



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

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July 1st is National Postage Stamp Day and the anniversary of when ZIP Codes went into effect in the US!



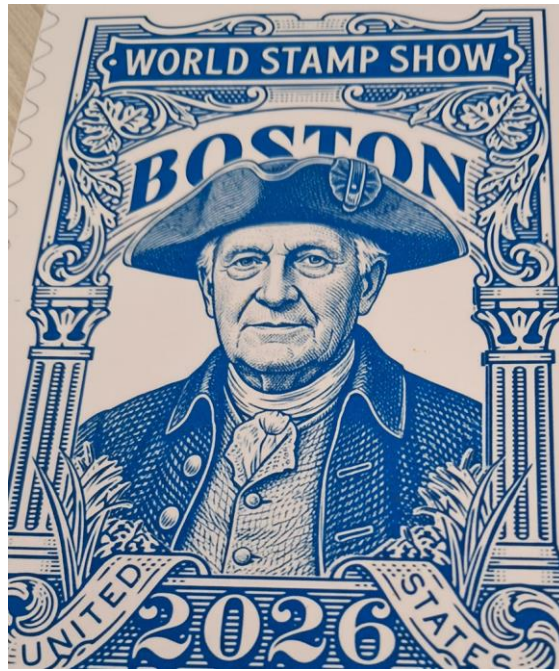
Wylie, Chris, Stevan and Scott traveled to Boston at the end of May to attend the International Stamp Show!

Wylie got his certificate as one of APS's Volunteers of 2025!



(Thank you Stevan!)

He also got this cool postcard from the USPS:



Reports from Boston:

- a. Scott said he did "OK" as a dealer and he sold 1 packet of WILKPEX souvenir sheets. He said he'd take the packets to other shows during the rest of the year to offer for sale.
- b. Stevan said he had a good time at the show but it was very different than the GASS shows he's been to in the past. He said there were a lot of the international auction houses and large dealers who were pushing their upcoming auctions and had little actual product for sale. One such company had large fishbowls of free stamps you could take. There were not as many "regular" dealers. He also said that they had Queen Elizabeth's car and other royal belongings on display, which was very cool.
- c. Wylie said that there were so many exhibits that he couldn't view all of them – hundreds of frames from all over the world.
- d. Wylie talked about a part of the show – a separate room – from the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum (Now called the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History) located outside of Boston. They had items of clothing made entirely from stamps! He said he thought it was one of the best things at the Show.

Picnic 2026:

Members would like to have an indoor picnic where family members are invited. The date would be Sunday September 27th (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!

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!

Treasurer's Report – As of the end of May the Club had \$10,906.15 in the bank and the checkbook was balanced.

APS Volunteer week July 13 – 17 – if you are a member and interested please visit the APS Website (Stamps.org) for more information! WSC members who have attended in the past strongly recommend participating!

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.

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.

At each meeting we have 2 contests where members can win prizes! In June the winners were Marti and Maureen (for 2 contests).



Philatelic News

- July US Stamps currently scheduled for release – all are Forever Stamps unless noted otherwise:
 - Declaration of Independence (July 4) – A stamp honoring the 250th Anniversary of the signing of this world-changing document.

- Barbie (July 11) – A series of 10 stamps depicting one of America’s favorite toys in her 67th year.



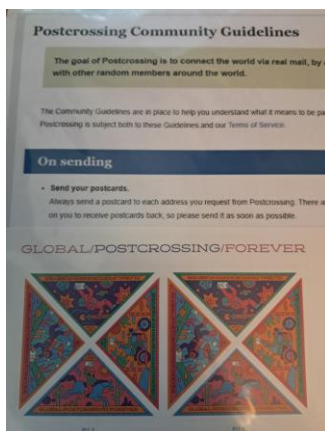
Buy them now, since the price of first class postage is going up on July 12th to 84 cents.

