



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.

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WILKPEX 2024: Thank you all for a successful WILKPEX 2024!

- We had over 15 attendees over 2 days, and the dealers were happy with their sales!
- The Club made over \$400 between cachets, souvenir sheets, raffle and Phlea sales plus donations.
- Club members made \$345 at the Phlea!
- Everyone ended up with new stamps, covers, postcards and other philatelic materials to go through.





We have the dates set for 2025 – Saturday and Sunday April 12th & 13th. The Fire Hall is already reserved and paid for and the dealers notified so they can put it in their calendars.

If someone left a jacket and umbrella near where Gene and David were selling cachets, please see Scott!

2025

Logo - Deb and Rebecca are still working with the old logo – we now know the Club came into being in 1933 and had their first shows around that time.



Stay tuned for more!



Danielle is still planning a trip to APS soon – if anyone is interested please let her know!

Rebecca has created some beautiful cachets with hummingbirds to go with the new Garden Delight stamps issued on 3/16. She has some as First Day Covers – if interested in these or her other stationary please let her know! If you have a topic you would like her to do as a cachet let her know!



Philatelic News

- May 2024 US Stamps issues (as of now):
 - Betty Ford – (4/5) – A surprise issue honoring the First Lady who made mental health and addiction treatment more accessible to all by talking about her struggles.
 - Ansel Adams – (5/15) – A series of 16 Forever stamps showing some of Adams' most famous western wildlife and nature scenes.



US Postal Service seeking to hike cost of first-class stamp to 73 cents

AP - Updated: 5:50 PM EDT Apr 9, 2024 WASHINGTON —

The U.S. Postal Service signaled plans Tuesday for a rate increase that includes hiking the cost of a first-class stamp from 68 cents to 73 cents, part of an overall 7.8% increase to take effect this summer.

The request was made to the Postal Regulatory Commission, which must approve the proposed increase that the Postal Service contends is necessary to achieve financial stability. If approved, the 5-cent increase for a "forever" stamp and similar increases for postcards, metered letters and international mail would take effect July 14.

U.S. Postmaster General Louis DeJoy previously warned postal customers to get used to "uncomfortable" rate hikes as the Postal Service seeks to become self-sufficient. He said price increases were overdue after "at least 10 years of a defective pricing model."

In its filing, the Postal Service said it's also seeking price adjustments on special services such as money order fees and certified mail. But there will be no price increase for post office box rentals, and postal insurance will be reduced by 10% when items are mailed, the postal service said.

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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 – March 24, 2024:
 - Maureen brought in a First Day Cover with the 1930 Braddock's Field Battle stamp.
 - Jim told a great story about how his Mom's stepdad was a stamp dealer and left her an envelope of "special stamps" – years later she gave them to Jim who went to see how "special" they were. It turns out that the precancelled President Stamps made a great display for his office.
 - Dave P brought a old cachet from Herb Mendolson with a cool cartoon from 2016.
 - Rebecca had her album of Berry FDCs from 1999 and 2000 – she thought it'd be an easy collection but it turned out that there are a lot of stamp variations from his series!
 - Ron brought a Celebrate the Century 1910 Mug that USPS sold to go with the stamps – but the word "Decade" is misspelled on the mug!



Upcoming Events Nearby

- May 10 – 11, 2024 – Butlerpex, Butler (Lyndora) PA
- May 31, June 1 2024 – Colopex, Columbus OH
- June 7 – 9, 2024 – NAPEX, McLean VA
- June 9, 2024 – K2 – Churchill PA
- August 15 – 18, 2024 – Great American Stamp Show, Hartford CT
- September 8 - K2, Churchill PA
- November 16 -17, 2024 – PITTPEX – **NEW LOCATION!** Fairview Sunset Room 3326 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017

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.

Officers:

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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:

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



(Is that my new Liberty stamp album aboard?!)