



# WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB

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**Meeting Day/Time:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays – Noon to 4 P.M.  
**Business Meeting:** 2 P.M. (MAY- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday only)  
(DECEMBER – usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday only)  
(JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday only).

**Meeting Place:** Churchill Borough Building  
2300 William Penn Highway  
Churchill, PA.

**President:** David McConaha  
**Vice-President:** Joe Bayuk  
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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 January: 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

February 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> – March 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

Cookies and coffee are available at the meetings.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Club wants to wish the members a Happy and Prosperous New Year

### January 9<sup>th</sup> MEETING:

Regular business meeting. 2005 WILPEX planning meeting as required.

### January 23<sup>rd</sup> MEETING

Regular business meeting. 2005 WILKPEX planning meeting as required.

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD:**

The Christmas party was held at the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting before and after the business meeting. Everyone had a great time and appeared to get their fill of the "goodies" that were either donated by the Club or brought in by the members. The Club wants to thank the members who brought in their favorite "homemade" food item and/or brought in other items to make the party a success.

### **STORAGE ROOM:**

The storage room at the Churchill Borough Building is now available for storing any club property. Please bring it to one of the meetings. We are also looking for any of those electric extension cords that were made a number of years ago for our WILKPEX exhibition and bourse. If you have one or more of these, please bring them in as we need them for our 2005 show.

### **WILKPEX 2005:**

Show dates are April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at the Wilkins Elks Club in Wilkins Township. Please keep in mind that it is not too early to be thinking about preparing your exhibit or exhibits. An exhibit sign-up form will be included with the January, 2005 newsletter. Planning is moving along well. If you wish to volunteer to help out with the show, please contact one of the Club officers.

**The Club is asking you to "save" any Linn's Stamp News, Scott Monthly Journals and other philatelic publications as "giveaways" at the show sign-in area. Please bring them to one of the meetings and we will store them until the show. NOTE: COMPLETE ISSUES ONLY (no pages with parts cutout). Thank you!**

### **FREE WEB SITE ADVERTISING:**

ATTENTION – Club stamp dealers or members who sell stamps can now advertise on our web site for **FREE**. Whether you are a dealer who has a mail-order business or a collector/member that has stamps to sell, you can place a half-page ad on our web site. Once you stop selling stamps, it is your responsibility to notify us to remove your ad. Please see me at a meeting with your ad or mail to our P.O. Box listed at the top of this newsletter. Submitted by: David F. McConaha, Web Manager

### **2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

Copies of the 2005 Club Calendar of events will be available at the meetings in January. We will currently be printing 25 copies. If more are need we will get them printed. It can also be downloaded from our web site. Last year this was included as part of the January newsletter. It will NOT be included this year.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Election of officers for Vice-President, Second Vice-President and Treasurer will be held on March 13, 2005 (first March meeting). All regular members, in good standing, are permitted to run for office. Nominations for these three offices will be accepted on February 27, 2005 (second February meeting). The term of office will be for two years, starting July 1, 2005 and ending on June 30, 2007.

### **ILLNESSES:**

Members Don Smith and Herb Diersch are recovering from illnesses. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. The Club has sent them Get Well cards and wishes them a speedy recovery.

### **SAD NEWS TO REPORT:**

It was reported by Andy Novotny that former member Robert "Bob" Beck has passed away. No details were given.

### **DID YOU KNOW - INTERESTING PHILATELIC FACT:**

The first presiding officer for the United States Post Office was Benjamin Franklin, who took office on July 26, 1775. Since that time 71 different gentlemen have held this important office.

The Postmaster General is the executive head of the United States Postal Service. From 1872 to 1971, the postmaster general was the head of an executive department concerned with the *postal service* (the Post Office Department). During that period, he was a member of the President's Cabinet. The Cabinet office of Postmaster General was often given to a new President's campaign manager or other key political supporter, and was considered something of a sinecure. In 1971, the Post Office Department was re-organized into the United States Postal Service, a government-owned corporation. Thus, the Postmaster General is no longer a member of the Cabinet.

### **PERSONAL GLIMPSSES - STAMP SHOW VISIT:**

Tom Reiff, Club Treasurer, and his wife spent this past Thanksgiving at their oldest son's Florida home in sunny and warm Bonita Springs, Florida.

Tom saw in Linn's Stamp News before making the trip, that there was a stamp show in the Fort Myers area, sponsored by the Cape Coral Stamp Club, the weekend following Thanksgiving. As it turned out, it was only about 3-4 miles from where he was staying. Because Tom was leaving that day around noon and the bourse started at 10AM, he HAD to make the trip. He said he only had time to stop at two of the dealer tables but did purchase some items for his collections.

While there he noticed that there was a TV cameraman taking video at the show. When his son returned to Pittsburgh he called and told him that he saw a clip about the stamp show with dear old Dad on it (not an interview) on the 6 o'clock news on WINK-TV. He told Dad that he was going to tape it for him on the 11 o'clock news, but they did not run the clip.

A "philatelic" TV star?

IF YOU HAVE ANY "PERSONAL" EXPERIENCES DEALING WITH STAMPS, WE WOULD BE MORE THAN WILLING TO INCLUDE THEM IN A FUTURE NEWSLETTER.

