

# Wichita Stamp Club Newsletter



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In remembrance of **Neal Danielson** for his many contributions  
to the Wichita Stamp Club and its Newsletter

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The Wichita Stamp Club Newsletter has won numerous awards from the American Philatelic Society as a publication of a local society. This is your Newsletter. Support it by submitting an article; words of wisdom; facts about a stamp or cover; an adlet or whatever you think might be of interest to other club members. The opinions expressed in the Newsletter are of the writer and not those of the officers or membership. WSC is a charter member of the American Philatelic Society and is also a member of the Oklahoma Philatelic Society and the American Topical Association. Meetings are held at the Alford Branch Library, 3447 Meridian, Wichita. Meetings begin at 6:00 pm and programs follow. Visitors are always welcome. The Wichita Stamp Club welcomes new members. Annual dues are \$10.00 for individuals and \$15.00 for families.

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**COVID PROTOCOL UPDATE** Following is the protocol currently being used by the club for meetings and activities: “All requirements of the CDC and various levels of government concerning protection against the Covid-19 virus will be observed at club functions. Club members are encouraged to consider additional safeguards (ex: hand-washing, social distancing, masking) at their discretion and based on their level of confidence.”

**President’s Message:** Fellow **members**, The year’s first club auction on June 16 was a big success. Bidding was spirited and members found some interesting items to add to their collections. I have enjoyed being able to get together with everyone again and share our common interests. We are still having difficulty finding a suitable location to hold our club meetings at the normal Thursday times. The Cessna Activities Center has been very helpful in helping us make alternate accommodations. However, a change in hours at the activities center (which now closes at 7:30 pm) is making it necessary to start our meetings earlier. At least through August, we are planning on meeting at the Cessna Activities Center at **5:30 pm** on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but we are doing the best we can in trying to move forward. Please reserve the dates of August 20 and 21 for the Cessna Show. The club website ([wichitastampclub.org](http://wichitastampclub.org)) has been updated to include current details about the show, which will be open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Friday, August, 21<sup>st</sup> and from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. I have received some questions about dues. The short answer is that you probably don’t currently owe anything. The club waived 2021 dues for everyone who was a paid member in 2020, so if you paid 2020 dues (probably in December 2019) you will not owe additional dues until December, 2021. Specific questions about dues can be addressed to **Bob Haines**. The current Covid-19 protocol for the club is contained elsewhere in this newsletter. Any questions or concerns about this protocol should be addressed to me. Stay safe and I hope to see you soon. **Bob Cairns**

## **Club Meetings**

Wednesday, **July 21** at 5:30 pm at the Cessna Activity Center. **Jeff Lough** leads a discussion of some of the variety of philatelic literature: 135 year old periodicals as well as some current non-general periodicals, specialized albums, handbooks, examples of Scott catalogs from the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century to 1950 and a few specialized dealer publications.

The next club auctions will be August 18<sup>th</sup> and October 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Wichita Stamp Club Show will be August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Those members receiving this issue of the *Newsletter* by surface mail will find enclosed in the same envelope a **\$2.50** certificate that can be used at the Show for any philatelic purchase. The dealers will not give change or partial credit. Other members will get their certificates at a Club meeting or at the Club’s table at the Show.

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From the *Weekly Philatelic Gossip* of November 1, 1924 “After a cloudburst in Minnesota, a young postmistress donned a bathing suit and delivered the mail. That is the way (so admonishes the *Detroit News*) to overcome an obstacle—Wade right into it.”

# UPCOMING REGIONAL STAMP EVENTS

Louis Forster

2021

**August 20-21**

## **Wichita Stamp Club Show**

Cessna Activity Center 2744 George Washington Blvd  
Wichita, Kansas  
Friday 9 - 5 & Saturday 9 - 4

**October 16-17**

## **Wichita Postcard Club Show**

All Saints Catholic Church 3205 East Grant St  
Wichita, Kansas  
Saturday 10 am - Sunday 4 pm  
(Information from Club's facebook page)

