



# 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),  
(JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday only).  
**Meeting Place:** Churchill Borough Building  
2300 William Penn Highway  
Churchill, PA.

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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 September: 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

October 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> – November 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

Cookies and coffee are available at the meetings.

### September 12th MEETING:

Regular business meeting.

### September 26<sup>th</sup> 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. The Club will also have some volumes of the 2003 Scott catalogues up for auction.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Please welcome new members M. Grace Dorsett, Michael A. Parniak, Charles W. Schellman, Kelli Lange and Daniel Parker. Kelli and Daniel are Junior Members. When you see them at the meetings, give them a warm welcome.

### **CLUB WINS NEWSLETTER AWARD:**

The Club has won a Silver Award in the 2003 American Philatelic Society Chapter Newsletter Competition in the "Multi-Page—Membership over 100" class. The competition required that three newsletters be submitted. The Club submitted newsletters from October, November and December, 2003.

The awards will be/have been posted on the APS Chapter Activities Committee website at [www.stamps.org/CAC/Index.htm](http://www.stamps.org/CAC/Index.htm), included in the *CAC Newsletter*, and released in news releases to the philatelic press.

The publications will be on display with their awards at STAMPSHOW 2004 in Sacramento, CA in August.

It should also be noted that two other Western Pennsylvania Clubs have also won Silver Awards in the "Multi-Page—Membership Under 100" class. They are the Johnstown Stamp Club and the Westmoreland County Philatelic Society.

### **CLUB DINNER:**

Ray Damico, with the assistance of Paul McCaffery, have volunteered to plan the dinner. The dinner will be held in either late October or early November. Details will be provided in the October newsletter along with reservation information.

### **NEW VENUE FOR WILKPEX 2005:**

THE CLUB HAS MOVED THE SHOW FROM OLYMPIA HALL IN EAST PITTSBURGH TO:

**WILKINSBURG LODGE , NO. 577 B.P.O. OF ELKS (BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER),  
718 BROWN AVENUE, TURTLE CREEK, PA 15145**

EASY ACCESS VIA THE CHURCHILL EXIT FROM I-376 (PARKWAY EAST)

NOTE: BROWN AVENUE STARTS WHERE BEULAH ROAD (IN CHURCHILL) ENDS.

### **2005 SCOTT CATALOGS ORDERED/RECEIVED:**

The 2005 Scott Catalogues and the 2005 Scott U.S. Specialized Catalogue have been ordered. Volumes 1 through 4 have been received and are available at the meetings.

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

Potato starch, wheat starch and acacia gum were the ingredients of the gum used on the back of the Penny Black of Great Britain. The Post Office called it cement and early stamps bore instructions printed on the sheet margins – "In Wetting the Back be careful not to remove the Cement". This created a panic that the gum was injurious to health and led to a Select Committee on Postage Label Stamps being convened in 1852 to inquire into its composition.

### **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.

### **37-cent U.S. SUMMER OLYMPIC STAMP (SCOTT #3863) SOAKING PROBLEM:**

An article in Linn's Stamp News that a problem exists with water soaking the 37-cent Summer Olympics stamp. Jake LeVan of Pennsylvania informed Linn's that in a regular "water soak" that these stamps "Just disintegrated – just fell apart". While the article does not give any alternatives except leaving them on the piece, WSC Club member Tom Reiff did a bit of experimenting. Tom soaked a few of these stamps in LIGHTER FLUID for about 20 minutes and they came off rather easily. He then rinsed them in water (not soaked) to eliminate any lighter fluid residue and dried them under a couple of heavy books on a flat hard surface. The stamps dried very nicely with no indication of "ink fading, etc. Tom also indicates that he doesn't know if there would be any long term effects be using lighter fluid on this and other "hard-to-water-soak" stamps. If you try this method, PLEASE BE CAREFUL WHILE USING LIGHTER FLUID AND SOAK THEM IN AN OPEN AIR ENVIRONMENT. Of course, there may be other non-flammable fluids that would also do the job.

**ITEM OF LOCAL INTEREST:**



Above, a portrait of gunnery Sgt. Margaret Hinerman from around 1943.  
Left, a close-up of the stamp.

**McKeesport wartime Marine  
pictured on 1953 postage stamp**

As reported in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, an article in regards to Margaret Hinerman, of McKeesport, who died on April 4, 2004, was featured on the 1952 (the paper has it as 1953) Women In Our Armed Forces stamp (Scott #1013). Hinerman is at the far left. She served for 20 years in the Marine Corps during World War II and a post-war re-enlistment. The complete article will be available to read at the Club meetings starting in September and running through December.

**IRONICALLY, THIS "MILITARY" STAMP WAS ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 11th**

**A FRIENDLY REMINDER....Annual dues are due....As of 08/26/2004, dues have not been received for members on this list. Dues are \$8.00 for the first family member. Dues are \$4.00 for each additional member at the same address. Dues are \$2.00 for junior members, 16 and under. You can pay your dues at the meetings or you can mail them to the address at the top of this newsletter. Thank you!**

MEM #	FIRST NAME	MI	LAST NAME	MEM #	FIRST NAME	MI	LAST NAME
028	Frank	S	Bruno	238	Elizabeth	E	Sulkowski
095	Aleck	H	Chizeck	246	Scott	A	Hill
102	Fred	B	Ziesenheim	248	Herbert		Diersch
167	Charles	F	Currey	271	John	F	Jozefov
214	Mark	R	McCormick	276	Henry	R	Sulkowski
215	Domenic	L	Russo Jr.	278	Costa	P	Cormas
217	Ruth		Dailey	285	Ted		Shiff
227	Mary Ellen		Smith	286	Brad		Shiff
228	Cookie		Sisco	292	Jack		Hill
229	Geoff		Buchanan	297	Samuel	A	Duerr Jr.
236	Carry		Van Tol	299	Jim		Davidson

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

**SEPTEMBER 12** – Cranberry Stamp & Postcard Show. Cranberry Four Points Sheraton, Cranberry, PA  
Bourse Hours: 10AM – 4PM

**SEPTEMBER 25** – NORTH HUNTINGDON – WESCOPEX 2004. 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition and Bourse.  
Circleville Fire Hall – Robbins Station Road. One block from U.S. Route 30  
Bourse Hours: 10AM - 5PM



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

\*\*\* \$1.00 U.S. STAMPS \*\*\*



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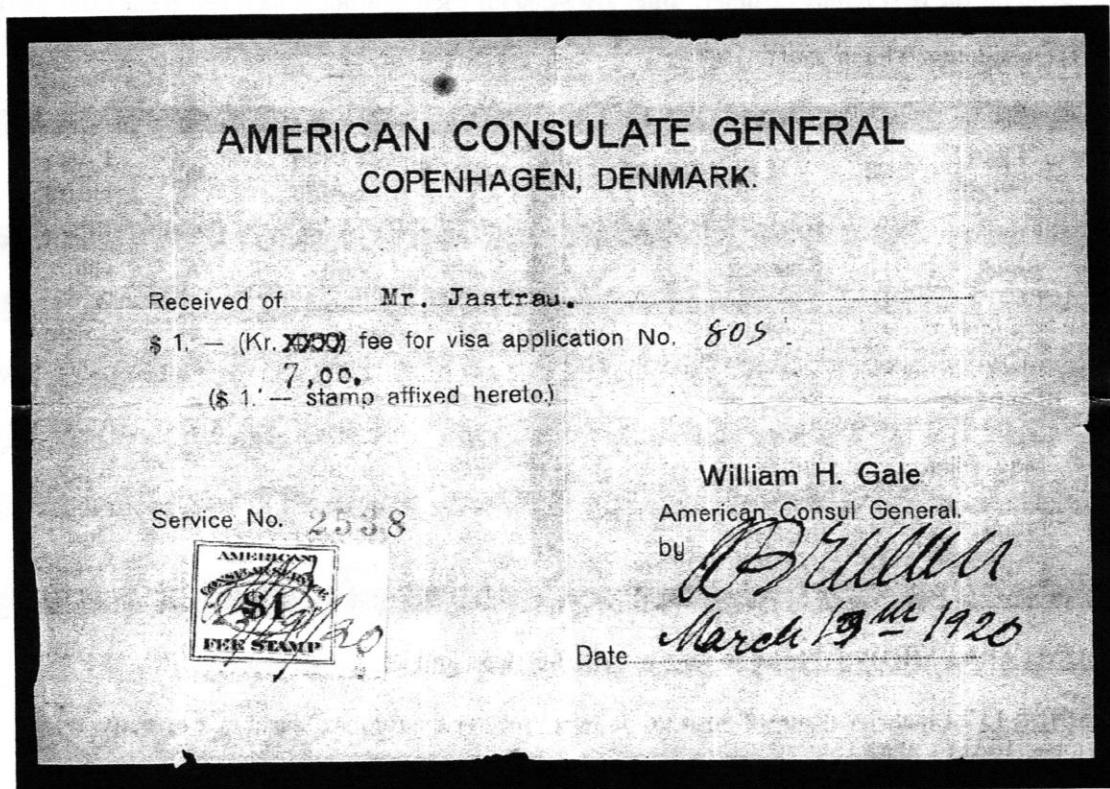


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Looking for a new collecting area? Why not try stamps, covers, etc. of stamps with a face value of \$1.00. You might be surprised to know that the Scott U.S. Specialized Catalogue lists over 150 different face value \$1.00 stamps. These include definitives, commemoratives, postage dues, Possessions, Offices in China, officials, postal savings, parcel post, savings, treasury savings, war savings, duck stamps, many categories of revenues, state hunting and possibly others. The first \$1.00 issues were included in the "first issue" of revenues. The first commemorative was included in the 1893 Columbian Exposition Issue. The first definitive was included in the First Bureau Issue of 1894. I believe the last \$1.00 issue to date is the 2003 American Culture WISDOM stamp. The images at the top of this newsletter show these three issues along with two other \$1.00 issues. The Scott numbers of these stamps are 241, 261, 3766, 292 and Q12 respectively. Space does not permit to list all of the \$1.00 U.S. issues. If interested, browse through a Scott U.S. Specialized Catalogue for these \$1.00 issues.



**"HARD TO FIND/SCARCE" DOCUMENT FRANKED WITH A \$1.00 AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE STAMP (SCOTT # RK16) DATED MARCH 19, 1920 FROM DENMARK (Author's collection)**

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