



WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB NEWS

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Wilkinsburg Stamp Club is a member of APS #12293

www.wilkinsburgstampclub.com

Meeting Schedule: 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Doors open at 12:30 PM and meetings start at 2:00 PM.

Churchill Borough Building, 2300 William Penn Hwy, Churchill PA 15235

WILKPEX 2026 – Friday and Saturday April 10 & 11 (10 AM-4 PM; 10 AM-3 PM), 2026 – Holiday Park Fire Department, Plum PA.

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Please note that there is no meeting on Mother's Day May 10th.

WILKPEX Updates:

- The following people have signed up to work at the show:
 - Welcome Desk – Deb
 - Phlea – Dave P, Maureen, Wylie, Dave D
 - Satirical Sheet sales – Danielle, Gene
 - Security overnight Fri – Sat – David
 - Pick Up Frames at Meeting Site (Borough Building) – Fri **7:30 AM** – Anyone who can come is welcome!
 - Set Up (Fri 8 AM) – Toby (Frames), Stevan, Wylie, Dave D, Maureen
 - Take Down (Sat 3 PM) – Wylie, Dave D, Maureen plus anyone else hanging around
 - Floats to assist as needed – Ron, John, Joyce
 - Donuts (Fri & Sat morning) - Danielle
 - **Anyone else who wants to help set up Friday morning are welcome – we start at 8 AM and you will get a better choice of donuts!**
- We are still collecting stamps for our Raffle Jar for WILKPEX! These can be US or World-wide. You can bring these to WILKPEX.

- Everyone is encouraged to bring items to the Phlea Market to sell. Maureen and Deb will bring in forms and tags for this too. Please keep the pricing reasonable and have a tag on each item you are selling **before** you get to the show.

Treasurer's Report – Danielle reported that the check book is balanced and as of the end of February we had \$11244.66 in the bank.

The name tags have arrived! Thank you to Dave D for placing the order for us. If you live out of town they will be mailed to you very soon!



Dues are due! 2026 dues will stay at \$8 per person/\$12 for a couple (or \$4 for additional family members). You can send a check to the address at the end (if you haven't already paid) or bring cash to a meeting. **If you have NOT already paid, you have until WILKPEX to do so or be dropped from the mailing list for the newsletter.** If you are NOT sure if you have paid you can contact Maureen (email at the end of newsletter) to ask.

Please feel free to write to the address below, especially if you don't usually make it to meetings. Your letters are read aloud at our meetings.

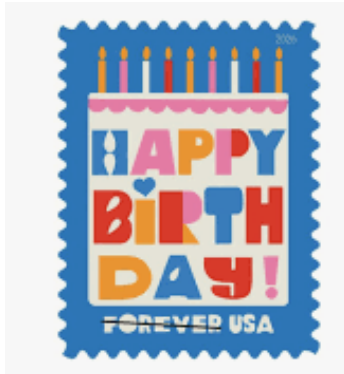
We have a new (old) member! Beth Austin has rejoined the Club after not being able to attend meetings for awhile!

At each meeting we have 2 contests where members can win prizes! In March the winners were John, Scott and Beth.



Philatelic News

- April US Stamps currently scheduled for release – all are Forever Stamps unless noted otherwise:
 - Figures of the American Revolution (April 10) – 25 stamps depicting important people of the American Revolution, famous and unknown.
 - Happy Birthday (April 18) – By popular demand, a stamp for birthday cards!
 - A Day at the Beach (4/24) – Just in time for summer, 4 designs that remind us how fun the beach can be. (Wait, the seagull ate my sandwich!)



In case you think 78 cents is high for postage, the cost of a first class stamp in the UK is going up to £1.8, which is the equivalent to \$2.41.



And soon it might be us.....

USPS wants to raise first-class stamp price to as high as 95 cents

By Aimee Picchi / March 18, 2026 / 9:15 AM EDT / CBS News

Americans may soon pay almost \$1 to mail a first-class letter.

