

Lincoln Stamp Club

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Monthly News of the
Lincoln Stamp Club

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The Club meets the
first and third Thurs-
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AFFILIATION

The Club is an affili-
ate of the American
Philatelic Society:
APS #0799-064882.

Marking Vacation Stops with Postmarks

Somewhere along the way in my philatelic reading, I came across the suggestion to gather examples of postmarks from towns one visits while traveling. Last month, my wife and I had the amazing experience of visiting Alaska, giving me the chance to try out this postmark pursuit.

I picked up a short stack of stamped cards—the Jan. 22, 2012, Sailboat forever-rate issue. My track record was mixed. I found a post office in Ketchikan, Alaska, but it turned out to be a contract postal unit and the person behind the counter said she could not cancel the card and give it back to me when it did not have an address on it.

In Talkeetna, Alaska, my fortunes improved. The picture to the right above shows the upper-right portion of the stamped card as returned to me by the postmaster. She did not raise the issue of addressing.

On a separate driving trip later in August,



Talkeetna, AK: Sitting within striking distance of Denali, Talkeetna is a favorite stop for climbers preparing for their ascent of “The Great Mountain.”

I made the same request of the postmaster in Lodgepole, Nebraska. She responded identically to the employee in Ketchikan.

A little digging on the USPS Web site turned up the following entry governing the preparation of First-Class Mail:

Each piece must have a delivery address but is not required to bear the marking “First-Class” or “First-Class Mail”.

(DMM 135 1.0 1.1 a)

This seems to indicate that the two individuals who would not affix a postmark to my unaddressed stamped cards were following this particular section of the *Domestic Mail Manual*. Even so, I wonder whether another regulation permits a postal employee to apply a postmark to an unaddressed piece and return it to the customer. If anyone knows the answer to this question, please send your response to questions@lincolnstampclub.org and I’ll include your reply in the next newsletter.

DMM: http://pe.usps.gov/text/dmm300/dmm300_landing.htm.



Local Architecture: The Talkeetna, Alaska, post office building, while relatively new, presents a rustic appearance and sports a pair of community-service bulletin boards.

September Exchange

The Club offers the following items at its monthly exchange. Payments may be made in cash or in personal checks made out to the Club. Proceeds benefit the Club's programs and activities. Thanks for your generous offers!

Lot #	Description	Catalogue	Open	Final	Buyer
• 01	Showgard Black Mounts, partial packages: 25, 27, 28, 30	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 02	Showgard Black Mounts, partial packages: 31, 33, 36, 39	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 03	Showgard Black Mounts, partial packages: 41, 44, 50, 57	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 04	White Ace Historical Stamp Album Pages, U.S., assorted	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 05	Minkus Album Pages, U.S., assorted, 1978–2002	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 06	Crystal-Mount Packages: 3 partial cover; 1 partial large	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 07	Assorted Air Mail Envelopes; 11 types	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 08	Assorted Glassine Envelopes	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 09	Assorted Mounts and Corners	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 10	Bundle of 4x6 Manilla Folders	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 11	Bundle of 2-up 5x7 Photo Album Pages	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 12	5-Tab Binder Dividers; 4 packages	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 13	Assorted Stock Pages	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 14	Harris U.S. Plate Block, Zip Code Block Album Supplements	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 15	Scott International Supplement 1973–74 (Part IX)	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 16	Scott International Supplement 1978 (Part XIII)	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 17	Scott International Supplement 1985 (Part XXI)	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 18	Scott International Supplement 1986 (Parts XXII A–B)	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 19	Scott International Supplement 1987 (Part XXIII A)	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 19	Assorted Unused Postal Cards (2¢–5¢)	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 20	Assorted Used Postal Cards (1¢–20¢)	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 21	Two Sc. #1328 Nebraska Statehood Centennial FDC	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 22	Nebraska Midland RR First Mail Run Cover	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 23	1965 Lincoln Stamp Club Souvenir Sheet	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 24	Assorted Used Blocks of 4, off paper	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 25	Assorted Christmas and Easter Seals, full and partial sheets	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 26	NSC9: '76 American Numismatic Assoc. Souvenir Card	\$8.00	No Min.	_____	_____
• 27	Scott Catalog: Vol. 1 (2009); Vols. 2–6 (2010)	~\$90.00	No Min.	_____	_____
• 28	Five Assorted U.S. Postal Service Lobby Posters	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 29	Worldwide Postage Stamp Album with some stamps	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 30	Assorted Artmaster Album Pages	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 31	Box of Clear Sleeves: 3.5x5.75	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 32	Nu Ace Cover Album: 3-up pages	—	No Min.	_____	_____
• 33	Finland: #856a, complete booklet	\$4.25	No Min.	_____	_____
• 34	Finland: #863a–e, complete booklet	\$5.50	No Min.	_____	_____
• 35	Finland: #863a–e, complete booklet	\$5.50	No Min.	_____	_____
• 36	Finland: #863a–e, complete booklet	\$5.50	No Min.	_____	_____