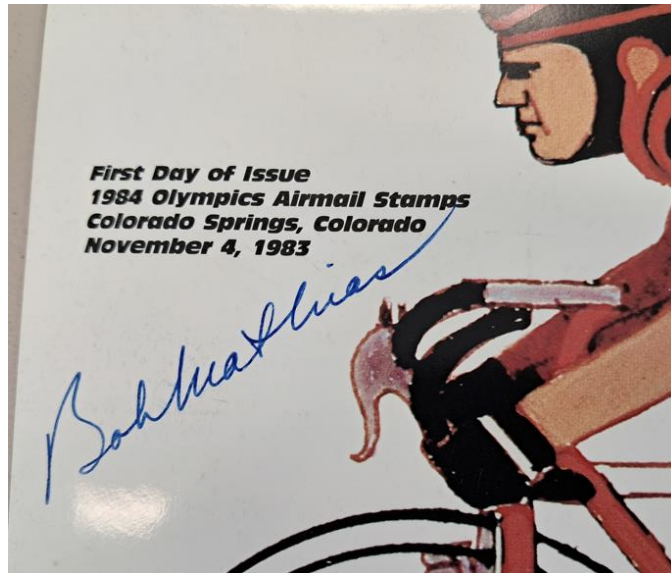
Collector’s Corner

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.

June's Show & Tell:

- a. Maureen had information about Postcrossing, an online group where you sign up for postcard pen pals from all over the World. Started in 2005, the group gives you the name and address of another member. You send them a postcard. Someone else can get your name and send you one. So far she's mailed 2 cards and gotten one from Germany. She also had some of the new US Postcrossing International stamps issued at the end of May. The clerk in the Turtle Creek Post office said no one wanted to buy 8 international stamps, but Maureen did!
- b. Wylie had Danielle read his latest letter the USPS Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee asking to have Circus Wagon stamps considered. This past week he got a reply that said "Not recommended at this time". The Club discussed having a petition at WILKPEX and possibly PITTPEX to send to the Committee.
- c. David brought a First Day Program with the stamps for the 1984 Airmail Olympic Stamps, issued at the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO. He got signatures from everyone listed in the program, and the outside was signed by Bob Mathias, the then-director of the Center. As a teenager (and after 3 months of learning all of the sports) Bob won gold in the decathlon in 1948 then again in 1952. David gave some of the details of his career. {Bonus – Bob was a graduate of the Kiski School in Saltsburg (up the Allegheny River) before attending Stanford.}
- d. Marti continues to organize her collection and brought in flag stamps and ephemera. Her parents were married on Flag Day so she'd always liked those stamps!
- e. Jay said that the World's Fair of Money is coming to Pittsburgh this year – The American Numismatic Association's Annual Show is coming to the David L. Lawrence Convention Center Downtown August 25 thru 29. There is a price for admission except Saturday which is free. You can find the website to see more info & register by searching "World's Fair of Money".





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

About National US Postage Stamp Day

National US Postage Stamp Day is observed every year on 1 July in the United States. The day marks the anniversary of 1 July 1847, when the United States Post Office issued its first official adhesive postage stamps. It is a date cherished by philatelists, postal historians, and anyone who appreciates the small printed squares that once carried letters across a young and rapidly expanding nation.

The day is marked quietly but warmly by those who love stamps and postal history. Common customs include:

- **Browsing collections** – Collectors take the opportunity to revisit their albums, admire favorite issues, and catalogue new acquisitions.
- **Visiting postal museums** – Many enthusiasts use the day to explore institutions such as the Smithsonian National Postal Museum in Washington, D.C., which holds original examples of the 1847 stamps.
- **Attending stamp shows** – Local and regional philatelic societies sometimes schedule meetings, exhibitions, or trading events around early July.
- **Writing letters by hand** – Sending a stamped, handwritten letter is a fitting tribute to the system the day celebrates.
- **Sharing stamp history online** – Collectors post images of rare or favorite stamps and recount their stories on social media and philatelic forums.



Upcoming Events Nearby

- August 7 – 9 – BALPEX - Linthicum Hts, MD
- August 28 – 30 – NAPEX – McLean, VA
- Sept 12 – TUSCOPEX – New Philadelphia OH
- September 13 – K2 – Churchill Borough Building
- November (TBD) – PITTPEX – Bridgeville 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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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:

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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.



(Love being in Hawaii!)