

# Lincoln Stamp Club

## July 2010 Souvenir Sheet

The Lincoln Stamp Club's monthly news

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### Meetings

The Club meets the first and third Thursdays each month, from 6:30–8:00 p.m.

### Location

See announcements on next page for the details.

### Contact

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### Affiliation

The Club is an affiliate of the American Philatelic Society, APS# 0799-064882.

## Looking at Life with a Philatelic Eye

by David M. Frye

There's a phenomenon—I'm not sure of the name—that makes us see things. I'm not talking about hallucinations, but about our powers of observation. You've probably had this happen to you when you buy a car and then suddenly see so many cars of the same make and model.

How did everyone else know to get a car just like yours? That's what we ask ourselves. But the truth is that those cars were already on the road. It's just that now you are paying closer attention and you see them.

I have a hunch that stamp collecting does the same thing to us. Once you embrace the hobby, then you begin to see stamps and covers, postmarks and post offices in places where you might never have thought to look before.

Over the next few weeks, try to pay special attention to the world around you and notice the times and ways that the mail and all related elements make their way across your path. If you would like, bring examples with you to one of our meetings to share.

## We Need Your Help with LINPEX '11

One of the often unseen tasks that comes with presenting LINPEX to the community each year is transporting, setting up, tearing down, and returning the exhibit frames. We rent the frames from the Omaha Philatelic Society, so we need to retrieve them from storage in Omaha, bring them to the LINPEX venue, set

### Philatelic Theatre

Here's an example of seeing stamps in daily life. Anne and I received the mailing for the Summer 2010 season of the Nebraska Repertory Theatre. One of the plays is called "Mauritius," by Theresa Rebeck.

The teaser says, "Two tiny scraps of paper. Are they rare and priceless stamps from Mauritius? Two sisters wrangle with a trio of shady philatelists in this darkly funny thriller."

A few years ago, the New York Times reviewed the play when it appeared on Broadway, noting:

The title "Mauritius" refers to an island off the coast of Africa from which a now highly collectible stamp, described as "the crown jewel of philately," was issued in the age of Victoria. Like the Maltese Falcon (or for that matter, the nickel identified as an American buffalo), the Mauritius stamp is the fraught object of desire for an assortment of folks of shady backgrounds and

them up, and return them.

The Club asks you to consider whether you have the skill to drive either a pickup towing a trailer or a small rental truck and to back that vehicle up a driveway with a little curve in it.

The second kind of help we need is to set up and tear down frames. With enough hands,



motives, who meet in a dizzy roundelay of double-crosses." (Ben Brantley, Oct. 5, 2007)

If you are interested in catching the show to find out if those philatelists are shady or not, call the theatre's box office at 402.472.4747 or 800.432.3231 or go to [www.unl.edu/rep](http://www.unl.edu/rep).

A quick Google search turns up a Web site devoted to the exceedingly rare stamps from Mauritius, "...the 1847 'Post Office' Penny Orange and Twopence Blue." You can find out more about these stamps by going to the site, [www.stampsmauritius.com](http://www.stampsmauritius.com).

Best of luck in your search for philatelic treasures!

this is manageable work.

If you have questions about these needs, please visit with one of the officers or contact the Club at the e-mail address listed to the left.

We hope to line up some commitments for this team, as its work is one of the key parts of making LINPEX a success.

**New This Month:  
U.S. Issues in July**

**July 15**

*Negro Leagues  
Baseball*, Two 44¢  
commemoratives,  
Kansas City, Mo.

**July 16**

*Sunday Funnies*,  
Five 44¢ commemo-  
ratives, Columbus,  
Ohio.

**July 27**

*Scouting*, One 44¢  
commemorative, Fort  
A.P. Hill, Va.

**Newsletter Ideas**

Send info and stories  
to [questions@lincoln-  
stampclub.org](mailto:questions@lincolnstampclub.org) or mail  
them to:

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## July Meetings

**Business Meeting and Exchange**

Thursday, July 3, 7:00–8:30 p.m.  
St. Paul United Methodist Church  
1144 M St., Lincoln, Neb.

**Note and Directions:** Special time and  
place. Enter church from back door through  
parking garage, take elevator to main floor, go  
up one floor, follow the signs.

**Topical Pictorial Cancellations,**

**by George H. Green, Jr.**

Thursday, July 15, 6:30–8:00 p.m.  
Walt Branch Library

## 2010 Omaha Stamp Show

The Omaha Philatelic Society will hold its  
show on Sept. 11–12, 2010, at the Metro-  
politan Community College, 2009 Edward  
“Babe” Gomez Ave., Omaha. Hours are 10:00  
a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m.

**Note:** This is a change of location.

**On the Web:** [www.lincolnstampclub.org/news](http://www.lincolnstampclub.org/news)

## August Meetings

**Business Meeting and Exchange**

Thursday, August 5, 6:30–8:00 p.m.  
Location to be Announced

**1961: A Postal History of Transitions,  
by David M. Frye**

Thursday, August 19, 6:30–8:00 p.m.  
Location to be Announced

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to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. This is an APS World  
Series of Philately Stamp Show with 2,000  
pages of exhibits, 15 stamp dealers, USPS Sta-  
tion, and a show cover and cancellation.

**On the Web:** [www.omahaphilatelicociety.org](http://www.omahaphilatelicociety.org)

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