Roundup: Philatelic News of Note

FREE POSTAL HISTORY BOOK

By simply telephoning (202) 633-3017, you can receive a free copy of *The Winton M. Blount Postal History Symposia: Select Papers, 2006–2009*, Thomas Lera, editor, issued 14 September 2010. It is a 166-page color illustrated gold mine of articles. The William M. Blount Symposia features scholarship in the broad field of postal history taken here to include “the study of postal rates, policy, and administration, political effects on postal systems, postal surveillance, and the consequences of business and culture on postal systems; basically anything to do with the collection, transportation, and delivery of mail.” This book highlights presentations from four years of the symposia.

The contents:

- Political economy of postal reform in the Victorian age / Richard R. John
- “Little colored bits of paper” collected in the progressive era / Sheila A. Brennan
- WWI philatelic censuses of East Africa / John Kevin Doyle
- Explorations in the official register; statistical analysis of postmaster compensation data from 19th century New Hampshire / Terence Hines and Thomas Velk
- Zeppelin posts in the 1933 Chicago World’s Fair, integrating collector and historian methodologies / Cheryl R. Ganz
- “Food will win the war” motor trucks and the farm-to-table postal delivery program, 1917–1918 / Robert G. Cullen
- Philatelic propaganda, a case study—border changes in Eastern Europe, 1938–1941 / Robin Gates Elliott
- Picking up the pieces, the aftermath of Hiroshima / Janet Klug

- Postal censorship and military intelligence during World War II / Ann Elizabeth Pfau
- 1895 provisional and bisect postage due stamps, a result of the transfer of stamp production to the BEP? / Harry K. Charles, Jr.
- Sunday mail controversy, postal reform, and mail transportation / Diane DeBlois and Robert Dalton Harris
- “Why is a raven like a writing desk?” post office reform, collectible commodities, and Victorian culture / Catherine J. Golden
- America’s first carrier service, the U.S. city dispatch post / Larry Lyons
- U.S. 1847 issues; stamps that changed the system / Harvey Mirsky
- From the pulpit to the post; anti-clericalism and communication in Orizaba, 1857–1867 / Rachel A. Moore
- Cheap postage; a tool for social reform / David L. Straight.

Source: Information courtesy of the American Philatelic Society, www.stamps.org/Postal-History-Symposium

SAMPLE MAGAZINE ISSUE

Each month, the Club receives a complementary issue of *American Philatelist*, the journal of the American Philatelic Society. If you are not a member of APS, ask at a Club meeting to borrow the copy to find out how membership could enrich your enjoyment of the hobby.

PUBLICITY APPOINTMENT

David Frye has been appointed to the position of Publicity Chairman for the Postal History Society, APS affiliate #AF0044. He will assist the society in promoting its work through various media.

