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### 2012 NEW MEXICO STATEHOOD

With this stamp, the U.S. Postal Service honors the 100 years that have passed since January 6, 1912, when New Mexico became the 47th state in the Union. Today, New Mexico is the fifth-largest state in the U.S., known for its rich history, vibrant cultures, and stunning geographic diversity. **SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 6TH**

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### 2012 YEAR OF THE DRAGON

In 2012 the U.S. Postal Service continues its *Celebrating Lunar New Year* series with a *Year of the Dragon* stamp, the fifth in the series. The stamp art shows the head of a colorful dragon against a brilliant blue sky. The Year of the Dragon begins on January 23, 2012, and ends on February 9, 2013. **SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 23RD**

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### 2012 ARIZONA STATEHOOD

With the issuance of this stamp, the U.S. Postal Service commemorates the 100th anniversary of Arizona's statehood. One of America's last frontiers, Arizona became the 48th state in the Union on February 14, 1912. The "Grand Canyon State," home to 21 Native American tribes with ancient connections to the land, is known for its stunning beauty and abundant natural resources. **SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 14TH**

**JANUARY, 2012****OFFICERS / ADDRESS / WHEN WE MEET**

**President:** Andy Novotny  
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**Secretary:** OPEN      **Treasurer:** Ray Damico

**MAILING ADDRESS:** Wilksburg Stamp Club  
P.O. Box 239  
Apollo, PA 15613-0239

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.

**Newsletter Editor:** Tom Reiff  
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**THE EDITOR WRITES...**

Wishing everyone a prosperous and healthy New Year and may 2012 find you still enjoying your collecting activities.

If at all possible try and come to one of our meetings and of course visit WILKPEX 2012 being held on April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

**JANUARY 2012 MEETING DATES**

January 8th and January 22nd  
On January 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**

**APS ROAD TRIP:** On Friday, December 9, 2011 a group of members plus one guest made a road trip to the APS in Bellefonte, PA.

The weather cooperated by being rather cool, but no rain or snow.

Everyone had a great time finding items for their collections and talking with some of the APS associates.

The Club is sure to have more trips in 2012. We will keep you informed.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD:** The Club annual Christmas Party was held on December 11, 2011. There were 15 members present and 4 guests present. There was plenty of food.

Tom Reiff conducted his philatelic trivia contest. This year dealt with selecting the correct year of issue for 12 different United States sports stamps with two tie-breakers in case there was a tie. Jim Senkewitz won by correctly identifying eight of the 12 items. The tie-breakers were not needed as the next highest four entries had only six correct.

Bill Badali surprised us by donating a "prize" of a Bicentennial Postal Card done by the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club.

**PLEASE SEE ONE PHOTO FROM THE APS ROAD TRIP AND FOUR PHOTOS FROM THE CHRISTMAS PARTY ON PAGE 3 OF THIS NEWSLETTER.**



On the photo at the left is the group that was taken at the APS in Bellefonte, PA on December 9th.

From left to right are:

**Tom Reiff, Laura Kaczynski, Ray Damico, Fred Lewis, Herb Mendelsohn (seated), Tom Senkewitz (non-member) and Jim Senkewitz.**

Photos from the Christmas Party, held on Sunday, December 11th are below.

Photos include members and non-members



**CHRISTMAS PARTY – QUITE A FOOD SELECTION**  
Paul McCaffery, Andy Novotny, Beth Bulebosh, Donna Mendelsohn, Bill Badali & Herb Mendelsohn.



**CHRISTMAS PARTY – LET'S GET READY TO EAT**  
Theresa & Sal Scicolone, Bill Brierton, Jim Baird & Trudy Badali (others in the background.)



**CHRISTMAS PARTY – ANYBODY FOR SECONDS?**  
Jim Senkewitz, Andy Novotny, Bill Badali, Trudy Badali, Sal Scicolone & Fred Lewis (others in the background.)



**TRIVA CONTEST WINNER – Jim Senkewitz, on the right, being presented with his "prize" that was donated by Bill Badali, center, & Tom Reiff holding Jim's winning entry.**

**JANUARY, 2012**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Upcoming  
Stamp, Postcard and Collectible Shows**

**STAMP SHOW** - January 20-21 -  
**YORK, PA** - York County Stamp Show White Rose  
Philatelic Society of York, York Fairgrounds,  
Horticulture Hall, 334 Carlisle Avenue.

**STAMP SHOW** - January 22 and March 11 -  
**CRANBERRY, PA**, Four Points Sheraton,  
Cranberry, PA. 10AM - 4PM FREE

**STAMP SHOW** - February 12 -  
**HUDSON, OHIO** - Hudson Stamp Bourse  
Lincolnway Stamps, Clarion Inn, 6625 Dean  
Memorial Parkway.

**STAMP SHOW** - March 3-4 -  
**NORTH CANTON, OHIO** - McKinley Stamp Show  
McKinley Stamp Club, St. George Serbian Orthodox  
Social Hall, 4667 Applegrove St., NW

**STAMP & COIN SHOW** - March 17 -  
**PITTSBURGH, PA** - James Reeves, Churchill  
Borough Building, 2300 Wm. Penn Hwy.  
2-5 dealers. Saturday 10AM - 4PM. FREE.

**STAMP SHOW** - March 23-25 - **CLEVELAND,  
OHIO** - Garfield Perry March Party - 122nd Annual  
Stamp Exhibition & Bourse

**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 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

**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://personal.wpa.net/~jvaughn/WCPS/Wcps.htm>

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

**U.S. POST OFFICES**  
[http://www.postalhistory.com/Post\\_Offices/index.htm](http://www.postalhistory.com/Post_Offices/index.htm)

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

**50 YEARS AGO - JANUARY 1962**



**NEW MEXICO STATEHOOD - 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIV.  
ISSUED JANUARY 6<sup>th</sup>**

**HISTORICAL FACTS WITH  
PHILATELIC CONNECTIONS**

**OVER THE YEARS, STAMPS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR  
THE BEATLES, JACKIE ROBINSON AND THE TROLLEY  
TRANSPORTATION TOPIC**

**JAN 4, 1962** - The Beatles' first record to bill them under that name, the 45 rpm recording of "My Bonnie" was released by Polydor. Credited to "Tony Sheridan & The Beatles", the record had "The Saints" on the other side.

**JAN 23, 1962** - In his first year of eligibility, Jackie Robinson was elected to the Baseball Hall Of Fame, receiving 124 of the 160 ballots cast and becoming the first African-American to be enshrined at Cooperstown.

**JAN 28, 1962** - The last streetcar in Washington, D.C. ran for the final time at 2:00 am, as the transit company retired its 27 car fleet. The day before, free rides were offered for all children accompanied by a paying adult and thousands took advantage of the offer. By 1962, only ten American cities still had trolleys.