

LINCOLN STAMP CLUB

SOUVENIR SHEET
June 2019

CLUB HAPPENINGS LAST MONTH:

May 2 BUSINESS MEETING:

We discussed the progress on the website. It is practically ready to go with an improved look and similar functions. Should be done in June.

Dale Niebuhr and **Mark Sellhorn** will be going to the Omaha Stamp Club meeting on May 10 and others were invited to go as well. We will discuss plans and preparations for the APS stamp show in August and there will be a presentation by the Omaha Postmaster.

Rene Ferdinand passed around a 1944 Stanley Gibbons catalog

LaVonne Uffelman showed a group of calliope stamps (Sc.2390-2393) that had been made into buttons

Bob Ferguson showed an album of Iowa stamps that he had prepared as a retirement present for the director of the Lewis & Clark center in Sioux City.

Amber Wesley showed several stamps she had acquired at the Czech Republic center in Omaha

Mark Sellhorn showed two catapult covers – a 1930 to and a 1933 from noted stamp collector/stamp dealer Eugene Klein.

May 16:

We talked about the APS show in August and reviewed a guide for registering for the stamp show and signing up for volunteer work. We will have a table with the Omaha and West Omaha clubs and will need to man the table as well to welcome people to the show, sell show covers and possibly recruit members to our club.

Meetings coming up: June 6 will be viewing items from donations for sale to members; June 20 program will be “Engraved Stamps of West Africa” by **Bob Ferguson**; no meeting on July 4 for the holiday; July 18 will a scavenger hunt; no meeting on August 1 for the opening of the APS show in Omaha; and the August 15 program will be a DVD on doctoring postage stamps.

Dale Niebuhr was presented with the Lynn Casey award for 2019 that the Lincoln Stamp club awards to a member has contributed greatly to our club, its members and to philately in general.

Cynthia Carlson passed around a sheet of the new Transcontinental Railroad (Golden Spike) stamps.

Larry Spreeman showed a Christmas postcard sent in 2002 by the Lincoln Stamp Club and the Meadowlark (USPS) Stamp Club.

LaVonne Uffelman showed some buttons from USPS uniforms that were made by the Waterbury Button Companies of Waterbury, CT.

Brad Shay showed a variety of stamps that he got from a purchase of in a garbage sack full of stamps at a garage sale.

Mark Sellhorn showed a 1928 cover cacheted for the first experimental airplane-motorcycle courier service between several Massachusetts cities.

LaVonne Uffelman passed out a quiz on U.S. stamps. We all learned a few things about our hobby and had a good time as well.

OFFICERS

President:

Dale Niebuhr (2019)

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LaVonne Uffelman (2019)

Secretary:

Mark Sellhorn (2019)

Treasurer:

Dave Wallman (2019)

Board Member:

Joel Johnson (2019)

EXCHANGES

Manager: *Dale Niebuhr*

APS AMBASSADOR

Dale Niebuhr

MEETINGS

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

LOCATION

St. Paul U.M. Church
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AFFILIATION

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Universal Postal Union Surface-Letter 5¢ Rate

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This note-sized envelope, 129 mm × 87 mm, bears a single 5 ¢

Abraham Lincoln definitive stamp from the 1902–1903 Second Bureau Issue, the first definitive issue designed and produced exclusively by the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

The solo use of this stamp, Scott #304, paid the surface-letter rate for a letter weighing no more than 1 oz. or 20 g. The 5 ¢ rate for this weight was set by an agreement of the 6th Universal Postal Union (UPU) Congress in 1906. The U.S. Post Office Department used this rate from 1 October 1907 through

31 October 1953. The dark-blue color of the stamp also reflects a UPU convention, dating from 1 January 1899, that stamps issues for this weight and rate use that color.

Matthew R. Brady made the photograph of President Lincoln in 1864. The photograph provided the image the engraver used to create the stamp's portrait.

