

LINCOLN STAMP CLUB

SOUVENIR SHEET
May 2020

Club Happenings Last Month

OFFICERS

President:

Dale Niebuhr (2020)

Vice President:

LaVonne Uffelman (2020)

Secretary:

Mark Sellhorn (2020)

Treasurer:

Dave Wallman (2020)

Board Members:

Curtis Peacock (2020)

Brad Shay (2020)

EXCHANGES

Manager: *Dale Niebuhr*

APS AMBASSADOR

Dale Niebuhr

MEETINGS

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

LOCATION

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AFFILIATION

An American Philatelic Society
affiliate: **APS #0799-064882.**

April 16 Meeting

Still no physical meetings, but we were able to hold a virtual meeting on Zoom with 15 members and 2 visitors attending. Our member **Edgar Hicks** and Omaha Philatelic Society President, **Ben Brick**, and treasurer, **Randy Bergstrom** all joined us from Omaha. Everyone gave an update on what they had been doing with their stamp collections to occupy their time.

Kurt Meyer showed a hologram Easter postcard, a multi-franked cover from Kevin Lunn, and a cover to him from the Vatican.

David Frye showed a cover from the Vatican.

Dale Niebuhr showed a 1999 LINPEX folder and a 2007 club newsletter.

Brad Shay showed an image of an Iranian coronavirus stamp.

LaVonne Uffelman showed a 1974 first day program for the gem and mineral stamps issued in Lincoln at LINPEX.

Cynthia Carlson showed a 1 1/2 cent Harding stamp cancelled with vertical lines looking like a jail cell.

David Arunski showed pages from an 1847-1933 U.S. album that he had recently purchased.

Keith Riese showed a 1994 registered air mail cover from St. Pierre & Miquelon franked with island and French overprint stamps.

Dave Wallman showed a 1975 LINPEX program and various items that had been donated with stamps including a candy recipe and a thermometer.

Mark Sellhorn showed a souvenir admission ticket to the 1898 Trans-Mississippi Exposition in Omaha.

No meeting on May 7. We will meet on Zoom on May 21.

We are hoping to resume meeting again in person in June. If so, the June 4 meeting will again be business and part one of the Herb Henry collection for sale; the June 18 program will be the scavenger hunt; the July 2 meeting will be part two of the Herb Henry sale; and the July 16 program will be *The Beginners of Modern Philately* by Mark Sellhorn.

Twentieth-Century U.S. Air Mail Sent within a Territory

by David M. Frye,
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The air-mail letter depicted here presents a cornucopia of intriguing visual elements.

A quick, first glance might take in this envelope's common red and blue chevron border that flags it as an air mail letter.

A second look reveals the coincidental—most likely—coordination of the colors of the stamps and the inks used for the addresses and the auxiliary “Via Air Mail” marking.

A third survey might note the juxtaposition of the figures commemorated by the two stamp designs. Alfred E. Smith, a Democrat from New York, lost the 1928 presidential election to Herbert Hoover, who, in turn, lost the 1932 election to Franklin D. Roosevelt, also a Democrat from New York.

Finally, a perusal under magnification of the postmark shows that the letter was sent from Mountain Village, Alaska, on April 6, 1947, to Ketchikan, Alaska. The date confirms that this letter was sent within the Alaska Territory. The 5¢ total face value of the stamps represents full payment for the first ounce from Oct. 1, 1946, through December 31, 1948, for domestic air mail. When the U.S. Congress instituted this rate, the act explicitly included intraterritorial first-class mail:

“The rate of postage on domestic air mail shall be 5 cents for each ounce or fraction thereof. “SEC. 2. As used in this act, ‘domestic air mail’ shall embrace all mailable matter being transported as mail by air within the continental United States, within any Territory or possession of the United States, within any geographical area which is a protectorate of the United States, or between any of the aforesaid: Provided that with respect to mail transported under authority of section 1 of the act of October 14, 1940 (54 Stat. 1175; 39 U.S. C, 1940 edition, 488a), the postage rate of 5 cents for each ounce or fraction of an ounce shall



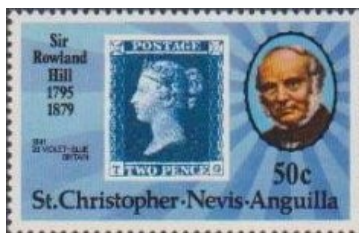
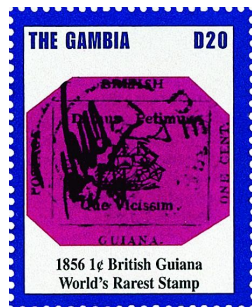
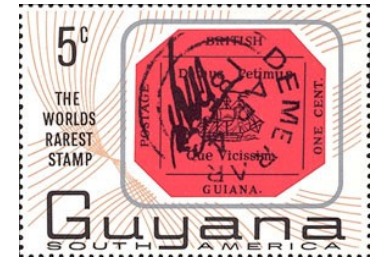
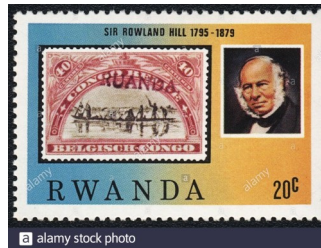
Mountain Village to Ketchikan: Air mail within Alaska—given the absence of roads between many locales—remains reasonable solution for sending correspondence

be applicable only to mail of the first class, and for all other classes the rates shall be as prescribed by that act. “SEC. 3. The act of October 14, 1940, referred to in section 2 of the act of August 14, 1946, above quoted, relates to mail carried by aircraft to, from, or within Alaska and authorizes the Postmaster General to fix the postage rate thereon. Until otherwise directed the rate of 5 cents an ounce or fraction of an ounce will be applicable on and after October 1, 1946, to all classes of mail carried to, from, or within that Territory which the sender designates for transportation by air. Mail of any class on which postage at the regular rates only is prepaid and which is not designated by the sender for transmission by air when carried to, from, or within Alaska shall continue to be handled as heretofore. The necessary amendments of the Postal Laws and Regulations and detailed instructions will be issued later.” (The Postal Bulletin, August 15, 1946, Vol. LXVII, No. 18954, p. 1)

The sender, John Aguiak, has a surname that still shows up in online searches of “Aguiak Mountain Village Alaska.” The recipient, The Alaska Sportsman, is a periodical that now goes by the title Alaska. One of the magazine’s founders was Emery Fridolf Tobin, who was an outspoken opponent of Alaska statehood. History thwarted his desires when Alaska became a state on January 3, 1959.

Cover: Author's Collection

Stamps On Stamps



Club Notes

Until the current health concerns are resolved, Club meetings will be on Zoom.. When we finally resume meeting, the first program will be the scavenger hunt.

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, May 7
Cancelled

ⓘ **Program:** Thursday, May 21
Online meeting on ZOOM

ⓘ : **Business Meeting:** Thursday, June 4
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Coming UP

Later this year :

When we resume, our first meeting will be our scavenger hunt.

"History of the Caribbean Islands Through Stamps"
by **Bob Ferguson**

"The Beginners of Modern Philately - Sir Rowland Hill and William Mulready" by **Mark Sellhorn**

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