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WILKPEX'12
Wilkinsburg Stamp Club
salutes... Pittsburgh's
80 Jack Butler
1951-1959
April 14, 2012
Exhibition Station
Monroeville, PA 15146



Jack is one of the latest Pittsburgh Steelers to be inducted into the Football Hall of Fame.

He played offense, defense, and was also called on to kick. He played from 1951-1959, used mostly as a defensive back. Mr. Butler was voted as one of the best players of his era. Jack will be inducted into the Hall of Fame August 4, 2012

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**TO YOUR LEFT IS A
"PREVIEW" OF OUR 2012
WILKPEX CANCEL,
CACHET AND SOUVENIR
SHEET. THERE IS A
CANCEL FOR BOTH
SATURDAY, APRIL 14,
2012 (PICTURED) AND
SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2012.**

2012 EXHIBITION SOUVENIR - APRIL 14, 15
UPPER SLOBOVIA'S FIRST FOUR "FOREVER" STAMPS

**NO MORE MAKEUP
POSTAGE STAMPS**



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OFFICERS / ADDRESS / WHEN WE MEET

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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.

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THE EDITOR WRITES...

Our annual exhibition and bourse is this month. Please try to attend to find some items to add to your collection(s). It will be fun!

APRIL 2012 MEETING DATES

April 22nd ONLY (April 8th is EASTER)

On April 22nd we will have "SHOW and TELL" after the meeting. Bring one of your "favorites".

*** 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

OFFICER ELECTIONS: Elections for offices of President and Secretary were held at the March 11th meeting. As there were no additional nominations, Andy Novotny and Tom Reiff were elected by acclamation for Club President and Club Secretary respectively. Terms of these offices are July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014.

LINN'S STAMP POLL: Fred Lewis has mailed the eleven (11) ballots to Linn's. It will be interesting to see the results to see how our votes came out against the totals. Fred and the Club thanks to all who participated.

WEBSITE: Andy Novotny reported that renewed the website with the vendor for 2 more years.

WILKPEX 2012 UPDATE

Dealers: We currently have 13 dealers using 21 tables. A new dealer from Concord, California will be there and has taken two (2) tables.

Cachet & Cancel: Both the cachet and cancel are complete and ready for the show. As stated in previous newsletters, this year is former Pittsburgh Steelers great Jack Butler, who now has been elected to the Football Hall of Fame, Class of 2012.

Souvenir Sheet: This year's souvenir sheet "spoofing" the FOREVER stamps. It has been printed and will be available at the show.

Exhibits: We now have six (6) members who have committed to exhibit. We now have all 20 frames filled. Thanks to all the exhibitors!

Advertising: The show ad was in the March APS Journal and will be in the April issue. Linn's had an article about our show in the latest issue. Also, Linn's had/will have our ad in 4 issues prior to the show. Show advertising was placed at the Garfield-Perry show in Cleveland on March 23rd. We will once again use the APS "E-MAIL BLAST" and is scheduled for distribution on March 30th.

Advance Mailing: The advance mailing (postcards) were mailed on March 26th or 27th.

CAREER

OWNER: White Star Line
 PORT OF REGISTRY: Liverpool
 CLASS AND TYPE: OLYMPIC-class ocean liner
 ROUTE: Southampton to New York City
 ORDERED: 17 September 1908
 BUILDER: Harland and Wolff, Belfast
 YARD NUMBER: 401
 LAID DOWN: 31 March 1909
 LAUNCHED: 31 MAY 1911 (not christened)
 COMPLETED: 2 APRRIL 1912
 MAIDEN VOYAGE: 10 APRIL 1912
 IDENTIFICATION: Radio Callsign (call sign) "MGY"
 FATE: Foundered on 15 April 1912 on its maiden voyage.

POSTAL INVOLVEMENT

Although *Titanic* was primarily a passenger liner, she also carried a substantial amount of cargo. Her designation as a Royal Mail Ship indicated that she carried mail under contract with the Royal Mail (and also for the United States Postal Service). *Titanic* carried 3,364 sacks of mail containing an estimated 6 million to 9 million pieces of mail.

26,800 cubic of space in her holds was allocated for the storage of letters, parcels, coins, other valuables, etc. The Sea Post Office on G Deck was manned by five postal clerks, three Americans and two Britons, who worked thirteen hours a day, seven days a week sorting up to 60,000 items daily.

A BRIEF HISTORY

RMS *Titanic* was a passenger liner that sank in the North Atlantic Ocean on 15 April 1912 after colliding with an iceberg during her maiden voyage from Southampton to New York City. The sinking of *Titanic* caused the deaths of 1,517 people in one of the deadliest peacetime maritime disasters in history. She was the largest ship afloat at the time of her maiden voyage. She carried over 2,200 people – 1,316 passengers and about 900 crew.

Her passengers included some of the wealthiest people in the world, such as millionaires John Jacob Astor IV, Benjamin Guggenheim and Isidor Strauss, as well as over a thousand emigrants from Ireland, Scandinavia and elsewhere seeking a new life in America. The ship was designed to be the last word in comfort and luxury, with an on-board gymnasium, swimming pool, libraries, high-class restaurants and opulent cabins. She also had a powerful wireless telegraph provided for the convenience of passengers as well as for operational use. Though she had advanced safety features such as watertight compartments and remotely activated watertight doors, she lacked enough lifeboats to accommodate all of those aboard. Due to outdated maritime safety regulations, she carried only enough lifeboats for 1,178 people – a third of her total passenger and crew capacity.

