



WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB NEWS

Volume 23, Issue 9, September 2025

Wilkinsburg Stamp Club is a member of APS #12293

www.wilkinsburgstampclub.com

Meeting Schedule: 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Doors open at 12:30 PM and meetings start at 2:00 PM.

Churchill Borough Building, 2300 William Penn Hwy, Churchill PA 15235

WILKPEX 2026 – Friday and Saturday April 10 & 11 (10 AM-4 PM; 10 AM-3 PM), 2026 – Holiday Park Fire Department, Plum PA.

Wilkinsburg Stamp Club News

Get ready for Winter!

We will be having our Christmas Party in December (final date TBD) but more importantly, winter means it is time to get ready for WILKPEX!



It's time to get an exhibit (or 2) ready on your favorite topic!

It's time to go through your boxes and decide what you can sell in the Club Phlea Market!

Treasurer's Report – Danielle will have a complete report for August at our next meeting.

Wylie went to Bellefonte for APS Volunteer Week. He reported that there were around 60 attendees who did various tasks around the Matchbook Factory. He helped unpack and sort 16 pallets of donated items. He said it was a very laid-back operation – if you worked for a while then wanted to do some research or look at circuits that was fine. He gave them the leftover books from our closet as a donation. He recommended it to anyone who was an APS member who had the time.

The first 4 volumes (8 books) of the 2026 Scott Catalog have arrived. The rest should come over the next few months. We will decide how we will dispose of the old set later (Christmas prize anyone?).

Davidson's Stamp Service (where Danielle had long gotten her odd-shaped stamps) is retiring so another mail-order dealer was recommended. It is Bombay Philatelic Inc, PO Box 301, Wake Forest NC 27588, email sales@bombaystamps.com or call 561-499-7990.



Please feel free to write at the address below, especially if you don't usually make it to meetings. Your letters are read aloud at our meetings.

We got a postcard from member Kevin Brockett saying hello from Michigan. He was planning to attend GASS.

I received an email about a stamp show close by on Saturday September 13th. TUSCOPEX 2025 will be held in New Philadelphia OH (just over the border) from 10 AM – 5 PM with 7 dealers including our own Scott Shaulis, exhibits, and a stamp auction at 4 PM. Parking and admission are free!

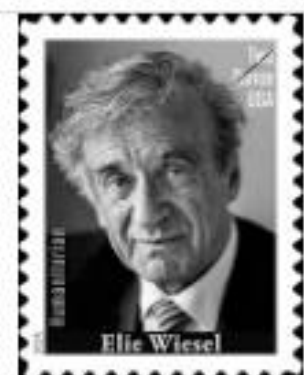
Tuscora Park Pavilion, 161 Tuscora Ave NW, New Philadelphia OH 44663



Philatelic News

Stay tuned for surprise stamp issues through the year!

- September US Stamps currently scheduled for release:
 - William F Buckley Jr (Sept 9) – In honor of the American writer and political commentator.
 - Holiday Cheer (Sept 13) – A series of 4 holiday images created by collage and paint, to make everyone's cards more fun this December.
 - Elie Wiesel (Sept 17) – Commemorating the humanitarian-activist who survived the Holocaust and spent the rest of his life making sure no one forgot.
 - Winter Landscapes (Sept 19) – A series of 5 stamps showing beautiful snowy scenes from around the US.
 - Jimmy Carter (Oct 1) – Honoring the 39th President of the US on what would have been his 101st birthday. Jimmy Carter died at the end of 2024.



The US Postal Service is having a contest! Stamp Encore is an exciting opportunity for the public to vote from 25 previously issued stamp panes. We plan to announce the winning stamp pane during the Boston 2026 World Expo in May 2026!

Voting will begin at 12:00 a.m. EST on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, and closes on Tuesday, September 30 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

Ballots may be submitted online or through mail – no purchase is necessary to vote:

Online: Go to www.stampsforever.com/vote and follow the instructions to submit your ballot.

By Mail: Complete the [paper ballot](#), print it out, and mail it to the following address:

Attn: Stamp Encore

U.S. Postal Service

475 L'Enfant Plaza SW #3300

Washington, DC 20260

Mail-in ballots must bear a postmark dated on or before September 30, 2025. Only one (1) vote per mail-in ballot will be counted. Multiple selections on a single mail-in ballot will render the ballot invalid. To submit additional votes via mail, separate ballots must be mailed individually. You can vote as many times as you want!



The stamps you can vote for are:

Art of Disney: Magic (2007)
Bugs Bunny (1997)
DC Comics Super Heroes (2006)
Flag Act of 1818 (2018)
Have a Ball! (2017)
Mail a Smile (2015)
Peanuts (2001)
Star Wars: Droids (2021)
Wonder Woman (2016)

Batman (2015)
Charles M. Schulz (2022)
Disney Villains (2017)
Frozen Treats (2018)
Heritage Breeds (2021)
Message Monsters (2021)
Send a Hello (2011)
Total Eclipse of the Sun (2017)

Bioluminescent Life (2018)
Classics Forever (2016)
Emancipation Proclamation (2013)
Happy Birthday (2021)
Let's Celebrate (2020)
Mister Rogers (2018)
Star Trek (2016)
Transcontinental Railroad (2019)

There are many changes happening in the US Government right now. The USPS has not been left out. Stay tuned for more news.

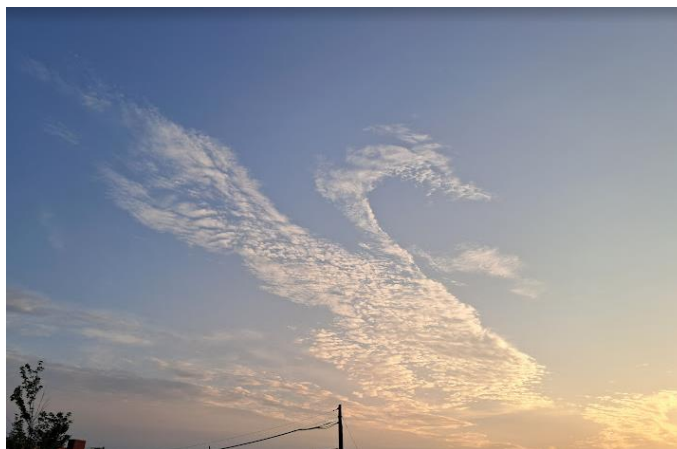
****The Club** is looking into obtaining permanent magnetic-style name tags to be used at WILKPEX as well as at meetings, so Maureen can remember everyone's name. {It's not just me – we're all at that point plus we're getting new members from time to time.} More info to follow!

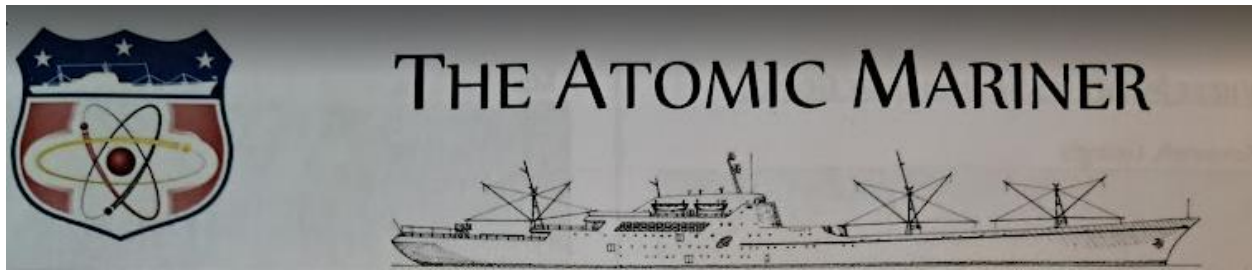
Collector's Corner

Show and Tell is at the second meeting of each month. Please bring an item to show and talk about. It can be about a topic other than stamps. Sharing the story is the important part.

1. Show and Tell:

- a. Ron talked about a trip he and his wife took to the Roberto Clemente Museum in Lawrenceville. It happened to be the week of Roberto's birthday (he would have been 91 this year). He said the group tour was very informative, and the old firehouse where the museum is located happened to close for good the same day Roberto died in 1972. He recommended it to anyone who loves baseball and especially the Pirates.
- a. Maureen brought a newsletter from the NS Savannah Chapter #109 of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society, of which she's a member. They celebrate the legacy of the Savannah and other nuclear-powered ships and the philately of those ships. She also brought a photo she took at work one morning, where the sky and clouds formed the figure of a swan (or dragon).
- b. Chris gave a report on the trip to GASS last weekend. She, Stephan and Wylie drove the 10 hours to Schaumburg IL (outside of Chicago) to the hotel attached to the convention center where the Great American Stamp Show was being held. The area was a very nice suburb and the hotel shuttle would take you to any location in the area, so you could go out for a meal or to shop. There were a lot of dealers – very expensive stamps; regular mixed-products; super-cheap including stamps-by-the-bucket and covers-by-the-envelope; albums only; covers only; postcards. USPS had a large presence as well – they were doing several unique postmarks for anything you brought them. There were also stamp artists signing their work and first day issues for some of the 2026 Stamp Show stamps. Many of the philatelic and topical clubs had booths. They had a good time and according to Chris her companions made the trip enjoyable.





Please take some time before the September 28th meeting and see if you have something fun to share from your collection!

Denmark postal service to stop delivering letters

6 March 2025 – BBC - Adrienne Murray & Paul Kirby

In Copenhagen & London

Denmark's state-run postal service, PostNord, is to end all letter deliveries at the end of 2025, citing a 90% decline in letter volumes since the start of the century. The decision brings to an end 400 years of the company's letter service. Denmark's 1,500 post boxes will start to disappear from the start of June. Transport Minister Thomas Danielsen sought to reassure Danes, saying letters would still be sent and received as "there is a free market for both letters and parcels". Postal services across Europe are grappling with the decline in letter volumes. Germany's Deutsche Post said on Thursday it was axing 8,000 jobs, in what it called a "socially responsible manner". Deutsche Post has 187,000 employees and staff representatives said they feared more cuts were to come. Denmark had a universal postal service for 400 years until the end of 2023, but as digital mail services have taken hold, the use of letters has fallen dramatically. PostNord says it will switch its focus to parcel deliveries and that any postage stamps bought this year or in 2024 can be refunded for a limited period in 2026. Fifteen hundred workers face losing their jobs, out of a workforce of 4,600. "It's a super sad day. Not just for our department, but for the 1,500 who face an uncertain future," employee Anders Raun Mikkelsen told Danish broadcaster DR. Denmark ranks as one of the world's most digitalised countries. There's an app for almost everything: few people use cash, and Danes even carry drivers' licences and health cards on their smartphones. Bank statements, bills, and correspondence from local authorities are all sent electronically. Public services send communications via a Digital Post app or other platforms and PostNord Denmark says the letter market is no longer profitable.

Letter numbers have fallen since the start of the century from 1.4 billion to 110 million last year.

The decision will affect elderly people most. Although 95% of Danes use the Digital Post service, a reported 271,000 people still rely on physical mail. "There are many who are very dependent on letters being delivered regularly. These include hospital appointments, vaccinations or decisions regarding home care,"

Marlene Rishoj Cordes, from *Aeldre Sagen* (DaneAge) told Denmark's TV2. PostNord has weathered years of financial struggles and last year was running a deficit. Danish MP Pelle Dragsted blamed privatisation for the move and complained the move would disadvantage people living in remote areas.

The introduction of a new Postal Act in 2024 opened up the letter market to competition from private firms and mail is no longer exempted from VAT, resulting in higher postage costs.

"When a letter costs 29 Danish krone (£3.35; \$4.20) there will be fewer letters," PostNord Denmark's Managing Director, Kim Pedersen, told local media. He said Danes had become increasingly digital and the decline in letter volumes had become so pronounced that it had fallen by as much as 30% in the past year alone.

PostNord also operates in Sweden. It is 40% Danish-owned and 60% Swedish-owned.

Upcoming Events Nearby

- Sept 7, 2025 – K2 Show – Churchill PA
- Sept 13, 2025 – TUSCOPEX, New Philadelphia PA
- Oct 4, 2025 – K2 Mars Bourse, Mars PA (Mars VFW)
- Oct 24 – 25, 2025 – Cuy-LorPex 2025, Rocky River OH
- November 8 – 9, 2025 – PITTPEX, Bridgeville PA
- Nov. 22, 2025 – Black River Stamp Club, Elyria OH
- April 10 – 11, 2026 – WILKPEX, Plum PA

For more details google the stamp club or look at the latest issue of the American Philatelist Magazine or the calendar at APS - (<https://stamps.org/events/events-calendar>)



Boston 2026 World Stamp Show will be the 12th International Philatelic Exhibition hosted in the United States. The show will be held at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center from May 23-30, 2026, to celebrate America's Semiquincentennial (250th anniversary). There is no separate GASS in 2026.

Book your rooms NOW!

Wilkinsburg Stamp Club Information:

Meetings – 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Doors open at 12:30 PM and meetings start at 2:00 PM.

Churchill Borough Building, 2300 William Penn Hwy, Churchill PA 15235

All are welcome! Free admission! Wonderful snacks! Stamps! Fun for all!

WILKPEX – Our Annual Stamp Show

2026 – Friday April 10 & Saturday April 11 (10 AM-4 PM; 10 AM-3 PM) – Holiday Park Fire Hall, Plum PA.

Officers:

President, Secretary & Newsletter Editor: Maureen McKeever
(maurmomck@gmail.com)

Vice President: John Harding (hardingeb@gmail.com)

Acting Treasurer: Danielle Weaver

Membership & Circuit Manager: Danielle Weaver (dmm742000@yahoo.com)

Web Tech: Dave Duggins (davidfduggins@gmail.com)

WSC c/o Danielle Weaver, 3710 Henley Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15235

Newsletter:

Original articles for the newsletter can be submitted from any member to Maureen at a meeting or emailed to her (see above) or via regular mail:

Maureen McKeever, 118 Larchwood Drive, Turtle Creek PA 15145.

Club members will be mailed a black and white copy of the newsletter each month. Anyone can request a color copy to be delivered at a meeting, but please let Scott Shaulis (scottshaulis@comcast.net) know ahead of time.



(You can't afford what's on this ship!)