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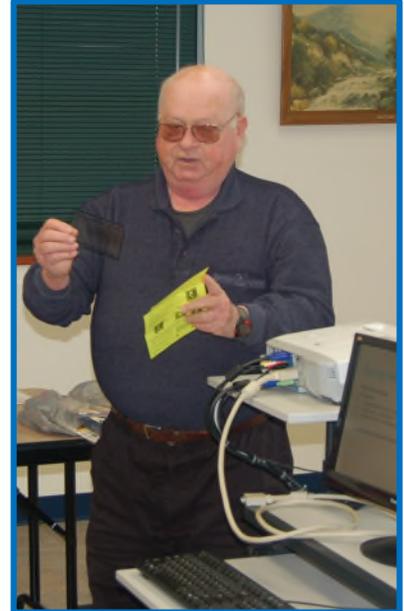
Last month, Chuck Skittino both presented and explained the use of some of the many tools that stamp collectors can use to enhance their hobby experience.

This month, Bill Schultz will present some of the postage and coinage of Lundy Island--and the strange story of the man who thought he was king of Puffinland. Lundy is a small island 12 miles off the coast of England, which enjoyed a rather peaceful existence until purchased in 1925 for £ 16,000 by Martin Harman, a rich Englishman.



After a couple years Mr. Harman got the idea that since he owned the island he should also be king. In 1929 he began issuing stamps and coins featuring Puffins, somewhat paunchy birds with supercilious attitudes who inhabit the island in great numbers, and of course his own portrait. A long and colorful postal history has followed.

Join Bill for a tour through it. As an added incentive, two mint 2011 Lundy Island 'forest' postage sheets will be available to be won by lucky attendees



And the winner was ..



"Lundy" Puffin

Puffins are any of three small species of alcids (auks) in the bird genus *Fratercula* with a brightly coloured beak during the breeding season. These are pelagic seabirds that feed primarily by diving in the water. They breed in large colonies on coastal cliffs or offshore islands, nesting in crevices among rocks or in burrows in the soil. Two species, the Tufted Puffin and Horned Puffin, are found in the North Pacific Ocean, while the Atlantic "Lundy" Puffin is found in the North Atlantic Ocean.

Two "varieties" of the Pacific Tufted Puffin appear in last year's stamp program. One with orange date (see figure to the right - Scott 4737) and a newly discovered species with a black 2013 date (Scott 4737A).



## Treasures' Report: Total – \$ 3,261.88

**Local Stamp Shows**

**COMPEX 2014**  
District 214 Fieldhouse  
2121 S Goebbert Rd  
Arlington Heights IL  
May 23, 24 and 25

**TRI-PEX Stamp Fair**  
St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall  
1435 S 92nd ST  
West Allis, WI  
June 28-29

**MSDA Summer Show**  
Comfort Inn and Suites  
600 Milwaukee Ave  
Prospect Heights, IL  
July 12 and 13

**NSDA Chicago Show**  
White Eagle Banquet Hall  
6839 N Milwaukee Ave  
Niles, IL  
July 27-28

**Next meeting:**  
**7-PM on Tuesday, 27 May 2014**  
**at the Grayslake Library**  
**100 Library Lane - Grayslake, IL 60030**



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## On Local Stamp Shows:

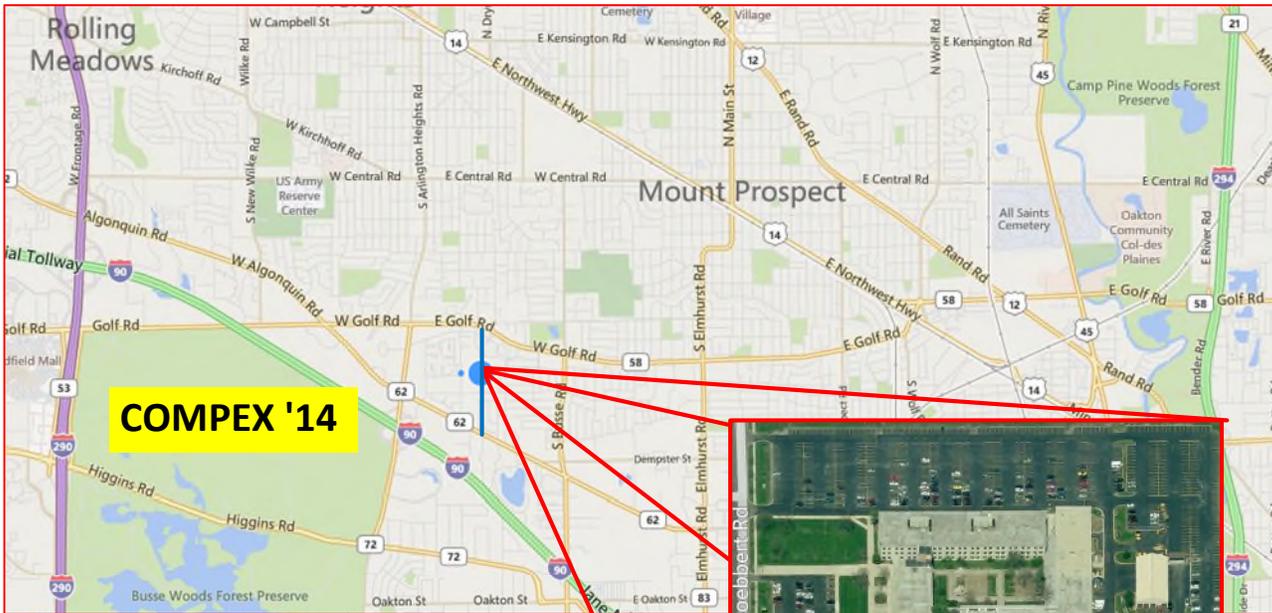
The Memorial Day Weekend (23 - 25 May) is the setting of one of the bigger stamp shows in the area — COMPLEX '14 Stamp & Postcard Show (Forest View Educational Center, 2121 S. Goebbert Road, Arlington Heights, IL). This show is sponsored by the Combined Philatelic Exhibitions of Chicagoland. *(see map below)*

The two other large shows are:

The MILCOPEX National Show (Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, 6401 South 13th St., Milwaukee, WI) on September 19-21, 2014. This show is sponsored by the: Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Inc. For more information visit their website at [www.milwaukeephilatelic.org](http://www.milwaukeephilatelic.org). The website also has the schedules for many additional shows in Wisconsin and Illinois.

The CHICAGOPEX National Show (Westin Chicago Northwest, 400 Park Blvd., Itasca IL) on November 21-23, 2014 is the area's largest show. This event is sponsored by the Chicago Philatelic Society. Additional information is available from their website: [www.chicagopex.com](http://www.chicagopex.com). Here you can view show's WSP listing, includes exhibition winner list and future dates.

All three shows have free admission/parking and usually have at least a USPS and UN postal outlet on site.



Smaller shows are sponsored by the **Midwest Stamp Dealers Association**. The six shows are split between Lombard and Prospect Heights II venues. For more information, visit [msdastamp.com](http://msdastamp.com) for their show schedule and sign up for e-mail or postcard notification.

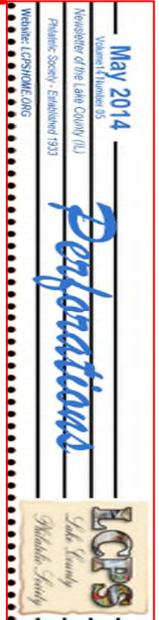
Two other organizations sponsor events in the area. The **ASDA** has their Lombard event in the spring and the **NSDA** has a show in Niles in July. These two shows generally have a good number of outside the area dealers

This month, the USPS will have issued four additional stamps: "Where Dreams Blossom" (re-issue) (02 May), "Circus Posters" (05 May), "Harvey Milk" (22 May) and the "Nevada Statehood" (29 May).

Of this group, the Circus Posters appear to be the most fun with eight stamps designed from old circus ads. Most of these posters can be seen at the Baraboo, WI Circus World Museum which is devoted to circus related history.



Nevada - 150 Years



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July is when the Lake County Philatelic Society must file its Annual Report and renew its APS Chapter #423 charter by either paying \$50 or having sufficient APS members (eight in our case) to qualify for a "free" renewal. If you are a APS member, let me know at the next meeting or contact me via e-mail ([webmaster@lcpshome.org](mailto:webmaster@lcpshome.org)) or calling 847-548-5094 or drop me a letter at D. Sadler/ 34390 N Tanageray Dr/Grayslake IL 60030-4017.