

# LINCOLN STAMP CLUB

## SOUVENIR SHEET

July 2024

### OFFICERS

President:

*Brad Shay (2024)*

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*Mark Sellhorn (2024)*

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*Dave Wallman (2024)*

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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  
affiliate : **APS #0799-064882.**

### ANNIVERSARY

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### NEWSLETTER

Editor: Mark Sellhorn

## Club Happenings Last Month

It is with a sad heart that we report the passing of **Edgar Hicks**. He was a member of our club for many years and an active member of the Omaha club as well. **Edgar** had a variety of collecting interests and was an active participant in our activities and at LINPEX **Edgar** always brought interest and humor to our meetings and shows. He closed his final album on June 29. **Edgar** will be missed.

## June 13 Meeting

We met with 30 members and six guests—three Boy Scouts from Troop 69 and three of their mentors. After a few questions about the U.S. flag on stamps, the Scouts talked about their stamp collections as they work toward a stamp collecting merit badge. Each described their topical collection as they were passed around—Presidents; animals; and the U.S. flag.

**Cynthia Carlson** talked about the topic of buying and using fraudulent stamps as summarized in a June *AP Journal* article.

The door prizes were won by these folks:

**Bob Akaki** won a 1977 First Day program for the Christmas stamp (Sc. 1730).

**Dave Wallman** won a souvenir folder for the 10c Moon Landing stamp (C76).

**Sam Wesely** won a sheet of the Great Plains Prairie stamps (Sc. 3506).

**Brad Shay** passed around a deck card (cover for a packet of sheet stamps at the Post Office) franked and canceled for the new Carnival Nights stamp.

**Cynthia Carlson** showed a 1910 Little, NE postcard from her Nebraska collection.

**Mike Ley** passed around 3 covers to the University of Nebraska using high-denomination stamps: from Peru with 4 stamps, Nigeria with 5 one-pound stamps; and Burma franked with 95 stamps.

**Willy Knopp** showed a 1943 airmail cover with a single 22c prexie (Sc.827).

**Amber Wesely** showed a 1986 copy of *Life Lines* with an ad for how to get an 80th birthday or 50th wedding anniversary greeting from the President.

**Don Ehly** showed part of his collection of \$1 Presidential coins and related stamps..

**Mark Sellhorn** showed 3 of his postcards using parcel post stamps (Sc.Q1 or Q2).

The meeting was followed by another successful sale of donated material.

### APS and ATA Membership

Our club receives benefits from the APS and the ATA if we have a certain number of LSC members who are also members of either or both of these organizations. Please let any of the officers know if you belong to these. There are also great personal benefits in belonging to these groups—including monthly informative magazines and opportunities to buy/sell material for your collections.

Also, there is a survey on the next page with the aim of making our meetings and shows the most interesting and enjoyable that they can be. Your feedback really helps make the Lincoln Stamp Club get there. Please take a moment and let the club know what you think.

# Lincoln Stamp Club Survey (2024)

In an effort to help us make the Lincoln Stamp Club more beneficial and enjoyable for all, please answer the following survey questions and bring them to the next meeting or mail them to our P.O. Box 6756, Lincoln, NE (68506).

In addition, please review the Stamp Collecting Interests list (see back of survey) and update or add yours, so that we can share your interests with other members. Thank you for your time and participation in the survey.

1. How often do you attend Lincoln Stamp Club meetings?

- Nearly all of them
- Most of them
- Some of them
- Seldom or never

2. What prevents you from attending more meetings?

- Health or travel issues
- Work/family obligations or alternative activities
- Lack of interest in some of the club programs or activities

3. Which of the following programs or activities do you like or think we should do more of?

- Presentations by club members
- DVD or slide programs from APS (new/should try)
- Show and tell sessions related to a theme
- Scavenger hunts
- Stamp quizzes
- Traditional exchange (auctions)
- Sale of club donated items
- Sale by club members or third party items

4. Please list any topics you would like to see in future programs/meetings:

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5. Please offer any suggestions you might have to improve the monthly stamp auctions/sales:

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6. Please offer any suggestions you might have to improve the annual LINPEX stamp show or the fall Stamp Collecting Day show:

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7. Please offer any suggestions you might have to attract new members:

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8. Please offer any other suggestions you have to make the Lincoln Stamp Club better:

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## Miscut Stamp a Freak Arising from Production Inconsistency

by David M. Frye,  
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Singer Paul Simon immortalized some wise advice in "The 59th Street Bridge Song." He sang, "Slow down, you move too fast / You got to make the morning last."<sup>1</sup> A few days ago, as I finally turned my attention to sorting through a box of covers I'd saved and moved, I discovered an ordinary-looking #10 business envelope mailed from Lincoln to Denton, Nebraska, in early 2016.

One of several dozen envelopes with U.S. Postal Service's 2014 Star-Spangled forever definitive stamps, this letter leaped out at me when I slowed down to sort it into my booklet/coil piles. That's when I noticed this coil stamp was cut oddly. The design is upright, but the coil's manufacturing left the design "bleeding" off the stamp edge and portion of the image in the coil below appearing at this stamp's bottom margin.

Stamp collectors engage in lively debates defining the distinctions among errors, freaks, and oddities. An error would be something like using "FORVEER" rather than "FOREVER." One good description of *freak* states:

The best working definition of a freak is a negative one. A freak is a stamp with irregularities that make it different from a normal stamp of the same issue but that do not qualify it as a major error. Stated another way, a freak is a stamp that is neither normal nor a major error.

Freaks may be caused by color misregistrations, paper folds, creases, foreign objects, ink starvation, badly aligned or badly worn perforating devices, or mysterious forces.<sup>2</sup>

Some questions come to mind. Is this freak rare? Is it valuable? Has this miscut freak been reported? I don't



† Lincoln to Denton: A single Star-Spangled Banner forever definitive paid the prevailing 49¢ first-class rate on 26 February 2016 for a letter weighing one ounce or less.

have definitive answers to these questions. This freak likely is uncommon, although there should be other stamps from the same coil and from coils produced by cutting the sheet from which this stamp's coil was fabricated. Whether many of these stamps avoided the trash is another issue. I am searching for other reports of this miscut freak. It probably has some moderate value to a collector of freaks.

### References

1. <https://www.paulsimon.com/song/59th-street-bridge-song-feelin-groovy/>; accessed 14 February 2019.
2. "Errors versus erros, freaks and oddities," Rick Miller, <https://www.linns.com/news/postal-updates-page/stamp-collecting-basics/2001/august/errors-versus-erros--freaks-and-oddities-.html>, Aug. 13, 2001; accessed 14 February 2019.

## 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](http://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](https://www.facebook.com/Lincoln)

- : **Program: Thursday, July 11**  
*Colonial Stamps of Australia, New Zealand, Spain and the U. S.* By Bob Ferguson
- : **Meeting: Thursday, August 8**  
Sale of donated material
- : **Program: Thursday, September 12**  
*Exhibiting* by Mike Ley

## Coming Up

### Omaha Stamp Show

September 14-15, 2024

Metropolitan Community College

2709 Edward Babe Gomez Ave.

Omaha, Nebraska 68107

10am-4pm Saturday

10am-4pm Sunday

## Stamp Collecting Day in October

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