

# Lincoln Stamp Club

## SOUVENIR SHEET JANUARY 2017

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

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St. Paul U.M. Church  
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## Conversations and Covers Help to Build a Sense of Philatelic Community A Story about Collectors, a Mystery, and Breakfast

by David M. Frye

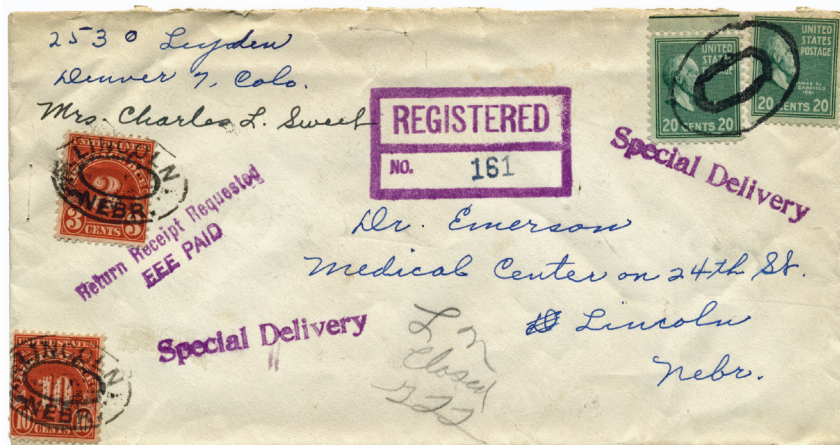
The Lincoln Stamp Club held its monthly program meeting on Thursday, December 15. We began by noting the recent death of the Club's president, **Ken Pruess**, sharing some short stories about his contributions to the Club's life, and talking about how to divvy up his many responsibilities.

**Kurt Meyer** made a presentation on the topic of the Protestant Reformation on stamps of the world. One of the Club's members, **Dale Niebuhr**, who had attended Club meetings as a boy and remembered Ken from those years, brought material from his collection to stock a sales table.

The cover depicted here caught my eye. I quickly made the purchase and added it to my accumulation. I was intrigued by the many auxiliary markings and the presence of the two postage-due stamps and wanted to do a little research to figure out how the services marked on the cover were paid by the 53¢.

I usually turn to *U.S. Domestic Postal Rates, 1872–2011, Third Edition* for guidance. Maybe I was out of practice or a bit too tired, but I couldn't figure out how to match the services and rates with the total postage paid.

So, I took the cover and the book with me to Stauffer's Café & Pie Shoppe on Friday, Dec. 23, to show it to a group of postal historians who gather there weekly. One of the usual crew—**George Wagner**—was not there, but regulars **Dave Hamilton** and **Willie**



**Durango to Lincoln:** Two matching magenta circular-date-stamp (CDS) cancellations on the cover's back indicate posting as registered mail on July 19, 1945, in Durango, Colorado. A third CDS documents arrival in Lincoln, Nebraska, on July 20, 1945.

**Knopp** were. As usual, we ordered breakfast and passed around and discussed our most recent philatelic acquisitions or notable items from our stashes of covers. They were a big help, offering this analysis of my new cover:

First-class Domestic:	3¢
Special Delivery:	13¢
Registered Mail:	20¢
Return Receipt:	4¢
<b>Total for Initial Mailing</b>	<b>40¢</b>

Willie pointed out the penciled notation of the word "Closed". He believed that the Post Office attempted a second delivery because the medical center was closed. That second delivery incurred another 13¢ special delivery fee, which was paid by the recipient and recorded with the postage due stamps.

If you'd like to join in these conversations, please come to our Friday gatherings.

**Location:** Stauffer's Café & Pie Shoppe  
5600 S. 48th St., Lincoln, Nebraska.

**Time:** Fridays, 10 a.m. to about 11:30 a.m.

**Details:** Bring something intriguing, new, or mysterious from your collection, particularly any item with a bit of a story to uncover.

## Club Notes

### OFFICERS

The Club held elections at its Dec. 1 meeting. The officers listed on p. 1 begin their duties Jan. 1, 2017.

### NEW CATALOGUE

#### Mark Sellhorn

donated a copy of the 2016 edition of Scott's *Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers* to the Club.

### MEMBER SERVES

#### Edgar Hicks

was elected first vice president of the Omaha Philatelic Society for 2017.

