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OUR "MASTER PHOTOGRAPHER" DAWN RICHARDS STARTING TO SET UP THE "PHLEA MARKET"



COLLECTORS SEARCHING FOR PHILATELIC TREASURES ON A VERY BUSY DAY AT THE SHOW



BILL BADALI EXPLAINING SOME OF THE HISTORY BEHIND HIS "OPERATION HIGHJUMP" EXHIBIT

ABOVE ARE ONLY FOUR PHOTOS TAKEN OF THE MANY TAKEN BY MEMBER DAWN RICHARDS AT WILKPEX 2015 THAT WAS HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2015 AND SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2015

WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB – MAY - JUNE, 2015

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We meet on the second and fourth Sunday (except holidays and fourth Sunday in June, July and August) of each month. Meetings are from 12:30 P.M. until close of business, with the business meeting at 2:00 P.M. Meeting at the Churchill Borough Building, 2300 William Penn Hwy, Churchill, PA 15235.

DUES ARE ONLY \$8.00 PER YEAR (JULY-JUNE)

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THE EDITOR WRITES...

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES, PLEASE SEND YOUR \$8.00 TO THE MAILING ADDRESS ABOVE. PAYABLE TO: THE WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB

MAY - JUNE, 2015 MEETING DATES

May 24th ONLY (May 10th is MOTHER'S DAY)

On May 24th we will have "SHOW and TELL" after the meeting. Bring one of your "favorites".

June 14th ONLY
(Only 1 meeting in June, July and August)

******* PLEASE JOIN US *******

This newsletter is published ten times per year. Eight issues are published monthly for the months of January, February, March, April, September, October, November and December. For the months of May through August, two issues are published, one for the months of MAY-JUNE and one for the months of JULY-AUGUST.

CLUB NEWS

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Joseph Gurski is our newest member. Joseph is from Murrysville, PA and joined at WILKPEX 2015. He collects US, Poland, Vatican, Ireland and World. Please introduce yourself when you see him at one of our meetings and/or at one of our shows

WILKPEX 2015 POST SHOW & 2016 SHOW

Attendance: Attendance was brisk and the dealers were busy both Saturday & Sunday. There was an increase in "first time" attendees, possibly due to increased advertising and our website. However, there was a decrease in Club member attendance.

Dealers & Phlea Market: The bourse dealers were happy with the results. The Phlea Market generated some additional revenue for the Club from some of the items that were donated this and past years. There were also many sales from items brought in by Club members.

Cachet & Souvenir Sheet Sales: Both cachet and souvenir sheet sales appeared to have set a new high for sales at our show. Souvenir Sheet sales totaled \$52.75 and Cachet sales totaled \$112.50 for a total of \$165.25.

Exhibits: There were five (5) exhibitors filling 18 frames. Attendees voted for first, second and third place. The results were as follows:

1st: Tom Reiff – Covers & Postcards Sent to Notable People

2nd: Bill Badali – Operation Highjump

3rd: Herb Mendelsohn – War of 1812 Commemoration Stamps & Covers

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all exhibitors. All exhibitors received a certificate of appreciation with the current show cachet attached.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE WILKPEX 2015 A SUCCESS AND TO DAWN RICHARDS FOR TAKING THE PHOTOS ON PAGE 3 OF THIS NEWSLETTER

2016 Show: Next year's show dates are tentatively scheduled for April 16 – 17
There have been discussions about a Friday and Saturday show.

We will keep you posted.
**IT WILL BE AT THE SAME VENUE AS 2015
GATEWAY HALL, 4370 NORTHERN PIKE,
MONROEVILLE, PA.**

KOREA – “THE FORGOTTEN WAR” BEGINS – JUNE 25, 1950

Sixty-five years ago on June 25, 1950 the Korean War, known as “The Forgotten War” began.

Korea was ruled by Japan from 1910 until the closing days of World War II. In August 1945, the Soviet Union declared war on Japan and—by agreement with the United States—occupied Korea north of the 38th parallel. U.S. forces subsequently occupied the south and Japan surrendered. By 1948, two separate governments had been set up. Both governments claimed to be the legitimate government of Korea, and neither side accepted the border as permanent. The conflict escalated into open warfare when North Korean forces—supported by the Soviet Union and China—invaded South Korea on 25 June 1950. On that day, the United Nations Security Council recognized this North Korean act as invasion and called for an immediate ceasefire. On 27 June, the Security Council adopted *S/RES/83 : Complaint of aggression upon the Republic of Korea* and decided the formation and dispatch of *the UN Forces in Korea*. Twenty-one countries of the United Nations eventually contributed to the defense of South Korea, with the United States providing 88% of the UN's military personnel.

