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**Portland Head, Cape - Elizabeth, Maine:** Completed in 1791, it is the oldest lighthouse in the state of Maine. The light station is automated, and the tower, beacon, and foghorn are maintained by the United States Coast Guard.

**Portsmouth Harbor - New Castle, New Hampshire:** The station was established in 1771 and was the 10th of 11 light stations established prior to the American Revolution. The current light is a fixed green signal that is visible for 12 nautical miles.

**Boston Harbor - Boston Massachusetts:** Boston Light is a lighthouse located on Little Brewster Island in outer Boston Harbor, Massachusetts. The first lighthouse to be built on the site dates back to 1716, and was the first lighthouse to be built in what is now the United States. The current lighthouse dates from 1783, is the second oldest working lighthouse in the US (after Sandy Hook Lighthouse in New Jersey), and was the only lighthouse to still be actively staffed by the United States Coast Guard, being automated in 1998 though there are still volunteer keepers acting as tour guides]. The structure was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1964.

**Point Judith - Narragansett, Rhode Island:** Three light structures have been built on this site. The original 35-foot tower, built in 1810, was destroyed by a hurricane in 1815. It was replaced in 1816, by a 35-foot stone tower with a revolving light and ten lamps. The present octagonal granite tower was built in 1856.

**New London Harbor - New London, Connecticut:** The original New London Lighthouse was built on the west side of the entrance to New London Harbor in 1760. It was removed when the current stone tower was built in 1801. In 1855 a fourth-order Fresnel lens replaced the original 11 lamps with 13-inch reflectors. It is the nation's fifth oldest light station and the seventh oldest U.S. lighthouse; it is both the oldest and the tallest lighthouse in Connecticut.



Designed by Derry Noyes, the stamp features the artwork of Kadir Nelson.

**DID YOU KNOW:** In 1964, at age 37, Gibson became the first African-American woman to join the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) tour.

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**NEW ENGLAND COASTAL LIGHTHOUSES**

*New England Coastal Lighthouses* features five lighthouses: Portland Head, Cape Elizabeth, Maine; Portsmouth Harbor, New Castle, New Hampshire; Point Judith, Narragansett, Rhode Island; New London Harbor, New London, Connecticut; and Boston Harbor, Boston Massachusetts. Each stamp shows a close-up view of one of the five lighthouses that captures not only the down-to-earth aspect of the tower but also the mysterious qualities that compel us to come closer.

These five lighthouses are among the oldest in the U.S., and each is on the National Register of Historic Places. Boston Harbor Light is also a National Historic Landmark.

**SCHEDULED FIRST DAY OF ISSUE JULY13.**

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**BLACK HERITAGE - ALTHEA GIBSON**

The 36th stamp in the *Black Heritage* series honors Althea Gibson (1927-2003), a pioneering tennis player who became the first black Wimbledon champion. The tall, lean Gibson was fast, had a long reach, and relied on a booming serve and precise volleys. She blazed a trail for a future generation of African-American players, such as Arthur Ashe and sisters Venus and Serena Williams.

**SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST  
(DATE NOT YET ANNOUNCED)**



## WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB - JULY-AUGUST, 2013

### 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.

**DUES ARE ONLY \$8.00 PER YEAR (JULY-JUNE)**

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**IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DUES NOTICE WITH THIS NEWSLETTER, PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES TO THE MAILING ADDRESS ABOVE. PAYABLE TO: THE WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB**

### JULY - AUGUST 2013 MEETING DATES

July 14th ONLY

August 11<sup>th</sup> ONLY

(Only 1 meeting in June, July and August)

**\*\*\* ENJOY YOUR SUMMER \*\*\***

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.

**\*\*\*\* OUR FISCAL YEAR IS JULY 1 - JUNE 30 \*\*\*\***

### CLUB NEWS

#### SAD NEWS TO REPORT:

On May 23, 2013, one of our long time members and past Club President, Paul McCaffery passed away. Paul was a happy-go-lucky man who loved to share jokes with other members. One of Paul's collecting interests was bridges on stamps. He also, until recently, came to most of our meetings. He will be missed. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family.



**PAUL McCAFFERY  
AT WILKPEX 2012**

**PAUL McCAFFERY OBITUARY:** Here is the URL to view Paul's extensive obituary online in the Pittsburgh Post Gazette (COPY/PASTE into your address bar):

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/postgazette/obituary.aspx?n=paul-j-mccaffery&pid=165054010&fhid=9810#fbLoggedOut>

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** M. Joseph Traficanti and Kevin Kellman (K2 Collectibles) are our newest members. Joseph resides in the Penn Hills area of Pittsburgh, He collects stamps and coins. Kevin is a stamp dealer from Middletown, MD who participates at our annual WILKPEX shows and also our sponsored quarterly Pittsburgh-Churchill Borough (Jim Reeves) shows at the Churchill Borough Building. Please introduce yourself when you see them at one of our meetings and/or at one of our shows.

**STAMP SHOW & APS TRAVELS:** Two of our members, known to your editor, recently "hit the road" to stamp shows in New York and Virginia. In mid May, Andy Novotny attended ROPEX in Rochester, New York. In late-May-early June, Ray Damico and Herb Mendelsohn attended NAPEX in McLean, Virginia. Everyone reported that they enjoyed the shows and found some great additions to their collections.

As other members could not make the scheduled May 10<sup>th</sup> trip to the APS in Bellefonte, PA, Jim Senkewitz made a "solo" trip to check out the latest developments there and look for items to buy from their vast stock of circuit books and other philatelic areas. Jim reported that he has a great time and hopes that other members will be able to go on the next trip.



