

Lincoln Stamp Club

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Lincoln Stamp Club

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MEETINGS

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

LOCATION

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NEWSLETTER AND WEB SITE

Editor: *David M. Frye*

Gathering the Evidence of Payment for Postage

Organizing Accumulated Metered Mail Covers Reveals Vendors, Rates

by *David M. Frye, Editor*

For several years, I've been stashing incoming covers in repurposed Fiestaware boxes, which are *j-u-s-t* the right width for holding #10 envelopes. Recently, I decided to bring some order to the compact chaos of these boxes. For some reason, I'd decided to save metered mail, along with the more traditional stamped covers.

As I've been sorting and organizing the contents of these boxes, I've uncovered examples of a variety of vendors' meters and a multiplicity of rates. It seemed reasonable to organize the covers according to a twofold structure:

- Alphabetically by vendor
- Ascending order by dollar value of metered rate paid.

From this sorting and ordering, I discovered meter imprints from five different companies. After a little sleuthing, I've also uncovered information on the Web site of the United States Postal Service that gives the basic standards for metered mail and that lists the full names of these companies:

- Data-Pac Mailing Systems Corp.: www.data-pac.com (4)
- Francotyp-Postalia Inc.: www.fpusa.net (5)
- Hasler Inc.: www.haslerinc.com (2)
- Neopost Inc.: www.neopostinc.com (3)
- Pitney Bowes Inc.: www.pitneybowes.com (1)

The numbers in parentheses rank the companies in order of the quantity of mail that we received bearing their meter indicia. The ranking isn't rigorous, but anecdotal.

The U.S. Postal Service makes available a Quick Service Guide that defines the basic terms for "postage evidencing systems," including postage metered-mail. It also gives the names and descriptions of the parts of the indicia, as illustrated to the right.

This first-pass sort of my accumulated metered mail helps me to see how much more there is to learn about these covers and about the rates paid for the various classes of mail and weights of pieces.

USPS Postage Meters and PC Postage Systems Quick Service

Guide: <http://pe.usps.com/cpim/ftp/manuals/qsg300/Q604c.pdf>.

- **Rates:** www.usps.com and "U.S. Domestic Postal Rates, 1872–2011."



Data-Pac: Presorted first class, automation 3-digit, not over 2 oz.



Francotyp-Postalia: First class, single piece.



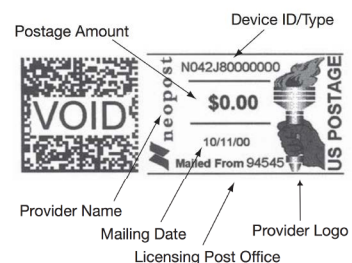
Hasler: Presorted first class, nonautomation presorted, not over 2 oz., with corporate logo.



Neopost: First class, single piece.



Pitney Bowes: Presorted standard.



Indicia: With fluorescent ink.

Programs Set for

Rest of 2015

Each month at its second meeting, the Club offers a program. The schedule of programs for the rest of the year is now in place. Here are the topics and presenters:

- July 16: *That's a Postage Stamp?*—**Ken Pruess.**
- August 20: *A Philatelic Safari: The Stamps of German East Africa, Tanganyika, and Tanzania*—**David Frye.**
- September 17: *Zeppelin Covers*—**John Radway.**
- October 15: *Confederate Stamps*—**Herb Henry.**
- November 19: *Prexy Postal History*—**Willy Knopp.**
- December 17: *The Trans-Mississippi Issue*—**Ken Pruess.**

If you would like to add your topic to the schedule, or if you have ideas for topics you'd be interested in hearing about, contact **Ken Pruess**, Vice President.

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Welcome to the Lincoln Stamp Club

The Lincoln Stamp Club welcomes its newest member:
Jonathan Shields. We hope you enjoy the Club's activities!

July 2015 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. The lots listed in **color**, if any, are not donations; they are members' lots.

