

LINCOLN STAMP CLUB

SOUVENIR SHEET- July 2021

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MEETINGS

The Club meets the second

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

LOCATION

College View Adventist Church

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Club Happenings Last Month

June 10 Meeting

We met with 22 members attending. After a round of introductions and everyone's favorite philatelic tool/item, **LaVonne** announced that **Tom Johnson** will present the July program. **John Radway** asked if anyone could explain philatelic auctions, which led to an informative discussion on the workings of auctions online and in person. **LaVonne** announced stamp shows coming up. **Brad Shay** mentioned that his church is working on a busload to go to the Great American Stamp Show held August in Chicago and asked if there would be any interest from club members. We are still looking for programs in September and November

LaVonne Uffelman showed a cover she received from "Taste of Topicals" franked with 40 copies of the 3 cent New Hampshire stamp (Sc. 1068) and 5 copies of the 4 cent Atlantic Cable stamp (Sc. 1112).

Cynthia Carlson showed a small tobacco tin with a Series 125 two ounce tobacco revenue stamp.

Amber Wesely passed around a copy of *Topical Times* with a picture of Dale Smith, a long time dealer at our stamp shows. **Amber** also showed a couple of stamp jigsaw puzzles.

Mark Sellhorn showed a 1940 miniature censored cover to South Africa short-paid with a 3 cent prexie (Sc. 807) and a 2d South African postage due stamp to make up the proper rate. **Mark** also showed a 1944 censored cover to Mexico franked with a 20 cent airmail (Sc. C29) and the address blocked out by a "Returned/ To Sender/ By Censor" label.

The meeting was followed by the sale of donated material.

Do you have some favorite items in your collections or stories that you would like to share with the club? We can put these in the newsletter for everyone to see, even those that cannot make it to the in-person meetings. Just let Mark know what you have and see if we can get some pictures to include. This newsletter is for all of us, so feel free to share your stamp collecting interests.

Registered Letter Sent from North Bend to Berkeley

by David M. Frye,
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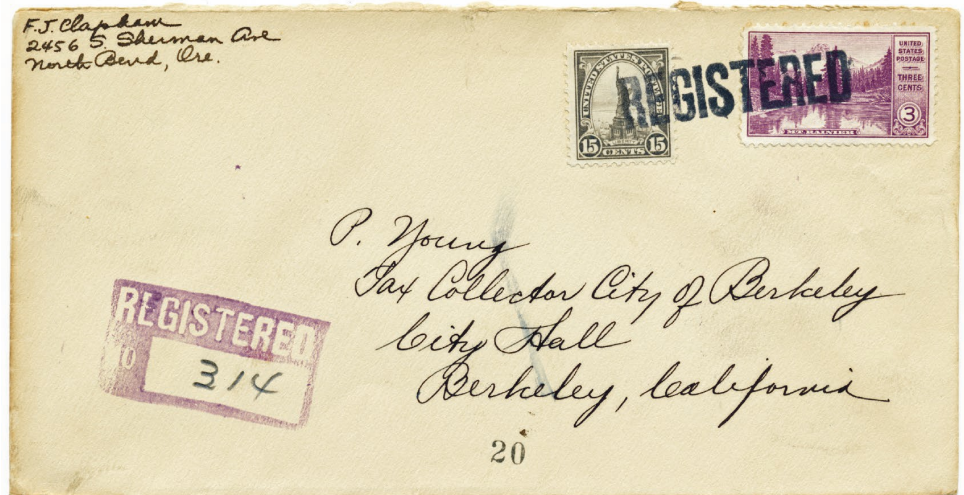
The go-to compendium defining and describing the various rates and services provided by the U. S. Post Office Department is *U.S. Domestic Postal Rates 1872–2011, Third Edition*, by Henry W. Beecher and Anthony S. Wawrukiewicz. In their chapter on Registry Service, the authors note,

The registry service developed as a mean of moving valuable material more safely via the US postal system. The system affords special safeguards and great security for mailed matter, and has proved indemnity for loss, rifling, or damage since July 1, 1898 (p. 310).

