

# The Kicking Mule



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July, 2017

Meetings of the Indiana Stamp Club are held on the first Monday of each Month at the Lawrence Community Center located at 5301 N. Franklin Road, Lawrence, IN. The clubhouse is approximately ¼ mile south of 56th Street, on the east side of the road. The parking lot is well lit at night.

Doors open about 6:00 P.M. with dealer set-up, selling, and social hour from 6:30 P.M. until 7:30 P.M. The club meetings begin at 7:30 P.M., followed by refreshments and the program of the evening.

Meetings are highlighted by door prize drawings, a mini-auction consisting of about ten philatelic items, a brief show-and-tell segment, discussion of upcoming stamp exhibitions in the area, and introduction of visiting collectors and guests. Come check us out to see what we are all about. We hope to see you soon.

## The 4th of July - America's Only Privileged Holiday



Independence for our neighbors to the south. Mexico and the U.S. produced a joint issue commemorating 150 years of Mexico's independence. 1810 - 1960.

**U.S. #1157**  
**4c Mexican Independence**

**Issue Date:** September 16, 1960

**City:** Los Angeles, CA

**Quantity:** 112,260,000

**Printed by:** Bureau of Engraving and Printing

**Printing Method:** Giori Press

**Perforations:** 11

**Color:** Green and rose red

U.S. #1157, a joint issue with Mexico, commemorates the 150th anniversary of Mexican Independence. The stamp pictures the historic bell Miguel Hidalgo brought to Mexico City from Dolores, Mexico, and rang his call for independence.

Yes, this is the only federal holiday reserved only for the United States of America. All country's calendars have a 4th of July, but the special significance is saved for the U.S. of A.

This commemorates the date we told England we could handle our affairs without their help. They must have thought us to be very incapable of handling our day to day business as they tried to keep us under their thumb for many years.

Many lives were lost during our struggle for freedom; and it is for that loss we celebrate the anniversary of their fight.

Some folks dislike our national anthem, saying all the emphasis is on war, bombs, and fighting. Personally I am glad we survived those struggles so many years ago. It helped build our character.

Let's celebrate! Happy 4th of July! Let us not forget!

**Officers of the Indiana Stamp Club, Inc. for 2017**

President – Mike Schweitzer  
 Vice President – Tom Chastang

Secretary – Jim Lawler  
 Treasurer – Bob Strantz

Director – Chuck Slagle  
 Director – John Schowengerdt

**Appointed Directors and/or Special Responsibilities for 2017**

John Becker - INDYPEX,  
 Tony and Shirley Brooks - INDYPEX, Asst. Treas.  
 Richard Butters - Boy Scouts  
 Tom Chastang - INDYPEX, Spring Stamp Fair, Club Auctions,  
 ISC Monthly Program Coordinator  
 Dennis Danielson - Lawrence Community Center Coordinator  
 Dick Darlington - INDYPEX - Hospitality  
 Chuck Jordan - INDYPEX Bourse, Board Meetings  
 Jim Lawler - INDYPEX  
 Bob Boynton - Membership Chairman

Randy Marcy - INDYPEX, webmaster  
 Sharon Newby - INDYPEX  
 Denny Peoples - INDYPEX  
 Vince Ross - Indiana Postal History Society liaison  
 John Schowengerdt - INDYPEX  
 Rick Nelson - Publicity  
 Michelle Stahl - INDYPEX, Youth Services and 4-H  
 Bill Burrell - The Kicking Mule editor  
 Bob Zeigler - INDYPEX, legal matters

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**2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES SCHEDULE**

Don't let your membership lapse! Keep receiving the Kicking Mule! Stay informed on what's going on in philately in Indiana! Or perhaps you are a new or prospective member. Dues may be paid as follows:

Regular or Associate Member	\$12.00
Spouse	\$ 1.00
Junior Member	\$ 2.50
Sustaining Member contribution	\$ any
Web site contribution	\$ any
Other donation	\$ any

Remit payment by check payable to **"Indiana Stamp Club"** to **Bob Boynton, c/o Indiana Stamp Club, Inc., P.O. Box 20005, Indianapolis, IN 46220**, or bring your payment to the meeting. You may also use your Indy Bucks to pay your club dues!

**August Auction**

Next month, August, we will have another major auction. Giving you an entire extra month to prepare should result in more items being placed for bids. Some folks felt we didn't have enough items on which to bid.

So get your duplicates out of storage and prepare them for sale. Also, save your Indy Bucks and break into that piggy bank setting on your chest of drawers.

For your convenience there is a blank auction sheet for you to fill out next month on Page 4 of this issue.