Lot #	Description	Catalogue	Minimum	Final	Buyer
01	Ajman Sc. ? MNH, CTO	\$—	\$0.50	_____	_____
02	Afghanistan Sc. ? CTO	\$—	\$1.00	_____	_____
03	Argentina Sc. ? Mixed	\$—	\$1.50	_____	_____
04	Argentina Sc. 1192 MNH	\$2.50	\$1.25	_____	_____
05	Ascension Islands Sc. ? MNH	\$0.25	\$0.20	_____	_____
06	Australia Sc. 1001–1007 MNH	\$3.95	\$2.50	_____	_____
07	Australia Sc. ? U	\$2.60	\$1.50	_____	_____
08	"Barbuda" Sc. ? MNH	\$—	\$0.50	_____	_____
09	British West Indies Sc. ? MNH	\$0.50	\$0.25	_____	_____
10	Colombia Sc. 788, C517 U	\$0.15	\$0.10	_____	_____
11	Equatorial Guinea Sc. 500 U	\$0.75	\$0.50	_____	_____
12	Great Britain Sc. ? U	\$0.45	\$0.25	_____	_____
13	Great Britain Sc. 20BT1 MNH	\$1.50	\$0.75	_____	_____
14	Great Britain Sc. 20BT9 MNH	\$0.90	\$0.45	_____	_____
15	Grenada Sc. 450–452 MNH	\$0.20	\$0.10	_____	_____
16	Hungary Sc. 2156–2160 CTO	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	_____
17	Ireland Sc. ? MNH	\$5.45	\$2.50	_____	_____
18	Jamaica Sc. 351 CTO	\$0.10	\$0.05	_____	_____
19	Japan Sc. 814, 837, 897 U	\$1.50	\$0.75	_____	_____
20	Jersey Sc. ? MNH	\$—	\$0.50	_____	_____
21	Korea Sc. 1687 MNH	\$0.90	\$0.45	_____	_____
22	Lesotho Lot of 12 MNH	\$—	\$0.75	_____	_____
23	Liberia/Denmark Sc. 1186, 1246, 224, 297 MNH/U	\$10.00	\$4.00	_____	_____
24	Maldives See List MNH	\$10.00	\$4.00	_____	_____
25	Paraguay Sc. ? MNH	\$0.85	\$0.40	_____	_____
26	Philippines Sc. ? MNH	\$—	\$0.50	_____	_____
27	Romania Sc. 2422 CTO	\$0.20	\$0.10	_____	_____
28	St. Thomas Sc. ? MNH	\$—	\$0.50	_____	_____
29	St. Vincent Sc. ? MNH	\$0.15	\$0.10	_____	_____
30	Saotome Sc. ? CTO	\$0.65	\$0.25	_____	_____
31	Singapore Sc. ? MNH	\$—	\$0.50	_____	_____
32	South Moluccas Sc. 213–217 MNH	\$0.55	\$0.30	_____	_____
33	U.S. Sc. U50 MNH	\$0.60	\$0.20	_____	_____
34	U.S. Sc. U546 MNH	\$1.50	\$1.00	_____	_____
35	U.S. Sc. UX381 MNH	\$2.00	\$0.50	_____	_____
36	U.S. Sc. C76 on Cover	\$6.00	\$2.00	_____	_____
37	U.S. Sc. 2788 on Cover	\$2.25	\$0.50	_____	_____
38	U.S. Sc. 3453–3457 on Covers	\$8.00	\$4.00	_____	_____
39	U.S. Sc. 3465–3468 on Covers	\$9.00	\$3.50	_____	_____
40	U.S. Sc. 3771 on Cover	\$2.75	\$1.00	_____	_____
41	U.S. Sc. 4143a–g on Covers	\$21.00	\$7.00	_____	_____
42	U.S. Sc. 4141–4150 M	\$—	\$1.00	_____	_____
43	U.S. Sc. 4387 MNH	\$4.80	\$1.25	_____	_____
44	U.S. Sc. 4946 on Cover	\$—	\$0.50	_____	_____
45	Upper Volta Sc. 387, C228 CTO	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	_____
46	Virgin Islands Sc. ? MNH	\$—	\$1.00	_____	_____
47	World Stamp Album—Used	\$—	\$1.50	_____	_____

Holocaust Stamps Project Reaches Milestone

by Charlotte Sheer, Founder, Holocaust Stamps Project

The school year ended at Foxborough Regional Charter School recently, and the sixth year of the Holocaust Stamps Project boasts an impressive 5,544,094 stamps total counted as of June 11, 2015.

We have now surpassed the half-way mark towards the goal of collecting 11,000,000 stamps—one to honor every life lost.

It took two and one-half years to collect our first 1,000,000 stamps. It has taken just nine months to add the most recent 1,500,000!

Please continue to save and send stamps throughout the summer as we approach our next milestone of Six Million stamps at the start of the 2015–2016 school year!

Many thanks for all your support.

Please send stamps (trimmed and counted, please) to:
Holocaust Stamps Project
Foxborough Regional Charter School
131 Central St.
Foxboro, MA 02035.

- **Web:** www.foxboroughrcs.org/students-families/frcs-holocaust-stamp-project/.

Stamp News Publishing Offers Trial Issues

by Elaine Dunn, Stamp News Publishing

Greetings!

We have launched a free trial offer to our three online publications for collectors who do not already subscribe to these offerings:

- Mekeel's & STAMPS Online
- U.S. Stamp News Online
- Stamp News Online.

