

ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

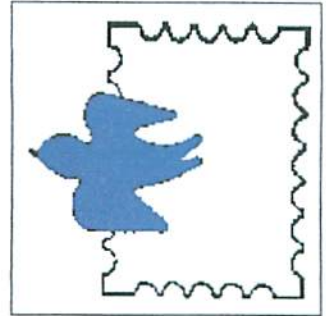
Rockford Stamp Club

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

Wednesday, November 2, 2011 ***** **Tuesday, November 21, 2011**

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 **October 5th** meeting had 25 members and spouses. We continued to discuss Stamp Show Committees. We will be planning a Show Committee meeting at the November 2nd meeting. The raffle drawing was won by **Bruce Thurow**. If you won a raffle recently, please send in a report of the contents for everyone to enjoy. **Jim Johnson** donated some books to our library, which is still a work in process and a listing will be made available in the near future. Many members prolong the evening by going across the street to **McDonald's** to continue our philatelic discussions. Everyone is welcome to join in!

3rd Tuesday Update: The **October 18th** meeting was well attended. **Phil Bratta** has invited the group to the **Royal Blue Restaurant in Stillman Valley** for the **Nov 15th meeting**. Directions: Route 2 to Byron turn left on Route 72 to Stillman turn left at business district sign in center of town. You can also take I39 to Route 72 and go west. A separate dining room with tables for the auction will be used. The Royal Blue comes highly. Join the fun at one of the club's travelling Tuesday morning meetings.

Stamp Club Chili Cook Off

Two of our members are planning a Chili Cook Off and club members get to decide the winner. The two have **heated** discussions about their chili! Look for more information in a future newsletter.

CHICAGOPEX Nov 18-20

This is the biggest stamp show in the Midwest and it is right here in our backyard only about one hour away. You don't want to miss this years activities with the 125th anniversary of the CPS and the 25th anniversary of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors. It promises to be one of the best CHICAGOPEX shows ever!

There will be 80 dealers selling just about anything your collection needs. A special one frame exhibition is being held with over 50 one frame exhibits.

See column to the right and go to their website at Chicagopex.com for more information.



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Fri-Sat Nov 11-12 - CORNPEX 2011

Bloomington, IL. Corn Belt Philatelic Society. Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts, 100 E. Mulberry St. Hours: Fri. 10-7, Sat. 9-5. Dealers 25. Free admission. Many post card dealers.

Fri-Sat-Sun Nov 18-20 - CHICAGOPEX 2011

Itasca, IL. Chicago Philatelic Society. Westin Chicago Northwest, 400 Park Blvd, Itasca. Hours: Fri. 11-6, Sat. 10-5, Sun 10-4. Dealers 80. Over 250 exhibits. Free admission.

Fri-Sat Nov 25-26 - SUPEX 2011

Countryside, IL. The Suburban Collectors Club of Chicago. Operating Engineers Hall, 6200 Joliet Rd. Hours: Fri. 10-6, Sat. 9:30-4. Dealers 30. Free admission.

The U. S. Revenue Tax Act of July 1, 1862



Essay prepared by Joseph P. Ourdan similar to the eventual Butler & Carpenter design.

On July 1, 1862, as part of a program of taxation designed to offset the costs of the Civil War, the US Congress enacted an extensive schedule of stamp taxes on documents, patent medicines, perfumery and cosmetics and playing cards. The duties were to be paid by adhesive stamps affixed to the article taxed. The Office of Commissioner of Internal Revenue, under the Treasury Department, was created to superintend the collection of these duties.

The Act went into effect on October 1, 1862. The Philadelphia firm of Butler & Carpenter was awarded the contract on August 8 to prepare the stamps at 13 cents per 1,000. This left less than two months to prepare the 86 different stamps denominated from 1¢ to \$20. Other stamps were issued as the tax rates were changed beginning in March 1863, which eventually resulted in 102 different First Issue stamps.



All the stamps were printed in single colors in a variety of colors including brown, red, green, blue and orange with the type of tax indicated on the stamp. Due to the immediate need for stamps and the short lead time, only three of the stamps were available on October 1st. Many of the stamps were not delivered until December 1862 or even January 1863. Because of these delays, the printers were authorized in early November 1862 to **"Fill all orders for stamps with utmost dispatch without perforating"**. Therefore, all the stamps delivered before this were perforated. Imperforate and part-perforated stamps were delivered sometime after November 7th.



In the very beginning there were concerns about the washing and reuse of these stamps using commonly available chemicals. One of the first attempts to thwart these activities was to change the dark blue ink to an ultramarine ink that was very fugitive and was damaged by the chemicals. This was not deemed effective enough and further experiments were continued.



On September 2, 1871, a Second Issue of stamps was issued. These stamps were printed in two colors, blue for the frames and a fugitive, or soluble black ink for Washington's portrait that would dissolve in any chemical, whether acid or alkaline. The second feature was the use of a specially prepared paper which would also be affected by such chemicals.



The Second Issue stamps had hardly made their appearance when complaints began to come in because they were all printed in the same colors, leading to confusion and errors. On November 3, 1871 a letter to the printers endorsed the changing of the border color to approximate the original denominations color in the First Issue. Changes were made and the new color stamps were issued beginning in January 1872. These were short lived as all the taxes, except the 2¢ Bank Check tax were rescinded effective October 1, 1872, exactly 10 years after the tax began.



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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 #18 - Pecatonica opened November 16, 1853.

Pecatonica is located in Pecatonica Township, just south of the Pecatonica River, about two miles from Stephenson County. This month I will show 19th century postmarks.



Pecatonica, Ill Oct 10 (185x).
Manuscript town, state and date.
An X cancels the Three cent stamped envelope, U10, which was issued in 1854.



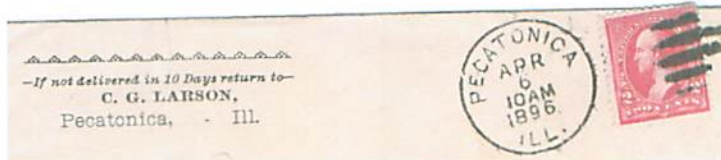
Pecatonica, Ill Mar 18 (1858).
33mm CDS and FREE. Postmaster letter. Late example of a Stampless letter.



Pecatonica, ILL Oct 3, (186x). 25mm CDS used for receipt. Mailed from Iowa to Pecatonica Sep 29. Forwarded to Chicago Oct 3. Due 3 in blue pencil applied in Pecatonica. Black DUE 3 and 61 Carrier marking applied in Chicago.



Pecatonica, Ill.
Aug 22 1880.
28mm CDS on Drop letter at the post office, 1 cent.



Pecatonica, Ill. Apr 6 10AM 1896. 28mm CDS from C. G. Larson, Pecatonica, - Ill.

Thank You to All Our Show Dealers / ROCKFORD 2012 Coming Soon!

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Arlington Heights, IL
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John's Stamp Den
John Steele
Washington, IL
309-444-8247

MKS Collectibles
Dave Stauffer
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

Terry Thomas
Arlington Heights, IL
847-398-5116

W.H. Burdick
Mtn. Home, AR
870-425-7799

Terry Kurzinski
Cherry Valley, IL
815-262-9117

Bill Wakefield
DeKalb, IL
815-501-7038

William H. Hatton
Piqua, OH
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Rockford, IL
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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.

