



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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Reminder! If the weather looks bad for a meeting please refer to the Website for updates – if it looks like travel is hazardous, we may cancel a meeting. We love Stamp Club but love you all more! Stay safe!

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.

Wintertime is the time to prepare for WILKPEX 2026!

- We are still collecting stamps for our Raffle Jar for WILKPEX! These can be US or World-wide. You can bring these to a meeting.



- It's time to get an exhibit (or 2) ready on your favorite topic! If you have any questions please ask a member who's done exhibits. Please let Maureen know ASAP the name of your exhibit(s) and how many frames they need.
- Cull your collection! If you have extra stuff, package them up for the Phlea Market and make a few bucks on your junk!
- All of our Dealer tables are reserved! Thank you for coming to our show!

Treasurer's Report – Danielle reported that the check book is balanced and our bank account is healthy!

The Club will be ordering permanent magnetic-style name tags to be used at WILKPEX as well as at meetings. These will have the Club logo, the name of the Club and our first names. They will be paid for by the Club. If you want a name tag please tell us at a meeting or email Maureen. For members who don't live in the area, please let us know so we can mail your name tag to you.



We had two new members send in applications and dues - Michael Bullied from Hazlet NJ and Bernard Erb from the South Hills area in Allegheny County.

If you have any photos from past Club events please send them to Dave Duggins for inclusion in our website gallery.

Please feel free to write at 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 February the winners were Jeff, Chris, Maureen and Dave R.



Philatelic News

- March US Stamps currently scheduled for release – all are Forever Stamps unless noted otherwise:
 - Lowriders (March 13) – Five stamps showing various Lowrider cars as celebrated in Latino culture, especially in Southern California
 - Sunflowers (March 14) – The latest US Flower stamp, being offered in booklets.



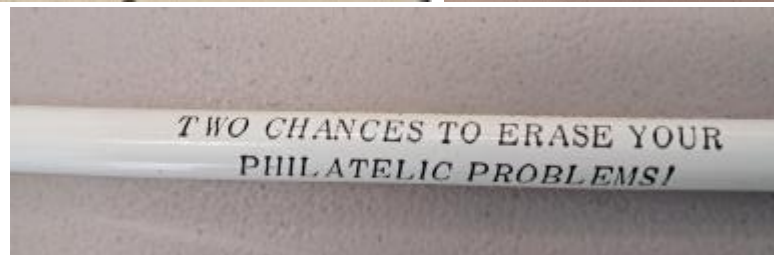
Collector's Corner

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.

February's Show & Tell:

- a. Maureen had a postcard from Will Rogers State Park in Malibu CA. Her family had visited back in 1992, and she had pictures of the interior of the ranch house. She also had pictures from the same angle after the house burned down in January 2025.
- b. Danielle brought in some WWI embroidered postcards. She is starting a collection. Her first ones were from Bill Brierton's collection.
- c. David had some WWII OSS propaganda materials. They took the Hitler profile stamps and superimposed a skull over them and used them to mail a fake pro-Germany anti-Nazi newspaper to people in Germany in 1944 & 1945. These were "mailed" by filling counterfeit mail bags then dropping them (via US bombers) by wrecked trains, hoping the German mail officials would continue the delivery process.

- d. Scott had a Pat Hearst pencil. (Pat Hearst was a prominent stamp dealer).
- e. John had letters mailed from a large Chinese community in Sonoran Mexico.
- f. Ron had 2 Christmas ornaments – one he won at our party and the other the 2025 USPS Truck ornament.
- g. Gene had an envelope he received from a collector who bought \$20 worth of Steeler cachets. It had "Go Steelers!" written on the back. He also said that cachets with Roberto Clemente and Bill Mazeroski were selling for around \$20 each.
- h. Dave R had a Johnny Lightning car from 1999 that had 25 cent dinosaur postage stamp on it.
- i. Stevan noted that today, Feb 22, was: Washington's Birthday; The date of the first transcontinental airmail flight; the Miracle on Ice US Hockey victory in 1980. It was also the date of the 2026 US Men's Hockey Gold Medal. He also said that Mar 31 (3 – 4 PM) is the date of the next APS member's meeting (information and Zoom link on their website). He also invited us to attend the Lancaster Zoom Meetings (the 2nd meeting each month).





Please take some time before the March 22nd meeting and see if you have something fun to share from your collection!

Some more reasons why you should join APS!

These are things Stevan heard at the latest APS members meeting (virtual):

- a. The new APS president wants every stamp collector to join APS so they can take advantage of all the perks and tools available.
- b. He said to remember the difference between a stamp collector and a philatelist – a collector simply collects stamps while a philatelist is interested in the more technical and historical aspects of the stamps and their uses. (You can be either or both)
- c. He is setting up task forces to see how APS can better serve the members.
- d. One task force is to better connect APS to member clubs and support them more.
- e. They are concerned with how AI will impact the hobby and stamps in general, as is the USPS – they're all trying to keep up.
- f. USPS is losing billions in revenue to fake stamps, which are being sold all over the internet.
- g. APS has a cool monthly magazine with tons of informative articles.
- h. One resource is Hipstamps, which is owned by APS. If you place an order through APS they will send you 1 package with all of your stamps, rather than getting a separate mailing per seller.

If you are not already a member go to WWW.stamps.org to join – be sure to mention you are a member of WSC. If already a member you can go there to see what resources are available!

Miss Pittsburgh



Since 1992 the mail plane *Miss Pittsburgh* has hung above the security check-in lines at Pittsburgh International Airport. It made the first airmail flight from Pittsburgh Bettis Field (near McKeesport) to Cleveland on April 21, 1927. It also carried passengers on that route. It led many lives before being abandoned in New York, when it was found and renovated by the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics before being displayed at the airport. Now that the new Landside Terminal is open, *Miss Pittsburgh* is in need of a new home. KDKA's Andy Sheehan reported that the airport doesn't have a good space to display it, and the plane's owner (The Heinz History Center) doesn't have an adequate space either. Stay tuned to see where *Miss Pittsburgh* goes next!



Upcoming Events Nearby

- March 7 & 8 – BUFPEX – Cheektowaga NY
- March 8 – K2 – Churchill Borough Building, Churchill PA
- March 13-15 – Garfield-Perry March Party – Strongsville OH
- April 10 – 11, 2026 – WILKPEX, Plum PA
- April 25 – Erie Spring into Philately Show – Erie PA
- 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>)



Boston 2026 World Stamp Show will be the 12th International Philatelic Exhibition hosted in the United States. The show will be held at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center from May 23-30, 2026, to celebrate America's Semiquincentennial (250th anniversary). There is no separate GASS in 2026.

Scott will be at Boston and has volunteered to take a box of packaged souvenir sheets to sell. He also suggested placing Club info (including maybe a membership application form) in the envelope with the sheets to help spread the word about our Club. Stay tuned for assistance request!



Book your rooms NOW! Nearby hotels may already be sold out!



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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.



(That's a lot of counterfeit stamps!)