



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 2023 – Friday and Saturday April 14 (10 AM – 5 PM) & 15 (10 AM – 4 PM), 2023 – Holiday Park Fire Department, Plum PA.

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- Anyone who wants to attend the WSC Christmas Party at Pugliano's in Plum on Sunday 12/11 at 1 PM, please send \$25 per person to the PO Box or bring your payment to the next meeting. **Payments are due by Thursday 12/1/22.** Guests are welcome.
 - The price is \$25 per person, with a choice from 3 entrees – Chicken Piccata, Tour of Italy (Lasagna, chicken parmesan, fettuccini alfredo, meatball, and hot sausage) or BBQ Combo Platter (Pulled pork and BBQ chicken, grilled shrimp served with coleslaw and french fries). Included will be a salad or cup of soup. Drinks are not included.
 - The Club will provide appetizers.
 - Pugliano's is at 1808 Golden Mile Highway (Rt. 286) in Plum, not far from where we held WILKPEX. The website is <https://puglianositangrill.com/>.



- If you want to **get** the newsletter via email ONLY or **not** in the mail (since it is viewable on the website by the 1st of each month in living color), please notify Dave Pressler (Membership Officer) at the email address at the end of the newsletter. You can also tell him at a meeting. We are hoping to have the email newsletter list firmed up by December.
- PITTPEX is the first weekend in November – Sat. 11/5 10 AM – 5 PM; Sun. 11/6 10 AM – 3 PM in Bridgeville PA. The address of the fire house hall is at the end of the newsletter.
- As a result of John Hotchner’s article in Linn’s we sold nearly \$400 in cachets and souvenir sheets.
- WILKPEX 2023 – We have 6 dealers (14 tables) confirmed for next year’s show. John Harding should have sample Souvenir sheets to look at soon. Please work on your Phlea Market items – please try to restrict yourself to 20 items so all have a chance to sell items. Also consider making an exhibit – it is easy to work on these while watching TV!
- A big Thank You! to our Treasurer David Albert who sold all of the club’s Gold Leaf First Day Covers on eBay for \$450 profit.



- Dave Duggins has archived past newsletters on the website going back to 2014. If you have any old newsletters you can give them to Dave for possible archiving.
- Circuits – Moving forward, instead of going through circuit books at our meetings, Danielle will bring circuits to the meeting and any member can take a whole circuit home to go through and buy. You then bring the circuit back to the next meeting along with your payment. Please contact Danielle if you want to get circuits outside of meetings.
- **Dues for 2023 are now due!** Please mail in or bring your dues to the next meeting or by December 31st. \$8 for individuals and \$12 for 2 family members.

- The Club has received the 2023 Scott Catalogs! This means that we will auction off the 2019 Catalogs at an upcoming meeting. Stay tuned for the details!



Philatelic News

- There are currently no more scheduled US stamp issues for 2022. Stay tuned for the 2023 list, which usually comes in November.
- The price of first class US postage is set to increase on January 22, 2023 from 60 cents to 63 cents.
- A Reminder – If you are planning on sending packages for Christmas via USPS, be aware that they are planning to slow down package delivery and charge an additional surcharge starting 10/2/22 running through January.



- Linn's Stamp News made news itself because of a reader who noticed an error in an Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation issue for Tuvalu commemorating the late Queen Elizabeth II. George Palmer of Ohio saw a picture of the upcoming issue in the October 3rd Linn's and sent an email to the magazine pointing out that they had the Queen's Birthday wrong (April 18th rather than the correct April 21st). Linn's contacted IGPC whose VP went to the production team, which had caught the error before it went to print. IGPC said this "shows how important Linn's is to the world of philately and that collectors are as real as it comes."

These stamps and others honoring the life of Queen Elizabeth are currently on sale at participating post offices and stamp dealers around the world.



(note the incorrect birth date)

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, such as the Japanese Currency that Connie shared last month. Sharing the story is the important part.



- A follow-up to last month's information about UV light – The American Philatelist had a very in-depth article on using UV lights with stamps in the October 2022 edition.



- Making a Circuit Book – As you go through your extra stamps you may want to consider making a circuit book to sell some of these. Danielle gave this advise on setting up a USS Circuit:
 - The total sale value of your stamps must be at least \$50 and no more than \$250.
 - You can have 25 pages max.
 - You need to research the current value of each stamp/block that you are selling.
 - Use the blank pages that Danielle has – they have the WSC name on each.
 - Mount the stamps with either hinges or mounts.
 - When complete, Danielle says she will get the pages placed in a folder with the cover page.

Circuits make money for you and the club. Buying stamps from circuit books allows you to fill in your collections and find new collecting areas, while again making money for the club.



Upcoming Events Nearby

- November 5 (10 AM – 5 PM); 6 (10 AM – 3 PM) 2022 – PITTPEX – Bridgeville PA – South Fayette Fire Hall, 661 Millers Run Rd, Cuddy PA
- April 14 – 15, 2023 – WILKPEX – Plum PA
- May 2023 – Butlerpex, Butler (Lyndora) 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.



(Carrying beer from Europe and scotch from Scotland!)