## **Batman's Satisfaction** by **Jeff Lough**

In 1967 the television Batman series had a couple consecutive programs that explored the goings-on at an "International Stamp Exhibition" and depicted a set of massive cinderellas. The bad man Colonel Gumm had a "Pink Chip Stamps Factory" that he had stolen from the owner Pinky Pinkston. The stamps factory was able to convert three dimensional objects, such as the two masked folks as depicted in the illustration into large perforated and gummed stamps. A message hidden by Miss Pinkston in a bowl of alphabet soup directed Batman and Robin to the International Stamp Exhibition. Though the Green Hornet and Kato were also attending in order to expose Colonel Gumm, Batman and Robin believed they were out for personal profit. The misunderstanding has the two sets of crime fighters fighting each other while the Colonel Gumm nearly makes off with the exhibition's rare and valuable stamps.



# International Beer Day by Jeff Lough

Our lone beer postage stamp is depicted as the upper right corner of the *Newsletter's* first page. It is a 2015 Ukrainian stamp celebrating ale brewing technology as used at the Lviv brewery. Figure 1 shows a Dortmund, Germany postmark incorporating a glass of the bubbly stuff. Figure 2 is a U. S. Internal Revenue Service dark blue paper revenue stamp (REA 42F) showing the charge of one dollar paying for the Federal beer tax on a barrel of beer.



Figure 1



Figure 2

Figure 3 is an 1880 New Zealand one shilling- two pence revenue stamp depicting Queen Victoria. Figure 4 shows a nice 19<sup>th</sup> century German poster stamp

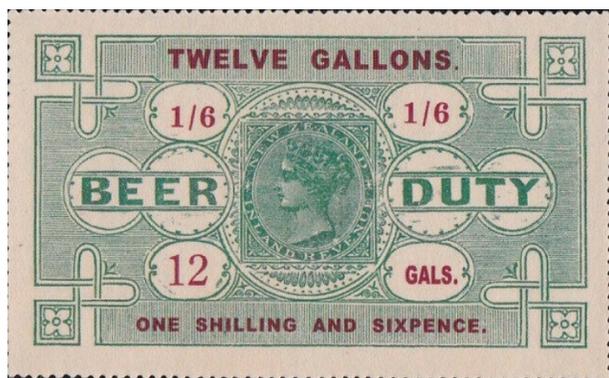


Figure 3



Figure 4

The American Topical Association's Wine on Stamps Study Unit publishes articles and encourages interest in stamps dealing with beer and other alcoholic beverages. Its website is [wine-on-stamps.org](http://wine-on-stamps.org).

# Rice County Postal Services and Postal History

by Jeff Lough

Rice County was organized in 1871 and is in the middle part of Kansas. A town called **Atlanta** was the county seat and its first postmaster was Earl Joslin. Mr. Joslin initially had had the post office in his home in the community of Brookdale. When he moved to Atlanta his post office was part of the Clark and Holmes store (Figure 1). The hand-drawn map shows the post office a little to the left of the upper center of the illustration. The Post Office Department built a stand alone post office building in 1935. Atlanta was on the Santa Fe Trail and provided services for many years to travelers.



Figure 1

The county seat moved to **Lyons**, along with buildings and parts of buildings that had been in Atlanta, in 1876. Earl Joslin was the first postmaster for Lyons as he had been for Atlanta. An early Lyons post office building is depicted as Figure 2 with its corps of Rural Free Deliverymen arranged in front.

Lyons isn't far from the locations reputedly visited by the early Spanish explorer Francisco Vázquez de **Coronado** y Luján. Just north of town is a large museum dedicated to that era. The left part of the March 3, 1941 cover shown in Figure 3 has a cinderella celebrating the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Coronado expedition in the region. The seven-lined machine cancellation obliterates a Coronado commemorative stamp.

**Bushton** is located about 10 miles northwest of Lyons. The 1906 Bushton post office with its mail carriages in front is found in Figure 4. A map (Figure 5) of the town shows its location.



