



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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Picnic 2026:

We are having 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 and (maybe) fried chicken. 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 16 people signed up.



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 August the Club had \$11,252.47 in the bank and the checkbook was balanced.

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 August the winners were Ron, Maureen and Les (for 3 contests).



Philatelic News

- September US Stamps currently scheduled for release – all are Forever Stamps unless noted otherwise:
 - US Coast Guard Academy (Sept 12) – A stamp honoring the second best Federal Military Academy in New London CT.
 - Global Christmas Wreath (Sept. 18) – \$1.75 Stamp to send international cards and letters for the holidays (and beyond).
 - Christmas Cookies (Sept. 19) – (4 designs) Who doesn't love cookies? This year's non-denominational holiday stamps.
 - Kwanza (Sept. 23) – Commemorating the US Holiday for families in December.
 - Squirrels and Chipmunks in the Snow (Sept. 25) – (4 designs) Our backyards come to life in cute stamps for the winter season.
 - Hannukah (Sept. 29) – Celebrating the Holiday of Lights!



There are more new issues coming in October!

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

Linn's Stamp News has announced that it will start publishing weekly magazines again! The kind you can take to bed and read! The Club will have 2 subscriptions, one going to Maureen so she can find cool news for the newsletter (which will then come to the meetings). I am sure they will be looking for content so stay tuned for information on that!

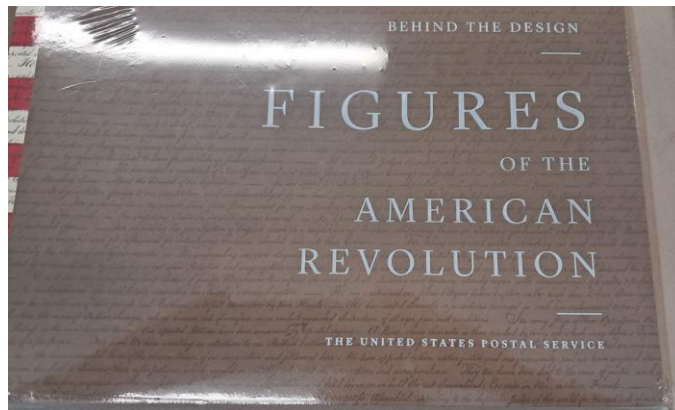
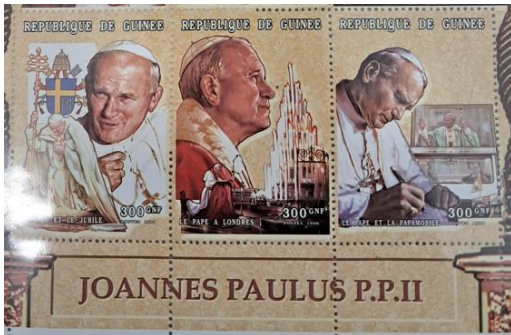
Collector's Corner

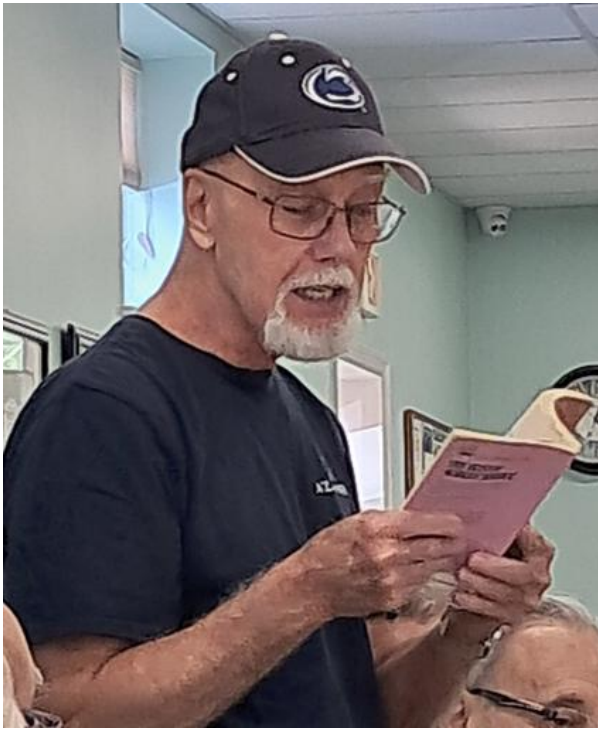
Show and Tell is at the second meeting of each month. Please bring an item to show and talk about. It can be about a topic other than stamps. Sharing the story is the important part.

