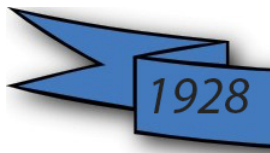


The Kicking Mule



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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.

Somewhere in Time

In reading a back-issue of the Kicking Mule from August, 2014, I see an article regarding our Auction of July, 2014. The text follows:

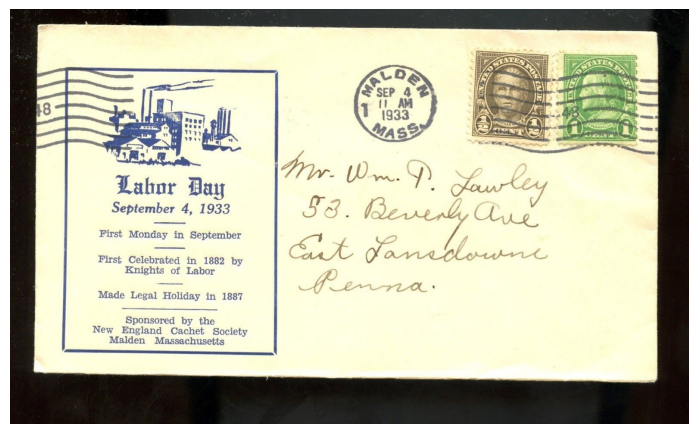
Thanks and a tip of the postmaster's cap to Jim Dalton, John Becker, Mike Schweitzer, Tom Chastang, Frank Blum, and Mason Abney for a great club auction! We had over 50 lots that were auctioned, bringing in over \$100.00 for our club. It was great to see so many of our philatelic friends who attended this auction! Thanks again to all the auction workers and bidders who made the auction a success!

Then I received the following from Treasurer, Bob Strantz:

I forgot to mention that we made \$375 on the auction...!!

That's almost four times the amount received from our July, 2014 auction. We must be doing something right. And, did you notice, it was mostly the same people who were instrumental in working the first auction?

Labor Day on Stamps



Above is an event cover showing Labor Day was first observed by The Knights of Labor in 1882, and became a legal holiday in 1887. It is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. Could this have been the advent of the three-day weekend?



A First Day Cover of Scott #1082.

Nothing spectacular, but just right for

the working men and women of the United States. Enjoy your day off. Then back to work on Tuesday!

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!

September Midwest Calendar of Events

Illinois September 9-10

MSDA Summer Show West
 Midwest Stamp Dealers Association,
 Lindner Conference Center,
 610 E. Butterfield Rd., Lombard, IL
Contact: Jim Bardo,
Phone: 847-634-2676;
Email: ijfb7437@aol.com;
Website: www.msdestamp.com

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Ohio September 17

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

Illinois September 23

PARFOREX 2017;
Park Forest Stamp Club,
 FCC Community House,
 847 Hutchison Rd,
 Flossmoor, IL
Contact: Ed Waterous, 219-613-6561;
Email: ewwaterous@hotmail.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

August - No Entries for August

Indiana Stamp Club's Scheduled Programs for 2017

September - Germany-related Program

October - Button Auction and INDYPEX preview

November - Dealer Bourse

December - Christmas Party

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.

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 - August 21st, 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 July 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 \$7,633.78, and we have \$180 in cash. This report was accepted and filed for audit.

Bob also reported that as of July 31st the investment account held \$70,844.30 and had earned at a rate of 5.59% so far this year.

Should you notice a **red dot** on the mailing label of your issue of The Kicking Mule, it indicates our staff has no records of your dues payment for 2017 have been received. Please contact either Bob Boynton, Membership Chairman, or Bob Strantz, Treasurer to rectify this situation.

Indypex

36 dealers have returned contracts for Indypex 2017. There is one single dealer table still available.