If you feel you might be interested, please take advantage of this offer. All you need to do is either e-mail me with your name, zip code, and e-mail address or go to our Web site and sign up there.

To take advantage of this offer, send your contact information by July 21, 2015.

Thank you! —Elaine Dunn, Stamp News Publishing

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Philatelic Tools

Web Sites Offer Insights and Education

by David M. Frye, Editor

Dave Hamilton shared a heads-up about a site that looks at eBay.com listings and critiques the accuracy of the information presented on higher-value philatelic items. This site is a helpful guide to understanding why some stamps are misrepresented or, in truth, are fakes.

- **Stamp Smarter:** www.stampsmarter.com.

A recent search for some information led me to the Web site featuring free, downloadable *.pdf versions of *The Stamp Insider*, the publication of the Federation of New York Philatelic Societies. This is a full-color publication that has featured a variety of topics over the years. A quick look at the covers shows articles on ski resort post offices, scouting and philately, Nelson Mandela, flyspecking, and ruins and landmarks.



- **Stamp Insider:** www.stampinsider.org.

If you have run across some Web sites that have helped you learn more about stamps, whether classic or modern, domestic or foreign, please share your findings by sending an e-mail with the link to the Club:

- **Lincoln Stamp Club:** questions@lincolnstampclub.org.

Learn How to Sell Stamps on eBay.com

by Ken Pruess, Vice President

Would you like to sell stamps? I have sold thousands of lots on eBay.com and would be willing to give you suggestions to get started. This would have to be in your home and with your equipment.

Before the first session, I would require that you do some homework. It is essential that you have a scanner, be a registered eBay user, and have a PayPal account. Both of these take only minutes to set up. Contact me if you're interested.

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Omaha Stamp Show: Mark Your Calendar

Omaha Stamp Show

APS Word Series of Philately Show

Saturday–Sunday, Sept. 12–13, 2015

Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Metro Community College

2909 Edward Babe Gomez Avenue

Omaha, Nebraska

125 Exhibit Frames

16 Stamp Dealers

USPS Station

Show Cover

Exhibits Chairman:

Mike Ley

giscougar@aol.com

Deadline: Aug. 24

Topics: Business, Show & Tell, and "That's a Stamp?"

The Club meets at a central Lincoln 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.

~Welcome~

The Lincoln Stamp Club welcomes guests to every club meeting 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. A membership form is available on the Web:

- **Membership:** www.lincolnstampclub.org/membership/.

- **Business Meeting & Exchange:** Thursday, July 2.
- **Show and Tell & Program:** Thursday, July 16: "*That's a Postage Stamp?*", by Ken Pruess.
- **Business Meeting & Exchange:** Thursday, Aug. 6.
- **Show and Tell & Program:** Thursday, Aug. 20: "*A Philatelic Safari*" by David Frye.
- **Upcoming Meeting:** Sept. 3.

NEEDED

Items for Monthly Exchanges

If you would like to include items in the monthly exchanges, give your descriptions and prices to **Jim Camp, Exchange Coordinator**, by **July 15 for the August 6 Exchange**.

Give him info about more significant items, which might require members to research ahead of time, by **July 15 for the September 3 Exchange**. Forms for your items are available online:

- www.lincolnstampclub.org/downloads/SmallExchangeSheets.pdf
- www.lincolnstampclub.org/downloads/ExchangeForm4up.pdf.

United States Postal Service Issues: July–August 2015

July 11—*Summer Harvest*: 4 forever (49¢) first-class def.; pane/convertible booklet (20); Sacramento, Calif.

July 31—*Fanciful Flowers*: 1 forever (35¢) postal card; 1 forever (70¢) double reply postal card; Clackamas, Ore.

August 4—*U.S. Coast Guard*: 1 forever (49¢) com.; pane (20); Washington, D.C.

August 12—*Elvis Presley*: 1 forever (49¢) com.; Music Icons Series; pane (16); Memphis, Tenn.

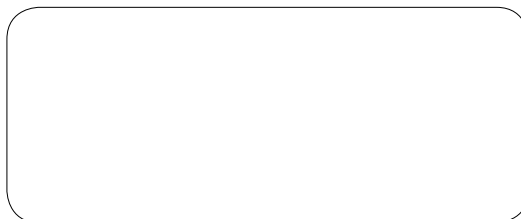
Aug. 20—*World Stamp Show—NY 2016*: 2

forever (49¢) com.; pane (20); Grand Rapids, Mich.

Aug. 20—*Ingrid Bergman*: 1

forever (49¢) com.; Legends of Hollywood Series; joint issue with Sweden; First-day city TBA.

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