



WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB NEWSLETTER

Meets 2nd and 4th Sundays

May 2001

Box 97903, Pittsburgh, PA 15227

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

Meeting Time: Noon to 4 p.m. Business meeting at 2 p.m. Members may examine circuit books before and after the business meeting

President: Paul Holtman **First Vice-president:** Joe Bayuk **Second Vice-president:** Jim Senkewitz **Secretary:** Grant Latimore

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Club News

Did you attend Wilkplex last month? Unfortunately, I had to work the weekend and was unable to get to the show. So, I can't give a first-hand report. This year's exhibits were divided into two sections: Topical and Postal History/Worldwide. The awards are

Topical

- 1st (tie): Edwin Hubble & the Hubble Space Telescope
Theodore Van Karman – Stamp Celebration & Special Cancellation
- 2nd: Western Airletters
- 3rd: 50th Anniversary of the First Supersonic Flight

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Postal History/Worldwide

- 1st: German Occupation of Belgium During the First World War
- 2nd: Railway Mail Service
- 3rd: German Collection

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Don Smith
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Overall

- 1st (tie): Edwin Hubble & the Hubble Space Telescope
Theodore Van Karman – Stamp Celebration & Special Cancellation
 - 2nd: German Occupation of Belgium During the First World War
 - 3rd: Railway Mail Service
- Honorable Mention: Western Airletters

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Enclosed with this month's newsletter is your annual dues renewal statement. Please fill it out and return with your payment. If you receive a membership card with this newsletter, your dues are paid for the coming year. No payment is due in this case, and you may disregard the dues notice.

Pittsburgh Area Shows

15th Annual West Virginia Postcard, Stamp & Paper Show: Clarksburg, WV Holiday Inn (I-79 & U.S. Rte. 50) Saturday, May 12
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Philatelic News

When is a guideline not a guideline? It's when the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee (CSAC) revises some criteria to validate issues that broke the guidelines in the first place. We always knew that stamps were not supposed to picture commercial products (advertisement). But the Celebrate the Century series blew that out of the water with stamps depicting such things as Crayola Crayons and Ford Mustangs. The CSAC has now modified the language of the guideline to allow commercial products that "might be used to illustrate more general concepts related to American culture." The CSAC also indicated two other changes in its guidelines. One, a guideline that indicates that no stamp should be issued for any subject that has had a stamp issued for it within 50 years. Exceptions to this include holidays and traditional symbols such as flags. Two, commemorations of institutions of higher learning should be considered only in conjunction with their bicentennial and only on postal cards. This is a slight shift from the present guideline that calls for these institutions to be honored on postal cards in the Historic Preservation series.

The USPS is raising its prices for subscription services. The Commemorative Stamp Club will increase \$10 to \$48.95, commemorative panels increase \$1.05 to \$6 and souvenir pages increase 50¢ to \$2.

As part of its cost-cutting effort, the USPS will roll its Stampers program, aimed at attracting young people to stamp collecting, into the much older Wee Deliver program. This program tries to interest elementary school students in Postal Service operations.

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New U.S. Stamp Varieties & Errors

34¢ Statue of Liberty self-adhesive coils: sharp corners from coil roll of 100; round corners from coil rolls of 3,000 and 10,000.
Scott C135 - 60¢ Grand Canyon - vertical pair with missing die cut --- six errors reported to date

Scott Numbers for Recent USPS Issues

3228a	Nondenom. (10¢) Green Bicycle coil stamp, large '1998' date	34¢ Statue of Liberty
3270a	Nondenom. (10¢) Eagle & Shield coil stamp, large "1998" date	3476 coil stamp, rolls of 3,000 & 10,000
3271b	Nondenom. (10¢) self-stick Eagle & Shield coil stamp, large "1998" date	3477 self-stick coil stamp, roll of 100
3280a	33¢ Flag Over City coil stamp, large "1999" date	3485 booklet stamp
3431	76¢ Hattie Caraway	3485a pane of 10 (convertible booklet)
3468	21¢ Bison	3485b pane of 20 (convertible booklet)
3469	34¢ Flag Over Farm	3503 34¢ Diabetes Awareness
3470	34¢ self-stick Flag Over Farm	34¢ Apple and Orange
3471	55¢ Art Deco Eagle	3491 Apple booklet stamp
3475	21¢ Bison coil	3492 Orange booklet stamp
34¢ Four Flowers		3492a pair, 3491-3492
3478	Freesia (green background) coil stamp	3492b pane of 20, 10 each 3491-3492 (convertible booklet)
3479	Asian hybrid lily (red background) coil stamp	34¢ Rose and Love Letter
3480	Cymbidium orchid (tan background) coil stamp	3497a pane of 20 (convertible booklet)
3481	Longiflorum lily (purple background) coil stamp	3498 booklet stamp
3481a	strip of four, 3478-3481	3498a booklet pane of four
3487	Longiflorum lily (purple background) booklet stamp	3498b booklet pane of six
3488	Cymbidium orchid (tan background) booklet stamp	BK285 combination vending booklet containing two 3498a and two 3498b
3489	Freesia (green background) booklet stamp	20¢ George Washington
3490	Asian hybrid lily (red background) booklet stamp	3482 booklet stamp (die-cut 11 ¼ by 11)
3490a	block of four, 3487-3490	3482a pane of 10 (convertible booklet)
3490b	booklet pane of four, 3487-3490	3483 booklet stamp (die-cut 10 ½ by 11)
3490c	booklet pane of six, 3489-3490 & two each 3487-3488	3483a booklet pane of 4, two each of 3482 & 3483
3490d	booklet pane of six, 3487-3488 & two each 3489-3490	3483b booklet pane of 6, three each of 3482 & 3483
3490e	double-sided pane of 20 (convertible booklet), five 3490a	BK282 combination vending booklet containing 3483a & 3483b
BK284	combination vending booklet containing 3490c, 3490d and two 3490b	
C136	70¢ Nine-Mile Prairie airmail stamp	O158 34¢ Official Mail coil stamp
U647	34¢ Lovebirds stamped envelope	U648 34¢ Community Colleges stamped envelope
UO90	34¢ Official Mail stamped envelope	UXC28 70¢ Badlands airmail postal card

USPS Issues --- May 2001

University of Portland: Single 20¢ postal card
Series: Historic Preservation
Issue Date & City: May 1, Portland OR
Printing process / Printer: offset-lithography / U.S. Government Printing Office

Peanuts: Single 34¢ self-adhesive commemorative stamp (Snoopy), pane of 20
Issue Date & City: May 17, Santa Rosa CA
Printing process / Printer: offset / Ashton Potter

U.S. Veterans: Single 34¢ self-adhesive commemorative stamp with flag design, pane of 20
Issue Date & City: May 23, Washington DC
Printing process / Printer: offset / Ashton Potter

Acadia National Park: Single 60¢ self-adhesive commemorative stamp, pane of 20
Series: Scenic American Landmarks
Issue Date & City: May 30, Bar Harbor ME