Figure 2

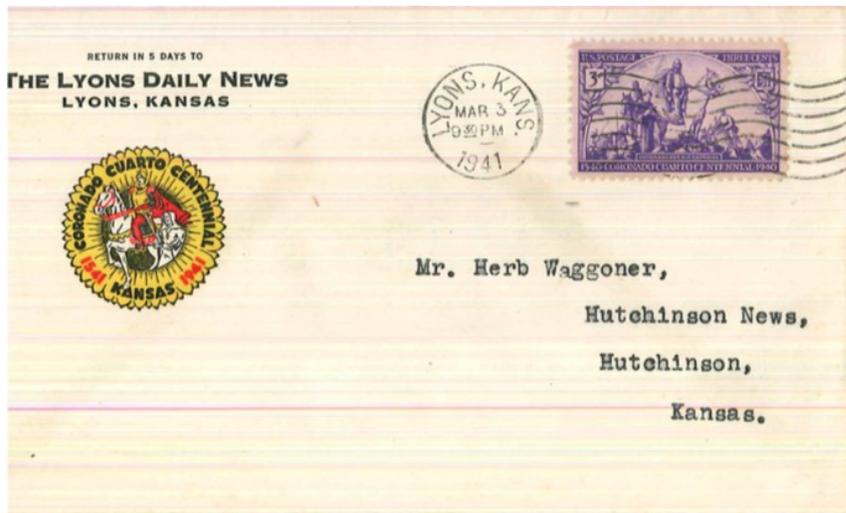
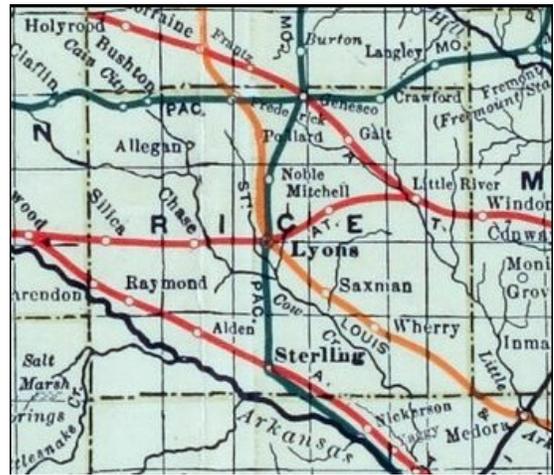


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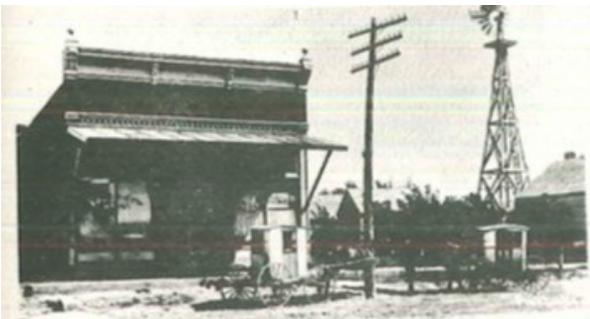


Figure 4



Figure 5 ----->

**Raymond**, southwest of Lyons a few miles, was founded in 1871 and is the oldest town in Rice County. The post office was set up in 1872. It was named after a high official of the Santa Fe Railroad, Emmaus Raymond. It benefited from the Texas trail drivers' cattle trade. The town had been known for its unruly nature. At one time it had 13 saloons and the usual selection of "hotels." The 3-story American House hotel (Figure 6) had many mirrors and chandeliers shot up by the gamblers and cowboys who were frequently around. The UX5 postal card has a nice fresh double-ringed 1883 cds with an attractive circular fancy killer.



