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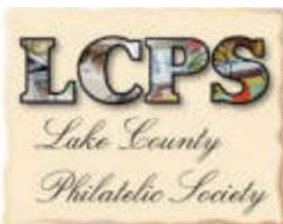
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# Perforations



Last month, we discussed **the "Great American Stamp Show (GASS '25)"** that took place from August 14-17, at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center in Schaumburg, Illinois. Hosted by the American Philatelic Society (APS), American Topical Association (ATA), and American First Day Cover Society (AFDCS), the event featured a dealer bourse, the largest annual competitive exhibits (over 800 frames), a youth area, an large number of society tables and many philatelic meetings. Admission was free, and the U.S. Postal Service co-sponsored the event.

Noted were the lack of parking on Saturday due to another scheduled event and general interest in the Youth table. The exhibits were outstanding, offering prizes for three single frame grands, the World Series of Philately Champion of Champions, Most Popular Champion of Champions, the Youth Exhibiting Championship, a literature competition, and a Court of Honor including rare stamps such as the Inverted Jenny.




The Next BIG Show — Boston 2026 World Expo is an international stamp show celebrating America's Semi-quincentennial (250-year anniversary), to be held May 23-30, 2026, at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. This major philatelic event will feature a large marketplace, collector meetings, competitive exhibits, and displays from postal authorities worldwide. Organized with the support of the American Philatelic Society (APS) and the United States Postal Service (USPS), the show offers opportunities for both experienced collectors and newcomers to explore the hobby.



We also were pleasantly surprised when Chuck walked in with a donation from Thomas Gallagher of Lake Zurich IL. All item found a new home – **Thank you, Thomas.**

This month, **Tom Willer** will present **"The Ten Greatest American Stamps."** Given the Scott catalog lists at least six-thousand different US stamps. Is it reasonable to rank them into a top ten list? Let us give it a try — so bring your Number One pick or more. Let's see if we can agree with our program presenter!



Next Show								Next Meeting								Event Modification	
September 25								September 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	4	5	6	7			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14		8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21		15	16	17	18	19	20	21			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28		22	23	24	25	26	27	28			
29	30							29	30								
<b>September 27 Stamp-O-Rama</b> St. Francis Lions Community Center 3476 E. Howard Ave Saint Francis WI								<b>"The Ten Greatest American Stamps"</b>  									
								<b>Olivia's Italian Restaurant</b> 750 S IL Route 21, Gurnee, IL									
								The time is the same, 4:30 pm.									

Next Meeting:

2:00-PM on Tuesday, 23 September 2025

Grayslake Historical Society — Any Changes will be posted on: [lcpshome.org](http://lcpshome.org)



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

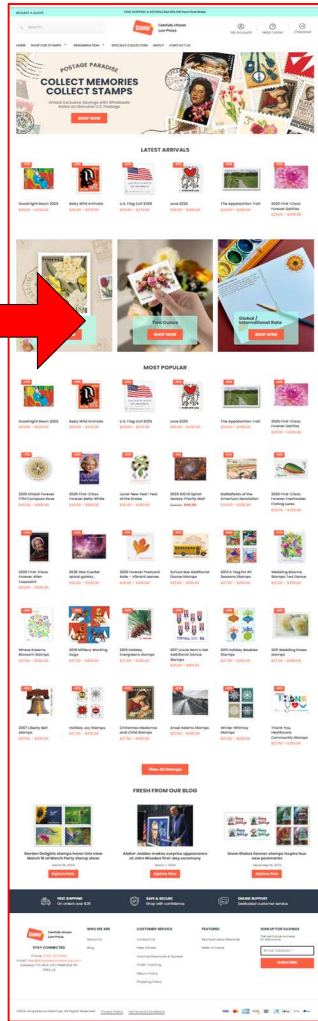


E-mail Image

Got this email about three weeks ago with the image set pictured to the left:



Clicking on the link directs you (see below) to [Home - Discount Stamps](#):



Home – Discount Stamps Image

Curious as to where this information was being generated, I used internet tools to attempt to track down the provider(s). First the source of the email by asking “whois” **elexbazaar.com**:

elexbazaar.com	
Domain Information	
Domain:	elexbazaar.com
Registered On:	2024-09-18
Expires On:	2025-09-18
Updated On:	2025-06-25
Status:	client transfer prohibited
Name Servers:	ns1.dns-parking.com ns2.dns-parking.com
Registrar Information	
Registrar:	Name SRS AB
IANA ID:	638
Abuse Email:	abuse@namesrs.com
Abuse Phone:	+46313011220
Registrant Contact	
Country:	SE
Administrative Contact	
Country:	SE

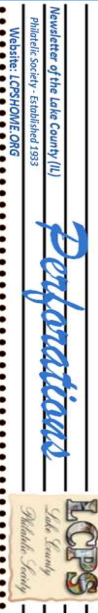
The next step is to locate the server/internet service provider by finding the internet address and reverse pointing:

Hostname to IP Address	
This tool will provide you the IP address (or address www.yahoo.com) that you enter below.	
Results:	Lookup Hostname: elexbazaar.com Lookup IPv4 Address: 34.120.137.41 Lookup IPv6 Address: 2600:1901:84ef0:0:0

This points to the servers physical location in Kansas City's google Cloud server farm:

The server location for IP address 34.120.137.41 is **Kansas City, Missouri, United States**, and it is hosted by Google LLC, likely within their Google Cloud Platform infrastructure.

So the email was sent from a Swedish registered company using a Google server in Kansas City Mo (wonder if it is near the USPS Philatelic Center under the city).



ISP: Google Cloud Kansas City

### “Whois return”

Now let us find out where the “bargain” stamps are sold:

Using Whois on the website URL: [Home - Discount Stamps](#) gives us a location in **Iceland**

Now, where is and who is the owner of the ISP server?

### AI Overview

The IP address 34.149.36.179 is owned by Google LLC and is located in Kansas City, Missouri, United States. The address is part of Google's cloud services network.

shopdiscountstamps.com	
Domain Information	
Domain:	shopdiscountstamps.com
Registered On:	2024-04-20
Expires On:	2025-04-20
Updated On:	2025-04-20
Status:	client transfer prohibited
Name Servers:	ns1.stagmunk.net ns2.stagmunk.net
Registrant Contact	
Organization:	Privacy service provided by W
Street:	Kallstuvogur 1
City:	Reykjavik
Phone:	+354151221527

In the years of “back-tracking” the purveyors of “bargain” stamps, this is the first time I have found all the electronic infrastructure located in the US and the “owners” outside Russia, PRC, North Korea, Belarus or some backwater oceanic nation.

Before 2010, the United States “owned” the tools to assign and monitor the worlds URLs – making it easy to knock “shady” enterprises off-line.

This is now a decentralized network of networks with governance provided through a complex, multistakeholder system involving the ICANN (for domain names) and individual governments and Internet Service Providers (ISPs), as well as **influence from powerful tech companies** and the collective actions of its users.

This single mess has the FCC and other government agencies relying on others to keep the internet honest and now ... Google is becoming a major player ...

## New Issues: September 2025



Only one more announced issue to go ...