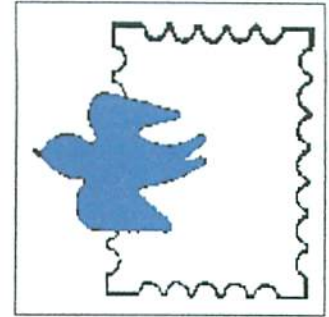


ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

Rockford Stamp Club

Established August 21, 1930 - APS Chapter #735

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Monthly meetings at Ken-Rock Community Center, 3200 11th St., Rockford, IL

Wednesday, January 4, 2012 ***** **Tuesday, January 17, 2012**

6:00 pm - Buy, sell and trade
View auction lots
7:00 pm - Meeting & auction

10:00 am - Buy, Sell and trade
View auction lots
10:30 am - Meeting & auction

1st Wednesday Update: Our December 7th Christmas Holiday meeting had 31 members and one guest. This was our donation auction and we had some great lots donated by many members and spirited bidding. In all we raised \$240 for the Ken/Rockstars after school program. The funds will be used to help replace a computer and for their Christmas party. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Steve Johnson brought in a nice showing of military history items including a leg iron ball and chain! He will be bringing these to the show and **Lyman Hensley** and **Tim Wait** will have Civil War related exhibits at the Rockford Stamp Show March 10th and 11th.

There were three raffle box drawings. The winners were **Bob Niles, Bruce Thurow and Frank Schmitt**. Three more gift raffles were won by **Mike Peters, Tim Copus and Frank Schmitt**. In total we sold \$100 in tickets.

We need to have a Stamp Show meeting later in the month. If you are on committee or are interested in coming and participating, please let Steve or Tim know so we can inform you of the date.

Stamp Club Chili Cook Off - when will we have it?

Club History

In 1931 the club put their entire treasury of \$5.00 in a local bank. The bank failed! They then moved to another bank and it failed! The bank wrote to the club some 5 years later and said the receiver had so many checks to write that they had no idea when the Club would be getting their funds. A lot of folks lost their money in the many bank failures during the Great Depression.

3rd Tuesday Update: The December 20th meeting was well attended also with 15 members. 41 auction lots generated \$11.50 for the club treasury. **Hank Fox** showed a copy of the first Club Auction flyer from 1930. Thanks to **Joe Kramlik** who stopped by and paid his dues and left a nice donation because he couldn't make the Wednesday meeting. Come join the Tuesday morning group.

Welcome New Members

**Jon Sevall
Beloit, WI**

Please join us in welcoming Jon to the club. Make sure to introduce yourself and make him feel at home.



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Sat-Sun Jan 14-15 - Polarpex

Milwaukee, WI. Gonzaga Hall, 92nd and Greenfield Ave. Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4. Dealers 23. Free admission.

Sat-Sun Jan 21-22 - MSDA Winter Stamp Show

Prospect Heights, IL. Midwest Stamp Dealers Association. Comfort Inn & Suites, 600 N Milwaukee Ave. Hours 10-4. Dealers 20. Free admission. Website: www.msdestamp.com.

U.S. New Issues



Spectrum Eagle

January 3, 2012. Liberty, Mo. Non-denominated (25¢ assigned value) Spectrum Eagle PSA coils of 3,000 and 10,000

The new "Spectrum Eagle" Presorted First-Class Mail non-denominated stamp comes in six color varieties. The eagle's profile is depicted in white, set against a sequence of six varying shades of reds, yellows, greens, and blues. Each color blends with the one following, resulting in a gradual spectrum from left to right across the six stamps. The stamps are used by bulk mailers because mail with a postage stamp on the envelope has a better chance of being opened than mail with a printed indicia. The issue was designed by Ethel Kessler, who also was the Art Director and Typographer.



New Mexico Statehood

January 6, 2012. Santa Fe, NM.

A scenic landscape by contemporary New Mexico artist Douglas West. Statehood date is Jan. 6, but first day dates sometimes are delayed to fit the schedule of local government officials who should be invited to the party.



Year of the Dragon

January 23, 2012. San Francisco, CA ?

Fifth in the series of designs by artist Kim Mak, celebrating Lunar New Year, which in 2012 is Jan. 23, a bit earlier than usual.



John H. Johnson

January 31, 2012. Chicago, IL.

The 35th release in the Black Heritage series celebrates one of the most influential Black publishers, founder of Ebony and Jet magazines, and an important leader in the Civil Rights movement. The design is based on a photo by David McCann. It will probably be issued in February in Chicago, Johnson's hometown.

