

LINCOLN STAMP CLUB

SOUVENIR SHEET

May 2022

Club Happenings Last Month

OFFICERS

President:

LaVonne Uffelman (2022)

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Brad Shay (2022)

Secretary:

Mark Sellhorn (2022)

Treasurer:

Dave Wallman (2022)

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Curtis Peacock (2022)

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EXCHANGES

Manager: *Dale Niebuhr*

APS AMBASSADOR

Dale Niebuhr

MEETINGS

The Club meets the second

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

LOCATION

College View Adventist Church

48th & Prescott St.

Lincoln, Neb.

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AFFILIATION

An American Philatelic Society

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April 14 Meeting

We met with 20 members attending. After a round of introductions, two new members joined the club—**Marcia Claesson** and **Wendy Thomas**.

Welcome **Marcia** and **Wendy**! **Brad Shay** gave an update on the work with Pathfinders. The FDC door prizes donated by **Steve Allen** and the donated stamp sheet were won by **Hans Kaiser**.

John Radway passed around 4 first flight FAM covers from 1935 to 1939.

Cynthia Carlson showed a damaged piece of mail received this week.

Marilyn Weidner passed around a box she received from El Salvador franked with multiple stamps.

LaVonne Uffelman talked about a pizzeria serving a “Stamp Collectors” pizza and passed around the menu. Several members have had the pizza and declared it delicious.

Mark Sellhorn showed a 1946 miniature British cover sent to John Wayne.

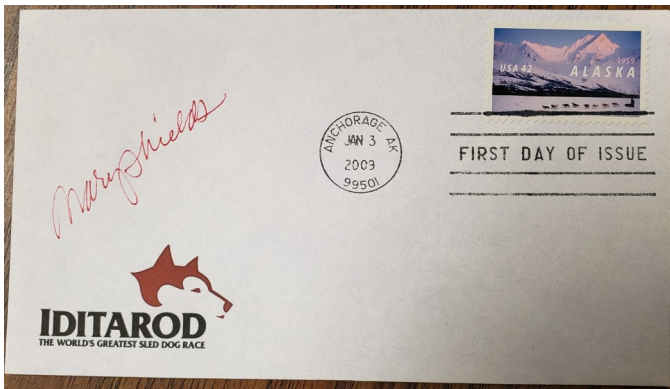
Program: “The Iditarod and Stamp Collecting”

By : **Marcia Claesson**

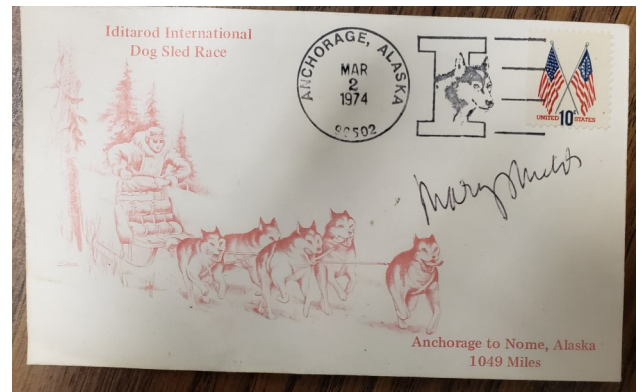
Marcia talked about the famous dogsled race from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska and her collection of FDC’s and autographs. The 1,049-mile race began in 1973 to commemorate a 1920’s effort to deliver diphtheria medicine to an isolated village in northern Alaska and to revitalize the interest in the use of dogsleds. The first race in 1973 was won by Dick Wilmarth and had no women contestants. But in 1974 three women raced and Mary Shields became the first woman to finish the race, although she did not win. Marcia also talked about the care and breeding of the dogs and the use of veterinarians along the way to ensure their care.

To enhance her enjoyment of the Iditarod, Marcia created hand-drawn cachets, franked the covers with the 2009 Alaska statehood stamps, and sent them in for first day cancellations. She then sent them off to a wide variety of “mushers” (although no one ever says “mush”) for autographs. Several of these covers are shown on the next page. Also shown is a cover actually carried by Mary Shields in 1974 in the race to Nome. As a note of interest, Marcia told us that Dee Dee Jonrowe and her team are the ones pictured on the Alaska statehood stamp. As a collector of many things, Marcia has also added musher tracing cards to her collection.

