

# Lincoln Stamp Club

**SOUVENIR SHEET**  
FEBRUARY 2016

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

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**A Little Mystery and Some Postal-History Sleuthing**

**An Overseas Cover Remains from the Days before YouTube**

by *David Frye, Editor*

This cover, approximately eight inches square, arrived in my mail from a Delcampe.net dealer in Reading, England. For the grand total of \$2.06 (including shipping), I received an intriguing mystery.

The PB (Pitney Bowes) private meter strip showed the sender paid \$8.20 on July 31, 1985, to send the envelope's "4-45rpm Phonograph Records" from Dallas, Texas, to Hannover, Germany. The pale green customs form, PS Form 2976, notes the contents, a \$5.00 value, and a weight of 9 oz. Six red "AIR MAIL" handstamps—on the front and back—clearly indicate the mail service. The "PHONOGRAPH RECORDS / DO NOT BEND" handstamp appears on the back as well. A handwritten "Educational Gift" notice appears as well.

The darker green label, *auf Deutsch*, notes that the mailing cleared German Customs (*Zollamtlich abgefertigt*) without any notice of customs fees being due or paid.

So, what postal services could account for the payment of \$8.20? My source for information on services and rates is *U.S. International Postal Rates, 1872–1996*, by Anthony S. Wawrukiewicz and Henry W. Beecher. Here is an accounting ... with one additional detail that probably will remain unexplained.



**Insured Air Mail**—Dallas, Texas, to Hannover, Germany, July 31, 1985. The cover's given information does not account fully for the \$8.20 postage paid.

**Airmail Letter/Package** (first 2 oz.)

≤ 2 oz., per ½ oz., 44¢: 4x44¢ = \$1.76

**Airmail Letter/Package** (7 oz. in addition)

> 2 oz., per ½ oz., 39¢: 14x39¢ = \$5.46

**Insurance Service**

≤ \$15 value, 85¢: 1x85¢ = \$0.85

**Customs Clearance Fee** (prepaid in U.S.)

Flat rate, 13¢: 1x13¢ = \$0.13

**TOTAL FOR POSTAL SERVICES \$8.20**

Checkmark! Right? Well, not quite. According to the notes in the reference (p. 241), the USPS Insurance Service rate increased from 85¢ to \$1.10 on February 17, 1985. So, if my accounting is accurate, the mailing was underpaid by 25¢. I've asked others for guidance, and this is the only explanation ... so far.

## February 2016 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	Catalogue	Minimum	Final	Buyer	Seller
▪ 01	Ajman Mi. 182–187 U	\$1.00	\$0.30	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 02	Argentina Sc. 1192 MNH	\$2.50	\$0.50	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 03	Australia Sc. 275 MNH	\$0.20	\$0.05	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 04	Austria Sc. 756 U	\$0.20	\$0.05	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 05	Belize Sc. 680–683 MNH	\$2.00	\$0.75	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 06	Belize Sc. 1036 MNH	\$0.65	\$0.10	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 07	Benin Sc. 748–753 U	\$6.00	\$0.50	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 08	Dominican Republic Sc. 484–488 MNH	\$1.65	\$0.50	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 09	Egypt Sc. 1571 MNH	\$0.20	\$0.10	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 10	Chad Sc. 253 UNH	\$2.00	\$0.10	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 11	China (P.R.) Sc. 836–838 UNH	\$2.45	\$0.40	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 12	Faroe Islands Sc. 43–44 MNH	\$1.00	\$0.30	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 13	Fiji Sc. 219–220 MNH	\$2.35	\$0.75	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 14	France Sc. 1187, 1226 UNH	\$0.40	\$0.15	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 15	Great Britain Sc. 461–464 UNH	\$0.80	\$0.20	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 16	Guadelupe Sc. 102, 104–105 MNH	\$1.60	\$0.50	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 17	Guyana Mixed Lot Used	\$—	\$0.25	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 18	Jersey Mixed Lot Used	\$—	\$0.50	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 19	Yugoslavia Sc. 1374–1376 UNH	\$0.40	\$0.25	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 20	Liberia Sc. 669–671 UNH	\$0.60	\$0.20	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 21	Liberia Sc. 691–696 UNH	\$1.25	\$0.75	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 22	Malagasy Rep. Sc. 321–322 UNH	\$0.40	\$0.10	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 23	Mozambique Sc. C29 UNH	\$0.20	\$0.05	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 24	New Zealand Sc. 280–284 MNH	\$5.25	\$1.50	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 25	Romania Sc. 2030–2037 UNH	\$1.70	\$0.75	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 26	Romania Sc. 2249–2251 UNH	\$0.60	\$0.20	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 27	Romania Sc. 2486–2490 UNH	\$1.00	\$0.30	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 28	Romania Sc. B426 MNH	\$0.40	\$0.30	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 29	Russia Sc. 5179–5182 UNH	\$1.70	\$0.40	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 30	St. Vincent Sc. 375–378 MNH	\$1.20	\$0.50	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 31	Saudi Arabia Sc. RA4 U	\$0.60	\$0.10	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 32	Sri Lanka Sc. 523 UNH	\$0.20	\$0.05	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 33	Thailand Sc. 1674–1676 UNH	\$0.60	\$0.25	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 34	Yemen Arab Re. Sc. 153–158 CTO	\$3.00	\$0.50	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 35	US Gold Foil 306	\$—	\$0.50	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 36	US Used and Mint Package	\$—	\$5.00	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 37	US Used Assortment	\$—	\$0.50	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 38	US Used Assortment	\$—	\$0.50	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 39	Foreign Assortment Mixed Used	\$—	\$0.75	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 40	Foreign Assortment Mixed Used	\$—	\$1.00	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 41	Vatican Sc. 28 MNH	\$6.50	\$2.00	_____	_____	DMF
▪ 42	Czechoslovakia Sc. 2852 M	\$5.00	\$1.25	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 43	US Sc. 397–398 U and MNH	\$22.00	\$3.00	_____	_____	JS
▪ 44	US Sc. 3776–3780 M Booklet	\$7.40	\$2.00	_____	_____	JS
▪ 45	US President Sheet U	—	\$2.00	_____	_____	JS
▪ 46	US Sc. 2975 FD Cancel	\$17.50	\$5.00	_____	_____	JS
▪ 47	Germany B103 Souvenir MNH	\$15.00	\$5.00	_____	_____	JS

