



# WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB NEWS

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*Wilkinsburg Stamp Club is a member of APS #12293*

[www.wilkinsburgstampclub.com](http://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

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### Picnic 2026:

Members would like to have an indoor picnic where family members are invited. The date would be Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup> (regular meeting day). It will be a summer potluck. Danielle said she'd put together burgers and dogs. A signup sheet would go around at meetings for people to say what they will be bringing. If you'd like to come but don't regularly attend meetings send Maureen an email with that information! So far we have 10 people signed up.



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## WILKPEX 2027:

- Please save stamps for our Raffle Jar! These can be US or World-wide. You can bring these to meetings and give to Maureen.
- As you go through your treasures new and old, and realize that you don't want something, throw it in a box labeled "To Sell" – that way when we get into 2027 you can see what you can put in the Phlea or give to the jug. If you have any questions please ask an experienced club member!
- A suggestion was made that the Club put together an exhibit table of interesting postal memorabilia for people to view at the next WILKPEX. If anyone has something they'd like to show please think about this idea.

Treasurer's Report – As of the end of July the Club had \$10,948.06 in the bank and the checkbook was balanced.

We have a new member! William (Bill) Bolish of Canonsburg has joined. He collects US Regular issues and Plate Blocks. Welcome Bill!

The Club will again (likely in August) put out all of the donated materials for members to go through. Whatever is left can go to WILKPEX next year as part of mystery boxes, the raffle jug and/or the Free Table.

Wylie attended APS Volunteer Week 2026. He said it was great, but only around 30 people attended. If you belong to APS you should consider coming to 2027's Volunteer Week! (He should be somewhere in this picture!)



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.

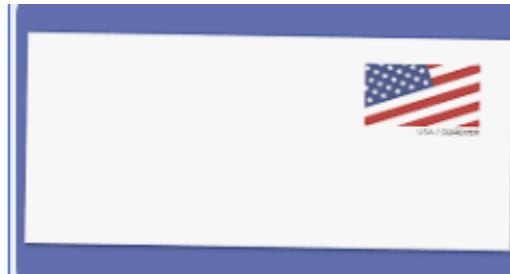
A website called "Freestampalbum.com" was mentioned where you could make your own album pages. Check it out!

At each meeting we have 2 contests where members can win prizes! In July the winner was Maureen (for 1 contest).



## Philatelic News

- August US Stamps currently scheduled for release – all are Forever Stamps unless noted otherwise:
  - US Flag Envelope (Aug. 7) – A USPS stationary item with the postage printed onto the envelope.
  - Sarah Orne Jewett (Aug. 21) – 3 Ounce Stamp honoring one of Maine's (and the USA's) greatest women authors of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.



There are a bunch of new issues in September!

Reminder - The price of first class postage has gone up to 84 cents.

# Canada Post moves to end door-to-door delivery

Apr 6, 2026 – via Linn's

In a March 30 statement, Canada Post said it will replace door-to-door delivery with community mailboxes as part of several proposed changes to its operations.

“Canada Post has reached an important turning point,” the statement said. “Our transformation will strengthen the postal service, allow us to be a better partner for businesses, and help us meet our dual mandate of delivering for all Canadians in a way that is financially self-sustainable.

“We’re committed to moving forward in a thoughtful way that prioritizes service for all Canadians while protecting access to vital postal services in rural, remote and Indigenous communities. We’re also committed to treating employees with respect throughout this process.”

The move to end door-to-door delivery follows a Sept. 25, 2025, announcement from Canada minister of government transformation Joel Lightbound on a series of measures meant to stabilize the finances of Canada Post and ensure the postal agency's modernization.

These measures included the end of home deliveries in favor of community mailboxes, the closure of several rural post offices, more flexibility in letter delivery standards and more flexibility to raise stamp prices.

In response to the 2025 announcement, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers began a nationwide strike lasting from Sept. 25 until Oct. 11, when it shifted to rotating strikes. The union and Canada Post reached a tentative agreement Dec. 22, which the union will vote to ratify from April 20 to May 30.

In a March 30 announcement, Jan Simpson, president of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, said that the move is “yet again another attempt to derail our negotiations process” as the union prepares to vote on the tentative agreement.

Simpson also said that Canada Post has not made the details of the transformation plan available to the union or to the public, despite repeated requests after providing the details to the government more than four months ago.

