



WICHITA STAMP CLUB

Newsletter

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

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About Us

The Wichita Stamp Club is a charter member of the American Philatelic Society and is also a member of the Oklahoma Philatelic Society and the American Topical Association. The Club sponsors a Philatelic Show in August and members participate in other Wichita and regional shows.

Meetings are held at the Lionel D Alford Regional Branch, Wichita Public Library, 3447 S Meridian, Wichita, Kansas. Meetings are held most first and third Thursdays of the month. Club business meetings begin at 5:30pm and are followed by a program or activity. Visitors are always welcome.

The Wichita Stamp Club welcomes new members. Annual dues are \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families.

Upcoming Events

July 23

Philatelic Garage Sale

7561 East 24th Court, Wichita,
67226 (Go to 24th Street & N Rock
Road, turn west on 24th Street, fifth
alcove drive/circle on left)

Call 316 684-8242 for more info

Lou Forster & JR VanCleave
Saturday only: 8 am - 2 pm

August 19-20

Wichita Stamp Club Show

OUR SHOW!

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

September 9-10

Fort Sill Stamp Club Show

Hilton Garden Inn
135 NW 2nd Street
Lawton, Oklahoma
Friday & Saturday 9 - 4

October 1

Joplin Stamp Club Show

Continental Banquet Hall
2728 North Range Line Road
Joplin, Missouri
Saturday only: 9 am - 5 pm

President's Message

Fellow Members,

Salutations! I hope this newsletter finds you well. This issue is the first under the leadership of new editor Alan Scoles. Many thanks to Alan for agreeing to assume this position, and to Jeff Lough for all his work in producing the newsletter up to this point. Newsletter editor is one of those positions important for keeping the club functioning smoothly and the members informed about news and events.

The June 2 club auction was well attended. A good number of members and guests were also present to participate in the June 15 club social. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

The program originally scheduled to the July 21 meeting has been postponed so that the time can be used to prepare flyers to be mailed publicizing the Wichita Show, which will be held August 19-20.

I hope to see everyone soon,
Bob Cairns
President

Club Meetings & Programs

July 7

Club Business Meeting

5:30pm, Alford Library Branch

July 7

"Philatelic Engravers"

Club Meeting Program

by Jeff Lough

following Business Meeting

July 21

Club Business Meeting

5:30pm, Alford Library Branch

July 21

Prepare mailings

for Wichita Show,

following Business Meeting

August 4

Club Business Meeting

5:30pm, Alford Library Branch

August 4

Club Auction

following Business Meeting

August 18

Wichita Show Setup

Cessna Activity Center

2744 George Washington

Blvd, Wichita, Kansas

(no business meeting)

August 19-20

Wichita Stamp Club Show

(see Upcoming Events)

Club Activities:

Kansas Numismatic Association Coin & Stamp Show, June 17 - 18

While not actually a Wichita Stamp Club activity per se, a couple of our members did have booths at this show, the only two philatelic booths there. Both Bernd Frazier and Lou Forster seemed to be pleased with the fruits of their endeavors. In addition Ralph Lott manned the front table, making sure that entrants with philatelic interests knew where to go.



Club Activities:

Summer Social, June 15

The Summer Club Social was held at the Cessna Activity Center on Wednesday, June 15. The Social included a meal, for which the Club provided the chicken and members provided side dishes and desserts.



Following the meal, the program continued with Bingo entertainment. John Grow called the numbers and everyone else played their card.



There were ten prizes available and they were distributed to the bingo winners. It was a very pleasant evening, if warm, with great food and camaraderie.



Tales Behind the Covers: Attica

Ralph Lott presented a couple of covers for this month’s philatelic article. The first is this envelope addressed to a Jacob Heydloff of Abilene, Dickinson County. It is postmarked from Attica, Kansas on 11 September 1874. Where is Attica? It turns out that this site is in Ellsworth County, not Harper County.



According to “Quick Reference to Kansas, Lost ... Found ... Missing Towns and Places” by Melvin D Bruntzel, Attica was the name of a post office in Ellsworth County from 15 June 1871 to 21 November 1871, a mere five months. On 25 November 1871 the name was changed to Bosland. Indeed, the second cover is an example postmarked with this ‘Bosland.’

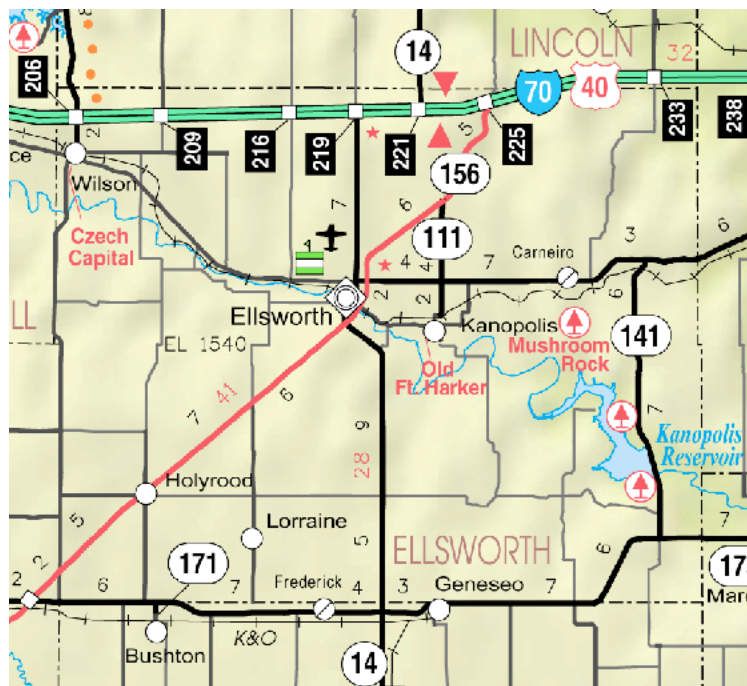


Tales Behind the Covers: Attica (continued)

Bosland? Well Bruntzel has a bit more to say about Bosland. Bosland’s name was derived from “boss” meaning cow. The community was a cattle town located on the Kansas Pacific Railway. Bruntzel also makes reference to an experimental farm established there by R S Elliott, an Indian Agent who is documented in the William Clark Papers of the Kansas Historical Society. But the name ‘Bosland’ did not last either. Less than two years later, on June 24 1873, it became ‘Wilson.’ And Wilson is the name that has been retained ever since.

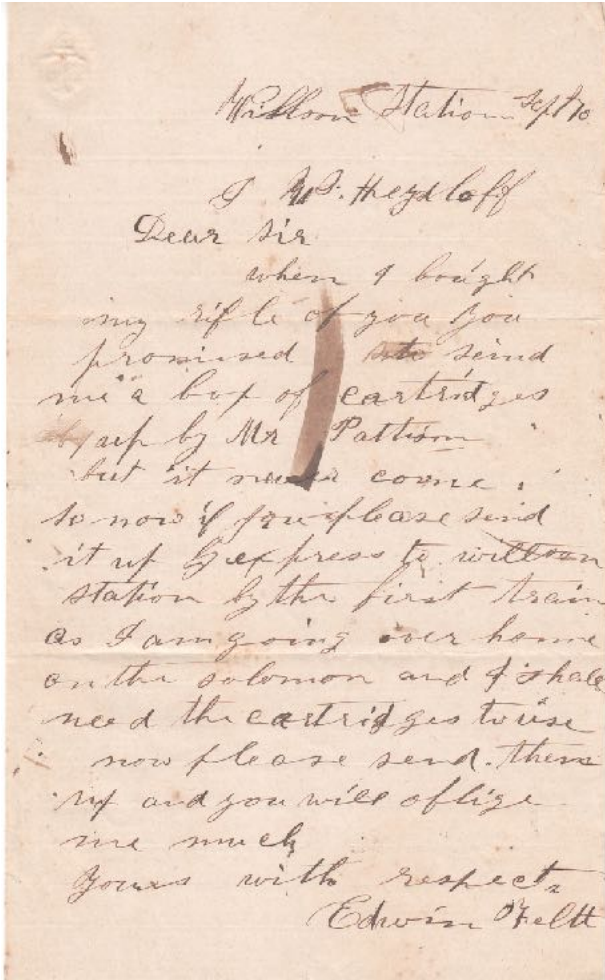
According to Wikipedia, the Butterfield Overland Despatch built a stagecoach station one-half mile south of the present-day town in 1865. Three years later the Kansas Pacific Railway built ‘Wilson Station’ (named after the surrounding township, itself named after Isaac Wilson) at the modern town site. The site was surveyed in 1871 by The National Land Company but had been named by them as ‘Bosland’ in the hopes of attracting the cattle trade. The town never became a center of the cattle trade and continued to be known as Wilson after ‘Wilson Station’ until the Post Office officially codified the name in 1873.

Wilson is now known as the Czech Capital of Kansas. Czech immigrant settlers came to work on the railroad, establishing the town as an area center of Czech culture. The population as of the 2020 census was 859. Wilson is located in the upper right corner of this map.



Tales Behind the Covers: Attica (continued)

But back to our first cover, the one postmarked with ‘Attica.’ Enclosed inside there had been a letter:



The transcription reads as follows:

11 Sept [18]71

Willson Station Sept 10
 J — Heydloff

Dear Sir

When I bought my rifle of you, you promised to send me a box of cartridges as by Mr. Pattison but it never came. So now you please, send it up by express to Willson Station by the first train as I am going home on the Solomon and I shall need the cartridges to use. Now please send them up and you will oblige me much.

Yours with respects,
 Edwin [O'Feltt ?]

Note the references to the Wilson Station, which clearly ties this to Ellsworth County. The date of the letter is consistent with the Post Office name of ‘Attica.’ Now here are some additional questions: Could Edwin have expected to receive the cartridges in time? Did he get them in time? How do you suppose Edwin used his cartridges in the Solomon River area in 1871?

Puzzle

Find the Philatelic Terms!

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