### The "Heartistry" of a Stamp



Renowned paper artist and illustrator Yulia Brodskaya used two simple materials—paper and glue—in an intricate technique, which involved placing carefully cut and bent strips of paper to make the three-dimensional paper heart artwork. Quilling is believed to date from the 15th or 16th century. The first known quillers were monks and nuns in European religious houses. Inspired by metal filigree, quilling was an inexpensive way to create elaborate decorations normally beyond the means of most churches and religious orders. When gilded or silvered, the curled paper could resemble the work of the finest goldsmiths and silversmiths, while designs made with cream-colored paper or vellum appeared to be carvings of ivory.

Source: [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)



# “Freedom Just around the Corner”—Online Exhibit

by David M. Frye

The Smithsonian’s National Postal Museum offers copious resources. Its exhibit, “Freedom Just around the Corner: Black America from Civil War to Civil Rights,” provides a powerfully narrated history of our country, one richly and profusely illustrated with postal history. The online gallery presents the history of Black America in chapters with titles like “Slavery: Slave-Carried Mail,” “Abolition: Liberia,” “Reconstruction: The Ku Klux Klan,” “Segregation: Postal,” “Black Heritage Stamp Series: Origins.”

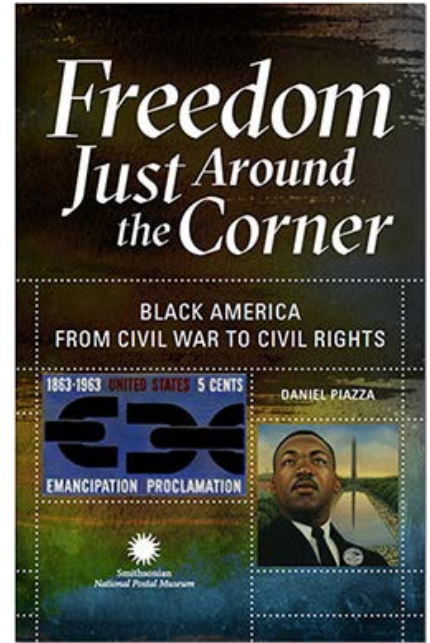
This exhibit’s contents crosses paths with the philatelic interests of several Club members. For instance, **Edgar Hicks** has a longtime involvement in the Liberian Philatelic Society and has represented that organization at LINPEX and nationally. Former Club member **Herb Henry** treasured his collection of Howell Cobb postal history.

Whenever you see a special exhibit at an art museum, you can expect a lavishly illustrated book to be available for purchase. This exhibit has such a resources, but the great news is that the book is available as a free downloadable \*.pdf file. It is 102 pages long and illustrated in color.

The book includes period photographs, covers to and

*“You cannot make soldiers of slaves, or slaves of soldiers. The day you make a soldier of them is the beginning of the end... then our whole theory of slavery is wrong.”*

Major General  
Howell Cobb  
CSA, 1865



from key historical figures, final artwork for commemorative stamps, die proofs, and a narrative that ties all of the elements together, telling the story of “Black America from Civil War to Civil Rights.”