The U.S. Postal Service wants to raise first-class stamp prices to between 90 cents and 95 cents as it faces a financial crunch, Postmaster General David Steiner said Tuesday at a congressional hearing. The current price of a first-class stamp is 78 cents.

The USPS has for years struggled with high costs and dwindling mail volume, resulting in a \$9 billion loss in 2025. While the Postal Service has a 10-year plan to reduce expenses and restore profitability, the agency still faces major financial challenges, with Steiner telling the House Oversight Committee that the USPS is at risk of running out of cash in 12 months.

"As you all know, there are only three things that any company can do to improve financial performance — sell more products, raise prices or cut costs," Steiner said in his congressional testimony. "On the pricing side, we need to look for higher prices on both our package and mail products."

Raising the price of first-class stamps to as high as 95 cents "would largely solve our controllable loss," he added.

Cheaper than France

Steiner pointed out that the current price of 78 cents for first-class stamps is the lowest "in the industrialized world." By comparison, France and the U.K. charge about \$3 and \$2.50, respectively, for the same service.

"And the longest distance that letters have to travel in those countries is about 600 miles — smaller than the state of Texas. We deliver from the tip of Puerto Rico to the tip of Alaska for 78 cents," he added.

Steiner, who took over as Postmaster General in July and previously served on FedEx's board of directors, stepped into the role after Louis DeJoy left the agency in early 2025.

In 2021, DeJoy instituted the 10-year plan to return the agency to profitability by 2024. Those changes included multiple hikes in stamp prices and an overhaul of its regional transportation system, including no longer guaranteeing that mail would receive a postmark the day it was mailed.

Stark warning

Despite DeJoy's plan, the Postal Service's losses have continued to mount. On Tuesday, Steiner told lawmakers that the USPS needs to make more changes to stay afloat.

"I am not sure that the American public is aware that the Postal Service is at a critical juncture," he said. Without changes, "Less than a year from now, the Postal Service will be unable to deliver the mail if we maintain the status quo."

Aside from raising the price of a first-class stamp, Steiner said the USPS should raise its borrowing limit from the current level of \$15 billion, which has been in place since the 1990s. He also called for reforms to the agency's pension program by allowing it to invest in securities other than Treasury bills, which he said could help boost investment returns.

(PS – USPS is implementing a time-limited rate adjustment increase of 8% for certain packages from April 26 thru Jan 17, 2027.)

(PSS – There are stories that Amazon may stop using USPS to deliver packages in 2026. Stay tuned!)

Paul Stanton passed away on March 22, 2026. We knew him, along with his wife Loraine, as “The Mouse & Such”, stamp dealers who came to WILKPEX many times. He was buried in his native Michigan on Friday March 27th. We will miss having “The Mouse & Such” at our shows.