### **TRIVIA QUESTION:**

What U.S. Postal Service rate actually dropped for only 108 days in the 1970's?

**If you think you have the answer, let us know at the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

Answer will be published in the February, 2005 newsletter

### **LOCAL AREA STAMP CLUBS:**

Other local area stamp clubs include The Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh, the Westmoreland County Philatelic Society and the Butler County Philatelic Society. For information on these clubs please see our website.

### **UPCOMING AREA SHOW (Please see our website for this and additional shows):**

**JANUARY 8-9** – DAYTON, OH – DAYPEX Stamp Show, Holiday Inn, Dayton Mall., I-75 and SR 725 Exit 44.  
Bourse Hours: 10AM – 5PM (Saturday); 10AM – 4PM (Sunday)

**JANUARY 9** – TIMONIUM (Baltimore Area) – James Reeves Collectibles – Holiday Inn, Timonium Plaza, 2004 Greenspring Drive, (I-83, Exit 16).  
Bourse Hours: 10AM – 4PM (Sunday)

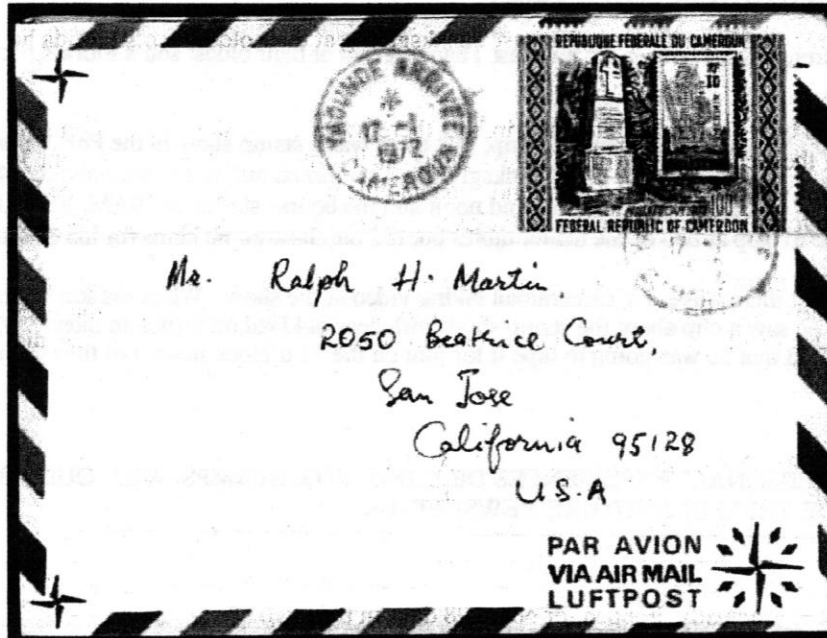
**JANUARY 15** – PITTSBURGH, PA – James Reeves Collectibles, Comfort Inn, 699 Rodi Road (Exit 111, I376) Penn Hills.  
Bourse Hours: 10AM – 5PM (Saturday)

**JANUARY 23** – PITTSBURGH, PA – Jan Harris, Greentree Holiday Inn, 401 Holiday Drive.  
Bourse Hours: 10AM – 4PM (Sunday)

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

**\*\*\* COLLECTING "STAMPS ON STAMPS" STAMPS AND COVERS \*\*\***

A neat topic to collect is "Stamps on stamps". There are many stamps from many countries that serve this topic. Areas that you can collect are stamps (mint and or used" postal history, etc. They make a very colorful and inexpensive collection. The stamp images at the top of this newsletter are: Australia (Scott #846); Chile (Scott #C289); Cuba (Scott #2965) and the German Democratic Republic (Scott # 226). Below are cover images of a "postally used" cover and a registered first day cover.



**"A 1972 AIRMAIL COVER FROM CAMEROUN TO THE U.S.A. USING A 'STAMP ON STAMP' (SCOTT #C175) SHOWING THE WWII MEMORIAL AND AN IMAGE OF A CAMEROUN STAMP FROM 1915 (SCOTT #101). THE STAMP IS PART OF A SET COMMEMORATING THE 1971 PHILATELIC EXHIBITION"**



**"A 1948 REGISTERED FIRST DAY COVER FROM MAURITIUS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM (ENGLAND) WITH THE 4 STAMP SET (SCOTT #225-228) COMMEMORATING THE CENTENARY OF THE FIRST STAMPS OF MAURITIUS (SCOTT #1 AND #2). CENTENARY WAS 1947 WITH STAMPS ISSUED ON MARCH 22, 1948"**

**"...AND ALWAYS REMEMBER - COLLECT WHAT YOU LIKE AND ENJOY YOUR HOBBY"**

**WILKPEX 2005**

**Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Annual Show & Exhibit of the Wilkinsburg Stamp Club**

**\*\*\* EXHIBIT SIGN UP FORM \*\*\***

**Exhibitor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibit Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibit Description (25 words or less):**

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**(each frame holds sixteen (16) 8 ½" by 11" pages)**

**Number of Frames:** \_\_\_\_ **(Pages divided by 16)**

**Please either give to Andy Novotny at one of the meetings or  
return as follows:**

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**\*\*\*\*\* ENTRY DEADLINE: March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005 \*\*\*\*\***

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