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***** MUSCLE CARS *****



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1966 PONTIAC GTO. The "little GTO?" Of course. The first GTO was the product of dropping a 389-cubic-inch V-8 engine into an intermediate-size Pontiac Tempest LeMans. It became a legend -- both on the street and in song.

1967 SHELBY GT-500. Carroll Shelby seemed like he could never get enough horsepower out of a Ford Mustang, but he sure tried. This one was powered by a 428-cubic-inch V-8 producing 355 horsepower. The car had a rear spoiler and optional dealer-installed LeMans stripes. Only 2,048 were built, making it a true classic today.

1969 DODGE CHARGER DAYTONA. With its weird 18-inch nosepiece and rear-mounted wing, there was no mistaking the Daytona. It was a street car built entirely to win stock car races, which it did in its NASCAR debut at Alabama International Motor Speedway in Talladega. Chrysler made 503 of them, three more than were needed to qualify as a stock car.

1970 CHEVROLET CHEVELLE SS. The SS, of course, stood for Super Sport. What made it super was its optional engine 454-cubic-inch V-8. It featured a black grille and SS emblems on both the grille and the rear bumper.

1970 PLYMOUTH HEMI 'CUDA. This car was so fast that it officially cut off the first part of the name Barracuda. It has a 426-cubic-inch Hemi V-8 producing 425 horsepower, making it a cornerstone of what Plymouth called its "Rapid Transit System." About 700 were made.

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WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB - MARCH, 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.

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THE EDITOR WRITES...**** WEARING OF THE GREEN - DID YOU KNOW? ****

Originally, the color associated with Saint Patrick was BLUE. Over the years the color green and its association with Saint Patrick's Day grew. See Page 3 for article about collecting St. Patrick's Day stamps and covers.

MARCH 2013 MEETING DATES

March 10th and March 24th
On March 24th 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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Since the last newsletter we are pleased to announce four new members. Paul R. (Bob) Ginther, Wylie Irwin, Conrad F. Foltyn and Ellen Boettner. Bob Ginther and Wylie Irwin are also members of the Westmoreland Stamp club. Conrad is also a member of the APS. Ellen Boettner is also a member of The Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh. Please introduce yourself when you see them at one of our meetings.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS: Elections for office of Vice-President and Treasurer will be held at the March 10th meeting. Term of office is from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015.

SAD NEWS TO REPORT: On January 17, 2013, one of our former members, William "Bill" Whigham passed away. As a member, Bill had served as Treasurer for a time and also was newsletter Editor for a time. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family. A sympathy card has been sent to his family.

WILKPEX 2013 UPDATE - APRIL 13 & 14

Dealers: Marty Cooper and Laura Kaczynski, Bourse Co-Chairs, reported at the February 24th meeting that we currently have 13 dealers using 24 tables.

Cachet & Cancel: Gene Bujdos reports that the cachet and cancel for Bob Friend has been finalized.

Souvenir Sheet: Tom Reiff reports that the souvenir sheet is ready to be printed and copies made.

Exhibits: We currently have only six members who indicated that they will exhibit. **We have 5 frames yet to be used!** Please consider exhibiting this year. Voting is by popular vote by the attendees. If you want to exhibit and need some direction on how, please contact one of the Club officers. **THANKS!**

Venue: Marty Cooper, Jim Senkewitz and Tom Reiff went to Gateway Hall in order to develop a floor plan. It also appears that we will be able to setup the tables and exhibit frames and exhibits (if you wish) the evening of April 12th.

Advertising: Tom Donohue continues to do a fantastic job of finding additional areas to advertise, some of which is at no cost. Tom Reiff reported that the postcards for mailing have been printed and are ready to be labeled, stamped and mailed.

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COLLECTING ST. PATRICK'S DAY STAMPS AND COVERS by Tom Reiff



1937 IRELAND-ST. PATRICK (Scott #96-98)



1996 FRANCE (Scott #2508)



2008 IRELAND



2010 IRELAND



2012 IRELAND



1938 NAVY EVENT COVER – U.S.S. DORSEY – ST. PATRICK'S DAY



1949 ST. PATRICK, MISSOURI COMMEMORATIVE CACHET & CANCEL COVER

A BRIEF HISTORY

Saint Patrick – (born c. 387 – died March 17 c. 460 or c. 492) was a Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland", he is the primary patron saint of the island, along with Saints Brigid and Columba.