COLLECTING TITANIC STAMPS

With this April being the 100th Anniversary of the sinking of the *Titanic* there will be stamps and souvenir sheets issued to commemorate this tragic event with some already issued. Stamps and souvenir sheets in regards to the *Titanic* have been issued before this year.

Below are images of three stamps and a souvenir sheet were issued in years prior to the 100th anniversary.

LAST KNOWN SURVIVOR

Elizabeth Gladys Millvina Dean (2 February 1912 – 31 May 2009) was the last remaining survivor of the sinking of the *RMS Titanic*, which occurred on 15 April 1912. At 2 months and 13 days of age, she was also the youngest passenger on board the ship.

BELOW IS A PHOTO OF MILLVINA DEAN (ON THE RIGHT) WITH HER BROTHER BERTRAM.



After leaving Southampton on 10 April 1912, *Titanic* called at Cherbourg in France and Queenstown, Ireland before heading westwards towards New York. On 14 April 1912, four days into the crossing and about 375 miles south of Newfoundland, she hit an iceberg at 11:40 pm (ship's time; UTC-3). The glancing collision caused *Titanic's* hull plates to buckle inwards in a number of locations on her starboard side and opened five of her sixteen watertight compartments to the sea. Over the next two and a half hours, the ship gradually filled with water and sank. Passengers and some crew members were evacuated in lifeboats, many of which were launched only partly filled. A disproportionate number of men – over 90% of those in Second Class – were left aboard due to a "women and children first" protocol followed by the officers loading the lifeboats. Just before 2:20 am *Titanic* broke up and sank bow-first with over a thousand people still on board. Those in the water died within minutes from hypothermia caused by immersion in the freezing ocean. The 710 survivors were taken aboard from the lifeboats by the RMS *Carpathia* a few hours later.



2000 USA Scott #31911



1999 IRELAND Scott #1172



1992 YUGOSLAVIA Scott #2152



1998 MALDIVE ISLANDS
 SOUVENIR SHEET Scott #2322

APRIL, 2012

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Upcoming
Stamp, Postcard and Collectible Shows

STAMP SHOW – April 14-15 –
MONROEVILLE, PA - WILKPEX Wilkinsburg
Stamp Club, Garden City Hall, 600 Garden
City Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146. Saturday
10AM – 4PM; Sunday 10AM – 3PM Special
Cachet, Special Cancel. Admission FREE

POSTCARD & PAPER SHOW – April 21 –
PITTSBURGH, PA - Three Rivers Postcard Club,
Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 2415 Saw Mill Run
Blvd. (Route 51), Pittsburgh, PA 15234. 9AM – 4PM
Admission \$2.00

STAMP & COIN SHOW – May 5 - PITTSBURGH, PA –
James Reeves, Churchill Borough Building, 2300 Wm.
Penn Hwy. 2-5 dealers. Saturday 10AM – 4PM. FREE.

STAMP SHOW – May 11-12 – BUTLER, PA –
BUTLERPEX Butler County Philatelic Society,
Tanglewood Senior Center, 10 Austin Avenue, Lyndora.
PA. Friday 10AM – 5PM; Saturday 10AM – 4PM
Admission FREE

STAMP SHOW – June 1-3 – McLEAN, VA – NAPEX
2012. Fri 10AM – 6PM, Sat 10AM – 6PM, Sun 10AM –
4PM. FREE PARKING AND ADMISSION

POSTCARD SHOW – June 2 – Allegheny-Kiski
Historical Society Annual Show, Seventh and Lock
Streets, Tarentum, PA 9AM – 3:30PM; Admission
\$2.00

STAMP SHOW – June 22 – 24 – LANCASTER, PA –
63rd ANNUAL ATA (American Topical Association)
National Show, Lancaster Host Resort and Conference
Center, 2300 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, PA
17602

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

INTERNET CONNECTIONS (WEB SITES)

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/NLTR1203/NLTR1203.htm>

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

U.S. POST OFFICES
http://www.postalhistory.com/Post_Offices/index.htm

U.S. POSTAGE STAMPS 1847-1970 and MORE
<http://www.1847usa.com/>

50 YEARS AGO – APRIL 1962



1965 NEHRU MILITARY STAMP- SCOTT #M62 AND
1959 KOREA MARINES STAMP SCOTT #291

HISTORICAL FACTS WITH PHILATELIC CONNECTIONS

OVER THE YEARS, STAMPS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR
NEHRU, THE MARINES, BASEBALL AND
WORLD'S FAIRS

APR 3, 1962 - Jawaharlal Nehru is elected de facto
Prime Minister of India.

APR 9, 1962 - The United States Marine Corps'
involvement in the Vietnam War began when HMM-362
arrives at Soc Trang south of Saigon (South Vietnam).

APR 11, 1962 - The New York Mets played their first
game, losing to the St. Louis Cardinals, 11-4, at St.
Louis.

April 21, 1962 - The Century 21 Exposition World's Fair
opened in Seattle, Washington at 11:00 am local time.