



WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB

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Meeting Day/Time: 2nd and 4th Sundays – Noon to 4 P.M.

Business Meeting: 2 P.M. (MAY- 4th Sunday only),
(JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2nd Sunday only).

Meeting Place: Churchill Borough Building
2300 William Penn Highway
Churchill, PA.

Acting President: Joe Bayuk

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*** CIRCUIT BOOKS ***

Circuit books are available at every meeting. Members are encouraged to examine the circuit books, except when business meeting is in progress, to find items for their collection(s).

Circuit books contain stamps, covers, etc. You never know what you will find and based on what you see, you may even decide to start a new collection.

Meeting December 10th

January 14th and 28th, 2007 - February 11th and 25th

Cookies and coffee are available at the meetings.

December 10th MEETING:

Regular business meeting. CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 24th NO MEETING: MERRY CHRISTMAS!

See the Christmas Stamps issues by the U.S.P.S for 2006 at the top of this page.

The snowflake stamps are photographs of two types of stellar snowflakes — three are stellar dendrites, which have tree-like branches, and one (lower left) is a sectored plate, which has broad branches divided by ridges. The crystals were photographed by Libbrecht in Michigan (lower left), Alaska (upper right), and northern Ontario (the remaining two).

The religious stamp features an oil-on-canvas entitled Madonna and Child with Bird. Dating from around 1765, the painting is attributed to Ignacio Chacón-an artist active from about 1745 to 1775 in Cuzco, Peru.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The Club wants to wish the members and their families a Happy Holiday Season.

January 14th, 2007 – Regular business meeting.

January 28th, 2007 – Regular business meeting. After the meeting we will be holding an auction.

The Club has received all of the 2007 Scott catalogues so The Club will have the 2005 Scott catalogues up for auction. You are welcome to bring any philatelic items that you wish to part with. Please have lots described and your starting bid price. You will receive 100% of the selling price, if sold.

LUNCHEON HELD:

The Club luncheon was held on November 11th at the Garden City Hall in Monroeville. It was attended by 24 people, 13 members and 11 guests. A good time was had by all.

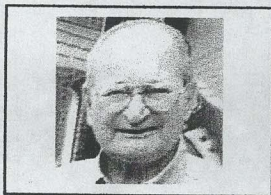
SAD NEWS TO REPORT:

Long time members George Gatnarek and Aleck Chizeck passed away. George passed on October 26, 2006. Aleck passed on November 16, 2006. The Club expresses our condolences and sympathy to the families of George and Aleck. The Club has sent a sympathy cards to the families.

ILLNESSES:

Members Geoff Buchanan, Don Smith and Paul Shortall are recovering from illnesses. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. The Club has sent them Get Well cards and wishes them a speedy recovery.

IN MEMORIUM – ROBERT “BOB” MILLER (FORMER CLUB MEMBER):



On Friday, November 3, 2006, age 80, of Sharpsburg. He was born Oct. 30, 1926 in Syracuse, NY. From 1944 to 1946 he was in the U.S. Army serving in the Philippines as an Entertainment Specialist, organizing and performing in shows. Upon discharge he attended Syracuse University obtaining a Masters Degree in Engineering & Education. He worked at the New York Central Railroad and later in the Railroad Supply Industry. Mr. Miller was a Stamp Collector all his life and became a full time dealer in 1970. He moved to Pittsburgh and opened Pittsburgh Stamp Co. with offices in the Clark Bldg. He moved to several larger offices, but always in the downtown area. His specialty was the rare stamps of United States and British North America. In the ensuing years he aided in the building of many multi-million dollar collections for advanced collectors throughout the country. Bob was a dealer at many of our WILKPEX shows. Before he was 10 years of age Mr. Miller developed an interest in magic which he maintained throughout his life. He was a member of the Society of American Magicians for over sixty years, and the International Brotherhood of Magicians for over 41 continuous years and earned the Order of Merlin Shield. For many years he performed at various clubs and organizations doing a Stand-up Comedy Magic Act. He was a regular attendee at Magic Conventions throughout the country.

WILKPEX 2007:

Show dates are April 14th and 15th at the Garden City Hall in Monroeville, PA.

Even though our show is close to 5 months away, it is not too early to be thinking about preparing your exhibit or exhibits. Please contact Andy Novotny for information and an exhibit form. Andy's contact information is on Page 1 of this newsletter.

CACHET: Gene Bujdos reported that Roy Face has yet to be contacted for his approval, but Gene see “no problems”. Gene also is checking on the information in regards to the special show cancel, both hand stamp and computer generated.

SOUVENIR SHEET: It was voted at the last meeting that our satirical sheet will be “spoofing” the 2006 Benjamin Franklin issue. Our Club Secretary and artist, Grant Latimore will be designing the “stamps” for the sheet.

The Club is asking you to “save” any Linn's Stamp News, Scott Monthly Journals and other philatelic publications as “giveaways” at the show sign-in area. Please bring them to one of the meetings and we will store them until the show. NOTE: COMPLETE ISSUES ONLY (no pages with parts cutout). Thank you!