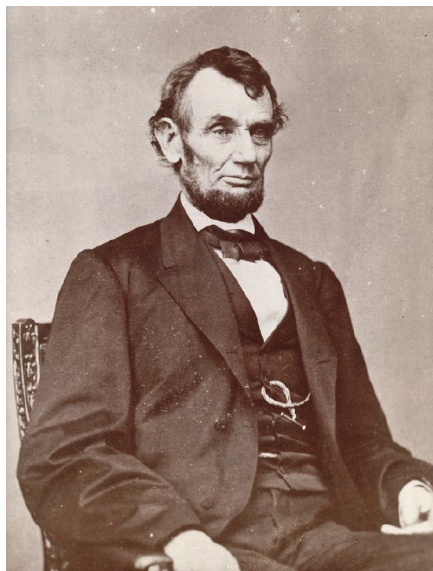
The 5 ¢ rate for sending a letter to Europe sounds modest. But, if one uses an online inflation calculator, one discovers that an item priced at 5 ¢ in 1913, only five years after this letter was mailed, would cost \$1.25 today. Thus, the current U.S. Postal Service rate for a 1 oz.

letter, \$1.15, is cheaper relative to its time, than the stamps used more than a century ago. In addition, mail sent in 1908 went to Europe by ship; there was no air mail service between the U.S. and Europe before 10 July 1924.

2018 David M. Frye
Cover: Author's collection



Shields, Pennsylvania, to Unterseen bei Interlaken, Switzerland:
Miss E. Zeller wrote a letter to Miss Louise von Gunten and mailed it from Shields, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, on 22 April 1908. The partial cancel on the back of the envelope, shown to the right, indicates that the letter arrived in Interlaken, Berne Canton, on "3.V.08," or 3 May 1908. Thus, the surface-mail journey by sea and land lasted



Rates: Anthony S. Wawrukiewicz and Henry W. Beecher, *U.S. International Postal Rates, 1872–1996*, Portland, Oregon, Cama Publishing Co., 1996.

Background: https://arago.si.edu/category_2029908.html.

Specifications

First-Day of Issue: 20 January 1903

Designer: R. Ostrander Smith

Portrait Photograph: Matthew R. Brady

Engraver—Portrait and Decorative Figures:
George F.C. Smillie

Engraver—Frame: Robert F. Ponickau

Engraver—Lettering and Numerals: John U. Rose, Jr., and Lyman F. Ellis

Format: 400-subject plates; 4 panes of 100

APS StampShow / National Topical Stamp Show

WHEN:

August 1-4, 2019

Thurs. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. • Sun. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

LOCATION:

CHI Health Center Omaha
455 N. 10th St. • Omaha, NE 68102
[See Hotel & Parking information](#)

SHOW HIGHLIGHTS:

* Military Dogs U.S. First Day - Special Show Cachet & Cancel

* 75+ Dealers - Public Auction - Cachetmakers Bourse

* 800+ Frames of Exhibits & Three of America's Rarest Postal Items

*United States Postal Service
Military Dogs*

Thursday, Aug. 1st.
Time/room: TBA



Club Notes

In June we will be looking thru donated material and member items for treasures and learning about the stamps of West Africa. Come see what you might find.

Welcome

The Lincoln Stamp Club welcomes guests to every meeting of the Club. 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/. StampClub.

Facebook

The Lincoln Stamp Club is on Facebook. Please "like" the Club and share its updates with your circle of friends. ⓘ Facebook: www.facebook.com/LincolnStampClub

Meetings

ⓘ **Business Meeting:** Thursday, June 6
Member buy/sell night from donated material..

ⓘ **Program:** Thursday, June 20:
"Engraved Stamps of West Africa"
by Bob Ferguson

ⓘ **HOLIDAY: Thursday, July 4:**
NO MEETING

ⓘ **Program:** Thursday, July 18: Scavenger hunt

COMING UP THIS YEAR

APS National Stamp Show in Omaha
August 1 to 4

Lincoln's Stamp Collecting Day
October 19th

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