August's Show & Tell:

- a. Danielle brought in another of her odd stamps albums (F - I).
- b. Maureen brought in two "Visitor card" photos she got from Danielle that had revenue stamps on the back from 1866.
- c. Wiley had a hand-made model of one of the biggest circus wagons ever made - it took 40 horses to pull the 7 ton wagon that was part of the Barnum Circus. It's currently on display in Indiana. This is a great example of what Wylie wants to get stamps issued for.
- d. Les brought some of his "Date matching Zip Code" covers.
- e. Bill had a cool sheet of Saint Pope John Paul II stamps from Guinee.
- f. Dave P. had one of the "Celebrate the Century" cards (which is a sticker) from the USPS from the turn of the century.
- g. David gave a spirited reading of Robert Service's poem "Stamp Collector".
- h. Jay brought some of the items you can buy from USPS that are stamp related. He brought books about the Boston 2026 Show stamps and from the Figures of the American Revolution series.
- i. Alan had his set of Los Angelas liquor tax stamps. They only issued 8, for a short (less than 1 year) period after Prohibition ended before the state and the Federal government forced them to stop. It took him 35 years to collect all 8.







Please take some time before the October 25th meeting and see if you have something fun to share from your collection!



Town says farewell to last remaining post office

Story by James Diamond - West of England – BBC News 6/9/26

A town's last remaining Post Office is set to close later after the operator resigned, meaning the next closest branch for residents will be more than two miles away. Minehead's only branch currently exists inside a Co-Op on The Avenue, but will shut for the final time at 17:30 BST, with the Co-op set to close at the weekend. The business had hoped to create a replacement store on Summerland Avenue but the planning application was rejected. It means the closest Post Office branch will now be in the nearby town of Dunster.

A spokesperson for the Post Office said they are "currently finalising plans for a temporary solution" with a permanent replacement branch in Minehead also in the works. The Co-Op first announced its intention to close the store on The Avenue, in April, after plans to redevelop the site, which also included creating retirement apartments, were rejected by Somerset Council. A council statement said the plans "were not in-keeping with the character of the area".

Since that decision was taken, the Post Office has been working to find a solution and said plans for a temporary alternative are being finalised. "We understand that post office services are very important to our customers in Minehead, and while we finalise the plans for the new permanent branch we are also making plans to open a temporary post office," a spokesperson said. "The temporary post office will operate full time, and we are working as quickly as possible to get the branch up and running.

"The opening date for the temporary branch hasn't yet been confirmed but we will share further details about this as well as the location over the coming weeks." The MP for Tiverton and Minehead, Rachel Gilmour, said ensuring residents have access to local services is a "key focus". "I am delighted that the Post Office have identified an operator who can pick up the service in Minehead, and that they are in the final stages of the process of confirming that operator," she said. "I will keep working with Post Office UK to ensure that this transfer is as smooth as possible for my constituents in Minehead, and that they are supported through any transition period."

Upcoming Events Nearby

- Sept. 5 – Big Erie Stamp Show – Erie PA
- Sept 12 – TUSCOPEX – New Philadelphia OH
- September 13 – K2 – Churchill Borough Building
- November 14 – Johnstown (location TBA)
- 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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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.



(This is NOT the Strait of Hormuz!)