

Evansville Stamp Club: A Short History

It began in October 1929 when a group of Evansville stamp collectors met to establish the club. In 1932, the club held its first exhibit. Shortly after establishing the club the first annual EVANSPEX Stamp and Post Card Show was held. It is now the longest running show in Indiana.

Over the years the Evansville Stamp Club has continued to meet and promote the hobby in several ways. The annual shows have had many themes that relate to the history and heritage of Evansville and the Tristate. These included celebrating steamboats in stamps, the WW II war effort, the Evansville shipyard, and the Gold Cup powerboat races. The club, along with the Evansville Museum, developed a postal history of Vanderburgh and other Southwestern Indiana counties.

There have been a wide variety of displays and histories of stamp topics at the annual shows as well. They have included:

- Christmas and Santa Claus, Indiana postmarks
- Winston Churchill
- Princess Diana
- The Pony Express
- Civil War Currency Stamps
- Cardinal Spellman Religious Collection

Members of the club have gained world-wide acclaim for their knowledge and expertise. One former member was an expert about stamps from pre-statehood Hawaii. Another member won U.S. national and international grand prize for his collection and sold his collection for over \$1,000,000. A member recently won a Gold Award at the St. Louis Stamp show. Currently we have members who specialize in stamps that were used to raise revenue for the U.S. and individual states, as well as, stamps that commemorate and celebrate the space program.