

# LINCOLN STAMP CLUB

**SOUVENIR SHEET**  
**June 2020**

## Club Happenings Last Month

### OFFICERS

President:

*Dale Niebuhr (2020)*

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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

St. Paul U.M. Church  
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### AFFILIATION

An American Philatelic Society

affiliate: **APS #0799-064882.**

## May 21 Meeting

Still no physical meetings, but we held a virtual meeting on Zoom with 15 members attending from Lincoln; Omaha; Grand Island; Bennett; Franklin (Massachusetts) and Henderson (Nevada). Restrictions will continue in place, so the June 18 meeting will also be on Zoom. The program will be collecting tips by everyone, ie. album pages, where to get supplies, insurance, dealing with dealers, buying/selling online, etc. **Dale Niebuhr** will make a list of items for sale from Herb Henry's collection and send it to all. Viewing will be by appointment with Dale.

**Joel Johnson** showed a 1977 LINPEX cover and a 1967 Nebraska cover.

**Dale Niebuhr** showed a 1997 "Thank You" folder with stamps issued by Germany for the purchase from their philatelic center.

**Brad Shay** showed a 1951 special delivery cover he recently purchased in a group of FDC's.

**David Arunski** showed a group of Columbians recently added to his collection.

**Erika Wilson** showed a cover received from her grandfather franked with seven of the 2c train stamp (Sc. 295) from the Pan American series.

**John Radway** showed a 1931 cover for the airship USS. Akron and a 1934 Zeppelin cover postmarked from Germany to Lakehurst, NJ.

**David Frye** showed an underpaid cover from Uganda to Wausau, Wa. and explained the postage rates and postage due markings.

**Mark Sellhorn** showed a 1942 censored cover from Great Britain to Mr. Tyrone Power in Hollywood.

## No meeting June 4. We will meet on Zoom on June 18.

We are hoping to resume meeting again in person in July. If so, the July 2 meeting will again be business and part of the Herb Henry collection for sale; the July 16 program will be the scavenger hunt.

# Gwanda to Sacramento: Censored and Underpaid

by David M. Frye,  
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This cover traversed a great distance during wartime, making its way from Gwanda, Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe. One auxiliary markings documents the letter's successful passage through a U.S. censor's screening. The envelope shows no sign of having been opened and resealed.

Note that the postage—not all of which remains on the cover—short paid the surface mail rate. The New York Post Office marked the letter postage due by 4¢. The two stamps remaining on the cover

paid 11/2d, where “d” was the denominational notation for pence, the plural of penny. This was the basic unit of the British currency system. Southern Rhodesia was a British colony in this period, which explains the visage of King George VI (11 December 1936–6 February 1952) on the stamps. The blue crayon notation, “T30,” was overwritten with a pencil to say “T20.”

The always-helpful U.S. International Postal Rates, 1872–1996, researched and written by Anthony W. Wawrukiewicz and Henry W. Beecher, includes a “Table showing rates/fees on incoming surface mail to United States, 1879–1950” (pp. 260–294). The entries for Southern Rhodesia (p. 287) notes that a rate of 3d for the first weight increment was in effect from 6 June 1932 to 24 July 1950.

It appears that the “T30” postage-due notation was applied when the envelope bore only the stamps that still remain on it. Thus, 11/2d was short of 3d by 11/2d. At the exchange rate of 20 centimes per British



Cover Image: Author's collection

**Gwanda, Southern Rhodesia, to Sacramento, California:** Two Southern Rhodesia King George VI (KGVI) definitive stamps with denominations 1/2d and 1d, totaling 11/2d, and one missing stamp, which occupied the rectangular space straddling the left and middle circular date stamps, underpaid the prevailing surface mail rate to North America. The postmark, Proud Type 2C, carries the date of “19 FEB 1940,” which places the mailing during World War II. That, in turn, explains the purple “PASSED BY CENSOR” auxiliary marking that was applied, most probably, at the New York Post Office, where the “DUE 4 CENTS” notation was made.

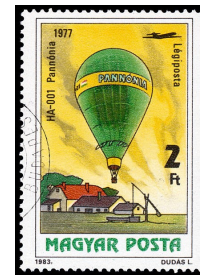
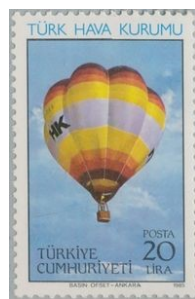
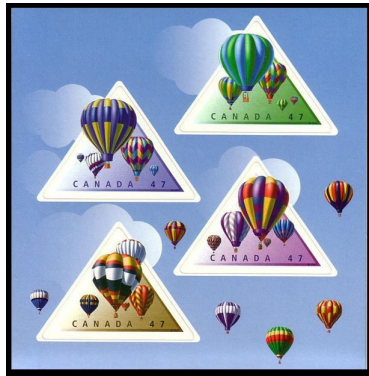
penny, the letter was marked underpaid by 30 centimes (20 × 11/2). But that was not the end of the story. The penciled correction to the blue crayon notation changed the short-paid note to “T20.” At the exchange rate in the United States of 5¢ per centime, the postage due was 4¢ (20/5).

My guess is that the sender had franked the letter with the full 3d, perhaps using a brown 11/2d KGVI definitive. That stamp fell off after the letter had been mailed and the stamps cancelled. Then, someone along the way noted the stamp was missing and made the “T30” note. Next, in the U.S., a postal employee saw the gap in the cancellations and, deciding that some stamp had been in place initially, marked down the amount due to “T20.”



King George VI

# Hot Air Balloon Day - June 5



## 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/](http://www.lincolnstampclub.org/membership/). StampClub.

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## Meetings

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

**No meeting**

ⓘ **Program:** Thursday, June 18

**Collecting tips on Zoom**

ⓘ : **Business Meeting:** Thursday, July 2

**Sale from Herb Henry collection**

# 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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