) com.; details TBA.
- October 23—*Winter Fun*: 4 forever (49¢) special.; 2-sided pane (20); details TBA. October 23—*Silver Bells*: 1 forever (\$1.15)
- global.; pane (10); New York, N.Y.
- November ??—Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Christmas Magi; details TBA. December ??—Wilt Chamberlain; details TBA.
- Artwork: www.uspsstamps.com/stamps/ preview. The site gives helpful background details on new issues as well as previously released stamps.



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