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One stamp depicts The Battle of Vicksburg stamp is a reproduction of an 1863 lithograph by Currier & Ives titled "Admiral Porter's Fleet Running the Rebel Blockade of the Mississippi at Vicksburg, April 16th, 1863." The battle/siege of was waged from May 18 – July 4 1863.

The other stamp depicts the Battle of Gettysburg, the largest battle of the war, waged from July 1 – July 3, 1863 and is considered the turning point of the war in the North's favor. It is a reproduction of an 1887 chromolithograph by Thure de Thulstrup (1848-1930).



Resembling the appearance of a 45 rpm record sleeve, the square stamp features a photograph taken by Frank Bez during the photo session for *Ring of Fire: The Best of Johnny Cash* (1963).



The stamp features a photograph by West Virginia photographer Roger Spencer showing an early morning view looking east from the Highland Scenic Highway (Route 150) in Pocahontas County, West Virginia, within Monongahela National Forest.

The photograph on this stamp was taken in October 2008. Greg Breeding served as art director.

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THE CIVIL WAR

The Civil War (1861-1865) the most profound conflict in American history, claimed the lives of more than 620,000 soldiers. Continuing its commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the war, the Postal Service is issuing a souvenir sheet of two stamp designs for 2013.

SCHEDULED FIRST DAY OF ISSUE MAY 23.

JOHNNY CASH

Johnny Cash (1932–2003) is best remembered internationally as a country music artist, but we feel his influence just about everywhere—from rock and folk to blues and gospel. His stamp is being issued this year as part of the exciting new *Music Icons* stamp series

SCHEDULED FIRST DAY OF ISSUE JUNE 5.

WEST VIRGINIA STATEHOOD

With this stamp, the U.S. Postal Service celebrates 150 years of West Virginia statehood. Admitted to the Union on June 20, 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, West Virginia is one of only two new states created during the war and the only one created by separation from a Confederate state.

SCHEDULED FIRST DAY OF ISSUE JUNE 20.

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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...

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SEND YOUR \$8.00 TO THE MAILING ADDRESS
ABOVE. PAYABLE TO:
THE WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB**

MAY – JUNE 2013 MEETING DATES

**May 5th SPECIAL "MAKEUP" MEETING
(APRIL 28th meeting was postponed
due to meeting room being painted)**

On May 25th we will have "SHOW and TELL" after the meeting. Bring one of your "favorites".

June 9th ONLY
(Only 1 meeting in June, July and August)

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

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION: Dawn Richards has applied for membership. Dawn resides in North Versailles and collects United States stamps. She spotted us on the web and came to WILKPEX 2013 and filled out an application. Dawn is also a member of the APS. We are sure she will be accepted during our next meeting. Please introduce yourself when you see her at one of our meetings in the future.

WILKPEX 2013 POST SHOW & 2014 SHOW

Attendance: There was quite an increase in attendance over the 2012 show. One attendee has joined the club (see above in NEW MEMBER APPLICATION).

Dealers & Phlea Market: The bourse dealers were happy with the results. The Phlea Market generated over \$300.00 for the Club from some of the items that were donated this past year. There were also many sales from items brought in by Club members.

Cachet & Souvenir Sheet Sales: Both cachet and souvenir sheet sales were brisk and sales appeared to surpass last year. Sales are comprised of the current year and previous years.

Exhibits: There were five (5) exhibitors filling 16 frames. Attendees voted for first, second and third place. The results were as follows:

- 1st : Tom Reiff – Airmail / Registered Covers Postal History "A to Z"
- 2nd : Herb Mendelsohn – WWII Allied Military Government (AMG) Stamps
- 3rd : Herb Mendelsohn – National Parks & Historical Sites Visited On Stamps

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all exhibitors. All exhibitors received a certificate of appreciation with the current show cachet attached.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE WILKPEX 2013 A SUCCESS

2014 Show: Next year's show dates are April 12 – 13

IT WILL BE AT THE SAME VENUE AS 2013
GATEWAY HALL, 4370 NORTHERN PIKE,
MONROEVILLE, PA.