Two authentic letters from him survive, from which come the only generally-accepted details of his life. When he was about 16, he was captured from his home by pagan raiders and taken as a slave to Ireland, where he lived for six years before escaping and returning to his family. After becoming a cleric, he returned to northern and western Ireland as an ordained bishop, but little is known about the places where he worked. By the seventh century, he had already come to be revered as the patron saint of Ireland. Most available details of his life are from subsequent hagiographies and these are now not accepted without detailed criticism. The actual dates of Patrick's life cannot be fixed with certainty but, on a widespread interpretation, he was active as a missionary in Ireland during the second half of the 5th century. He is generally credited with being the first bishop of Armagh, Primate of All Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day is observed on March 17, the date of his death. It is celebrated both inside and outside Ireland, as both a liturgical and non-liturgical holiday. In the dioceses of Ireland, it is both a solemnity and a holy day of obligation; outside Ireland, it can be a celebration of Ireland itself.

ST. PATRICK, MISSOURI

St. Patrick (current population 17) was settled by a small group of Irish immigrants in 1833. They originally named their town North Santa Fe before changing the name to St. Marysville in 1854. The town underwent another name change just a few years later, when it tried to establish its own post office. "There was another St. Marysville in Clark County, so we had to change the name," said St. Patrick publicity Chairwoman Ellen Krueger. The local priest suggested the name St. Patrick to honor the patron saint of Ireland, and after the town changed its name for the third time, it got its post office. That post office would later play an important role in bringing more Irish culture into the town. To send mail by St. Patrick's commemorative cancellation, send stamped, self-addressed envelopes requesting the special cancellation to Postmaster, St. Patrick, MO 63466. For more information on the St. Patrick cachets, call (660) 754-6028.

WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB - MARCH, 2013

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Upcoming
Stamp, Postcard and Collectible Shows

STAMP SHOW - March 2-3 - **NORTH CANTON, OHIO** - McKinley Stamp Show McKinley Stamp Club, St. George Serbian Orthodox Social Hall, 4667 Applegrove St., NW

STAMP SHOW - March 10 - **CRANBERRY, PA**, Four Points Sheraton, Cranberry, PA 10AM - 4PM FREE

ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE SHOW - Castle Shannon Fire Hall, **CASTLE SHANNON, PA** - **REMAINING WINTER DATES ARE:** March 10 and April 14. 8AM - 3PM FREE

STAMP & COIN SHOW - March 16 - **PITTSBURGH, PA** - James Reeves, Churchill Borough Building, 2300 Wm. Penn Hwy. 2-5 dealers. Saturday 10AM - 4PM. FREE.

STAMP SHOW - March 15-17 - **CLEVELAND, OHIO** - Garfield Perry March Party - 123rd Annual Stamp Exhibition & Bourse - Friday 11AM - 6PM; Saturday 10AM - 5:30PM; Sunday 10AM - 3PM

*** **NEW LOCATION** ***

La Villa Conference and Banquet Center
11500 Brookpark Road, Cleveland OH
(Near I-480 & West 130th)

POSTCARD SHOW - March 22-23, Lancaster, PA. Morlatton Postcard Club, Inc., 37th Spring Postcard Show. Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road (off Manheim Pike Rte 72) Lancaster. Fri: 10 AM to 6 PM. Sat: 10 AM to 4 PM. 23 dealers. \$2.00, good for both days. (NO pre-show buying.) FREE parking.

POSTCARD & PAPER SHOW - April 6 - **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 - April 13-14 - **MONROEVILLE, PA** - WILKPEX Wilksburg Stamp Club, Gateway Hall, 4370 Northern Pike, Monroeville, Pennsylvania 15146. Saturday 10AM - 4PM; Sunday 10AM - 3PM Special Cachet, Special Cancel. Admission FREE

*** **NEW LOCATION** ***

STAMP SHOW - May 10-11 - **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

PITTSBURGH AREA STAMP CLUB WEBSITES

WESTMORELAND COUNTY PHILATELIC SOCIETY
<http://www.muleshoepa.com/WCPS/WCPS.HTM>

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

50 YEARS AGO - MARCH 1963



1963 KUWAIT MOTHER'S DAY ISSUE (Scott #189-192)
1952 GERMANY LEONARDO DA VINCI ISSUE (Scott #687)
1993 AMERICAN MUSIC SERIES - PATSY CLINE ISSUE
(Scott #2772)

**HISTORICAL FACTS WITH
PHILATELIC CONNECTIONS
OVER THE YEARS, STAMPS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR
KUWAIT, MONA LISA AND PATSY CLINE**

MAR 4, 1963 - Kuwait was admitted to the United Nations by unanimous vote of the General Assembly, after the Soviet Union dropped its opposition to the emirate's membership.

MAR 4, 1963 - The *Mona Lisa* was displayed in the United States for the last time, when the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City closed at 9:00 pm.

MAR 5, 1963 - Patsy Cline, country singer dies in a plane crash at 30 along with Cowboy Copas, Hawkshaw Hawkins, and Cline's manager and pilot Randy Hughes. They were returning home from a benefit performance in Kansas when their single-engine plane went down in a wooded area near Camden, Tennessee, killing all on board.