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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.

Meeting October 9th and 23rd
November 13th and 27th – December 11th ONLY

Cookies and coffee are available at the meetings.

October 9th MEETING:

Regular business meeting.

October 23rd MEETING:

Regular business meeting. After the meeting we will be holding an auction. You are welcome to bring any philatelic items that you wish to part with. Please have lots described and your starting bid price. You will receive 100% of the selling price, if sold.

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES:

November 27th – A Show-and Tell program will be held.

Bring a favorite stamp, cover, postal history item, etc. and share it with members in attendance.

December 11th – Christmas Party.

CLUB LUNCHEON:

DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, THE CLUB LUNCHEON HAS BEEN CANCELLED. WE MAY HAVE AN "EXPANDED" CHRISTMAS PARTY AGENDA.

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

***** A FRIENDLY REMINDER *****

Your membership expire date is on your mailing label. As of September 26, 2005 there are 9 members who have not paid their dues for 2006. If your expiry date is "highlighted" on your mailing label, it indicates that your dues have NOT been PAID for the current year.

Annual Dues are only \$8.00 for the first family member and only \$4.00 for additional members at the same address. Junior members, 16 and under are only \$2.00.

If your dues are not received by October 31st, 2005 the Club will regretfully drop you from the Membership.

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 SHOWS (Please see our website for these and additional shows):

OCTOBER 9 – CRANBERRY, PA – Cranberry Stamp and Postcard Show, Four Points Sheraton, 910 Sheraton Drive
Sandra & Jan Harris.

Bourse Hours: 10 AM – 4 PM (Sunday)

OCTOBER 15 – MONROEVILLE, PA – Holiday Inn, 2750 Mosside Blvd. (Route 48), James Reeves & Company

Bourse Hours: 10 AM – 4 PM (Saturday)

OCTOBER 16 – TIMONIUM (BALTIMORE), MD – Baltimore Friendly Bourse, Holiday Inn, Timonium Plaza,
2004 Greenspring Drive (I-83 Exit 16). James Reeves & Company.

Bourse Hours: 10 AM – 4 PM (Sunday)

ANSWER TO TRIVIA QUESTION IN THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER:

The question: The 1840 British "PENNY BLACK" was the first British stamp to be printed in BLACK.
What was the next British stamp to printed in BLACK?

The answer: The One-Pound Universal Postal Union, 9th Congress. Issued on May 10, 1929 (Scott #209)
Member Marty Cooper knew the answer to this one – Congratulations Marty!

DID YOU KNOW - INTERESTING PHILATELIC FACT:

The only Marine Insurance stamps (Scott Prefix GY) were issued by Netherlands and Netherlands Indies in 1921. Each issued a set of seven stamps (Scotts GY1-GY7, containing three different designs. Netherlands issued the set on February 2, 1921. Netherlands Indies issued the set on November 1, 1921.

2005 WILKPEX ARNOLD PALMER CACHET:

Jim Senkewitz has placed an ad for our 2005 WILKPEX Arnold Palmer cacheted cover in the September Golf Collector's Society Bulletin. We hope to generate some sales from this ad.

2006 WILKPEX CACHET PROPOSED:

In keeping with our local sports themes for our show cachet, Gene Bujdos has informed the Club that he proposing that our 2006 cachet, Myron Cope. Mr. Cope has just recently retired as one of the Pittsburgh Steelers broadcast team. Myron, in his younger days wrote articles for Sports Illustrated. With his "distinct" voice and one-of-a-kind phrases, he has become a Pittsburgh icon. We will keep you posted as to progress.

NEW SECTION IN THE NEWSLETTER:

Starting with issue the newsletter will contain a new segment titled "MEMBER PROFILE". Profiles will be part of each newsletter space permitting. Please consider sharing your collecting interests with the membership. See me at one of the meetings or see Page 1 of the newsletter for contact information. Thank you!

MEMBER PROFILE:

This month we profile member Tom Reiff.

PERSONAL:

Except for four years in the United States Air Force, Tom has lived in Pittsburgh all of his life. Married, 2 sons, 5 grand-daughters ages 11, 9, 7, 2 and 6 months

STAMP COLLECTING CHRONOLOGY:

1. Tom started collecting stamps(U.S. and foreign) when he was 10 or 11 years old, along with his brother.
2. Put collecting aside during his teenage years (girls and cars took priority here).
3. Started collecting worldwide stamps again on a small scale during his time in the Air Force in the early to mid 1960's.
4. After being discharged, Tom decided to collect United States Commemorative Issues
5. Joined the Wilksburg Stamp Club circa 1967 and stayed a member until the mid 1980's.
6. Soon after joining the Club, he started a topical collection of Abraham Lincoln and Civil War Postal History, including the Confederate States.
7. Sold his Lincoln and Civil War collections in the mid to late 1970's and started a collection of Third Reich Germany with a specialized collection of the 1936 Olympic Games. Both of these collections were exhibited at WILKPEX Exhibition and Bourse shows in the early 1980's.
9. Sold those collections in 1986, stopped collecting and resigned from the Wilksburg Stamp Club.
10. Started collecting again in the late 1990's and started various collections including, but not limited to Arnold Palmer postal history, Stamps and postal history of the U.S. 1938 Presidential Series, U.S. Airmail stamps and postal history, International mail with a destination of Pittsburgh, PA.
11. Rejoined the Wilksburg Stamp Club in 2001 and has exhibited some of his collections each year starting in 2002.

CURRENT PHILATELIC OR RELATED ORGANIZATIONS:

Tom is a member of the following organizations: American Philatelic Society, Wilksburg Stamp Club (Treasurer and Newsletter Editor), International Philatelic Golf Society, the Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh and Three Rivers Postcard Club.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Other than stamps, Tom has had collected or is currently collecting other non-philatelic areas including Sports and Non-sports cards, Coins, Star Trek/Star Wars, Arnold Palmer collectibles, postcards, Pittsburgh History of the Duquesne Heights/Mount Washington area (grew up on "The Mount"), etc.

BEST THING ABOUT COLLECTING:

Getting to meet and becoming friends with others with the same collecting interests, sharing the knowledge of those areas and having fun doing it. Tom's motto is: "COLLECT WHAT YOU LIKE AND ENJOY YOUR HOBBY"

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

***** "LARGE NUMBER" USED PLATE NUMBER SINGLES *****

Most, if not all of the plate numbers on the current issues of U.S. stamps have the rouletted (or serrated) type of "perforations" that are "outside" the stamps making it impossible to have a plate single, especially used or on cover. Previous to this situation, we have the "small number" plate numbers. With that in mind I thought that collecting "large number" plate singles, off and on cover would make an interesting topic. You can choose to collect regular (definitive) issues, commemorative issues, etc. with any plate number, all plate numbers for that stamp, all positions of a particular stamp or stamps, certain issues/sets, etc. If you are looking for a new collecting area this is, for the most part, an inexpensive type of collection that would make for an enjoyable experience.

At the top of this newsletter you will see images of 5 used plate singles of the 1934 National Parks issue.

Below are plate single stamp images of the definitive issues from the Liberty Series, an airmail, commemorative issues and a "commercial" cover franked with a plate single and the "interesting" enclosure.



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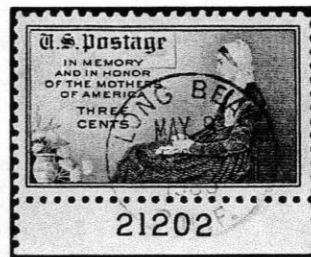
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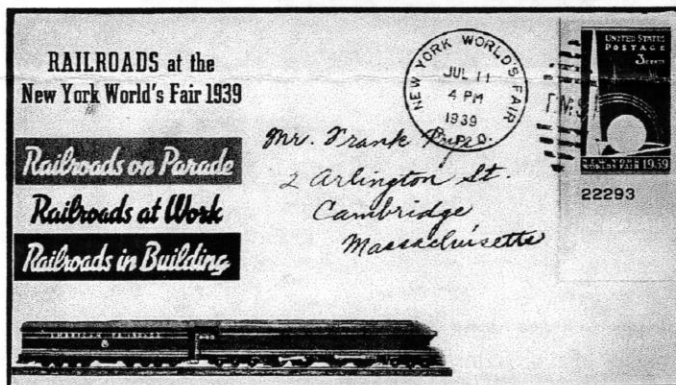
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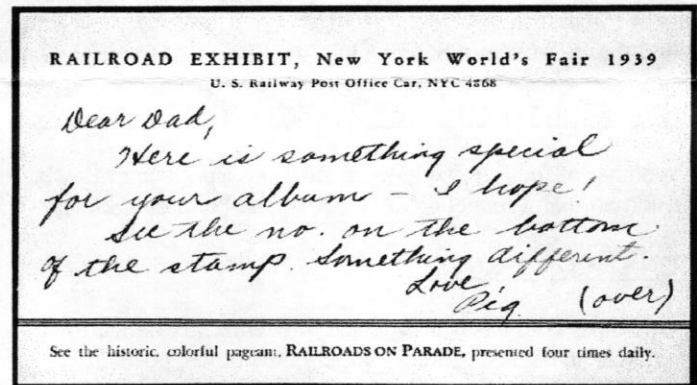
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"COVER FROM 1939 NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR FRANKED WITH A PLATE SINGLE OF SCOTT #853" (Author's Collection)



"HERE IS SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR YOUR ALBUM - I HOPE! SEE THE NO. ON THE BOTTOM OF THE STAMP. SOMETHING DIFFERENT"

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