



WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB

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Meeting Day/Time: 2nd and 4th Sundays – Noon to 4 P.M.
Business Meeting: 2 P.M. (MAY- 4th Sunday only),
(JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2nd Sunday only).
Meeting Place: Churchill Borough Building
2300 William Penn Highway
Churchill, PA.

President: David McConaha
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*** CIRCUIT BOOKS ***

Circuit books are available at every meeting. Members are encouraged to examine the circuit books, except when business meeting is in progress, to find items for their collection(s).

Circuit books contain stamps, covers, etc. You never know what you will find and based on what you see, you may even decide to start a new collection.

Meetings for February: 8th and 22nd

March: 14th and 28th – April: 11th and 25th – May: 23rd only

Cookies and coffee are available at the meetings.

February 8th MEETING:

After the business meeting, there will be a planning meeting for the WILKPEX 2004 committee members. Any other members that want to be part of the planning are welcome to attend.

February 22nd MEETING:

Nominations for offices of President and Secretary. See the ELECTION OF OFFICERS section on Page 2 for details. After the meeting we will have a show-and-tell program. Members are invited to bring an item or items from one of your collections and give a short talk.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Paul MH Lienhardt. When you see him at the meetings, introduce yourself and give him a warm welcome.

ILLNESSES:

Long time member Joe Brasch is still recovering from heart surgery. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. The Club wishes him a speedy recovery.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Nominations for offices of President and Secretary will be held during the February 22nd meeting. All regular members, in good standing, shall be permitted to be nominated. A second will not be required. Term of office is from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2006.

WILKPEX 2004:

Show dates are April 17 and 18 at Olympic Hall, East Pittsburgh, PA.
Deadline for exhibit forms is March 31st. The Exhibit form was included with the January newsletter.
The show Phlea Market is looking for items. If you have any items you wish to sell, now is the time to be preparing them now. The Club does NOT take a fee. Sellers receive 100% of their sales.

WEBSITE & E-MAIL ADDRESS:

As you can see, there is some additional information at the top of this months' newsletter. The Club is excited to announce that we now have an Internet website. David McConaha and his son-in-law have developed this site. It currently contains many areas of Club information. Some areas are still "under construction". David feels that it will take a year (or possibly less) to complete it the way we want it. Please check it out at:

<http://www.wilkinsburgstampclub.netfirms.com>

In addition to the website, the Club now has an e-mail address where you can address your comments and questions. Currently this email can be accessed only be David McConaha. The e-mail address is:

wilkinsburgstampclub@yahoo.com

SHARE YOUR INTERESTS/SUBMIT AN ARTICLE:

The Club is asking if anyone would like to share some of their collecting interests or expertise by giving a talk and/or presentation at one of our meetings. Your talk/presentation may be as short as 5 minutes or as long as 30 minutes (or more). It could be your favorite stamp, your favorite cover, your favorite topic, how you got started in stamp collecting, etc. If you would like to participate, please see Jim Senkewitz or one of the other officers so your talk/presentation can be scheduled. We welcome any ideas or suggestions to make the meetings more interesting. Also, any member is encouraged to submit an item or an article for the newsletter. If you have anything you wish to share with the Club, please contact either Andy Novotny or Tom Reiff for details. See contact information next to the **Membership Info** section at the top of the newsletter.

INTERESTING PHILATELIC FACT:

A world record was established on September 26, 1970 when John Kenmuir licked 393 stamps in four minutes.

DID YOU KNOW?

On January 4, 1971 George Mellendorf, a soldier in Vietnam, sent President Richard Nixon this letter: "Dear President Nixon: It seems to nobody cares if we get our mail. We are lucky to get it twice a week. Sir, someone is not doing their job." It was delivered to Mr. Nixon in February, 1978, seven years later!

CORRECTION:

The CALENDAR OF EVENTS in the January Newsletter states that a Business Meeting is scheduled on April 11th. There will be NO MEETING as April 11th is EASTER.

UPCOMING AREA SHOWS

FEBRUARY 13-15: COLUMBUS, OH - COLOPEX 2004. Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N. High Street.

Bourse Hours: 1PM – 7PM (Friday); 10AM – 6PM (Saturday); 10AM – 4PM (Sunday)

MARCH 13-14: NORTH CANTON, OH – McKinnley Stamp Exhibition and Bourse. St. George Serbian Orthodox Hall, 4664 Wayview Street NW.

Bourse Hours: 10AM – 5PM (Saturday); 10AM – 4PM (Sunday)

MARCH 26-28: CLEVELAND, OH – MARCH PARTY 2004. Garfield-Perry Stamp Club. Masonic Auditorium, 36th and Euclid Avenue. Website address: <http://www.garfieldperry.org/marchparty.html>

Bourse Hours: 11AM – 6PM (Friday); 10AM – 6PM (Saturday); 10AM – 4PM (Sunday)

MEMBER ARTICLE:

Member James Vaughn has submitted the following article for this issue. THANK YOU JAMES!

