

## SOUVENIR SHEET <br> December 2015

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# In Pursuit of Summaries of Mail Classes, Postal Charges, and Destinations Postmark Dates and Frankings Aid in Defining Postal Rates 



Tabora to Cleveland Heights: TZS 1/30, air mail.

## by David Frye, Editor

Since August, when I began collecting Tanzanian postal history in earnest, I've decided to focus my first efforts on two series of definitives issued by Tanzania. The first is the fish definitive series (1967-1973) and the second is the butterfly definitive series (19731978). The fish series has some varieties due to changes in paper types. Both series have official overprint versions. These details make the series more challenging to collect on cover.
I've discovered, by corresponding with members of the East Africa Study Circle, that no published summary of postal rates for Tanzania for this period exists, meaning that no one has yet gone through the various governmental publications released during the period and compiled announcements of classes, rates, and destinations into a comprehensive summary like Wawrukiewicz and Beecher's volumes on United States domestic and international rates.

Lacking that resource and, so far, not having access to Tanzanian governmental bulletins, I've decided to approach the mix of classes, rates, and destinations using a bottom-up, data-gathering approach. I've created a census of the covers I have acquired, noting for each cover the origin, destination, franking, and dates (obtained from all legible postmarks).

When I look at this information in tabular or graphical form, I can see clearly the distinctions between rate periods for mail of a particular class and general destination. So, for instance, the two covers illustrating this article show the changes in first-class air mail rates for the first weight-increment from Tanzania to Europe and North America.
The blue cover, franked TZS $1 / 30$, includes one 30\$ (Stanley Gibbons 146, Scott 23) and two $50 \$(S G 148, S C 25)$ issues from the fish definitive series and is postmarked 1 September 1968. The second cover, below, franked TZS $1 / 50$, includes on $50 \$$ Kenya-UgandaTanzania issue ( $S G 245, S C 182$ ) and one TZS 1/- fish definitive ( $S G 151, S C 28$ ), with a postmark date of 18 November 1969.
In my census, the air mail covers dated before the earlier cover are all franked TZS $1 / 30$, while the covers dated after the later cover are


Dar-es-Salaam to Röschenz: TZS 1/50, air mail.
all franked at least TZS $1 / 50$. This tells me that the rate for the first weight-increment for first-class air mail to Europe and North America rose by $20 \$$ at some point between the postmark dates for these two covers. So far, my census doesn't have enough covers in it to pinpoint the date of the rate change, but the data have helped me to create a model to adjust with each new cover I acquire.

The search and refining continue!

# December 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. Proceeds from the sale of donations benefit the Club's general work. The seller's initials appear in the last column. LSC lots are donations. Number your lots before the meeting.

Lot\# Description

- 01 Canada Sc. 7444//779 12 ships MNH - $\$ 1.00$
- 02 Fiji Sc. 132 MNH
- 03 Fiji Sc. B3, B4
- 04 France Sc. 127 LH
- 05 France Sc. 159 U
- 06 France Sc. 219 LH
- 07 France Sc. 306 U
- 08 France Sc. 692A LH
- 09 France Sc. 1325a MNH
- 10 France Sc. B73 LH
- 11 France Sc. B76 LH
- 12 France Sc. B83 LH
- 13 France Sc. B575-B579 MNH
- 14 France Sc. B197-B200 MNH
- 15 France Sc. 1041, 1044 MNH
- 16 Russia Sc. 3924-3928 MNH
- 17 Russia Sc. 2120-2134 U
- 18 Thailand Sc. 1221 M
- 19 Thailand Sc. 1284-1285 M se-tenant pair \$4.00 \$1.30
- 20 Thailand Sc. 1305-1308 M Set of 4
- 21 Thailand Sc. 1309, 1311-1312 M
- 22 United Nations Sc. 1-14 MNH
- 23 United Nations Sc. 179 U (2 ident. lots) \$0.40 \$0.20
- 24 U.S. plate blocks MNH Face \$35+
- 25 U.S. common used 1000s
- 26 U.S. 25 FD covers
- 27 U.S. charity seals 100 s
- 28 U.S. \& foreign album, about 400
- 29 U.S. \& foreign album, 650+
- 30 U.S. Sc. 642 M
- 31 U.S.Sc. 721 M
- 32 U.S. Sc. 909-921 M
- 33 U.S.Sc. C18 MH
- 34 U.S. Sc. E14 M LH
- 35 U.S. Sc. O96 MNH
- 36 U.S. Sc. RW9 MNH \& 1 U
- 37 US.Sc. RW10 MNH
- 38 U.S. Sc. RW12 MNH \& 1 U
- 39 U.S. Sc. RW41 MNH
- 40 U.S. Sc. RW47 MNH
- 41 Am. 1st Day Cover Society Journals: 1981 - \$0.50
- 42 Am. 1st Day Cover Society Journals: 1982 - $\$ 0.50$
- 43 Am. 1st Day Cover Society Journals: 1983 - $\$ 0.50$ ___ CC
- 44 Am. 1st Day Cover Soc. Journals: 1984-86 - $\$ 0.50$ __ CC
- 45 Am. 1st Day Cover Society Journals: 1987 - \$0.50
- 46 Am. 1st Day Cover Society Journals: 1988 - \$0.50
- 47 Am. 1st Day Cover Society Journals: 1989 - \$0.50



## Club Will Hold

Its Flections
Elections at the December 3 meeting will fill the four officer and two at-large director positions. Newly elected leaders will begin their terms in January.
Nominees include:
Ken Pruess, President; Joyce Rivera, Secretary; and Dave Wallman, Treasurer; at-large directors: Joel Johnson and Carl Marks. The Vice President's position is open.

