



# WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB NEWSLETTER

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A. P. S Chapter 1214

If you have not yet notified Paul McCaffery about making reservations for this year's Annual Dinner, please do so by Sunday, Nov. 8th. You can use the order form from the bottom of page one in last month's Newsletter, or you can call Paul at 731-0572. The Dinner will be at the Sub-Alpine Club in Turtle Creek, Pa. on Sat. Nov. 21st. The price for WSC members is \$6.00 and \$11.00 per guest.

Norman Shachat of the PA. POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY has notified us that the group will hold its Spring Meeting at WILKPEX '93. We will provide them an area for a short meeting and hope to continue this friendship.

WSC President Andy Novotny says the "Swap Shop" idea that was started last month has a lot of potential and would like to do it on a regular basis. He is suggesting we do it again at the Nov. 22nd meeting.

WILKPEX '93 is now only five months away. Co-chairmen Joe Bayuk and Gene Bujdos would like to get the membership involved now. We hope to get more members, new and old, involved in some committee. It takes a lot of people working together to put on a successful show. If you can help us out this year, please let us or one of the club's officers know about your intentions.

The show will be held the week-end after Easter, April 17-18, 1993 at Olympia Hall in East Pittsburgh.

The following members have not paid their club dues for the 1992-93 year. We ask that you please remit the amount as shown on one of the dues notices you have received not later than Nov. 30, 1992 in order that we may continue your membership: Richard T. Glass, George McHenry, Gail B. Clair, Karen DeVita, Mary Beck, Abe DeBenedetti, Robert J. Beck Sr., Kevin Bohner, Janet M. Gillis, Edwin Kooser, Teresa Beck, and Michael Sulima.

The following letter is from WSC member Jeff Liebman:

" If you have any stamps that you could donate for the good of the hobby, the Wilkins Primary Stamp Club needs you! Wilkins Primary School (on Churchill Road in Wilkins Township) is running its stamp club for grades 1-3 for the second year. The club could use your unwanted duplicates, especially foreign and topicals of all kinds.

The club will meet weekly to discuss stamp collecting, stories behind stamps, how stamps are made, history, and geography. We have a stamp album for each member and hope to provide each child with a small packet of stamps once a month or so. The club is also interested in guest speakers who would like to talk for thirty

minutes or so on some aspect of philately.

We are especially interested in donations of the following stamps: U.S. # 2327, Canada # 1172a, Finland # B142, Mongolia # 740, and Sweden # 1723. These are wolverines on stamps, the Woodland Hills High School mascot. Please contact Jeff Liebman (#179) at 371-3232 with any questions or donations."

After the first November meeting orders for Scott Specialized Catalogues will be sent. If you need any Scott items please order at that meeting. Bill Naser and Trish Vetter: please pick up the items you ordered some time ago from Lou Yagle..

United Stamp Societies, the organization which runs our Circuit Books, has advised us that since we began using A.P.S. Insurance we have been running at a deficit and beginning Dec. 1st the following changes will be made:

1. Insurance and Entry Fee for entering will increase to 6%, with 5% being sent to the society and 1% staying with the clubs for losses at our club. We have been charging 6%, forwarding 4% and retaining 2% for club losses. We previously found that we needed the 2% to cover club losses. We will continue to retain 2% and send 5% (instead of 4%) to U.S.S., which means persons entering new books will pay 7% for insurance

2. A service fee of \$1.00 will be added to the total remitted to the General Bourse Manager for every circuit a club forwards to another club. This will hit us hard. We retain 10% of the money taken in circuit book sales which is supposed to pay the expense of sending the circuit to the next club. Postage for the circuit and a report to the General Bourse Manager averages about \$5.50, which means we must sell \$55.00 from the books to split even and we're not doing this. Can anyone suggest a way that we can show the books to more people so we can sell more?

3. All claims under \$1.00 will be settled by the club that finds it. The only exception to this rule will be when there are multiple claims from the same circuit and the total exceeds \$1.00. And, even with the increases our total cost to the members and those buying are less than any other major circuit system. Our biggest advantage over any other system is the fact that payments are made every two months, and will continue that way.

The Oct. 28 U.S. 29¢ Christmas automatic teller machine stamps will come 18 to a pane. The locomotive design of the ATM stamps is one of the four designs produced for this year's contemporary Christmas sheet and booklet stamps. (Ray Attenberger and Guy Rizzo, the U.S.P.S. philatelic clerks at PITTPLEX '92, had these stamps for sale at the show last week-end.)

Elvis Presley, Hank Williams, and OKLAHOMA! represent three different forms of music the U.S.P.S. will commemorate with stamps in 1993. All three will appear as fully perforated sheet stamps as well as part of three different booklets. Music fans get ready to buy stamps featuring Bill Haley, Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, Otis Redding, Clyde McPhatter, Dinah Washington, Patsy Cline, Bob Willis, and the Carter Family.

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