

August 2025

Volume 25 Number 08

Newsletter of the Lake County (IL)

Philatelic Society - Established 1933

Website: LCPSHOME.ORG

Perforations



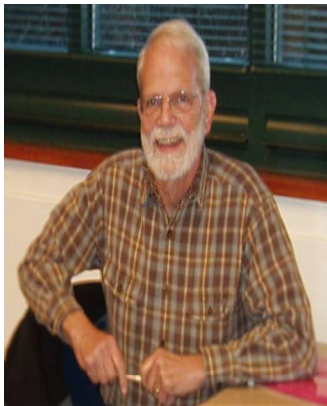
Last month, we had scheduled “**Stamp Bingo**” but that did not happen — could not locate the “Bingo” cards — so we discussed the upcoming “**Great American Stamp Show**” (preregister if you can – link provided on our webpage – lcpshome.org), the treasure’s report (\$3,592.90), the upcoming club dinner at **Cooper’s Hawk’s** and had a competitive round of Philatelic Trivia.

The upshot of the treasure’s report was that it would take 19 quarters worth of interest to buy a small cup of coffee and potential lack of **GASS** parking on the weekend, if there was another event scheduled (it should be ok for THR/FRI).

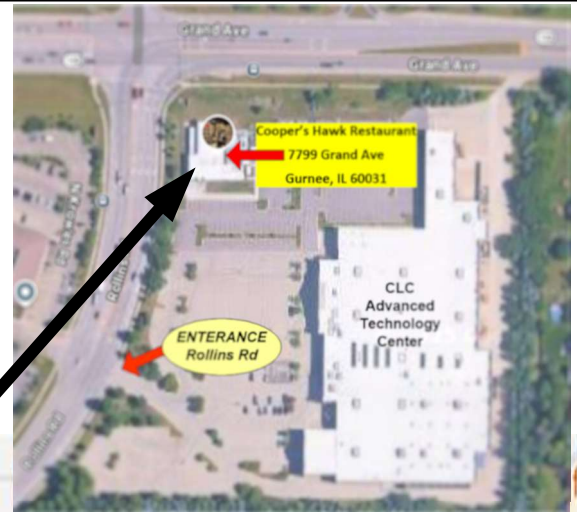
A more complete run down on the state of club finances:

Beginning Balance [2025.01.01]	\$ 2,258.73
Donations/Dues/Interest:	\$ 86.17 (17c interest)
Ron Bruner Collection Auction	\$ 1,363.00
	\$ 3,707.90
Sec State Filling Fee:	-\$ 11.00
New Projector:	-\$ 104.00
Ending Balance [2025.07.22]	\$ 3,592.90

This month we will discuss what we carried away from **GASS** and make the final decisions on the September 15th dinner



Ron Bruner Memorial Dinner: It was decided to hold a club dinner honoring Ron Bruner who gave the club his stamp collection - to do with what the members decided. As you all remember, we auctioned off his collection with the club treasury increasing by over \$1,300.00. As a result, we will honor his memory, with a dinner (free for club members) on Monday, 15 September starting at 4:30 pm at the Cooper’s Hawk Winery & Restaurant located 7799 Grand Ave, Gurnee, IL More information will be passed at this month’s meeting



Next Show							Next Meeting						
September 25							August 25						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1	2	3	4	5	6	7					1	2	3
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
29	30						25	26	27	28	29	30	31
September 13 - 14 MSDA-TOSAPEX Stamp Show St. Francis Lions Community Center 3476 E. Howard Ave Saint Francis WI							GASS 2025 GREAT AMERICAN STAMP SHOW ILLINOIS Schaumburg 2025						



Next Meeting:

2:00-PM on Tuesday, 26 August 2025

Grayslake Historical Society — Any Changes will be posted on: lcpshome.org



Officers:
Tom Willer - Presidents
Bill Schultz – Vice President
Dave Sadler – Secretary
Gary Olson – Treasurer

How does the USPS approve new Issues?

The process of approving US stamp issues involves a multi-layered approach, with the Postmaster General ultimately making the final decisions.

Here's a breakdown of the key groups and their roles:

Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee (CSAC): Appointed by the Postmaster General — Established in 1957, the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee (CSAC) serves the Postmaster General of the United States (PMG).

Using their collective expertise in history, science, technology, art, education, sports, and other areas of public interest, CSAC members consider and then recommend stamp subjects to the PMG for final approval.

Stamp subject selection criteria — The U.S. Postal Service and the members of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee (CSAC) have set certain basic criteria used in determining the eligibility of subjects for commemoration on all U.S. stamps and stationery.

1. U.S. postage stamps and stationery will primarily feature American or American-related subjects. Other subjects may be considered if the subject had significant impact on American history, culture or environment.
2. The Postal Service will honor extraordinary and enduring contributions to American society, history, culture or environment.
3. U.S. stamp programs are planned and developed two to three years in advance. In order to be considered, subject matter suggestions should be submitted three or more years in advance of the proposed stamp.
4. Living people will not be considered at the present time. Beginning in 2018, proposals for a deceased individual will be considered three years following his/her death.
5. A memorial stamp will be issued honoring U.S. presidents after they are deceased.
6. Events of historical significance shall be considered for commemoration on anniversaries in multiples of 50 years.
7. A balance of stamp subjects that includes themes of widespread national appeal and significance will be considered for commemoration. Official postal cancellations, which may be arranged through the local postmaster, may be requested for significant local events or commemorations.
8. Commemorative postage stamps will be issued at intervals of 50 years from the date of the state's first entry into the Union.
9. The stamp program commemorates positive contributions to American life, history, culture and environment; therefore, negative occurrences and disasters will not be commemorated on U.S. postage stamps or stationery.
10. Due to the limitations placed on annual postal programs and the vast number of locales, organizations and institutions in existence, it would be difficult to single out any one of the following for commemoration: government agencies, localities, non-profit organizations, associations, and similar entities. Stamps or stationery items shall not be issued to honor religious institutions or individuals whose principal achievements are associated with religious undertakings or beliefs. However, these subjects may be recognized with commemorative postmarks.
11. Stamps may be issued for the six active-duty branches — **Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and Space Force**. This includes Reserve/Guard components of the current organizational structure. Stamps for the major service academies will be considered on a case-by-case basis for 50-year anniversaries (or multiples thereof).

CSAC meets quarterly. Meetings are closed and confidential. The Postal Service's Stamp Development staff handles all administrative matters and correspondence for the Committee.

There are currently 11 members:

Dr. Kevin Butterfield
Dr. Spencer Crew

Peter Argentine
Dr. Cheryl R. Ganz

Graham Beck
Mike Harrity

Ivan Cash
Trish Jackson
with Dr. Joseph L. Kelley, Chair

Alicia Cheng

Roger R. Ream

Postmaster General (PMG): The Postmaster General holds the exclusive and final authority to determine both the subject matter and design of all US postage stamps and postal stationery. They consider the recommendations from the CSAC and make the ultimate decision on which stamps are selected for release.

Stamp Development Staff: This group within the Postal Service manages the administrative matters and correspondence for the CSAC, handles research, and coordinates with art directors and artists in the development of stamp designs.

In essence, while the CSAC plays a crucial role in evaluating and recommending stamp subjects, the **Postmaster General retains the ultimate authority** in the final approval of US stamp issues



01 Aug



14 Aug



16 Aug

New issues
2025 August

7 stamps —
\$5.87

The issues at the left were reviewed and approved in 2024.

This year there will be 174 different stamps — the last is scheduled for 01 October (President Carter Memorial stamp).