US New Issue Updates - there are many more possible new issues coming that do not have confirmed dates or locations. Usually by now the USPS has firmed up this information for well into the year. Maybe the cost cutting measures took out the employee in charge of setting issue dates and locations!! Some of them are as follows.

Aloha Shirts - Five 32¢ postcard rate stamps

Weather Vanes - Five 45¢ first class letter rate definitive in coils of 3,000 and 10,000

Bonsai Trees - Five 45¢ Forever stamps

Sunshine Skyway Bridge - \$5.15 Priority Mail stamp

Carmel Mission - \$18.95 Express Mail stamp

And many more.....

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The Rockford Stamp Club



American Philatelic Society Chapter # 735

Take a look at the Rockford Stamp Club website. Much useful information can be found there. Do you have anything you want to put on the site? See Ted Gifford, Webmaster.

Winnebago Co. - Post Office #19 - Winnebago Depot July 3, 1853 - January 29, 1871.

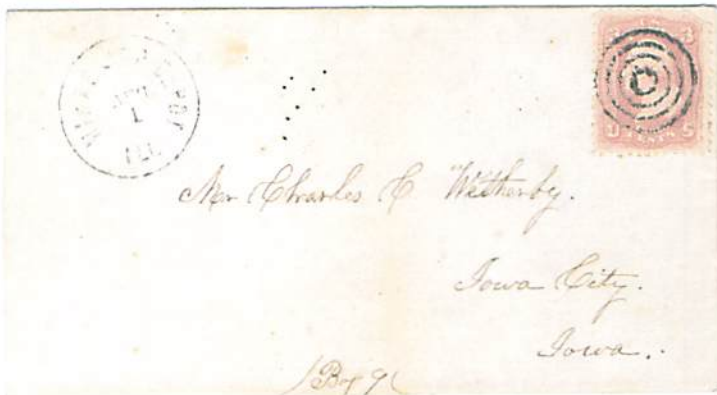
Winnebago Depot was opened as a stop on the original Galena & Chicago Union Railroad about seven miles west of Rockford. On January 29, 1871 the name was shortened to Winnebago.



Winnebago Depot May 30 (185x). Manuscript Paid 3. Early stampless use from 1854 or 1855 before stamps were required on January 1, 1856.



Winnebago Depot ILL. Apr 17 (185x). 37mm CDS very sharp circle grid killer with 7 bars. Due to their size, these postmarks are referred to as "balloons".



Winnebago Depot ILL Aug 1 (186x). 27mm CDS, four concentric ring cancel.



Winnebago Depot ILL. Sep 17 (1870). 27mm CDS with thicker letters, grid killer with 7 bars.

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Arlington Heights, IL
847-843-8700

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John Steele
Washington, IL
309-444-8247

MKS Collectibles

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Bloomington, IL
309-662-0794

Alroy Stamps

Al Lenz
Schaumburg, IL
847-524-0147

Rockford Coin & Stamp

Steve Jennings
Rockford, IL
815-282-4444

Leiby's Lots & Ends

Jack Leiby
Rock Island, IL
309-788-4840

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Terry Kurzinski

Cherry Valley, IL
815-262-9117

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ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

We invite all area collectors to join us at a future meeting of the Rockford Stamp Club. Meetings are held the first Wednesday at 6PM, every month except July, and the third Tuesday of every month at 10AM, at the Ken-Rock Community Center, 3200 11th St., Rockford, Illinois. Each meeting starts with a buy/sell/trade session followed by a lively, unreserved stamp auction. Come discover the fun of stamp collecting. All ages welcome.

The 2011 Club Officers

President.....Steve Capone
Vice-President.....Frank Schmitt
Secretary.....Tammy Copus
Treasurer.....Hank Fox

Director.....Bob Schlax
Director.....Steve Johnson
Director.....Tim Gallagher
Club Auctioneer...Don Arnquist
Webmaster.....Ted Gifford

Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

1991 Perry Arnquist Emeritus	1998 Matt Mace
1992 Evert Thelene *	1999 Dwane Kaplenk
1993 Donald Arnquist	2000 Thomas Johnston
1994 Otto Ehlers *	2001 Mike Peters
1995 Dick Wibom	2002 Craig Edgington
1996 Dan Hammell *	2003 Earl Button
1997 Robert Rosell *	2004 Timothy Wait

* Closed album.