After the first two months of the conflict, South Korean forces were on the point of defeat, forced back to the Pusan Perimeter. In September 1950, an amphibious UN counter-offensive was launched at Inchon, and cut off many of the North Korean attackers. Those that escaped envelopment and capture were rapidly forced back north all the way to the border with China at the Yalu River, or into the mountainous interior. At this point, in October 1950, Chinese forces crossed the Yalu and entered the war. Chinese intervention triggered a retreat of UN forces which continued until mid-1951. After these dramatic reversals of fortune, which saw Seoul change hands four times, the last two years of conflict became a war of attrition, with the front line close to the 38th parallel. The war in the air, however, was never a stalemate. North Korea was subject to a massive bombing campaign. Jet aircraft were used in air-to-air combat for the first time in history, and Soviet pilots covertly flew in defense of their Communist allies.

The fighting ended on 27 July 1953, when the armistice was signed. The agreement created the Korean Demilitarized Zone to separate North and South Korea, and allowed the return of prisoners.

In all, some 5 million soldiers and civilians lost their lives during the war. The Korean peninsula is still divided today. Clashes have continued to the present.

BELOW ARE SOME STAMP IMAGES COMMEMORATING AND RELATING TO THE KOREAN WAR

1951 KOREA

1966 NORTH KOREA

1985 USA

1999 USA

2000 AUSTRALIA



Scott #(132a) SS



Scott #710



Scott #2152



Scott #3187e



Scott #1829

WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB – MAY - JUNE, 2015

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Upcoming Stamp, Postcard and Collectible Shows

STAMP SHOW – May 8-9 – **BUTLER, PA** – BUTLERPEX Butler County Philatelic Society, Tanglewood Senior Center, 10 Austin Avenue, Lyndora, PA. Friday 10AM – 5PM; Saturday 10AM – 5PM Admission FREE

STAMP SHOW - Saturday, May 9 – Warren, OH - TRUMPEX 2015 - St. Demetrious Community Center, 3223 Atlantic NE, Warren, OH Saturday, May 9, 2015; 10AM – 4PM.

STAMP SHOW – May 15 – 17 **ROCHESTER, NY** – ROPEX - The Greater Canandaigua Civic Center, 250 North Bloomfield Rd, Canandaigua, New York 14424 Friday/Saturday Daily Admission \$2; Sunday FREE; RPA Members and Youth under 18 Free. Friday 11-6, Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-3.

STAMP SHOW – June 12 -14 – **COLUMBUS, OHIO** - COLOPEX 2015 – Rhodes Center, Ohio Expo Center, 717 East 17th Avenue Columbus, Ohio. Fri 10AM – 6PM, Sat 10AM – 6PM, Sun 10AM – 3PM.

STAMP SHOW – June 21 – **HUDSON, OHIO** - Hudson Stamp Bourse Lincolnway Stamps, Clarion Inn, 6625 Dean Memorial Parkway.

STAMP SHOW – June 28 – **CRANBERRY, PA**, Double Tree Hilton (formerly Four Points Sheraton), Cranberry, PA 10AM – 4PM FREE
NOTE: Remaining 2015 Cranberry Stamp Shows are September 20 and December 6.

STAMP SHOW – August 22, 2015 - **PITTSBURGH, PA** - K2 Collectibles (Kevin Kellman) – Masonic Temple (Hall), Lower Level, 9521 Saltsburg Road, Plum Boro, PA 15239.

And don't forget, during the year, weather permitting, Trader Jack's Flea Market (every Sat-Sun), Hannastown (MAY-SEP 2nd Sunday), Bull Creek (MAY-OCT 3rd Sunday), Washington Antiques Fair (Consol Energy Park – Last Sunday of the month), etc.

ATTEND A SHOW – FIND A TREASURE

PITTSBURGH AREA STAMP CLUB WEBSITES

Here are some interesting Internet Web Sites. Once you access this URL, you may be able to navigate to other parts of the web site.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY PHILATELIC SOCIETY
<http://www.muleshoepa.com/WCPS/WCPS.HTM>

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH
<http://www.presidentdrive.com>

50 YEARS AGO – MAY - JUNE 1965



1965 CAMBODIA



2006 AUSTRIA - ALI



1966 NIGER – ED WHITE



1998 USA – GONE WITH THE WIND

**HISTORICAL FACTS WITH PHILATELIC CONNECTIONS
OVER THE YEARS, STAMPS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR
CAMBODIA, MUHAMMED ALI, EDWARD WHITE AND
GONE WITH THE WIND**

MAY 3, 1965 - Diplomatic relations were broken by Cambodia, but were reestablished on July 2, 1969 until 1975.

MAY 25, 1965 – Boxer Muhammad Ali knocks out Sonny Liston in the first round of their championship rematch with the "Phantom Punch" at the Central Maine Civic Center in Lewiston, Maine.

JUNE 4, 1965 – GEMINI 4 MISSION - At 19:46 UT (3:46 EDT) Astronaut Edward White conducted the second EVA (walk in space) in history and the first American EVA. It lasted approximately 20 minutes..

JUNE 22, 1965 - David O Selznick (born May 10, 1902), producer (Gone With the Wind), dies at 63. He was an American film producer and film studio executive. He is best known for producing Gone with the Wind (1939) and Rebecca (1940), both earning him an Academy Award for Best Picture.