METERED MAIL RATES

Extra copies of the handouts providing background on last month’s program, “Making Sense of Metered Mail Rates,” will be available at the September business meeting.

“TOP 13 MUST-SEE POST OFFICES”

Fox News recently featured an article in the travel section of its Web site offering suggestions for planning your vacation around visits to post offices, or at least for making some intentional detours along the way.

The article begins, “No matter what town you go to in the U.S.—not matter how remote—there’s bound to be a post office nearby.

“From a boat that delivers mail along the docks of a 29-mile stretch of river, to aircraft that fly directly the coldest regions of Alaska, the country’s post offices have been set up to meet the changes to the mail delivery system—and the people it serves.”

More: www.foxnews.com/travel/2012/08/21/unique-post-offices-across-nation/

LINPEX 2013 NEWS

The Lincoln Stamp Club will host its annual philatelic exposition—LINPEX 2013—on Saturday and Sunday, February 23–24, 2013.

The show will feature a non-competitive display of members’ one- and two-frame exhibits. If you would like to share your collecting passion with others, use the form in last month’s newsletter to submit your exhibit information.

Bring your questions and ideas about LINPEX to our next meeting. The show reaches many new stamp collectors and many others who normally collect without the benefits of sharing in the community of collectors. Your contribution matters!

USPS Releases: September—December 2012

Sept. 4: *Purple Heart*; one forever (45¢) defin., pane of 20, Washington, DC.

Sept. 11: *O. Henry*; one forever (45¢) comm., Literary Arts, pane of 20, Greensboro, NC.

Sept. 22: *Four Flags*; four non-denom. (45¢) defin., ATM pane of 18, Greensboro, NC.

Oct. 1: *Earthscapes*; fifteen forever (45¢) comm., pane of 15, Washington, DC.

Oct. 7: *Christmas Holy Family*; single special forever (45¢), double-sided

pane of 20 (convertible booklet), Location TBA.

Oct. 7: *Santa and Sleigh*; four special forever (45¢), double-sided pane of 20 (convertible booklet), New York, NY.

Nov. 7: *Waves of Color*; four defin. (\$1, \$2, \$5, \$10) panes of 10, Location TBA.

Dec. 22: *Lady Bird Johnson*; six forever (45¢) comm., souvenir sheet of 6, Location TBA.

On the Web:
www.beyondtheperf.com.

WANTED

Items for Monthly Exchanges

If you would like to include items in the monthly exchanges, send your descriptions and prices to questions@lincolnstampclub.org by **Sept. 25 for the Oct. 6 Exchange**.

Info about more significant items, which might require members to research ahead of time, should be sent by **Sept. 25 for the Nov. 1 Exchange**.

Forms for your items are available online:

- www.lincolnstampclub.org/downloads/SmallExchangeSheets.pdf
- www.lincolnstampclub.org/downloads/ExchangeSheet.pdf

Omaha Stamp Show

The show, September 8–9, will feature sixteen dealers and 125 frames of exhibits. The cover theme is "Celebrating 100 Years of Girl Scouting." Hours are Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The venue is the Metropolitan Community College, 2909 Babe Gomez Ave., Omaha. The Omaha Philatelic Society is sponsoring the event. Free parking and admission.

Meetings: Watermarking and Tagging

The Club meets at a central location:

St. Paul United Methodist Church
1144 M St., Lincoln, Neb.

Go south on 11th Street, then turn left into the church's parking garage between N and M Streets. Take the elevator to the *main* floor. Street parking is available too.

- **Business Meeting & Exchange**
Thurs., Sept. 6, 2012, 7–9 p.m.

See p. 2 for Exchange Items.

- **Program:** *Watermarking and Tagging*, coordinated by Ken Pruess
Thurs., Sept. 20, 2012, 7–9 p.m.
Bring any equipment you have and stamps to examine.
- **Looking Ahead:** October 4, 18; November 1, 15; December 6, 20; January 3, 17; February 7, 21.

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