## Club Welcomes <br> Exchange Manager

The Club extends its thanks to John Schultz for accepting the position of Exchange Manager. He will begin his work with the February exchange, receiving descriptions of members' lots through mid January.
In addition, he will organize and prepare donation lots. This is a vital part of the Club's operations. Over the last two years, the Club has realized over \$1,400 from the sale of donated items.
Again, thanks, John, for taking on this important responsibility. Thanks, too, to Jim Camp for his service as Exchange Manager.
by David M. Frye, Editor The Lincoln Stamp Club decided to observe the one-hun-dred-fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Nicholas Black Elk, holy man of the Oglala Lakota, with the design of the show cover for LINPEX'16.
In a departure from past show covers, this year's cover will feature a club-designed stamp produced by Zazzle.com.
The show cover's insert will contain the following description of Black Elk and his significance in American history:
Heȟáka Sápa, known also as Black Elk, was present, as a child, at Little Big Horn in 1876 when the combined forces of several tribes, including Black Elk's Lakota, defeated U.S. Army forces under the command of George Armstrong Custer. In 1881, Black Elk proclaimed his calling as a holy man, or wičháša wakȟáy, when he performed the Horse Dance. From 1887 to 1889 he traveled with Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West


Black Elk's Birth Sesquicentennial: 2016 marks the one-hundred-fiftieth anniversary of Black Elk's birth. John G. Neihardt, Nebraska poet, interviewed him as the grounds for his famous biography.

Show. The cachet's photograph, made in London in 1887, shows him with Elk, a fellow performer, to his right. After returning to the Pine Ridge Reservation in 1889, he advocated for armed resistance against the U.S. military and survived the Wounded Knee Massacre in 1890. He became a Catholic in 1904 and served as a catechist. His interviews with John G. Neihardt in 1931 reached the public in 1932 with the publication of Black Elk Speaks. Black Elk died August 17, 1950, in Manderson, South Dakota, and is interred there in the Saint Agnes Catholic Cemetery.
LINPEX ' 16 will be held Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 27-28, 2016, at Country Inn \& Suites, Lincoln.
Web: www.lincolnstampclub.org/linpex/.

## Exhibits Sought for Stamp Show

## Members' Philatelic Exhibition in the Works for LINPEX

At this year's stamp show, members of the Club will have the opportunity to display their exhibits in a sixteenframe, non-competitive exhibition. Eleven of the sixteen frames are still available. No single exhibit may exceed four frames. The entry fee, designed to cover the cost of frame rental and transport, is $\$ 5$ per frame.

If you would desire an unofficial, yet insightful critique of your work from the perspective of seasoned judges,
please visit with Ken Pruess, who is coordinating the exhibits for the show. If you are looking for tips and guidance, a number of members of the Club have exhibited both locally and nationally and would gladly offer suggestions along the way as you prepare your exhibit. The American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors provides a number of helpful online resources.
Web: www.aape.org/exhibiting.asp.

## Topics：Business，Elections，\＆＂Dead or Alive on Stamps＂

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 garage between N and M Streets．Take the elevator to the main floor，Rm． 155．Street parking is available too．

## ～Welcome～

The Lincoln Stamp Club wel－ comes 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 member－ ship form is available on the Web： －Membership：www．lincolnstamp－ club．org／membership／．
－Meeting，Elections，\＆Ex－ change：Thurs．，Dec． 3.
－Show and Tell \＆Program： Thurs．，Dec．17：＂The Dead （How long？）and Living on US Stamps＂by Bob Ferguson．
－Meeting \＆Exchange：
Thurs．，Jan．7， 2016.
－Show and Tell \＆Program：
Thurs．，Jan．21，2016：＂Trans．－ Miss．Issue＂by Ken Pruess．

## Find us on ff

The Lincoln Stamp Club has taken its first steps into the world of social media by launching its new Facebook page．If you are on Facebook，please＂like＂the Club and share its updates with your circle of friends．Now is a good time to sign up and get your own free Facebook account．
－Facebook：www．facebook．com／ LincolnStampClub．

## SPECIAL REQUEST

Items for January Exchange
If you would like to include items in a special exchange，give your descriptions and prices to David Frye，questions＠lincolnstampclub．org， by Dec． 15 for the Jan．7，2016，Exchange．

This special exchange will feature items from Club members．Get your attractive lots listed！ Forms for your items are available online：
－www．lincolnstampclub．org／downloads／ SmallExchangeSheets．pdf
－www．lincolnstampclub．org／downloads／ ExchangeForm4up．pdf．

## Elections

The Lincoln Stamp Club will hold its elec－ tions at the December 3，2015，meeting． Your presence，vote，and support help to make our Club thrive．

## Membership

By December 31，return your membership sheet with your 2016 dues to stay active in the Club for the coming year．

