



WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB NEWSLETTER

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The new stamp season is now in high gear. This month alone there are three stamp shows worth visiting: Sept. 12-13 at Youngwood, Pa. is WESTCOPEX '92 at the Youngwood Fire Hall, Second and Chestnut Streets, sponsored by the Westmoreland Philatelic Society. Sat. 10-6, and Sun. 10-5. Call James Vaughn at (412) 423-5045 for more info.

Sept. 25-26 at York, Pa. is the Keystone Federation Stamp Show, at the York Fair Grounds Horticulture Hall, 334 Carlisle Ave. You can get more info from John Hufnagel, P.O. Box 85, Glen Rock, Pa. 17327.

Sept. 25-27 at Dayton, Ohio is AIRPEX XVII, at the Dayton Convention Center, Fifth and Main Streets. Sat. 10-6. Sun. 10-4. Sponsored by the Dayton Stamp Club, call Mike Komieny at (513) 299-9297 for more info.

A 29¢ Eagle and Shield self-adhesive stamp in three easily distinguished varieties will be released Sept. 25th at AIRPEX XVII. Each variety of this stamp will have a different colored denomination. Stamp Ventures of Fairfax, Va. will produce 50 million panes with red denominations. Dittler Brothers of Oakwood, Ga. will produce 65 million panes with green denominations. This will be their first U.S. stamp issue. And, Banknote Corp. of America, Sutter, N.Y. will make 20 million panes with brown denominations.

All three will be printed on phosphor-coated paper. Both the Stamp Ventures and Dittler Brothers versions will be printed by photogravure. The BCA version will be produced by offset intaglio. All three versions of this Eagle and Shield stamp will be produced in 17 stamp panes with a dummy label in the center. Because the stamps will be printed on phosphor-coated paper, the dummy label is designed so that it will not trigger the automatic processing equipment. Nearly total ink coverage will prevent the phosphor signal from being read and will decrease the possibility of use of the dummy label as a postage stamp.

The face value of each pane will be \$4.93, but they will be sold for \$5.00. As with the 25¢ Eagle and Shield, there will be a coil version of each type available at the same cost as panes: \$5 for 17 stamps.

The USPS introduced this format to aid beginning collectors with the release of the 29¢ Wood Duck booklet: a red denomination identified it as a KCS product, and black signified that it was a product of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

WSC member, and President of the Keystone Federation of Stamp Clubs, Dave Pearlman, is getting married on Oct. 3rd to Donna Marie Lewis. Congratulations to Donna and Dave.

At last report the Penn Hills post office and the North Side facility both had the Columbian souvenir sheets available.

On July 24, Scott Publishing suddenly announced that it has restructured its editorial department. As a result, the position of editorial editor, formerly filled by Richard L. Sine, has been eliminated, and Sine no longer is with Scott Publishing Co.

"The change was made in order to make our operation more efficient," explained Stuart Morrissey, Scott's vice-president and publisher.

The Sine ouster will come as welcome news to many dealers who felt the former editor of the Scott Stamp Monthly and the editorial director of the Scott Catalogues was primarily responsible for the decision to attempt a "retail value" pricing system and the subsequent nose-dive in catalogue values.

Actually Mr. Sine had some misgivings about this pricing system and he probably bore more than his fair share of criticism because he had been an outstanding spokesman for Scott in defense of the changes.

Nomatter, some dealers went so far as to pull their ads and state that they would not advertise in the Scott Stamp Monthly or in its catalogues until Sine was no longer in charge. Beset by advertiser discontent and strong competition from Global Stamp News, the July 1992 edition of Scott Stamp Monthly suffered from a lack of advertising. Mr. Morrissey is now trying to rebuild communications between Scott and the trade.

Lou Yagle now has the new 23¢ coils at face. He is now handling only the Scott hinges. Those who tried them said they are the best since Dennison's. The retail price is \$1.75, but the cost to WSC members is only 90¢.

Scott Catalogue Volume 4 comes out this month and if members want any Scott items, including catalogues 1-4, please order them at the first meeting, as an order will be sent in just after the meeting.

Our treasurer, Harold Cline, will probably be at the meeting this Sunday to talk about some financial problems.

As stated last month, WSC President Andy Novotny has lined up two programs following each meeting this month. On Sept. 13 Lou Yagle will lead a round table discussion on which U.S. stamps SHOULD be in your collection. He will bring in enough copies of the Stamps etc. Catalog so everyone can add to the discussion. Try to be here. (Steelers play at 4:00)

After the Sept. 27th meeting we will hav a program on "Tagging."

From the Sept. issue of The American Philatelist: Before doing business with, or if you have done business with Chris Able, 8424A Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 287, West Hollywood, CA 90069, or Hollywood Collectibles (Brad Simmons) 8033 Sunset Blvd., Suite 197, Hollywood, CA 90046, please contact the APS National Headquarters, P.O.Box 8000, State College, Pa. 16803. (814)237-3803.

Remember: October is National Stamp Collecting Month--do something wild: COLLECT STAMPS.

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