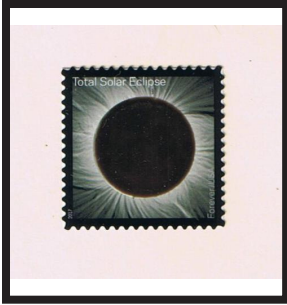
Randy Marcy reported that the Post Office informed him the cancel was on it's way to be made. Tom Chastang has the button material. The "Dealer Patrons" list is started and the individual patrons list will be started shortly. He also reported that he has started on the show program.

It was reported that the caterer will be contacted as to which box lunches they wish to have available Sunday so an order form can be made for distribution to Dealers and others interested individuals.

Tony reported that we now have 5 judges and an approved jury and that Sharon has made the first shipment of title pages and synopses. Sharon reports we are 46 frames short of the 125 minimum needed for Indypex.

Rick Nelson reported that the publicity for which he is responsible is well underway. While Linn's has not run an article about our prospectus being available the ad is running in Linn's and Topical Times, the APS e-blast is in process and we will be running an ad in the Current issue.

Bob Strantz reported that changes/updates to our mailing list have been sent to the printer and should be finalized this week. We will be sending out just short of 6,000 letters to area collectors. He has also prepared a flyer for Spring Stamp fair to be available at Indypex.



On the left is the 2017 US stamp Scott #5211 picturing a total solar eclipse. To the right is an actual solar eclipse as we just experienced here a few weeks ago. This picture is on Wikipedia along with a detailed description of this phenomenon.

Mark Twain used this happening in one of his most famous works. *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* is an 1889 novel by American humorist and writer Mark Twain. The book was originally titled *A Yankee in King Arthur's Court*. Some early editions are titled *A Yankee at the Court of King Arthur*.

In the book, a Yankee engineer from Connecticut is accidentally transported back in time to the court of King Arthur, where he fools the inhabitants of that time into thinking that he is a magician, and soon uses his knowledge of modern technology to become a "magician" in earnest, stunning the English of the Early Middle Ages with such feats as demolitions, fireworks, and the shoring up of a holy well. He attempts to modernize the past, but in the end he is unable to prevent the death of Arthur and an interdict against him by the Catholic Church of the time, which grows fearful of his power.

Twain wrote the book as a burlesque of Romantic notions of chivalry after being inspired by a dream in which he was a knight himself, severely inconvenienced by the weight and cumbersome nature of his armor.

This might also beg the question, "If we can't have any living people pictured on a US stamp, are we allowed to picture a current event on a stamp?" Hmmm! Something to think about while you're waiting in the doctor's office. But, I wouldn't lose too much sleep over it.

However, the issue date of this stamp is June 20th, 2017. So which came first, the chicken or the egg?

Stamps Used in Movies

In the recent issue of *The American Philatelist*, a very interesting article is included describing how movies use props to simulate stamps on mail in the story. This article was written by Thomas Richards, an expert in this field.

Stamps are frequently used as props in moving pictures. The philatelic movie prop genre can be divided into four areas:

- Fantasy stamps that do not reflect any known philatelic item.
- Prop stamps designed for movies that replicate real stamps in subject, color and/or denominations.
- Real stamps used on prop mail.
- Collateral material: Items that may also be created by the postal authorities or are tangentially related.

Mr. Richards has also included a hyper-link to a youtube file with more detail to follow. This can be found at:

[youtube.com/watch?v=eeZx34XMKqY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eeZx34XMKqY)

I think you will enjoy this film clip. To the left is a couple examples of movie props used in the 1945 film, *A Letter for Evie*. They give the appearance of genuine stamps. The Evie stamps resemble the 1913 U.S. 5-cent Mail Train parcel post stamp, Scott Q5. without violating the law against using them for props.

In actual use in films, sometimes the props look so much like the real thing you'd swear they were genuine. This is particularly true in films of an historic nature, such as some of the many films depicting WWII.

Next time you watch a film of this nature be sure to catch as close a look at the prop stamps as you can and try to decide what stamps they are trying to simulate. Something else to save for a rainy day.