**July Midwest Calendar of Events**

**Illinois, July 8-9**

**MSDA Summer Show North**  
 Midwest Stamp Dealer's Association  
 Country Inn and Suites, 600 N. Milwaukee Ave.,  
 Prospect Heights, IL  
**Contact:** Jim Bardo  
**Phone:** 847-634-2676  
**Email:** jfb7437@aol.com  
**Website:** www.msdestamp.com

**Indiana, July 15-16**

**MSDA Summer Show North**  
 Midwest Stamp Dealer's Association  
 Lawrence Park and Community Center  
 5301 N. Franklin Rd. Lawrence, IN  
**Contact:** Jim Bardo  
**Phone:** 847-634-2676  
**Email:** jfb7437@aol.com  
**Website:** www.msdestamp.com

**Ohio, July 23**

**Hudson Stamp Bourse**  
 Lincolnway Stamps  
 Clarion Inn, 6625 Dean Memorial Parkway,  
 Hudson, OH  
**Contact:** David G. Pool  
**Phone:** 330-832-5992  
**Email:** lincolnway@sssnet.com

For more info: <http://www.mandshobbies.com/testimonials.html>

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## Indiana Stamp Club's Scheduled Programs for 2017

**July** - George Washington (George will not be there.)

**August** - Auction

**September** - Germany-related Program

**October** - Button Auction and INDYPEX preview

**November** - Dealer Bourse

**December** - Christmas Party

Notice there are some changes in the Programs for 2017.

If you haven't yet sponsored a program for the Club, now is the right time to start into one. The membership is eager to see what your collection is all about. Don't take the attitude your collection is not that interesting. All collections are different. Each has at least one item not found in other collections. If it's interesting enough to keep you plugging away all this time, we would all find some of it interesting to us.

Are you a topical collector? Do you keep stamps picturing railroad locomotives, World War II military uniforms, flags of other nations, or Super Heroes? Maybe your interest lies in 'dead countries', countries that no longer exist due to political struggles, such as Hawaii, Manchukuo, German East Africa, or Danzig. Board member Tom Chastang is in charge of our programs. Talk to him for a few pointers.

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### ISC Meeting Courtesy

Dealers at meetings are respectfully requested to close their tables when the meeting starts. Conversations on the side have become quite disruptive to the membership.

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Folks placing items up for bids for the mini-auction are asked to limit their lots to only one per member. If after seven o'clock, all lots have been placed on the table, with no more apparent additions, members may place a second item on the table.



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## ISC Board Meeting - June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The June ISC board meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Mike Schweitzer. Meeting was once again held in the office of Bob Zeigler. The minutes of the May meeting were read by Secretary Jim Lawlor. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Bob Strantz read the financial report. Currently our bank account stands at \$7,664.79. This report was accepted and filed for audit.

Membership applications were presented for:

- Elisabeth Harmon
- Mark Schublak

Both new members live in Indianapolis. Memberships were accepted and approved. Be sure to welcome these new members when you meet them.

There was much discussion about the upcoming INDYPEX; mostly regarding those dealers who will be there for us. As of this time we have 29 dealers who will be with us and more expected.

There will be two \$25.00 donations to the Tiffany Fund in memory of Dan Anderson and Dick Garzon.

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### Where Are the Articles?

Last month we threw out an offer for the membership to prepare a short essay or article on some phase of philately to be published in an upcoming issue of the Kicking Mule. This was to go into a stack of essays prepared by other members in an attempt to win 25 Indy Bucks next year. To date I have received absolutely no articles. Yes, that's no as in NO! None, nothing nichts, zero point overprint, Niente, ніс, ничего, nada, Нищо, or whatever language you wish to use. It still equates to "I ain't got no articles".

The Board thought this would be a fun venture. But, perhaps we were wrong. It's still early so you would have a one chance in twelve of winning the 25 Indy Bucks. If you are afraid this might put you in a higher tax bracket, I would be more than happy to take the prize off your hands. See what a nice guy I am!

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## Help our club grow!

## Invite a friend to the next Stamp Club meeting!

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# INDIANA STAMP CLUB AUCTION

## August 7th, 2017

Lot #

COUNTRY/STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ CAT. # \_\_\_\_\_ CAT. VAL. \_\_\_\_\_

Mint     VF     MNH     Complete     No Reserve

Used     Fine     LH     Short Set     Reserve ?

Mixed     VG     HH/HR     Cover    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Space Filler     No Gum     Post Card

Reserve ?  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

It is requested lots have a minimum retail value of \$5.<sup>00</sup>. Bidding will start at \$5.<sup>00</sup> on all lots.

An additional donation will go to the Club.

You may copy this form for additional lots. No more than 3 lots per member.

Bring lots with description sheets by 7:00 P.M. to the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Description by Owner: