



WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB NEWS

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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 2025 –Saturday and Sunday April 12 & 13 (Times TBD), 2025 –
Holiday Park Fire Department, Plum PA.

Wilkinsburg Stamp Club News

Surprise! Everyone is getting the July Newsletter in a cool cachet envelope curated by Rebecca Foltyn. It's just a little something to make you smile when you get the mail.



If you are interested in continuing to get the email via snail-mail, please let Danielle know. You can always switch back. Her email is at the end of the newsletter.

Rebecca has also curated some beautiful First Day Covers with hummingbirds and manatees to go with recent stamps issued in 2024. If interested in these or her other stationary please let her know! She is considering other upcoming issues for creating cachets as well - if you have a topic you would like her to do as a cachet or First Day Cover let her know!

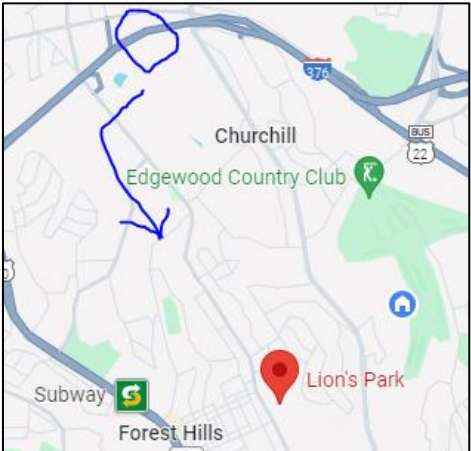


Congratulations to Gene Bujdos! Gene was awarded the APS Spark Plug Award for all of the work he's done over the years with our cachet and souvenir sheets. He has been doing this for 40 years!



Gene (middle) with John Harding (VP) and Danielle Weaver (President)

The 2024 Club Picnic will be held in Lion's Park in Wilkins Township (just down the road) – tentative date is September 22 (times TBD). Stay tuned for details! {Map below shows the Churchill Borough Building where the circle is, and you just go down Greensburg Pike! More details next month!}



Wylie is petitioning Dr. Joseph Kelley of the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee (475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 3300, Washington DC 20260-3501) for a Circus Wagon stamp series, using photos of classic circus wagons, many of which have been preserved and restored around the country. If you would like to help, please ask Wylie for a template to send in your own letter.



John is thinking about the 2025 Souvenir Sheet, and he thinks that the upcoming Pinback Buttons issue is ripe for satire. See below:



If you can think of something appropriate that might look like it belongs on a button, please let John know.

Stevan had some ideas about getting speakers or presentations for meetings. If someone would like to be the point person to contact potential speakers or work with APS to get videos, etc, please let the club know.

Danielle has old APS Circuit books for sale – she will likely bring them to future meetings. She is also planning to go up to Bellefonte again this summer – let her know if you are interested in going!

For WILKPEX- If you can think of something to make Day 2 special (auction, presentations, etc.) please bring it to the meetings. We want good attendance on both days!

- July 2024 US Stamps issues (as of now):
 - Definitive Small Denominations – (7/18) – 5 different flowers with small denominations – Fringed Tulip (1 cent), Daffodil (2 cent), Peonies (3 cents), Red Tupils (5 cents), Poppies & Coneflowers (10 cents). Yes. Flowers. Again. Sold in coils and panes.
 - Alex Trebek – (7/22) – A Jeopardy stamp honoring the long-serving host.
 - Hank Aaron – (7/31) – Honoring the long-time Atlanta Brave player who broke Babe Ruth’s all-time home run record in 1974. (Notice that the team’s indian arm patch is missing in the image used.)



USPS plans 5¢ letter rate increase, other price hikes for July 14



USPS wants people to install new jumbo mailboxes. Here's why.

By Aimee Picchi; Edited By Alain Sherter

May 24, 2024 / 4:17 PM EDT / CBS News

The U.S. Postal Service is urging customers to upgrade to new jumbo mailboxes, with the postal agency saying that these larger receptacles are better able to handle more of the types of packages that people order from online retailers.

The USPS is alerting customers about the bigger mailboxes for what it calls "mailbox improvement week," which occurs the third week of May. The new jumbo mailboxes aren't sold by the USPS, but can be bought at Walmart, Home Depot, Lowe's and other retailers and cost about \$66 each.

The mail service told CBS MoneyWatch it doesn't get any revenue or other financial benefits when customers purchase a jumbo mailbox. Instead, the USPS is recommending the bigger mailboxes because of the spread of online shopping, which requires delivering many more boxes and packages to home addresses.

"The encouragement to use the [jumbo] mailboxes comes from wanting customers to have an option to accommodate all their mail pieces and packages," a USPS spokesperson said. "Being able to have all of your mail items in your box prevents oversized items from being left at the door when a customer is not home."



An image of one of the new jumbo mailboxes, which retail for about \$66, that the U.S. Postal Service is recommending as an upgrade. The bigger mailboxes can more easily fit packages compared with older receptacles, a benefit as more people shift to online shopping. USPS

At the same time, more Americans are dealing with package thefts, with Capital One finding in a recent report that 3 in 4 people have had an item stolen in the last year. "Porch pirates" are also an issue, or when thieves spot packages left on porches or next to doors and nab the parcels.

Even so, the new mailboxes don't lock, and the USPS also urges people to sign up for "informed delivery" service, which can alert you when a package has been delivered.

The new mailboxes are more than 13 inches wide and stand 12 inches high. A typical mailbox, which costs about \$20 to \$25, has a width of about 7 inches and a height of about 9 inches.

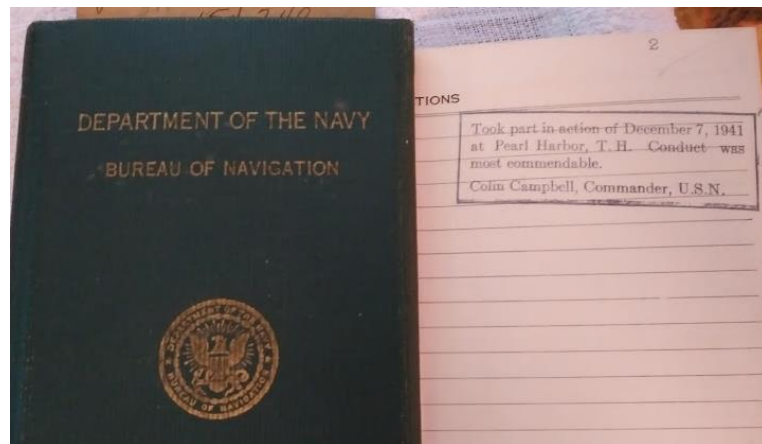
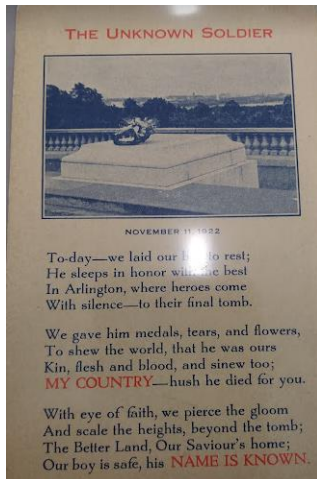
The USPS also urged people to upgrade or fix broken mailboxes. For instance, customers should check their mailboxes for loose hinges or a loose mailbox post, it noted.

"Broken mailboxes can be compromised, and the Postal Service would like to ensure our customers receive uninterrupted delivery service as a result of their mailbox being out of service," the spokesperson said.

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.
- Show and Tell – May 26, 2024:
 - Bill had a postcard showing a poem for the dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. He had some other materials about the Tomb as well.

- Maureen brought a discharge book from a sailor who was on the *USS Tennessee* from 1940 through the end of the war, including at Pearl Harbor.
- Scott brought a cachet from Lindberg's 8/3/29 visit to Pittsburgh (Gene said Lindberg might have landed at Bettis Field for that visit) and he had a registered "almost flood cover" mailed from Union Trust Station on 3/12/36 with all of the postmarks. He also had an exhibit of 3 cent stamp sheets – the huge initial printed sheets.



● Show and Tell – June 23, 2024:

- John brought in the latest Ukraine issue sheet showing all of the city coats-of-arms – with the ones designated "B" and "Z" missing due to their use on Russian invasion vehicles. The ones with silver crowns are cities and the red crowns are for those no longer designated as cities.
- Maureen brought everyone a 2024 stamp with the "Dog Bite Awareness" spray-on cancel. June 2 – 9 was designated as Dog Bite Awareness Week for the USPS, who had over 5800 personnel attacked last year. If a dog is reported by a mail carrier, that house (or whole neighborhood) can have their home deliveries stopped until it is remedied. She also passed along her list of topical, having

organized them into stock sheets in binders. What started off as 4 (steam ships, Christmas, Olympics and Girl Scouts) has turned into over 34 areas of collecting.



Upcoming Events Nearby

- July 13, 2024 – EPASS, Schnecksville PA
- August 10, 2024 – The Big Erie Stamp Show 2024
- August 15 – 18, 2024 – Great American Stamp Show, Hartford CT
- August 25, 2024 – K2 – Lancaster PA
- September 8 - K2, Churchill PA
- November 16 -17, 2024 – PITTPEX – **NEW LOCATION!** Fairview Sunset Room 3326 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017
- April 12 – 13, 2025 – WILKPEX – Plum PA
- May 9 – 10, 2025 – Butlerpex, Lyndora PA (tentative)

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>)



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

WILKPEX – Our Annual Stamp Show

2025 – Saturday April 12 & Sunday April 13 (Times TBD) – Holiday Park Fire Hall, Plum PA.

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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:

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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 Stevan or Chris (stevanw2020@gmail.com) know ahead of time.



(No rogue waves please!!)