COLLECTING INDEPENDENCE DAY (JULY 4<sup>th</sup>) COVERS AND CANCEL - by Tom Reiff

**A BRIEF HISTORY**

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4.

In 1777, thirteen gunshots were fired in salute, once at morning and once again as evening fell, on July 4 in Bristol, Rhode Island. Philadelphia celebrated the first anniversary in a manner a modern American would find quite familiar: an official dinner for the Continental Congress, toasts, 13-gun salutes, speeches, prayers, music, parades, troop reviews, and fireworks. Ships were decked with red, white, and blue bunting.

In 1778, General George Washington marked July 4 with a double ration of rum for his soldiers and an artillery salute. Across the Atlantic Ocean, ambassadors John Adams and Benjamin Franklin held a dinner for their fellow Americans in Paris, France.

In 1779, July 4 fell on a Sunday. The holiday was celebrated on Monday, July 5.

In 1781 the Massachusetts General Court became the first state legislature to recognize July 4 as a state celebration.

In 1783, Moravians in Salem, North Carolina, held a celebration of July 4 with a challenging music program assembled by Johann Friedrich Peter. This work was titled "The Psalm of Joy".

In 1791 the first recorded use of the name "Independence Day" occurred.

In 1820 the first Fourth of July celebration was held in Eastport, Maine which remains the largest in the state.

In 1870, the U.S. Congress made Independence Day an unpaid holiday for federal employees.

In 1938, Congress changed Independence Day to a paid federal holiday.



JULY 4, 1934 DES MOINES, IOWA CANCEL - 168<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY



JULY 4, 1941 JUSTICE, W. VA. CANCEL - ZUNKS CACHET PITTBURGH



JULY 4 1958 U. S. PAVILION BRUSSELS, BELGIUM CANCEL - EXPO 58



**WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB - JULY-AUGUST, 2013****MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Upcoming  
Stamp, Postcard and Collectible Shows

**STAMP SHOW** – July 21 – HUDSON, OH – Hudson Stamp Bourse. Lincolnway Stamps, Clarion Inn, 6625 Dean Memorial Parkway, Hudson. Sun 10AM – 4PM. FREE PARKING AND ADMISSION

**POSTCARD SHOW** – August 3 – HAVRE DE GRACE, MD - Summer Chesapeake Postcard Fair 100 Lagaret Lane, Havre de Grace, MD. Sat 9AM – 4PM Admission \$3.00.

**STAMP SHOW** – August 11 – HUDSON, OH – Hudson Stamp Bourse. Lincolnway Stamps, Clarion Inn, 6625 Dean Memorial Parkway, Hudson. Sun 10AM – 4PM. FREE PARKING AND ADMISSION

**STAMP SHOW** – August 16 – 18 – INDEPENDENCE, OH (CLEVELAND) – AMERICOVER 2013 – American First Day Cover Society. Embassy Suites Hotel, 5800 Rockside Woods Blvd., Independence, OH. Fri & Sat 10AM – 6PM, Sun 10AM – 3PM

**STAMP SHOW** – August 30 – September 1 – HUNT VALLEY, MD (BALTIMORE) – BALPEX 2013 – Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn, 245 Shawan Road, I-83 Exit 20 E Hunt Valley, MD. Fri & Sat 10AM – 6PM, Sun 10AM – 4PM. Admission Charged.

**STAMP & COIN SHOW** – September 7 (TENTATIVE) - PITTSBURGH, PA – James Reeves, Churchill Borough Building, 2300 Wm. Penn Hwy. 2-5 dealers. Saturday 10AM – 4PM FREE.

And don't forget, during the year, weather permitting, Trader Jack's Flea Market (every Sat-Sun), Hannastown (MAY-SEP 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday), Bull Creek (MAY-OCT 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday), Washington Antiques Fair (Consol Energy Park – Last Sunday of the month), etc.

**ATTEND A SHOW - FIND A TREASURE**

**INTERNET CONNECTIONS (WEB SITES)**

**WESTMORELAND COUNTY PHILATELIC SOCIETY**  
<http://www.muleshoepa.com/WCPS/NLTR1203/NLTR1203.htm>

**PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH**

<http://www.presidentdrive.com>

**50 YEARS AGO – JULY - AUGUST 1963**

USA (Scott #1511)



MALAYSIA (Scott #3)



LIBERIA (Scott #482)

**HISTORICAL FACTS WITH PHILATELIC CONNECTIONS**

OVER THE YEARS, STAMPS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR ZIP CODE (USA), FEDERATION OF MALAYSIA (AND ITS PREVIOUS COUNTRIES) AND CIVIL RIGHTS.

**JULY 1, 1963** - ZIP Codes were introduced in the USA, as the U.S. Department of the Post Office kicked off a massive advertising campaign that included the cartoon character "Mr. ZIP", and the mailing that day of more than 72,000,000 postcards to every mailing address in the United States, in order to inform the addressees of their new five digit postal code. Postal zones had been used since 1943 in large cities, but the ZIP code was nationwide. Use became mandatory in 1967 for bulk mailers.

**JULY 9, 1963** - The 20-point agreement, submitted by North Borneo, was signed by the UK government and representatives of Malaya, Sabah, Sarawak and Singapore in the run-up to the creation of the Federation of Malaysia.

**AUGUST 18, 1963** - American civil rights movement: James Meredith became the first African-American to graduate from the University of Mississippi in its 115 years of existence. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, having majored in political science and minored in French. The cost of Meredith's protection by federal marshals was more than \$5,000,000. His graduation day was without incident; Meredith would later earn a law degree from Columbia University