**On the Web:** <http://postalmuseum.si.edu/freedom/>

**Exhibit Catalog:** [http://postalmuseum.si.edu/freedom/FreedomJustAroundTheCorner\\_ExhibitCatalog.pdf](http://postalmuseum.si.edu/freedom/FreedomJustAroundTheCorner_ExhibitCatalog.pdf)

## STAMP SHOW



**Saturday, February 27, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.**  
**Sunday, February 28, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.**

**Country Inn & Suites, 5353 N. 27th St.**  
**Free Parking and Entry • Barrier-free Access**

8 Stamp Dealers • US Postal Service Booth—Saturday • Free Evaluations  
Beginners’ Table—Stamps 1¢ Each for Youth and 5¢ for Adults  
Special Envelopes Marking the 150th Birthday of Black Elk, Lakota Holy Man

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### LINN'S 2015 U.S. STAMP POPULARITY POLL

Select from the following list the 2015 commemorative stamps; 2015 definitive and special stamps; and 2015 postal stationery that have the best and worst designs in your opinion, as well as those you feel are the most important and least necessary in subject.

**VOTE BY THE NUMBER PRECEDING THE ISSUE NAME ONLY**

Commemorative stamps		
1. War of 1812: Battle of New Orleans	6. Maya Angelou	12. U.S. Coast Guard
2. Year of the Ram	7. Civil War 1865	13. Elvis Presley
3. Robert Robinson Taylor	8. Gifts of Friendship	14. World Stamp Show-NY 2016
4. Martin Ramirez	9. Special Olympics	15. Ingrid Bergman
5. From Me To You	10. Forget-Me-Not	16. Paul Newman
11. Medal of Honor: Vietnam War		
<b>BEST DESIGN</b> _____	<b>WORST DESIGN</b> _____	
<b>MOST IMPORTANT</b> _____	<b>LEAST NECESSARY</b> _____	
Definitives and Special stamps		
17. Patriotic Waves	22. Water Lilies	27. Summer Harvest
18. Forever Hearts	23. Emperor Penguins	28. A Charlie Brown Christmas
19. Vintage Rose	24. Coastal Birds	29. Geometric Snowflakes
20. Vintage Tulip	25. Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	
21. Stars and Stripes	26. Flannery O'Connor	
<b>BEST DESIGN</b> _____	<b>WORST DESIGN</b> _____	
<b>MOST IMPORTANT</b> _____	<b>LEAST NECESSARY</b> _____	
Postal stationery		
30. Glade Creek Grist Mill stamped envelope	32. Forget-Me-Not stamped envelope	
31. Water Lilies stamped envelopes	33. Fanciful Flowers postal card	
<b>BEST DESIGN</b> _____	<b>WORST DESIGN</b> _____	
<b>MOST IMPORTANT</b> _____	<b>LEAST NECESSARY</b> _____	

Now vote for your single personal favorite stamp issue of 2015. Your choice can be from the commemorative, definitive-special or postal stationery categories. Se-tenant issues (different designs in one pane) are counted as one issue.

**MY FAVORITE 2015 STAMP**  
(please write in number and stamp issue name):

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Issue \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND BALLOT TO:** Linn's Stamp Poll, Box 4129, Sidney, OH 45365.  
All ballots must be postmarked by March 1, 2016. Photocopied ballots are acceptable.  
Stamps are pictured in the Dec. 21 issue on pages 22-23.

## Topics: "Christmas Seals," Exchange, and Business

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 welcomes guests to every meeting of the Club 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. Membership forms are on the Web:

- **Membership:** [www.lincolnstampclub.org/membership/](http://www.lincolnstampclub.org/membership/).

- **Meeting & Exchange:**  
Thurs., Feb. 4, 2016.
- **Show and Tell & Program:**  
Thurs., Feb. 18, 2016: "*Christmas Seals*" by **Mark Sellhorn**.
- **Meeting & Exchange:**  
Thurs., March 3, 2016.
- **Show and Tell & Program:**  
Thurs., March 17, 2016: "*Living People on US Stamps*" by **Bob Ferguson**.

Find us on 

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](http://www.facebook.com/LincolnStampClub).

## SPECIAL REQUEST

### Items for Upcoming Exchanges

If you would like to include items in the Club's monthly exchange, give your descriptions and prices to **John Schulz** by **Feb. 15, 2016**. The next exchanges are set for March 3 and April 7. These exchanges will feature items from Club members and from donors. Get your attractive lots listed! Forms for your items are available online. Download and print as many as you need.

- [www.lincolnstampclub.org/downloads/SmallExchangeSheets.pdf](http://www.lincolnstampclub.org/downloads/SmallExchangeSheets.pdf)
- [www.lincolnstampclub.org/downloads/ExchangeForm4up.pdf](http://www.lincolnstampclub.org/downloads/ExchangeForm4up.pdf).

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Country Inn & Suites / Omaha Room

### FORT HARDSTUFF DINNER

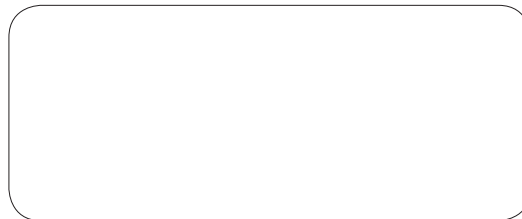
Saturday, Feb. 27, 6:00 p.m.

All members & families invited

Order from the CIS menu • gratuity added

RSVP to Joyce Rivera

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