Figure 6

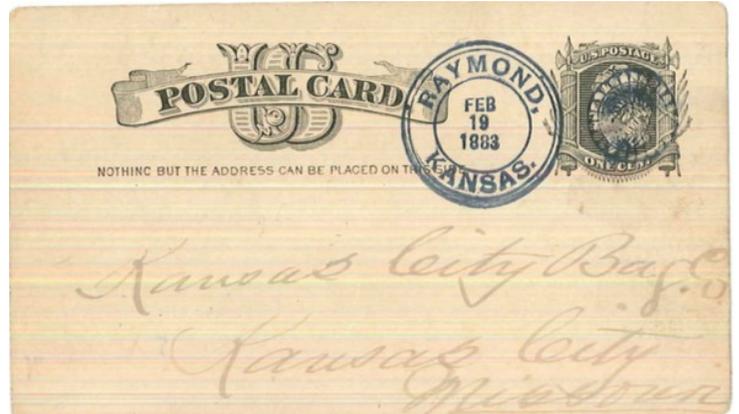
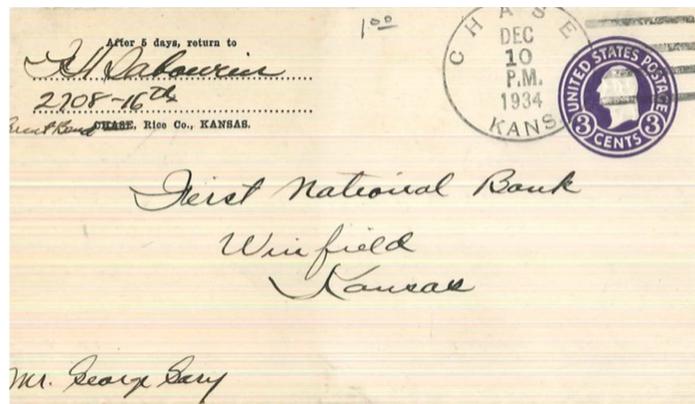
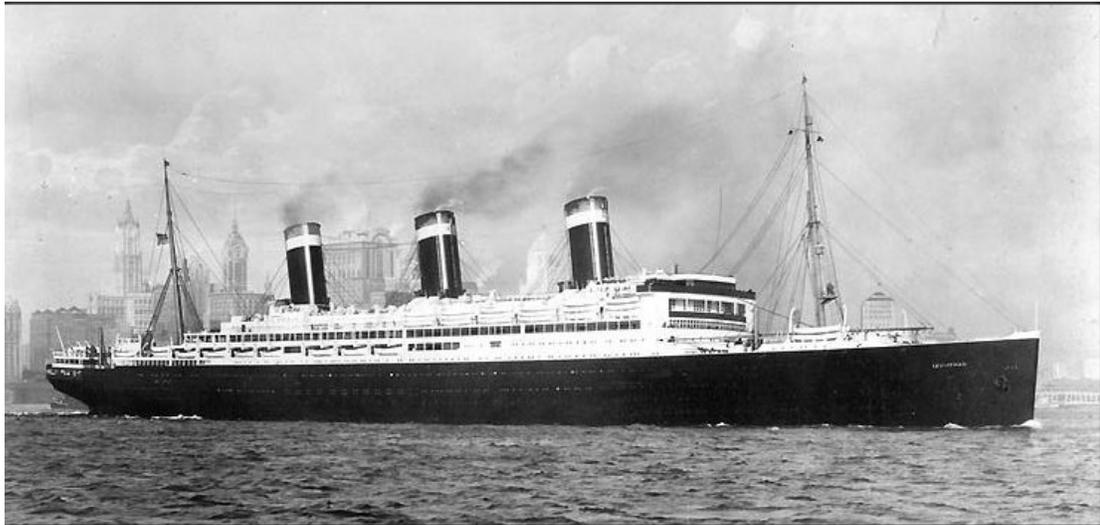


Figure 7

**Chase** is a little to the west of Lyons and is a little bed room community known for its large smelly flowering cactus by the highway. The U437 postal envelope is stamped with a 4-bar duplex dated December 10, 1934.



The December 6, 1924 issue of the *Weekly Philatelic Gossip* noted that “The ‘Leviathan’ flagship of the U. S. Lines trans-Atlantic liners has a fully equipped U. S. post office on board. The clerks are required to carry a large stock of stamps as many letters are mailed en-route. Since July 4, 1923 the ‘Leviathan’ has made 16 round trips and carried 3,842 pounds of mail from New York to Europe.”



## A Perfin-Precancel by Jeff Lough

I purchased this stamp because it portrays Thomas Jefferson, a specialized collecting interest. The stamp is interesting since it incorporates two means to prevent employees from using the stamp for personal use, a perfin (P D c\*) and a precancel (KANSAS CITY, MO). The Parke-Davis unit in Kansas City, Missouri operated from 1908 to 1938. Parke-Davis was founded in 1860 as a distribution company that sold a concoction that included mercury. It later became the world's largest pharmaceutical company and developed, among other things, the first systematic methods for performing clinical trials for new medications and the birth control pill. It is now part of Pfizer.



