



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.

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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 September 11th and 25th
October 9th and 23rd – November 13th and 27th

Cookies and coffee are available at the meetings.

September 11th MEETING:

Regular business meeting.

September 25th MEETING:

Regular business meeting. After the meeting there will be a slide presentation "Confederate Postal History: The Harrie Mueller Collection"

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES:

October 23rd – An auction will be held after the business meeting. Bring items you wish to sell to the meeting. If sold, you keep 100% of the selling price.

November 27th – A Show-and Tell program will be held. Bring a favorite stamp, cover, etc. and share it with members in attendance.

CLUB DINNER:

Ray Damico, has once again 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.

FOR SALE BY MEMBER:

Member Eugene Bujdos has 2004 Scott Catalogues Volume 1 through 5 for sale at only \$10.00 each. If interested, please contact Gene by phone as 412-461-0289 or e-mail at gbujdos@yahoo.com. Thank you.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER....Annual dues are due....As of 08/28/2005, 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
12	Paul		Dugita	209	Eugene	J	Bujdos
52	Abe	M	Berlin	228	Cookie		Sisco
80	J. Roger		Gratz	229	Geoff		Buchanan
127	Ron		Milavek	235	Michael	A	Parniak
194	Patrick	G	Laing	289	Jeffrey		Petzold
195	Patricia	F	Laing				

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):

SEPTEMBER 2 - 4 - BALTIMORE, MD – BALPEX, Marriott Hunt Valley Inn, 245 Shawan Rd. Hunt Valley, MD
Bourse Hours: 10AM – 6 PM (Friday & Saturday); 10AM – 4PM (Sunday). ADMISSION

SEPTEMBER 17 –NORTH HUNTINGDON, PA – WESCOPEX 2005, Circleville Firehall, 129 Robbins Station Road.
Bourse Hours: 10AM – 5PM (Saturday). U.S. Postal Station

SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 2 – KING OF PRUSSIA, PA – Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition, Valley Forge Convention Center, 1160 First Avenue.
Bourse Hours: 11AM – 6PM (Friday); 10AM – 6PM (Saturday); 10AM – 3PM (Sunday). ADMISSION

TRIVIA 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? . If you think you know the answer, let us know at the September 11th or September 25th meeting. Answer will be published in the October, 2005 newsletter.

DID YOU KNOW - INTERESTING PHILATELIC FACT:

The Money Order System was created by Act of Congress of May 17, 1864, the object being to provide the public with the means of making small remittances of money by mail cheaply and safely. Fees charged for Domestic Money Orders were in the range of 5-cents to 45-cents for sums from under \$5.00 to \$100.00. Fees charged for International Money Orders (Certain Countries) were in the range of 10-cents to \$1.00 for sums from under \$10.00 to \$100.00.

SPORTY CARS ISSUED IN AUGUST (See top of newsletter for images)

Among the stamps listed by the USPS for August were postage stamps featuring images of five classic cars from the 1950s were released on August 22nd with First Day ceremonies held in Detroit, Michigan on Saturday, August 20th

These self-adhesive stamps were issued in a double-sided pane of 20 37-cent stamps which causes the various stamps to have various "straight-edge" positions. The booklet style pane has a price label featuring the 1953 Corvette with "AMERICA ON THE MOVE".

NOTE: It appears that the stamp images at the top of this newsletter are for "advertising purposes only" as the stamps have been issued in a "booklet form", where none of the stamps have all sides "perforated (serrated)".



There is also a set of five (5) 23-cent postal cards featuring one of each design

Featured on the stamps are a 1952 Nash Healey, a 1953 Chevrolet Corvette, a 1953 Studebaker Starliner, a 1954 Kaiser Darrin, and a 1955 Ford Thunderbird. The new stamps highlight the sporty look of American cars designed in the 1950s with sleek, aerodynamic lines and the innovative looks of the types of European sports cars American GIs favored upon their return from World War II.

In 1952, Nash Healey was an elegant little sports car and the product of the creative genius of three countries in its development: The Nash 6-cylinder engine created in the United States; the Donald Healey-engineered chassis developed in England; and Pinin Farina's sports-car-body design from Italy. Only 150 Nash Healeys were made in 1952, and it came in first in its class and third overall in the 1952 LeMans sports car race in France.

At the GM Motorama in New York City in January 1953, the new fiberglass-bodied, two-seater Chevrolet Corvette was unveiled to the public, and quickly captured its imagination while setting the bar for competition. Only 300 models were produced that year, all hand-built and white, with a red interior and black convertible top, a marked departure from other GM designs. Its sporty appearance promised speed and high performance for its fun-seeking drivers.

Widely considered "the first American sports car," the 1953 Studebaker Starliner was developed to appeal to younger drivers. It was low-slung, long and wide, and light on the chrome, with such a sophisticated look that the Museum of Modern Art in New York proclaimed it "a work of art," and featured it as the lone American representative in an auto exhibition that year.

Sand and gravel entrepreneur Henry J. Kaiser teamed up with master designer Howard "Dutch" Darrin (formerly of Packard fame) in 1954 to develop the fiberglass beauty the Kaiser Darrin. A two-seater featuring retractable doors that slid forward into the front fenders; a unique pointed, compact grille; long sloping lines; and a three-position Landau top, a total of 435 were made that year before poor sales led Kaiser to return to the sand and gravel business.

The 1955 Ford Thunderbird, "a sports car with luxury," was designed to compete with the Corvette, as it featured a steel body, interchangeable hard and soft tops, an overhead valve V-8 engine and roll-up windows, and its road performances were virtually identical to the Corvette's. Over 16,000 models were produced that year, and the styling remained the same until 1958, when Ford revamped Thunderbird's sports car status and added a back seat, which actually quadrupled sales.

The 50s Sporty Cars stamps were illustrated by Art Fitzpatrick of Carlsbad, CA, and the designer/art director is Carl Herrman of Carlsbad, CA.

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

***** THE 1955 CERTIFIED MAIL SERVICE STAMP *****

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE



This special stamp was issued for use in connection with the newly inaugurated certified mail service. The First day of issue was June 6, 1955 at Washington D.C. with service starting on June 7, 1955.

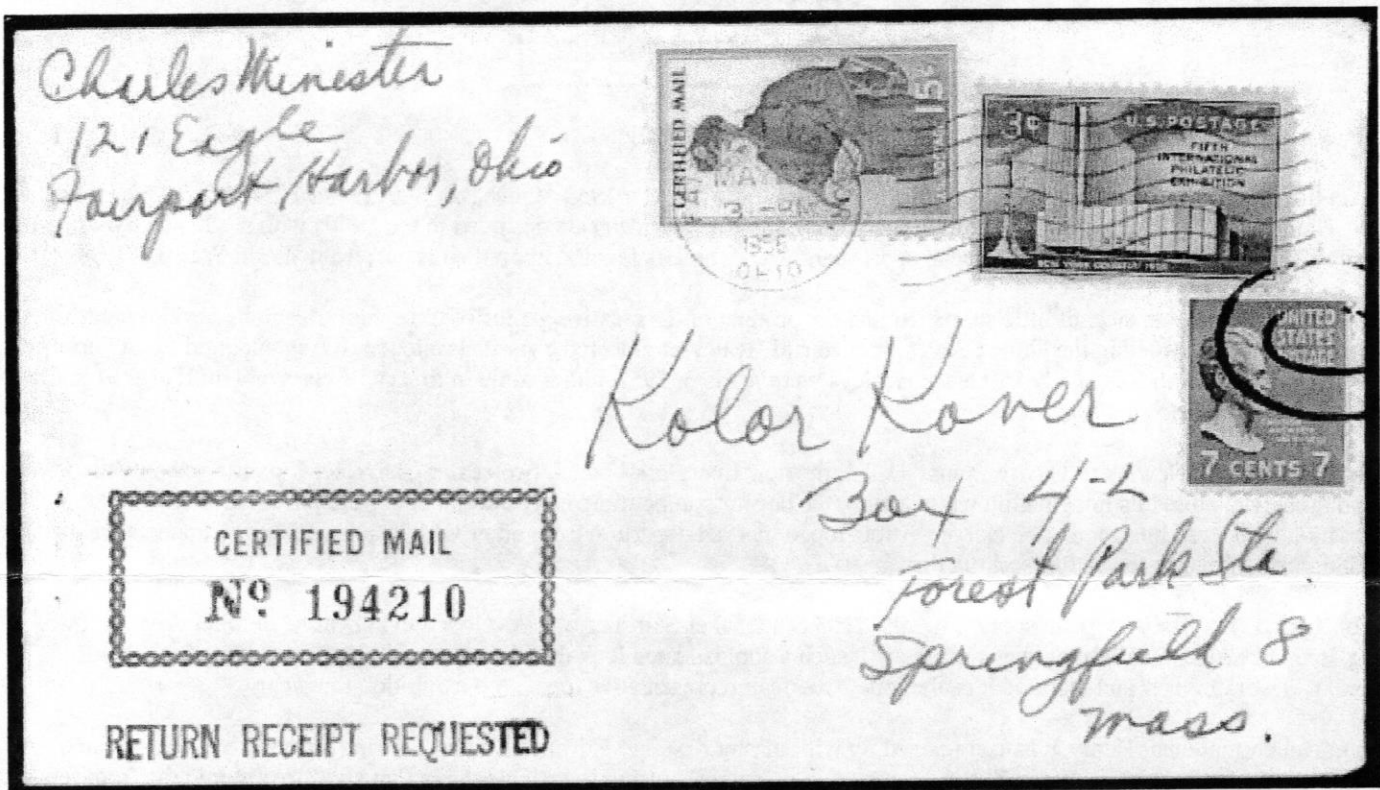
This is the ONLY stamp to date that has been issued for this service. Scott # is FA1.

Certified mail service provides the sender with a mailing receipt and a record of delivery at the post office of address. Return receipt and restricted delivery service is available with certified mail, just as with registered mail.

This stamp was NOT required for this service. Certified Mail service continues today.

This Certified Mail stamp quickly became obsolete (and was not replaced) when the certified fee increased to 20 cents on July 1, 1957

POSTAL HISTORY



"MAY 23, 1956 FAIRPORT, OH TO KOLOR COVER (FIRST DAY SERVICE CO.)SPRINGFILED, MASS."

"ONE OUNCE OR LESS 3-CENTS FIRST CLASS LETTER; 15-CENTS CERTIFIED SERVICE FEE (PAID BY CERTIFIED MAIL STAMP) AND 7-CENTS RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED (Author's Collection) "

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