



WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB NEWS

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Wilkinsburg Stamp Club is a member of APS #12293

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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 2023 – Friday and Saturday April 14 (10 AM – 5 PM) & 15 (10 AM – 4 PM), 2023 – Holiday Park Fire Department, Plum PA.

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- The 2022 WSC Picnic was a success on July 16th. The day started a bit misty but the sun eventually came out and it was pleasantly warm. The food was all good, and Chris and Maureen did a great job cooking the burgers and hot dogs! We had about 30 people total and everyone had a good time. After eating some members stayed to play games including Jenga and Trivial Pursuit. Some pictures are below courtesy of Laura and Maureen:





- Thank you to everyone who participated in the auction for Tom Donahue's albums. All but 2 of his albums sold and we collected \$487 to give to him. The unsold items will be returned to Tom.



- Over the past few months we have been reviewing the costs of mailing the newsletter to all members, and we were wondering who might no longer want to get it in the mail, since it is available in living color on the website each month (and archived). If you want to **keep** getting the newsletter in the mail, please notify Dave Pressler (Membership Officer) at the email address at the end of the newsletter. You can also tell him at a meeting.
- Show and Tell – At the June 26th Meeting we had the following members share with the club:
 - Connie had a “stamp lifter on steroids” – a bucket with a lid, with several fitting foam pieces. The foam is moistened, the stamps placed between layers and left for a few hours. The stamps and old hinges will easily lift off, but you will need a drying book as the gum will stay on the stamps. He also had a large brass lock from the ATF

similar to the one pictured on the cover of the American Philatelist (5/22).

- Danielle brought one of her odd-shaped/materials albums (A – B). She currently has 8 albums of these stamps.
- Dave Pressler brought some of the old newsletter he had printed from our archives. He thought that the “Member Profiles” and “Junior Corner” with stamp collecting basics would be good to start up again. (We will look at these ideas!)
- Maureen brought a 1st day cover from the 1960’s addressed to a doctor that contained a pharmaceutical ad.
- Kris brought an old cover addressed to someone in Shanksville that he repackaged and mailed to the Shanksville Post Office to get a 20th Anniversary cancellation for 9/11.

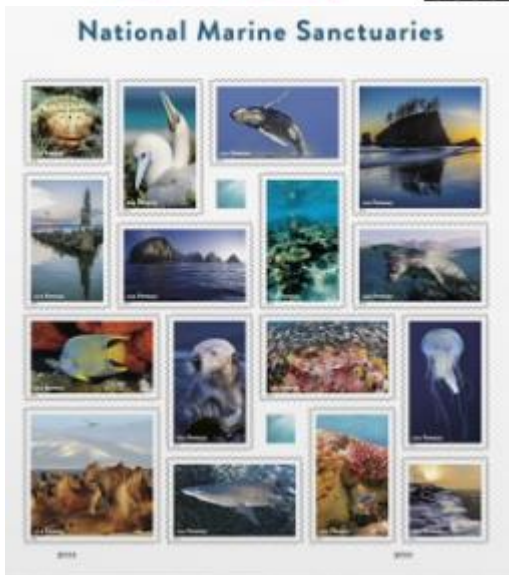
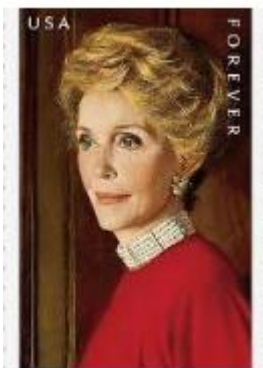


- Wiley had information on “Motorcycle Mail” – A cover, articles, pictures and a postcard all about this means of delivering mail in the early 20th Century.
 - Bill had a book of Louis Raemaeker’s political cartoons from WWI as well as some of the postcards with the cartoons.
 - Mike had what must be the tiniest birth announcement ever – a thumbnail-sized envelope sent from Florida to Ohio in 1914.
- Dave Duggins has archived past newsletters on the website going back to 2014. If you have any old newsletters you can give them to Dave for possible archiving.
 - Circuits – Moving forward, instead of going through circuit books at our meetings, Danielle will bring circuits to the meeting and any member can take a whole circuit home to go through and buy. You then bring the circuit back to the next meeting along with your payment. Please contact Danielle if you want to get circuits outside of meetings.

