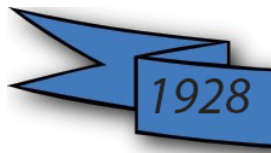


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Meetings of the Indiana Stamp Club are held on the first Monday of each Month at the Lawrence Community Center located at 5301 N. Franklin Road, Lawrence, IN. The clubhouse is approximately ¼ mile south of 56th Street, on the east side of the road.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

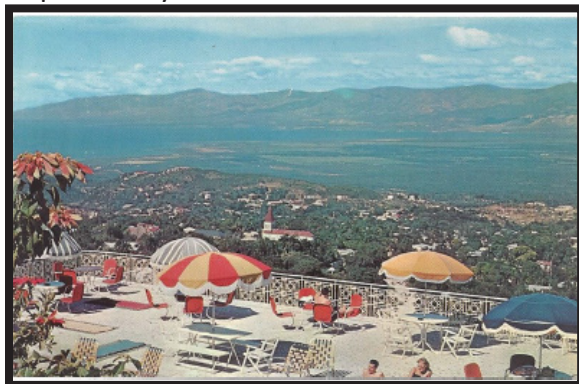
Meetings are highlighted by door prize drawings, a mini-auction consisting of about ten philatelic items, a brief show-and-tell segment, discussion of upcoming stamp exhibitions in the area, and introduction of visiting collectors and guests. Come check us out to see what we are all about. We hope to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

“POSTCARDS” FROM HAITI

By

Emory Earl Toops

From 2-9 June 2017, my wife and I were in Haiti, where, like on our November 2016 trip to Cuba, I thought I would write post cards to friends and family. The search for “postcards” from Haiti became a team effort as our hosts and Haitians thought about where one could obtain post cards. The usual response was “check at the airport,” which I was not able to do until our departure day. Inquiring at the Wahoo Bay Beach Resort at Route National 1, Km marker 62, near Carriès (45 minutes north of Port-au-Prince), I was told that the resort used to carry post cards but as no one bought them, they stopped carrying them years ago. The only post card of Haiti I have depicts Port-au-Prince and a “View of Cul-de-Sac and port, from Ibo Lele” and shows holiday makers on a patio terrace. Like, I assume, were many tourist postcards of Haiti in the 1950’s and ‘60’s, it was printed by the Dexter Press in New York.



Whilst there were no postcards of Haiti on sale at the airport, a little kiosk inside the Toussaint L’Ouverture Airport in the Haitian colours of blue and red advertised the whole range of services of the Poste d’Haiti. Although the kiosk was closed, with no indication of operating hours, a sign indicated extensive services offered such as stamps; express courier service; reply coupons; home delivery; and individual post boxes. Yet no one we talked to during our trip knew where a post office was located. Haitians today seem to rely on mobile phones; texts and e-mails for communication or, when document or parcel delivery is required, private courier companies or simply giving a letter to a friend who is going to Haiti.

Although unsuccessful at finding and mailing postcards from Haiti, the knowledge gleaned from my general collection of Haitian stamps gave me a greater appreciation of Haiti and its people.



← Post card from Haiti ↑ Airport Kiosk

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
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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 Midwest Calendar of Events

Ohio, August 5-6

GCPS Show 2017

Greater Cincinnati Philatelic Society,
 Greenhills American Legion Post,
 11100 Winton Rd,
 Cincinnati, OH
Contact: Jill R. Ambrose,
Phone: 513-231-4208
Email: jillambrose@Zoomtown.com
Website: www.gcps.webs.com

Ohio, August 11-13

AMERICOVER; American First Day Cover Society

Embassy Suites Hotels, 5800 Rockside Woods Blvd.
 Independence, OH
Contact: Chris Lazaroff;
Email: showinfo@afdcs.org
Website: www.afdcs.org/show

Michigan, August 12

Allen Park Stamp Show

Allen Park Stamp Club
 Sokol Cultural Center, 23600 W. Warren Road
 Dearborn Heights, MI
Contact: Debbie Detloff
Email: damd524@aol.com

Ohio, August 25-26

AIRPEX 7

Dayton Stamp Club
 IBEW Union Hall
 6550 Poe Avenue (at Space Dr.), Dayton, OH
Contact: Mike Komienksy
Phone: 937-299-9297
Email: info@daytonstampclub.com
Website: www.daytonstampclub.com

Ohio, August 27

Hudson Stamp Bourse

Lincolnway Stamps
 Clarion Inn, 6625 Dean Memorial Parkway
 Hudson, OH
Contact: David G. Pool; 330-832-5992
Email: liuncolnway@sssnet.com

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

Submit news items to win Indy Bucks

We are currently asking for members to submit an article pertaining to some phase of philately to be included in the Kicking Mule

After one year, next July, the item decided by the ISC Board as being the best article will win 25 Indy Bucks. On Page 1, we have the only entry during the month of July, 2017. As of now, Emory Earl Toops has won for July and has at least a one in twelve chance of winning the grand prize of 25 Indy Bucks.

Monthly Winners:

July - Emory Earl Toops

Why not just sit down right now and let your creative inner self take over. Begin a story, description, history, or even a tale of how you became a stamp collector. The rest of the club is waiting to see what interests you.

I know how I became a stamp collector and am always interested in how others opened that great door. We all have a different story as to how we first got involved with those little bits of colored paper that came to be known as stamps.

Do you have a separate tangent you went out to further your interest in philately? Let us know! It may improve the interest we find in stamp collecting. Few of us have a strictly singular interest in stamps. For instance; do you know anybody who collects only purple stamps? Tell us of your further interests.

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. There will be no dealer set-up on auction night, August 7th.

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.



ISC Board Meeting - July 17th, 2017

The July 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 June 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 \$7,601.59. This report was accepted and filed for audit.

Prior to this date our income from Auctions (including our mini-auctions) has equaled \$1,215, including tips. Let's try to beat that figure with our August auction.

Membership applications were presented for:

- Elizabeth Lemond - lives in Indianapolis, Interests include Russia, China, and Japan
- John Schneider - lives in Anderson

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

Should you notice a red dot on the mailing label of your issue of The Kicking Mule, it indicates our staff has not received your dues payment for 2017. Please contact either Bob Boynton, Membership Chairman, or Bob Strantz, Treasurer to rectify this situation.

With the advent of our August Auction, dealers will not be setting up as they usually do. Don't fret. They will be back next month.

It was noted we still do not have a dedicated member to handle the monthly snacks at our membership meetings. We have been getting by with an appointed member responsible for an upcoming meeting. This is not a difficult job, but it is much appreciated. How about stepping up to the bat and taking on this job?

There was the usual discussion regarding the upcoming INDYPEX. We found we had 33 exhibitors scheduled for the event.

Help our club grow!

Invite a friend to the next Stamp Club meeting!

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 \$5.⁰⁰. Bidding will start at \$5.⁰⁰ 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 1st meeting.

Description by Owner: