

# Wichita Stamp Club Newsletter



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to the Wichita Stamp Club and its Newsletter

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**Fellow members**, I am writing this message the morning after our February 16 meeting. After not being able to meet last time due to the weather, it was good to be able to get together again. Due to the cancellation of the Feb. 2 meeting, the 1<sup>st</sup> club auction has been rescheduled for March 2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> club auction is also being rescheduled for April 20 (instead of April 6). I would like to extend a special welcome to new members **Bert Brouwer** and **Paul Detheridge**. If your 2022 dues have not yet been paid, please send them to **Bob Haines**. Also, let **Mike Ciskowski** know if you would be willing to present a program at one of our club meetings. Stay safe and healthy. **Bob Cairns** President

**Door Prizes for January 19<sup>th</sup>**: **Ralph Lott** won the \$2.50 gift certificate; **Bob Trabka** won a copy of Great Britain Scott # 834a, **Kat Mole** won a copy of Czechoslovakia Scott # 1390, **Bernd Frazier** won a set of Cyprus stamps, Scott #s 247-250 and **Marc Monasmith** won a copy of Canada Scott # 235. All the stamp prizes were donated by **Lou Forster**.

**February 15 Door Prizes**: **Lou Forster** won the \$2.50 stamp gift certificate; **Oauk Detheridge**, got South Africa Scott # 1009 MNH (donated by **Lou Forster**); **Alan Scoles**, who won Bulgaria Scott # 3305a used (donated by **Bob Cairns**); and **Bob Mies**, who won Philippines Scott # 1 used (donated by **Bob Cairns**).

### **Club Meetings and Programs**

March 2: First Club Auction

March 16 "Dead Countries", by **Bob Cairns**

April 20: Second Club Auction

May 4 "Trucial States Stamps", by **Lou Forster**

May 18 "My Accumulations", by **John Findling**

June 1 Third Club Auction

June 15 Summer Social

July 20 "Hawaii; The Stamps, The Postal History, and How the Islands were Formed"  
by **Lou Forster**

Aug 17 Prepare for Show

Sept 7 Show and Tell from Wichita Show

Sept 21 "Canal Zone", by **Daniel Trabke**

Oct 5 Fourth Club Auction

Nov 2 "Postal Stationery Collecting", by **Bernd Frazier**

Dec 7 Winter Social and Election of Officers

**All Club functions occur at the Cessna Activity Center and begin at 5:30.**

***The June, 2022 edition will be the last issue of the Wichita Stamp Club Newsletter edited and published by the current editor and publisher. Those who would continue the tradition are asked to correspond with our President, Bob Cairns. I will be happy to discuss any logistical and content related issues. Thank you. Jeff Lough***



# LIVE LONG AND PROSPER DAY BY JEFF LOUGH

“Live Long and Prosper” is a saying from Science Officer and First Officer Spock, a Vulcan aboard the Starship Enterprise on the television series Star Trek. It derived from the ancient Vulcan blessing: “May you live long and prosper.” Spock was played by actor Leonard Nimoy. His full Vulcan name is S’chn T’gai Spock and is half Vulcan and half human. Spock’s Vulcan father is Ambassador Sarek. His mother is Amanda Grayson.

Some of Spock’s other interesting sayings include “Change is the Essential process of all existence.”, “Once you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth.”, “Computers make excellent and efficient servants, but I have no wish to serve under them.”; and, of course, “I find that highly illogical.”

The 2010 St. Vincent souvenir sheet (Figure 1, Scott 3727), celebrating one of the series of films having the same cast, features Spock and his buddy Captain Kirk with stamps that included some fellow travelers that went where no man has gone before. Spock’s characteristic ears are most dramatically on the 2016 Canadian stamp (Figure 2) lifted from a souvenir sheet that also featured Dr. McCoy and engineer Scotty. The stamp in the upper right of the front page illustrates another portrait of Spock and a small version of the starship Enterprise. It’s from the United Kingdom. The USPS promulgated the leaflet shown as Figure 3 to advertise both stamps illustrating some heavenly bodies as well as some labels.

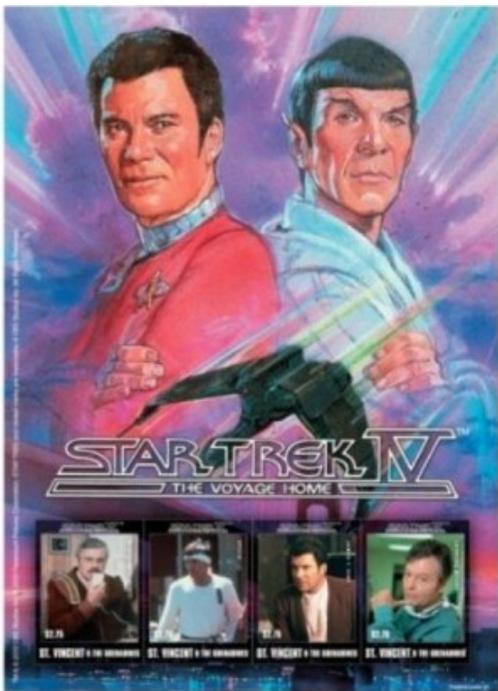


Figure 1



Figure 2



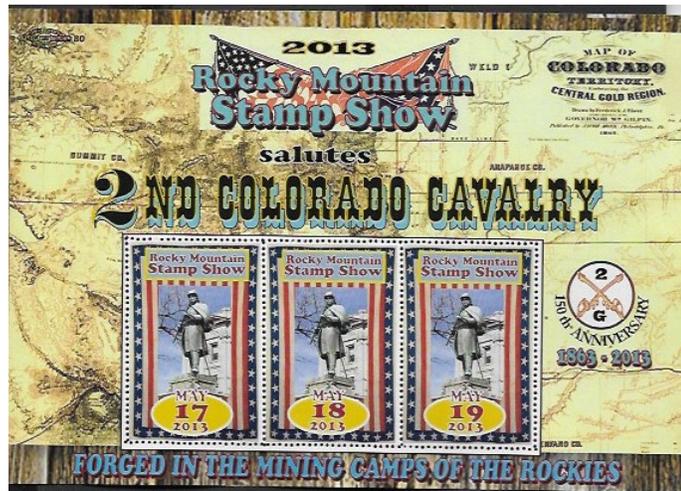
Figure 3

# GASS and a Couple Regional Stamp Shows

by **Jeff Lough**

Three years ago a number of the members of the Wichita Stamp Club attended the second annual Great American Stamp Show (GASS) in Omaha, Nebraska. This summer I plan to take a 2 day Amtrak train journey to Sacramento, California for the next edition. This event is the largest American stamp exhibit, gathering of dealers, and collection of stamp societies with their information tables, club meetings and specialized talks. It's a gathering sponsored by the American Topical Association and the American Philatelic Society and takes place August 25<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>. Admission is free. The first day ceremonies are always fun. There are youth activities and a cachet makers bourse. This year features a Federal duck stamp exhibit.

On Denver's eastern edge from May 27<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>, the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show (RMSS) takes place. It is a large regional show and has a substantial number of dealers, exhibits and society-based seminars. Regional stamp shows that I have gone to charge a nominal admission fee. One of the things I have liked about this show (as well as WESTPEX in the northern California region) has been their celebratory labels. Unlike those of some shows these come in perforated and gummed sheets, deal with interesting local phenomena and are attractive. On the back of the 2013 RMSS souvenir sheet is a nice description of what the sheet celebrates.



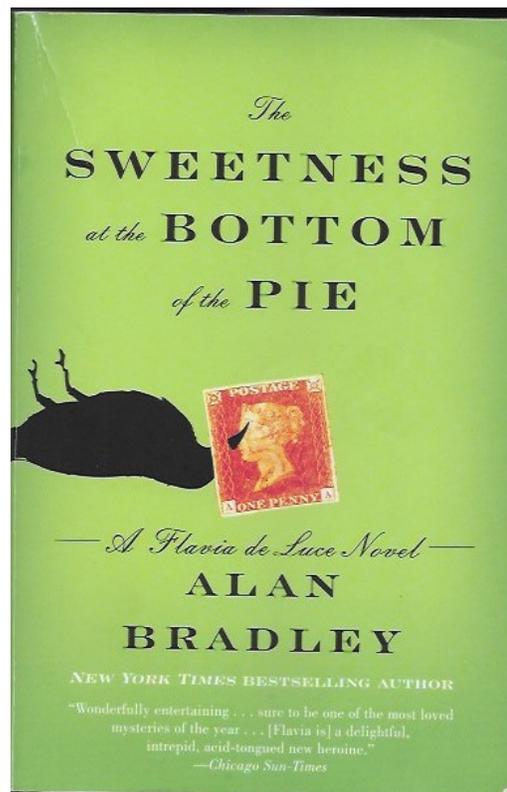
Colorado's participation in the American Civil War began in 1861. Heeding president Lincoln's request for volunteers, Union supporters, including Colorado Territory's governor William Gilpin, organized army regiments and cavalry units. They fought on the side of the North throughout the territory and the South. Although Confederate supporters in the territory were fewer and had less resources than their adversaries, they still were able to organize raiding parties the duration of the war throughout the Colorado Territory. The photo in the center of the souvenir sheet shows the monument to all Coloradans who fought in the American Civil War. This monument stands in front of the state capitol building in Denver.

I have often gone to the St. Louis Stamp Show and plan to go to this year's event as well. It shares many of the attributes of the RMSS with a large number of dealers, nice exhibits and a number of society meetings and seminars. This show is rapidly approaching and occurs March 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## *Another Entry from the Smithsonian's Philatelic Book Club* by Jeff Lough

The star of this humorous detective novel is an adolescent girl whose wisdom and detective skill more than matches that of Sherlock Holmes in his finest hour. The illustration on the cover shows part of an event occurring at the story's beginning. The father of the aristocratic British family is a stamp collector. The heroine successfully struggles with her two older sisters as well as other characters. A brief taste of the text:

"Holding the blade carefully between my thumb and forefinger...I made a slit along the bottom of the label, taking great care to cut along the precise edge of a blue and red decorative line.... As I lifted the incision slightly with the dull edge of the blade, something slid out and, with a whisper of paper, fell to the floor. It was a glassine envelope.... I opened the envelope...gave it a tap with my finger... Something fell out...two somethings, in fact.... Two bright orange postage stamps...Aside from their color, they were identical to the Penny Black that had been impaled upon the jack snipe's bill. Queen Victoria's face again.... I didn't doubt that Father would have gone into positive raptures about the pristine perfection of the things, the enchantment of engraving, the pleasures of perforations, and the glories of glue..."



# Winkler's Mills of Riley County, Kansas

by Jeff Lough

One aspect of my accumulation of covers with Kansas postmarks is the collection of covers from and information about the post offices that have been displaced or have ended due to the creation of large reservoirs. One such town and its post office was Winkler in Riley County that had been a little ways west of the Republican River and the land of which is now under water as part of the Tuttle Creek Reservoir. It was one of 8 towns that had to move or disappeared into this lake. Winkler was originally known as **Winkler's Mills**. It lost this name during the efforts of the Post Office Department in the 1890s to have post office names with only single words in their title. The place was 35 miles northeast of Manhattan. In 1910 its population had been 18. It was named for August Winkler, a Swiss-American from the German part of Switzerland who moved to the area with some relatives and friends from St. Louis in 1857. Winkler built a grist mill to grind grain into flour. The Winkler post office was a money order post office which means it was able to sell postal money orders to those who wanted to order goods from large catalog companies like Montgomery Ward or Sears and Roebuck. The first postmaster was Fred Winkler. A store was established in 1872 that sold goods to the locals until the area was flooded out in 1961. As seen on the 1887 map below the small town had a school along with its mercantile and post office. The river to the right on the map is the Republican River.

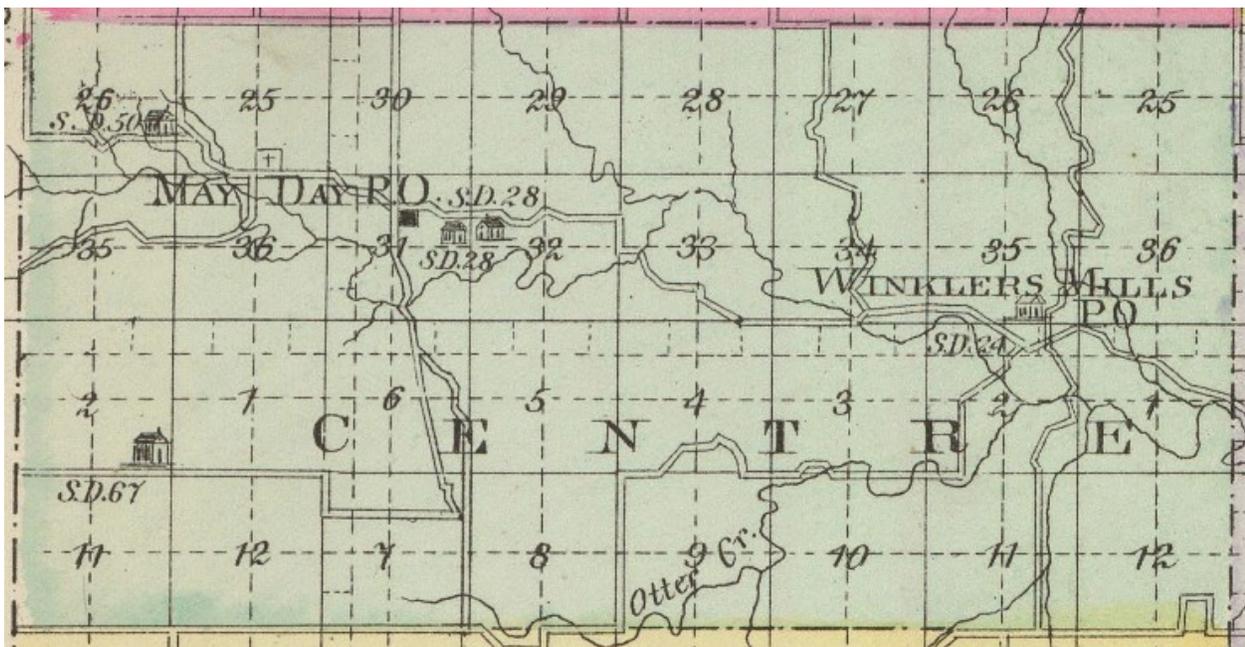




Figure 1



Figure 2

At first I had difficulty making out the address to which the letter was mailed. It carried the five cent Grant Scott # 223 which indicated it was bound for overseas delivery. The New York passage postmark on the back (Figure 1) was the sign it went through the port of New York on the way to Europe on January 30, 1891. The receiving postmark has a nice cross at the top. This suggested that its destination was in Switzerland. The rest of the postmark indicates that the town to which it was addressed was Oberbüren. The location of the village of Oberbüren, Switzerland is shown with the accompanying map. That town was likely established on or before 817 CE.