### PROJECT UPDATE

The Holocaust Stamps Project has collected three-fourths of the 11 million stamps for this multiyear project run by students and teachers at the Foxborough Regional Charter School. Each stamp honors a victim of the Holocaust. Read more at [www.facebook.com/HSPfounder](http://www.facebook.com/HSPfounder).

### MEMBERSHIP

If your address label shows a "16," then your Club membership is eligible for renewal. Annual memberships are \$12; additional relatives cost \$1 each. Please give your dues to **Dave Wallman**, Treasurer, or mail them to the Club. Both cash and checks are welcome. Dues are payable by Dec. 31.

## January 2017 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	US 37 M 4¢, 5¢, 7¢ Pl. Blks. w/ Dupes	\$35.00	\$4.00			JJ
02	US 19 MNH Sheets 1¢, 3¢, 4¢, 5¢, 6¢	\$75.00	\$25.00			JJ
03	US Sc. 2647-96 M Sh. 29¢ Wildflowers	\$40.00	\$5.00			LSC
04	US Sc. 281 Used 5¢ U.S. Grant	\$0.40	\$0.10			JS
05	US Sc. 285 Trans-Miss. F, Slight Hinge	\$30.00	\$5.00			JS
06	US Sc. 331 F Used	\$0.40	\$0.10			JS
07	US Sc. 585 Av Used	\$0.55	\$0.10			JS
08	US Sc. 600 Line Pair F-VF MLH	\$22.50	\$4.00			JS
09	US Sc. 723 6¢ Coil F-VF MNH	\$15.00	\$3.00			JS
10	US Sc. RW47 Single, VF MNH	\$27.50	\$9.00			JS
11	Alderney Sc. 325-330 M Set of 6	\$12.00	\$1.50			JS
12	Belgium Several Used Parcel Post Stamps	\$2.25	\$0.10			JS
13	Bermuda Sc. 433-436 M	\$8.65	\$1.50			JS
14	Brazil M & U Asst.	\$—	\$0.75			JS
15	Burundi Sc. C218-23 6 Ea Str/4 CTO	\$79.25	\$5.00			JS
16	Burundi 100+ All Different Stamps	\$—	\$1.00			JS
17	Chile 40+ Used Stamps	\$—	\$0.75			JS
18	Cocos Islands Sc. 32-33 MNH	\$0.90	\$0.25			JS
19	Costa Rica 100+ Used Stamps	\$—	\$1.00			JS
20	German Dem. Rep. Sc. 2113-17 CTOs	\$1.25	\$0.25			JS
21	Guyana Sc. 36-38 Used	\$1.00	\$0.15			JS
22	Iceland Collection of Mint and Used	\$—	\$0.70			JS
23	Korea Collection of Mint and Used	\$—	\$0.75			JS
24	Marshall Islands Sc. 619 M Souv. Sh.	\$1.25	\$0.25			JS
25	Mongolia Sc. 146-150 CTO	\$0.35	\$0.15			JS
26	Norfolk Island Sc. 229-230 MNH	\$0.75	\$0.15			JS
27	Pitcairn Islands Sc. 192 M Souv. Sh.	\$1.75	\$0.35			JS
28	Russia Sc. 5541-43 CTO	\$1.15	\$0.30			JS
29	Russia Sc. 6026-29 MNH	\$2.25	\$0.75			JS
30	St. Vincent Sc. 375-378 M Set	\$1.20	\$0.30			JS
31	Slovakia Sc. 496 MNH	\$0.75	\$0.10			JS
32	South Africa Venda Sc. 188a MNH	\$4.00	\$0.50			JS
33	World Collection: 25 Flowers U	\$—	\$0.50			JS
34	World Collection: 20 Art Masterpieces U	\$—	\$0.50			JS
35	World Collection: 500 U	\$—	\$2.00			JS
36	Australia 50+ Assorted	\$—	\$1.00			DN
37	Canada 50+ Assorted	\$—	\$1.00			DN
38	Great Britain 100+ Assorted	\$—	\$1.00			DN
39	US 50+ Assorted	\$—	\$1.00			DN



# Kenneth P. Pruess: Postal Historian and Dedicated Leader

by David M. Frye

Dr. Kenneth P. Pruess, 84, the president of the Lincoln Stamp Club, died on Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016, after a brief illness. His contributions to the Lincoln Stamp Club over the last five decades defy efforts to compile into a list. Briefly, though, we give thanks for his work as president, vice president, frequent presenter of programs, LINPEX coordinator, registered agent, representative to the American Philatelic Society, auctioneer, exhibit judge, exhibitor, and the one who met with people who contacted the Club by e-mail to ask about the value of their stamp collections.



