



WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB NEWS

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Wilkinsburg Stamp Club is a member of APS #12293

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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

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- It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Tom Donohue. Tom was a long time member of the WCS and had recently moved into assisted living. His obituary is below:



Thomas J. Donohue

After a several year battle with Parkinson's Disease, Tom peacefully passed away Monday, August 1, 2022 at the age of 85, at Hanna HealthCare Center, Longwood at Oakmont where he was a patient since February. Raised in Shadyside, he was the oldest child of the late Tom and Elizabeth Donohue followed by Kevin Daniel (Patricia) of North Hills and the late Mary Ann Stegman (Edward), Robert and John Donohue. After graduating from Central Catholic High School, he joined the US Coast Guard Reserves and then went to night school at Carnegie Tech to study engineering. During this period, he met and married Judy Yocca 62 years ago on August 29 and fathered 4 beloved children, Michael (Colleen), Stephen (Catherine), Paul and John. He also cherished his six grandchildren, Timothy (Kathryn), Kristen (Matthew), Luke (Jess), Patrick (Paige), Marielle (James) and Eliza and was looking forward to getting to know his five great-grandchildren. After Carnegie Tech, he was recruited to be a State Farm Insurance agent where he built a thriving business and worked for 52 years. Over the years he loved traveling, collecting stamps, hunting in the fall with friends and family, joining many events Irish, and most of all, being with family. He also never missed a note when it came to belting out his favorite

Irish songs. In 65 years, he probably never missed going to or marching with the AOH, Division 23 in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. After moving to a house in Penn Hills that is surrounded by trees, he loved the visits of deer and turkeys that would "visit". In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to the Parkinson's Foundation of Western Pennsylvania, 575 Lincoln Ave. #101, Bellevue, PA 15202. Tom was buried from St. Joseph the Worker Parish, St. Maurice Church, 2001 Ardmore Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15221 on August 6th.

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Tom will be greatly missed.

- 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.
- John Hotchner had a nice article about our World Famous Souvenir Sheets in the August 29th edition of Linn's Stamp News. It included pictures of the 2021 & 2022 sheets and information on how to order them via mail.
- WILKPEX 2023 – We already have 2 dealers confirmed for next year's show. If you have any ideas for the Souvenir sheet please give them to John Harding.
- Show and Tell – At the August 28th Meeting we had the following members share with the club:
 - Connie brought in 2 large, heavy railroad locks – 2 different railroads, same key. These were used to lock switch arms in place so they switches could only be operated by approved personnel.



- David shared the story of his trip to Altoona last week, where they went to the Horseshoe Curve and to the Railroad Museum. He said that it was a great trip and highly recommends it. They also went to the Boyer Candy Outlet Store. Other members mentioned that Altoona is where the Subway Stamp Store is, as well as Sheetz Store #1.

- Kris had a 1912 Rose Parade cover, with the postmark advertising the 1915 Pan Pacific Expo in San Francisco. There was also a notation for the Cal Rogers airplane flight on the front.
- Maureen had a boxed "My First Stamp Outfit" kit from 1953 that she had picked up at the Rogers Flea Market in Ohio. Stephan said that that had been his first stamp album.



- Rebecca had a UV light designed to view the tagging on new Forever Stamps. She demonstrated how the stamps look under the light.
 - Bill had a cover he bought in the \$1 bin, and he was able to find that the sender was a 1916 Princeton Graduate who had gone to France to drive ambulances before joining the US Army Air Corps once we entered the war – he flew bombers. He had returned safely at wars end.
- 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.
 - We are currently planning the Christmas/Winter Party for Sunday December 11th. Most people agreed that Pugliano's was a good place last year. If you have any ideas for a different place, please bring your well-researched ideas to the next meeting. The biggest requirement is a separate room for our group.
 - Just a reminder – dues for the next year (2023, Jan - Dec) will be due in November!

Philatelic News

- September US Stamps currently scheduled for release:
 - James Webb Space Telescope (Sept. 8th) - A stamp depicting the newest space telescope which has already sent back stunning new pictures of our galaxy (and more!)
 - Holiday Elves (Sept. 15th) – 4 stamps showing Santa’s little helpers.
 - Christmas: Virgin & Child (Sept. 22nd) – The religious Christmas stamp showing a painting by a Florentine artist done in the 16th Century.
 - Charles M Schulz (Sept. 30th) – 10 stamps with the cartoonist’s most beloved characters.



- The USPS has announced that they have seen a one-time cash benefit from the Postal Service Reform Act of 2022. This legislation is expected to save the USPS over \$50 billion over the next 10 years. The USPS must continue to deliver mail 6 days a week and new retirees will enroll in Medicare rather than being in the USPS Retiree Health system. They are to create an online dashboard tracking delivery times. Postal rates are still expected to increase as well as having “temporary” price increases for packages this holiday season, running from October 2 – January 23, 2023. (Linn’s Aug. 29, 2022 & Sept. 5, 2022 and The Pennsylvania Independent May 2022)
- The USPS is still expected to buy new electric vehicles as it replaces the aging fleet. It is hoped that the first new vehicles, made in South Carolina, will be on the road by the end of 2023. (Linn’s Aug. 22, 2022)

Collector's Corner

- The Flagler County Stamp & Coin Club of Palm Coast FL is in need of supply items along with any US or foreign coins and stamps as well as new and used coin and stamp albums. Recent stamps are the hardest to receive. All contributions can be sent to:

Flagler Stamp and Coin Club
P O Box 351355
2 Pine Cone Drive
Palm Coast FL 32135-1355
<https://stampandcoinclub.com>

For more information please contact:

David Rosenthal, President
386-437-0368 e-mail: stampandcoin@hotmail.com

- Show and Tell is at the second meeting of each month, This is the time to share an item, and most importantly the story of that item and why it is important to you. It doesn't have to be stamp related – many of our members have other collections such as coins and trains that they like to share.
- Wanted – If anyone has any cover marked "Dead Letter Office" or any First Day Covers for the 1948 3 cent Four Chaplains (Scott 956) stamp, please let me (Maureen) know. I am looking to purchase these for possible exhibits.

Upcoming Events Nearby

- September 2 – 4, 2022 – BALPEX, Pikesville MD
- September 11, 2022 – Syracuse Stamp Show, Syracuse NY
- September 24, 2022 – Middletown, in Hershey PA
- October 15, 2022 – GETTYPEX, Gettysburg PA
- October 21 – 23, 2022 – AEROPHILATELY 2022 at the APS – Bellefonte PA
- November 2022 – PITTPEX – Bridgeville 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:

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



(I hope something's coming just for me!)