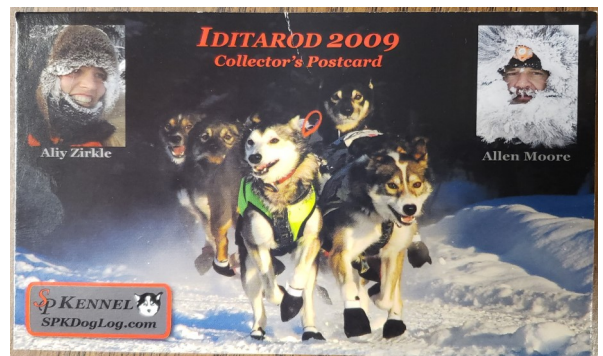
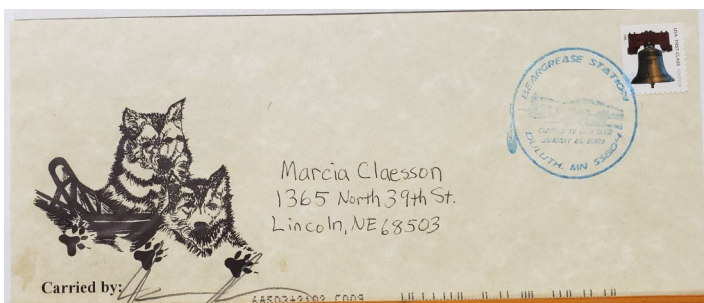
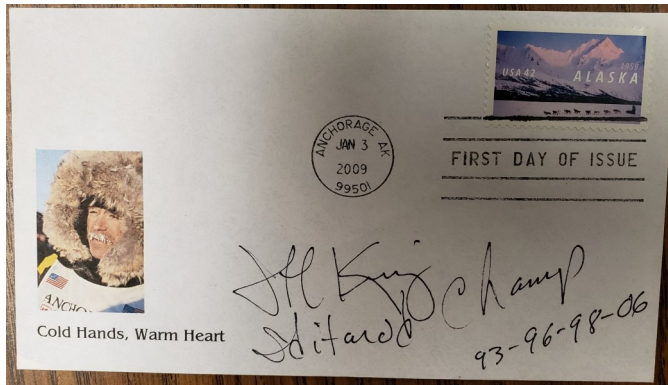
Iditarod Collectibles



Mary Shields—1974—First woman to finish the Iditarod



Mail carried by Mary Shields in 1974 from Anchorage to Nome.



Business Letter Bears Marks of Two Supplemental Services



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Orient to Des Moines: A #10 security envelope bears \$2.77 in postage to pay the prevailing rates on 22 October 1997 for a single-weight first-class letter sent as certified mail with return receipt request-

Business letters often reflect senders' uses of supplemental postal services. The front of this letter, sent by an individual to an insurance company, indicates the use of two services—certified mail and return receipt noted with a label and auxiliary marking, respectively—beyond the basic first-class mailing. Four stamps provided a payment of \$2.77. The stamps include the 2¢ Mary Lyons and 15¢ Buffalo Bill Cody issues from the Great Americans Series, a 60¢ Eddie Rickenbacker international-rate stamp, and a \$2 Bobcat definitive issue from the Flora and Fauna Series.¹ Part of interpreting the traces of a cover's postal use entails matching the services purchased with the postage paid:

First-class surface letter rate ≤ 1 oz.	\$0.32
Certified mail service	1.35
Return receipt service	1.10
TOTAL FOR ALL SERVICES	\$2.77

Thus, the postage paid matches the total for services.

A few comments on the additional services should help to explain why the sender purchased them for communications with an insurance company. According to the U.S. Postal Service, "Certified Mail provides the sender with a mailing receipt and, upon request, electronic verification that an article was delivered or



sender could inquire at the sending post office. Then, "a return receipt ...provides a mailer with evidence of delivery (to whom the mail was delivered and date of delivery), and information about the recipient's actual delivery address."⁶ Here, these services documented the sender's communication with the company.

References

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3. *ibid.*, Table 37: Certified Mail Service, p. 327.
4. *ibid.*, Table 38: Return Receipt Service, p. 333.
5. U.S. Postal Service, *Domestic Mail Manual*, 3.0 Certified Mail Services; accessed 29 April 2018.
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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](http://lincolnstampclub.org/membership/.StampClub).


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Meetings

 : **Meeting:** Thursday, May 12
Sale of donated material

 : **Program:** Thursday, June 9
"The Race to the Moon and Stamp Collecting"
By : **Kurt Meyer**

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