**Retirement—A Time for Hobbies:** Ken made a fifteen-minute presentation on Sept. 29, 2016, at the XXV International Congress of Entomology in Orlando, Florida. Here is the description of his topic.

**Introduction:** Many entomological activities are possible after retirement. Fly-fishing and stamp collecting will be discussed. Other activities will be suggested.

**Methods:** How one enjoys their hobby is only limited by personally chosen methods and objectives.

**Results/Conclusion:** Fly-tying and fly-fishing make use of entomological knowledge in an active pursuit of fish for sport and food. How do you imitate what fish eat? Morphological similarity is combined with biology and behavior of aquatic insects.

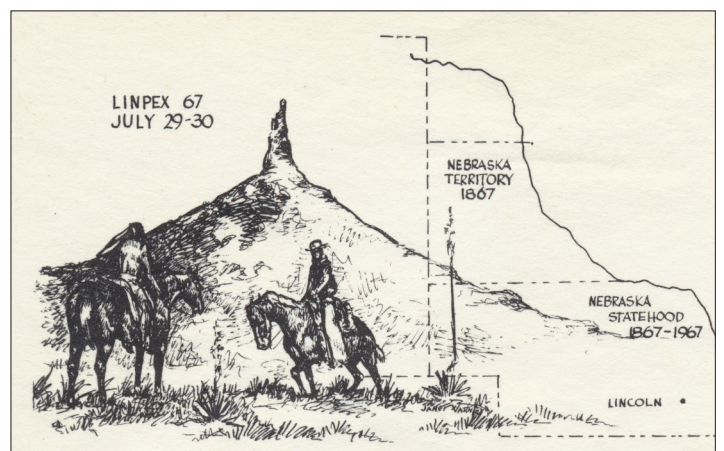
Stamp collecting can involve all areas of entomology: taxonomy, economic importance, medical entomology, and insect biology. My specialty is the honey bee. Many types of philatelic items can be used to tell the history of beekeeping. Glimpses into other entomological collectibles and hobbies are suggested.



**Free Evaluations:** Ken (left) and Dave Wallman (right) reviewed how to value the collections and accumulations that members of the public brought to LINPEX.

In addition to his memberships in the Lincoln Stamp Club and the American Philatelic Society, Ken was a member of the American Revenue Association and the American Topical Association. He earned numerous awards for his philatelic research, including, in 2016, a gold award at the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition for his exhibit, "New York Stock Transfer Tax".

Frames 96-100 Kenneth Pruess, Lincoln, Nebr.  
NEBRASKA REVENUE STAMPS—A history of taxes on alcoholic beverages, cigarettes, feed stuffs, and hunting privileges. Representative stamps illustrate how tax rates have changed.



**LINPEX 1967:** The listing from p. 10 of the 1967 LINPEX Souvenir Program (top) shows one of the major foci of Ken's many decades of philatelic research. The back cover of the program listed Ken as one of the cachet chairmen. The image (bottom) cropped from a cover shows the cachet design for LINPEX that year.

## Topics: "Telling a Good Cover Story" and Exchange

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., Jan. 5, 2017.
- **Show & Tell and Program:**  
Thurs., Jan. 19: *Telling a Good Cover Story* by **David Frye**.
- **Meeting & Exchange:**  
Thurs., Feb. 2.
- **Show & Tell and Program:**  
Thurs., Feb. 16: *Presidents on U.S. 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 OPPORTUNITY

### Lots for Upcoming Exchanges

If you would like to include items in the Club's monthly exchange (see p. 2), send your descriptions and prices to **John Schultz (jschultz2@neb.rr.com)** by **Jan. 15, 2017**, for the February exchange. Upcoming exchanges, set for **Jan. 5**, **Feb. 2**, and **March 2**, will feature items from Club members and from donors. Get your attractive lots listed! Downloadable forms are online:

- [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).

## LINPEX 2017

The Club's annual show is set for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 25–26, 2017. Expect dealers, exhibits, a show cover, and the Fort Hardstuff Dinner. Details coming!

## Membership

If a "16" appears by your name on the label, remit your 2017 dues by **Dec. 31, 2016**, to stay active in the Club for the coming year. A few labels might not be up-to-date.

Please Send Your 2017 Dues  
of \$12 to the Club by 12/31.  
See Details above and on p. 2

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