ENTRANCE TO WILKPEX 2013 AT OUR NEW LOCATION IN MONROEVILLE



**SIGN-IN & CACHET AND SOUVENIR SHEET SALES AREA
Ray Damico, Gene Bujdos, E. Parvin Lippincott
Herb Mendelsohn and Tom Reiff**



PARTIAL VIEW OF WILKPEX 2013 SHOWING EXHIBIT AREA AND DEALER BOURSE



**DANIELLE WEAVER WORKING AT THE YOUTH TABLE
This area even attracts some of the "BIG" kids!**



**THREE OF OUR WORKERS AT THE PHLEA MARKET
Paul R. (Bob) Ginther, Beth Bulebosh and Wylie Irwin**



**LOOKING FOR TREASURES AT JIM REEVES' TABLE
Tom Donohue with Jordan McKelvey, our youngest member, who was Jim Reeves' "proxy" dealer on Sunday**

WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB - MAY - JUNE, 2013**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Upcoming
Stamp, Postcard and Collectible Shows

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

STAMP SHOW – May 17 -19 – **ROCHESTER, NY** - ROPEX and NATIONAL TOPICAL STAMP SHOW – The Main Street Armory, 900 E. Main St., Rochester. Fri 11AM – 6PM, Sat 10AM – 5PM, Sun 10AM – 3PM. Daily Admission \$2. RPA Members, ATA Members and Kids Free. Free Parking.

STAMP SHOW – May 31 – June 2 – **McLEAN, VA** – NAPEX 2013 – Hilton McLean, Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. Fri 10AM – 6PM, Sat 10AM – 6PM, Sun 10AM – 4PM. FREE PARKING AND ADMISSION

STAMP & COIN SHOW – June 8 - **PITTSBURGH, PA** – James Reeves, Churchill Borough Building, 2300 Wm. Penn Hwy. 2-5 dealers. Saturday 10AM – 4PM FREE.

STAMP SHOW – JUNE 7 - 9 – **COLUMBUS, OH** - COLOPEX 2013 – DiSalle Center, Ohio Expo Center, 717 East 17th Avenue Columbus, Ohio. Fri 10AM – 6PM, Sat 10AM – 6PM, Sun 10AM – 4PM.

STAMP SHOW – June 16 – **HUDSON, OH** – Hudson Stamp Bourse. Lincolnway Stamps, Clarion Inn, 6625 Dean Memorial Parkway, Hudson. Sun 10AM – 4PM. FREE PARKING AND ADMISSION

POSTCARD SHOW – June 29 – Allegheny-Kiski Historical Society Annual Show, Seventh and Lock Streets, Tarentum, PA 9AM – 3:30PM; Admission \$2.00

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

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 – MAY - JUNE 1963

1982 RUSSIA – MOUNT EVEREST (Scott #5106 – FROM SOUVENIR SHEET), 1963 PARAGUAY - GORDON COOPER (Scott #781) AND 1983 MALI – VALENTINA TERESHKOVA (Scott #C469 IMPERF)

HISTORICAL FACTS WITH PHILATELIC CONNECTIONS

OVER THE YEARS, STAMPS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR MOUNT EVEREST, GORDON COOPER AND VALENTINA TERESHKOVA

MAY 1, 1963 - 1st American (James Whittaker) conquers Mount Everest American mountaineer Jim Whittaker and Sherpa guide Nawang Gombu became the fifth and sixth persons to successfully reach the top of Mount Everest, following Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay

MAY 16, 1963 - Gordon "Gordo" Cooper completes 22 orbits in Faith 7, ends US Project Mercury Astronaut Gordon Cooper returned to Earth safely after making 22 orbits and traveling 546,167 miles in Faith 7. It was the final manned space mission of the U.S. Mercury program.

JUNE 16, 1963 - Vostok 6 was the first human spaceflight mission to carry a woman, cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova, into space. This also made her the first civilian in space. The spacecraft was launched on June 16, 1963. Data was collected on the female body's reaction to spaceflight.