The Battle of Braddock's Field Statue of George Washington – July 9, 1930

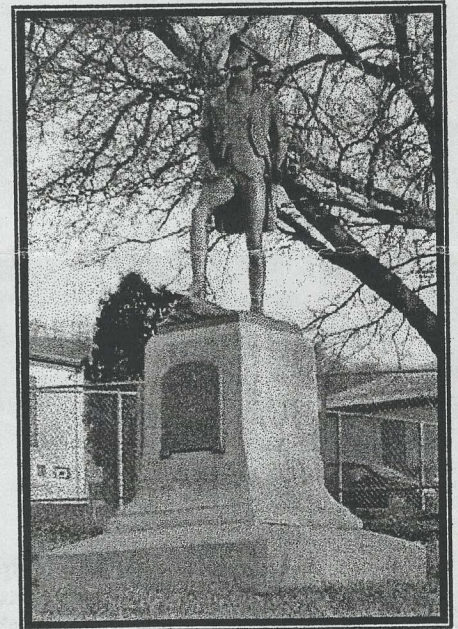
1930 marked the 175th anniversary of the July 9, 1755 Battle at Braddock's Field, a battle in which George Washington, then a non-commissioned "colonel" in the British army, ironically lost. The town of Braddock was to hold a large celebration commemorating this "defeat" and it was hoped the stamp would help promote the event. It must be added that although Washington and General Braddock, who was mortally wounded in the affair, lost the battle, it laid the seeds of Washington's heroism. Washington, of course, went on to become one of the greatest Americans. The stamp depicts a statue of Washington, unveiled at Braddock's Field on July 9, 1930, the day the stamp was issued. The stamp (Scott 688) depicts an engraving of the statue. The statue can still be seen on Library Street in Braddock. First Day sales were at Braddock, Pennsylvania only.



The Braddock Expedition lost a \$25,000 payroll in gold coins in the defeat and hasty retreat. No full explanation of what happened to the gold was ever made. There are rumors that the gold may still be buried somewhere in southwestern Pennsylvania. The Carnegie Museum at Braddock has a nice exhibit of artifacts of the battle.



**Col. Washington
Statue, 1930**



**Col. Washington
Statue, 2003**

"TOM'S TOPICS" from your Treasurer, Tom Reiff
SHORT ARTICLES RELATING TO PHILATELY:NEWS, STAMPS,
POSTAL HISTORY, COLLECTIONS, ETC.

"BLACK HISTORY MONTH – THE UNITED STATES BLACK HERITAGE STAMPS"

A BRIEF HISTORY:

Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926, first as "Negro History Week" and later as "Black History Month." What you might not know is that black history had barely begun to be studied—or even documented—when the tradition originated. Although blacks have been in America at least as far back as colonial times, it was not until the 20th century that they gained a respectable presence in the history books.

We owe the celebration of Black History Month, and more importantly, the study of black history, to Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Born to parents who were former slaves, he spent his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines and enrolled in high school at age twenty.

Woodson, always one to act on his ambitions, decided to take on the challenge of writing black Americans into the nation's history. He established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now called the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History) in 1915, and a year later founded the widely respected Journal of Negro History. In 1926, he launched Negro History Week as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout American history.

Woodson chose the second week of February for Negro History Week because it marks the birthdays of two men who greatly impacted the American black population, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

THE STAMPS:

In 1940, Booker T. Washington became the first black American to be honored on a U.S. postage stamp issue. Since then, other black Americans have been honored as individuals and/or depicted as representatives of their race in different categories such as civil rights, sports, science, and music on U.S. stamps.

Space does not permit the listing of all of the stamps honoring Blacks, so this article will list the stamps of the **BLACK HERITAGE SERIES STAMPS**. Three of the 27 stamps of this series are shown as the header of this issue.

<u>SCOTT #</u>	<u>DENOM.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>
1744	13 cent	Harriet Tubman ✓	February 1, 1978
1771	15 cent	Martin Luther King Jr. ✓	January 13, 1979
1804	15 cent	Benjamin Banneker ✓	February 15, 1980
1875	15 cent	Whitney Moore Young ✓	January 30, 1981
2016	20 cent	Jackie Robinson	August 2, 1982
2044	20 cent	Scott Joplin	June 9, 1983
2073	20 cent	Carter G. Woodson ✓	February 1, 1984
2137	22 cent	Mary McLeod Bethune ✓	March 5, 1985
2203	22 cent	Sojourner Truth	February 4, 1986
2249	22 cent	Jean Baptiste Pointe du Sable	February 20, 1987
2371	22 cent	James Weldon Johnson ✓	February 2, 1988
2402	25 cent	A. Philip Randolph ✓	February 3, 1989
2442	25 cent	Ida B. Wells ✓	February 1, 1990
2567	29 cent	Jan E. Matzeliger ✓	September 15, 1991
2617	29 cent	W.E.B. Du Bois ✓	January 31, 1992
2746	29 cent	Percy Lavon Julian ✓	January 29, 1993
2816	29 cent	Allison Davis ✓	February 1, 1994
2956	32 cent	Bessie Coleman ✓	April 27, 1995
3058	32 cent	Ernest E. Just	February 1, 1996
3121	32 cent	Benjamin O. Davis Sr. ✓	January 28, 1997
3181	32 cent	Madam C.J. Walker ✓	January 28, 1998
3273	33 cent	Malcolm X ✓	January 20, 1999
3371	33 cent	Patricia Roberts Harris ✓	January 27, 2000
3501	34 cent	Roy Wilkins	January 24, 2001
3557	34 cent	Langston Hughes ✓	February 1, 2002
3746	37 cents	Thurgood Marshall ✓	January 7, 2003
to come	37 cents	Paul Robeson ✓	January 20, 2004

"... AND ALWAYS REMEMBER – COLLECT WHAT YOU LIKE & ENJOY YOUR HOBBY"