This letter was franked with two stamps. The 3¢ Mt. Rainier and Mirror Lake stamp from the 1934 National Parks Year Issue paid the prevailing first-class surface-mail rate for a letter not exceeding one ounce. This rate ran from 6 July 1932 to 31 July 1958. Then, the 15¢ Statue of Liberty stamp from the Fourth Bureau definitive series paid the registry service fee—in play from 1 July 1932 to 25 March 1944—to cover an indemnity not to exceed \$5.

Two markings on the front of the envelope make this letter stand out from routine first-class mail. The first is the rectangular purple handstamp that notes the letter was sent “REGISTERED.” The handwritten “314” permitted postal workers charged with handling registered letters to log their interaction with this protected letter. Today, barcodes, which have replaced registry numbers, are scanned at various points on a letter’s journey to provide evidence of the chain of custody.

The second noteworthy marking on the front is the “REGISTERED” cancellation that strikes both stamps. Cancelling the stamps prevented their



North Bend, Oregon, to Berkeley, California: Two magenta circular date stamps on the back of this envelope show that the letter was mailed from North Bend on November 7, 1934 and arrived in Berkeley on November 9. The sender updated the back’s return address.



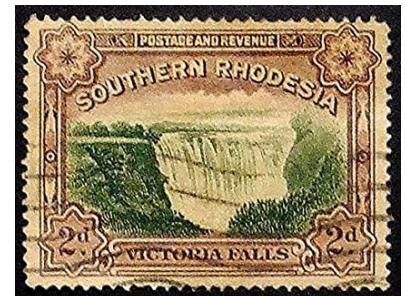
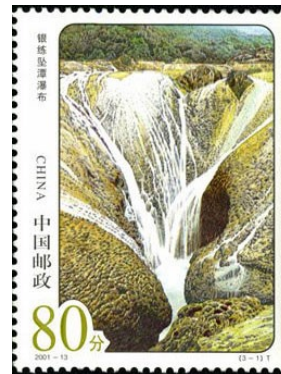
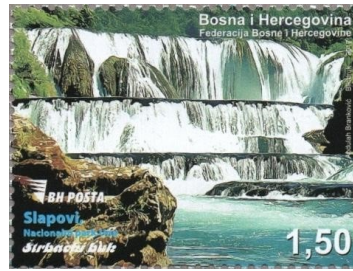
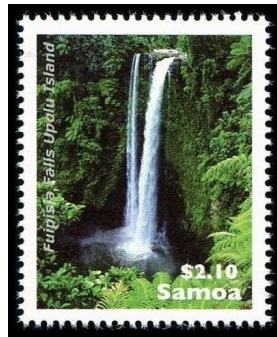
reuse. But, one might ask why the circular date stamps appearing on the back were not used to cancel the stamps. Beecher and Wawrukiewicz provide an explanation:

A problem faced the USPS [sic] in 1910 in that postal workers were not checking the reverse side of registered mail that passed through their hands for signs of tampering. Therefore, “effective now” no postmark could be placed on the face of Registered matter. Thus, city, date and transmit information had to be placed on the reverse of the matter. In spite of this admonition the former practice continued well into the 1920’s decade ... (pp. 312–313).

Thus, this letter properly bears the cancels that identify the city, date, and departure and arrival information on the back of the letter.

The black stamped “20” on the front of the envelope does not appear to correspond to any postal functions. It may be that the office of the tax collector in Berkeley used number stamps to inventory incoming correspondence or to identify the person opening the mail.

WATERFALLS



Club Notes

We will meet in person at our new location, College View Adventist Church, 48th and Prescott. Please join us in the company of other philatelists.

Welcome

The Lincoln Stamp Club welcomes guests to every meeting of the Club. Dues are only \$12/year. 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/Lincoln

Meetings

- ⓘ : **Program:** Thursday, July 8
“*My Philatelic Library*” by Tom Johnson
- ⓘ : **Monthly Meeting:** Thursday, August 12

Coming Events

The **2021 Omaha Stamp Show** will be held on September 11 & 12 at the Westside Community Conference Center, 3534 S 108th St, Omaha, NE 68144.

Stamp Collecting Day

Mark you calendars

October 24

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