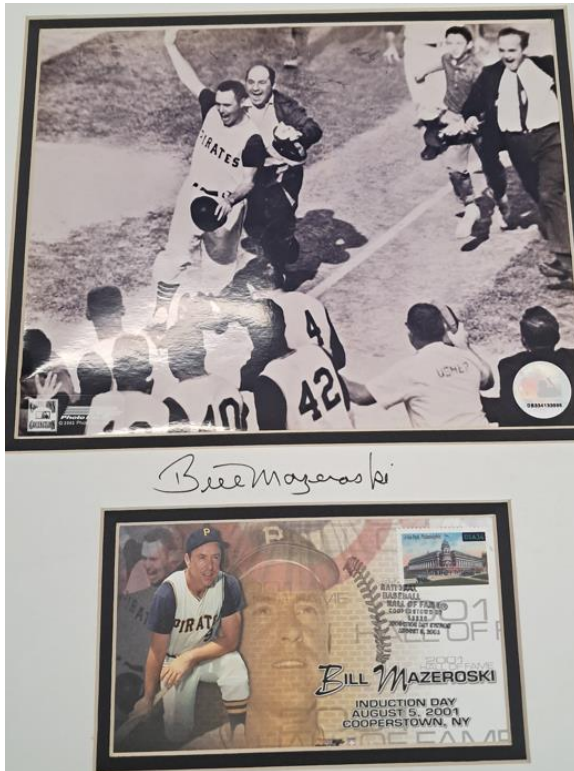
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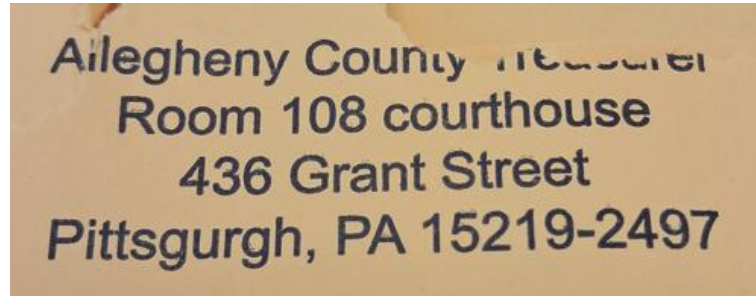
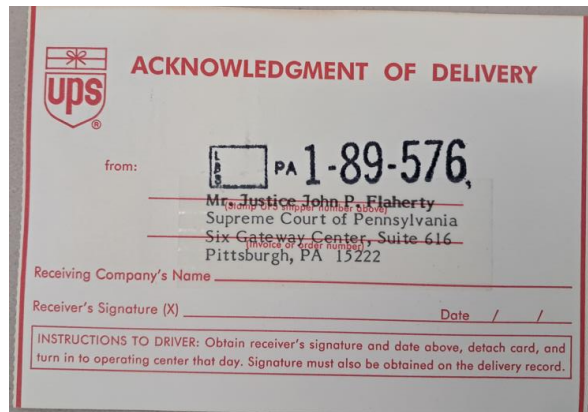
Show and Tell is at the second meeting of each month. Please bring an item to show and talk about. It can be about a topic other than stamps. Sharing the story is the important part.

March's Show & Tell:

- a. Danielle brought a framed autograph, photo and cover of Bill Mazeroski. She also had some new embroidered postcards she got from Wylie's wife.
- b. Maureen had Westinghouse covers from WWII along with a phot of the East Pittsburgh plant during that time. She also had an amusing photo of a large box covered in stamps, from China.
- c. Dave D found some old WSC newsletters from 1992 thru 1994 and an old treasures report. He is going to add them to the online archive.

- d. Dave P had John Harding's cover he sent from Garfield-Perry's First Day Ceremony for the new sunflower stamp. He also had a UPS delivery confirmation postcard for something sent to the PA Supreme Court and a series of postcards sent by a woman to her husband – 5 total with the middle three 1 word only – "I", "Love", "You".
- e. Ron had a framed 15 cent Photography stamp and the envelope that sent his Allegheny County tax bill with "Pittsburgh" as the return address.
- f. Stevan, Dave D, John and Scott all said that Garfield Perry was a good show with lots of dealers. It might have been even better if the power hadn't gone out Friday.





Please take some time before the April 26th meeting and see if you have something fun to share from your collection!

Upcoming Events Nearby

- April 10 – 11, 2026 – WILKPEX, Plum PA
- April 25 – Erie Spring into Philately Show – Erie PA
- May 23 – 30 – Boston World Stamp Show (The Big One!)
- June 14 – K2 – Churchill Borough Building
- June 20 & 21 – SCOPEX – Bellefonte PA (APS)
- September 13 – K2 – Churchill Borough Building

For more details Google the stamp club or look at the latest issue of the American Philatelist Magazine or the calendar at APS - (<https://stamps.org/events/events-calendar>)



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Newsletter:

Original articles for the newsletter can be submitted from any member to Maureen at a meeting or emailed to her (see above) or via regular mail:

Maureen McKeever, 118 Larchwood Drive, Turtle Creek PA 15145.

Club members will be mailed a black and white copy of the newsletter each month. Anyone can request a color copy to be delivered at a meeting, but please let Scott Shaulis (scottshaulis@comcast.net) know ahead of time.



(Start your Christmas shopping now!)