“The Government must not approve any changes to Canada Post or the Canadian Postal Service Charter without a full public mandate review that includes input from all stakeholders in every region of the country,” Simpson said.

Canada Post said it will begin “engaging municipal officials and other key stakeholders” after “initial consultations with our bargaining agents are complete.”



## Collector's Corner

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.

### July's Show & Tell:

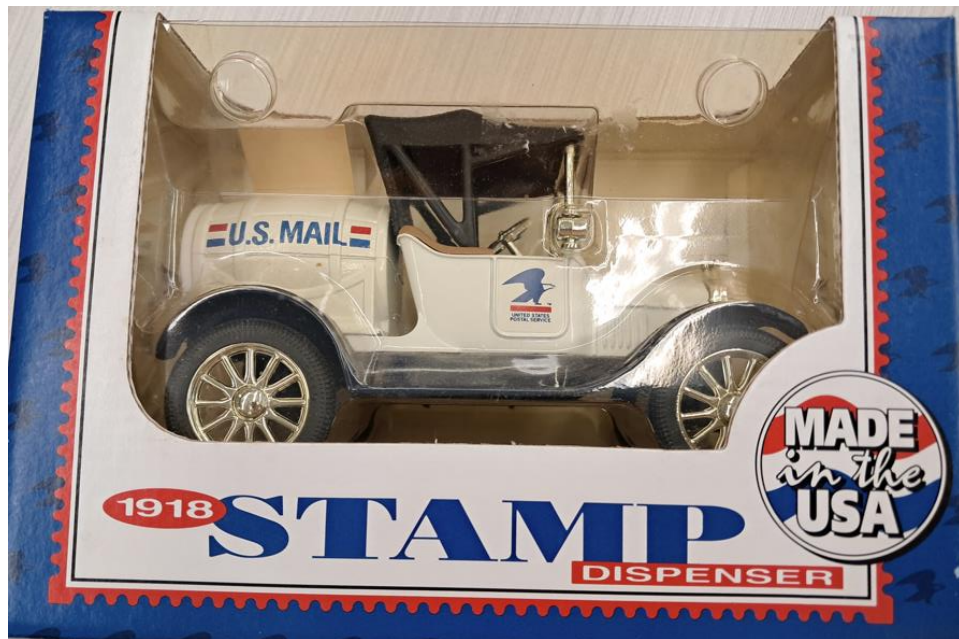
- a. Danielle had some new (to her) embroidered postcards – very pretty!
- b. Maureen a cachet from Pan Am Grace Airways that flew to South America, with a letter to a travel agent in Johnstown. She picked up the cachet because it had the name "Grace", a company she shipped with as a cadet (called Delta Lines in 1982). Pan Am Airways joined with Grace Lines to offer cruises and air travel between the US and South America. Grace Lines started in the 1800's as a guano shipping company, Peru to the US.
- c. Stevan had a German Stamp Packet that he obtained, and while the stamps are common, the story taped to the back was not. A WWII US soldier had found it in an attic in Germany at the end of the war and managed to get it home as a souvenir.
- d. Ron had his Father's Day gifts: A 22 cent Father's Day Stamp Pin and a stamp dispenser shaped like a Postal Delivery Truck from the 1930's.





I BROUGHT THIS home  
FROM GERMANY. DURING THE  
fighting I WAS IN THE ATTIC  
OF THIS house AND FOUND  
A LOT OF STAMPS. I PUT  
THEM UNDER MY SHIRT  
TIL I GOT A CHANCE TO  
SEND THEM HOME.  
1945-1946  
W.S. BUELL





Please take some time before the August 23rd meeting and see if you have something fun to share from your collection!



## Upcoming Events Nearby

- August 7 – 9 – BALPEX - Linthicum Hts MD
- August 27 – Rattlesnake Island Stamp Launch – Port Clinton OH
- August 28 – 30 – NAPEX – McLean VA
- Sept. 5 – Big Erie Stamp Show – Erie PA
- Sept 12 – TUSCOPEX – New Philadelphia OH
- September 13 – K2 – Churchill Borough Building
- November 14 - 15 – PITTPLEX – Bridgeville PA
- December 5 – Stamping with Santa – Erie PA

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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### Officers:

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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](mailto:scottshaulis@comcast.net) ) know ahead of time.



(The Love Boat it ain't!!)