- Just a reminder – dues for the next year (2023, Jan - Dec) will be due in November!

Philatelic News

- August (and 1 July) US Stamps currently scheduled for release:
 - Nancy Reagan (July 6th) - A stamp honoring former First Lady Nancy Reagan.
 - Go Beyond – Buzz Lightyear (August 3rd) – 4 stamps showing the Disney/Pixar star.
 - Marine Sanctuaries (August 5th) – 16 stamps, one for each of the US Marine Sanctuaries, picturing fish, animals and flora of the oceans.
 - Elephants (August 12th) – One stamp showing the endangered elephant.
 - Pony Cars (August 25th) – 5 stamps showing the muscle cars of the late 1960's known as "Pony Cars".



- The USPS has announced that effective October 1st the 30 year old program that allowed some businesses to send packages at discounted rates will end. This will mostly affect the smaller mailers who send packages using postage from 3rd party companies such as Pitney Bowes and Stamps.com. (Linn's August 1, 2022)
- More countries have announced stamps to support Ukraine. Spain, the Marshall Islands, The Gambia, Grenada and Guyana are all issuing new stamps and France is issuing a semipostal to give money to the Red Cross for refugee assistance.



Ukraine has also issued a new contest-winning stamp, this time showing a tractor pulling a disabled Russian tank from a field.

- Estonia has issued a stamp marking 100 years of diplomatic relations with the US. We recognized Estonia in 1922 and never diplomatically recognized the Soviet occupation of the country. Estonia again became fully independent in 1991.



- Delta Airlines has become the 6th air carrier to settle with the USPS over claims they submitted false scans for carrying mail – they will pay \$10.5 million. Supposedly the airline falsified the scans and claimed to carry more mail than they actually did. (Linn's July 25, 2022)

Collector's Corner

- Linn's (August 1, 2022) reports that a roll of counterfeit 2017 Forever Flag stamps was found that had a legit-looking roll label (including the Scott Number?) but on the outside package it had a "Made in China" label. Be especially vigilant if buying Forever stamps on line, especially if the price is "too good to be true."



- Speaking of Ukrainian stamps – It was fascinating to me to see the listings for Ukraine's regular issues in the July 18th of Linn's (the large monthly edition with the world issues in the back). The stamps shown were from December 2019 (Christmas) through January 2022 (Winter Olympics). The subjects were varied, from coats-of-arms to regional embroidery patterns to honoring the military to birds and ships. There is then a gap from January '22 until the first invasion stamp showing the soldier on Bird Island (April '22). They went from 30 issues in 2021 to 5 issues so far in 2022 (there were 3 pre-invasion stamps). It makes collecting Ukrainian stamps even more interesting as well as a challenge, as I am sure that dealers in that country are not concentrating on their businesses right now.



- Switzerland recently issued 2 unusual stamps (5/5/22) – a green stamp with chlorophyll pigments, the same ones as in plants, so it will change color over time based on exposure to light, and one honoring scouting that was infused with the smell of a campfire.



- Show and Tell is at the second meeting of each month, This is the time to share an item, and most importantly the story of that item and why it is important to you. It doesn't have to be stamp related – many of our members have other collections such as coins and trains that they like to share.

Upcoming Events Nearby

- August 13, 2022 – Big Erie Stamp Show – Erie PA
- August 25 – 28, 2022 – Great American Stamp Show – Sacramento CA
- September 2 – 4, 2022 – BALPEX, Pikesville MD
- October 21 – 23, 2022 – AEROPHILATELY 2022 at the APS – Bellefonte PA
- November 2022 – PITTPEX – Bridgeville PA
- April 14 – 15, 2023 – WILKPEX – Plum PA
- May 2023 – Butlerpex, Butler (Lyndora) PA



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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 Steve or Chris (stevanw2020@gmail.com) know ahead of time.



(Lots of little containers full of T-shirts and socks!)