

LINCOLN STAMP CLUB

SOUVENIR SHEET
December 2024

Club Happenings Last Month

OFFICERS

President:

Brad Shay (2024)

Vice President:

Tom Johnson (2024)

Secretary:

Mark Sellhorn (2024)

Treasurer:

Dave Wallman (2024)

Board Members:

Curtis Peacock (2024)

Larry Spreeman (2024)

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
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Lincoln, Neb.

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ANNIVERSARY

1964—2024

Sixty Years

NEWSLETTER

Editor: Mark Sellhorn

November 14 Meeting

We met with 21 members and a visitor, Carmen Spitsnogle. **Brad** talked about philatelic history on this date. He also talked about LINPEX 2025 and again asked for theme ideas. After several ideas were put forward, it was decided to go with the health community theme using the recent stamp issued for that theme. An idea for the show cachet was the 100th anniversary of Lincoln General Hospital/Bryan Hospital West. We will check for permission to use the hospital on our covers. **Dale** re-capped Stamp Collecting Day with about 80 guests, 26 members and record sales of donated material.

The following folks were nominated to fill the officer positions for 2025. The Vice President position is open and is available to anyone wishing to help with the functioning of the club. The election will be next month. If you have other nominations, please forward them to any of the officers to be added to the ballot.

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The door prizes were won by these folks:

Roy Whittington won the Rock & Roll/Rhythm & Blues sheet (Sc. 2724-39)

Tim Scott won the Jazz Singers/Blues Singers sheet (Sc. 2854-61).

Arthur Harper won a 1979 proof set of U.S. coins.

Carmen Spitsnogle won the Stars and Stripes sheet (Sc. 3403).

Brad Shay passed around an eyeglass box that had been mailed using a 3c Victory stamp (Sc. 905) and then re-mailed using two 12c prexies (Sc.817).

Dave Wallman showed a 1972 ticket to the Sugar Bowl from a box of donations. Ticket price was \$9.

Mark Sellhorn showed a 1935 advertising brochure for ship-to-shore catapult mail service by the North German Lloyd Line.

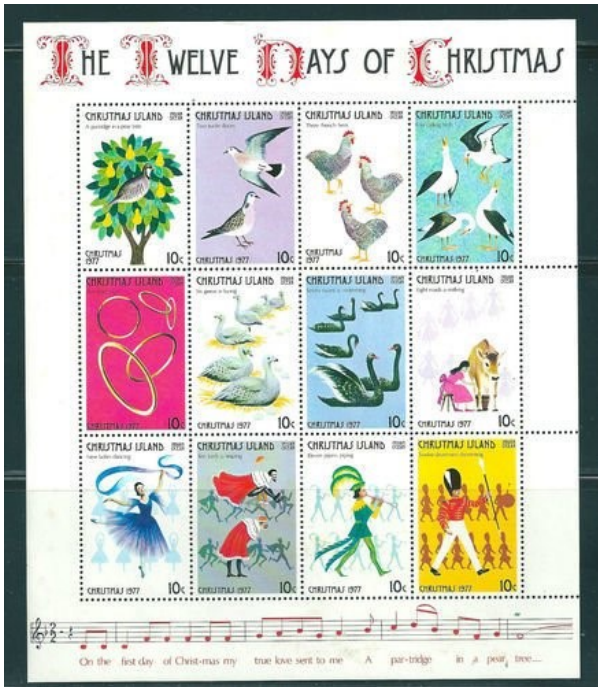
The meeting was followed by enthusiastic buying/selling/trading among members.

December Meeting

The December meeting will be a scavenger hunt. The search will be for famous people alphabetically. You can use either their first or last name, but the same person can only be used for one letter. **LaVone** prepared sheets for you to attach your stamps and they were passed out. These hunts are always fun and give us a reason to go back through our collections or stock books in order to fill every space. **Dale** has prizes for all who participate and for those who fill the most spaces.

Good Luck!

Christmas Stamps from Christmas Island



Universal Postal Union Surface-Letter 5¢ Rate

by David M. Frye, dfrye@WideSky.biz

This note-sized envelope, 129 mm × 87 mm, bears a single 5¢ Abraham Lincoln definitive stamp from the 1902-1903 Second Bureau Issue, the first definitive issue designed and produced exclusively by the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

The solo use of this stamp, Scott #304, paid the surface-letter rate for a letter weighing no more than 1 oz. or 20 g. The 5¢ rate for this weight was set by an agreement of the 6th Universal Postal Union (UPU) Congress in 1906. The U.S. Post Office Department used this rate from 1 October 1907 through 31 October 1953. The dark-blue

color of the stamp also reflects a UPU convention, dating from 1 January 1899, that stamps issues for this weight and rate use that color.

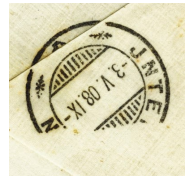
Matthew R. Brady made the photograph of President Lincoln in 1864. The photograph provided the image the engraver used to create the stamp's portrait.

The 5¢ rate for sending a letter to Europe sounds modest. But, if one uses an online inflation calculator, one discovers that an item priced at 5¢ in 1913, only five years after this letter was mailed, would cost \$1.25 today. Thus, the current U.S. Postal Service rate for a 1 oz. letter, \$1.15, is cheaper relative to its time, than the stamps used more than a century ago.

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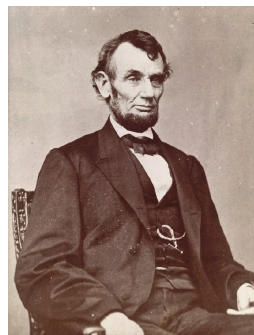
Shields, Pennsylvania, to Unterseen bei Interlaken, Switzerland: Miss E. Zeller wrote a letter to Miss Louise von Gunten and mailed it from Shields, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, on 22 April 1908. The partial cancel on the back of the envelope, shown to the right, indicates that the letter arrived in Interlaken, Berne Canton, on "3.V.08," or 3 May 1908. Thus, the surface-mail journey by sea and land lasted eleven days.



In addition, mail sent in 1908 went to Europe by ship; there was no air mail service between the U.S. and Europe before 10 July 1924.

Rates: Anthony S. Wawrukiewicz and Henry W. Beecher, U.S. International Postal Rates, 1872–1996, Portland, Oregon, Cama Publishing Co., 1996.

Background: https://arago.si.edu/category_2029908.html



SpecificationS Image: www.loc.gov/item/scsm000764/.

First-Day of Issue: 20 January 1903

Designer: R. Ostrander Smith

Portrait Photograph: Matthew R. Brady

Engraver—Portrait and Decorative Figures: George F.C. Smillie

Engraver—Frame: Robert F. Ponickau

Engraver—Lettering and Numerals: John U. Rose, Jr., and Lyman F. Ellis

Format: 400-subject plates; 4 panes of 100

Perforations: 12 × 12

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: [Membership: www.lincolnstampclub.org/membership/.StampClub](http://www.lincolnstampclub.org/membership/.StampClub).

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Meetings

Meeting: Thursday, December 12
Scavenger Hunt
Officer Elections

: Meeting: Thursday, January 9

Coming Up

LINPEX 2025

Friday, February 28 10am—6pm
Saturday, March 1 10am—4pm

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