

LINCOLN STAMP CLUB

SOUVENIR SHEET

May 2024

Club Happenings Last Month

April 11 Meeting

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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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Lincoln, Neb.

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ANNIVERSARY

1964—2024

Sixty Years

NEWSLETTER

Editor: Mark Sellhorn

We met with 28 members and a guest, Cameron Spitsnogle. After a round of Introductions and a couple of timely jokes about the solar eclipse **Brad** talked about upcoming meetings with a program by **Bob Akaki** in May and a sale of donated material in June. The door prizes of USPS commemorative booklets were won by these folks:

Arthur Harper won 1972

Sam Wesely won 1973

Hans Kaiser won 1974

John Radway won 1975

Brad Shay won 1976

John Radway passed around an application to have a cover carried by re-enactment of a Pony Express ride from St. Joseph, MO to Sacramento, CA. by the national Pony Express Association.

Arthur Harper passed around the March/April issue of the *Journal* by the Scouts on Stamps International Society.

Cynthia Carlson showed a 1902 cover from Ryno, Nebraska from her collection of Nebraska postmarks.

LaVonne Uffelman showed a Bicentennial FDC franked with a block of 4 Boston Tea Party stamps (Sc. 1480-1483) and a commemorative coin.

Amber Wesely passed around a copy of the *Smithsonian* magazine article on the inverted Jenny (Sc. C3a).

Mike Ley passed around a first day ceremony program for the new Wedding Blooms stamps and also a cover with combined franking of the 50c Taft (Sc. 831) and the 50c Susan B. Anthony (Sc. 1051).

Willy Knopp showed a large 1944 Montgomery Ward cover sent to Niuafuou Island (Tin Can Mail island) and franked with a Montgomery Ward pre-cancelled 6c John Quincy Adams (Sc. 811).

Bob Akaki passed around a 1942 FDC from Mexico franked with 3 astronomy stamps.

Mark Sellhorn passed around a 1976 Tonga (Tin Can Island) cover franked with a variety of Tongan stamps.

Following the meeting was a robust sale of donated material.

A Change of Plans: Air Mail Diverted to Surface Mail

by David M. Frye,
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Several visual features of this cover vie for one's attention on first glance. The envelope's familiar blue-red chevron border catches the eye as it flags the letter sent "BY AIR MAIL / PAR AVION," as the preprinted etiquette notes.

Next, the colorful stamps provide three *in situ* portraits of Kenyan fauna. The tones, landing somewhere between full color and monochrome, will look familiar to anyone who turned the pages of 1960s textbooks and encountered duotone-style illustrations. Here, the background colors help to highlight the depictions of the sable antelope (10¢; *Hippotragus niger*), bush-baby (20¢; *Galagoides cocos*), and the greater kudu (1/—; *Tragelaphus strepsiceros*).

This cover's most distinctive feature is the auxiliary marking in purple applied below the etiquette. It states:

INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID
FOR AIR MAIL—DIVERTED
TO SURFACE MAIL

During this period, Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania were members of the East Africa Posts & Telecommunications Administration (EAPTA). Two key features of this arrangement help to make sense of this letter's diversion. First, postage stamps issued by any one country were permissible for use on mail originating in any of the three countries. Second, the three political entities shared a common mail rate schedule.

Thus, the working census of Tanzanian postal covers I have been assembling provides sufficient information to establish that the air-mail letter rate to North America from the countries of the EAPTA for the first weight increment during this period was 2/50. Thus, because the sender affixed postage of 1/30, its franking



Nairobi, Kenya, to Jeanerette, Louisiana: Three stamps from Kenya's 1966 definitive series paid 1/30 East Africa Shillings for a letter mailed 19 October 1967. The auxiliary marking indicated that the total postage did not match the prevailing air-mail rate to North America.

did not pay for air-mail service.

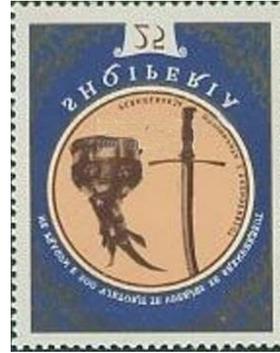
Why 1/30? The census data show that such air-mail letters in this period franked with 1/30 had European destinations. Most likely, the sender, confused about the differences in rates for Europe and North America, affixed 1/30, thinking that was enough.

A few other minor elements are notable. The cancellation, true to its message, "Post Early for Christmas," was applied in Nairobi on 19 October 1967. Second, the recipient's address provides enough details to support locating some information about the company, showing its ties to the sugarcane industry:

In 1968 and 1969 Osceola Farms Company, Canal Point, Florida, purchased 3 Model S-6 cane harvesters built by J&L Engineering Company, Jeanerette, Louisiana. These machines cut 2 rows of cane, regardless of the state of recumbency, and then chop and load it into carts in one continuous operation (Rafael Fanjul, "Two-Row Sugarcane Harvesting Combine," *Proceedings of the International Society of Sugar Cane Technologists*, p. 79, 1971).

Kenya has had an active sugar industry since 1922. Recent statistics show that 16 percent of Kenyans support themselves through ties to the sugar industry. Most likely, this crop and its products played a significant role in the Kenyan economy in the 1960s.

Swords on Stamps



Meetings

Club Notes

We meet in person at our 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: www.lincolnstampclub.org/membership/.StampClub.

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Program: Thursday, May 9
"Amache Mail"
By Bob Akaki

Meeting: Thursday, June 13
Sale of donated material

Coming Up

The Greater Kansas City Stamp Show

June 7-8 2024

1st Presbyterian Church...Westminster Hall

417 W Lexington Ave

Independence MO 64050

Time: 10am-5pm Friday

10am-4pm Saturday

Stamp Collecting Day in October

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