



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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- It is with great sorrow that we announce the death of Andy Novotny.



Of Monroeville, formerly of North Braddock, age 70, died on Thursday, December 15, 2022. Andy was the devoted and beloved husband of Marjorie (Griffiths) Novotny for 45 years. Loving father of Angela (Daryl) Zufall of Monroeville and Elizabeth "Liz" (Justin) Krall of Monroeville. Treasured grandfather of Adam and Gregory Zufall. Dear brother of John Novotny of North Braddock, Gregory (Roberta) Novotny of West Mifflin and Donna (Chuck) Anderson of Penn Twp. Born the son of the late Andrew and the late Martha (Andrascik) Novotny. Andy is also survived by nieces and nephews. Andy was a 1970 graduate of North Braddock Scott High School and earned his Bachelor's degree in Electrical Technology from Point Park University. He was employed with Diskritter in Dormont for 28 years before spending the last 10 years of his career with Westinghouse in Cranberry from where he retired. Andy was an excellent bowler, bowled in many leagues, and rolled a personal high-sanctioned game of 289 and a high series of 776. He was a stamp collector and member of the Wilkinsburg Stamp Club. Andy also was fond of collecting model trains and very much enjoyed caring for his yard and gardening. Friends are welcome on Sunday from 12-4 p.m.

and Monday 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. at PATRICK T. LANIGAN FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY, INC., 700 Linden Avenue at Cable Avenue, East Pittsburgh (412-824-8800) where a Panachida will be prayed on Monday at 7 p.m. Divine Liturgy for Andy will be in Ss. Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church, Braddock, on Tuesday at 10 a.m. Andy will be laid to rest in Monongahela Cemetery. (Obit courtesy of Lanigan's)

Andy was the current president of the WSC and will be greatly missed.

- If you have not yet paid your dues for 2023, please send your dues ASAP!
- We had our annual Christmas Party on December 11th at Pugliano's. Those in attendance had a nice time! Andy's daughter Liz and her husband Justin were in attendance. Maureen won the shadow box for the year!



- WILKPEX 2023 – We have 6 dealers (14 tables) confirmed so far for next year's show. John Harding should have sample Souvenir sheets to look at soon. Gene is working on the cachet and has committed to doing these for the next 2 years. Please work on your Phlea Market items – please try to restrict yourself to 20 items so all have a chance to sell items. Also consider making an exhibit about your favorite stamp or cover!
- Elections were held for Vice President and Treasurer for 2023 – 2025 – Laura and David were both re-elected to their respective positions.
- In light of Andy's death, Maureen has agreed to be Acting President for the immediate future. Danielle will be in charge of WILKPEX.

- 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.

Philatelic News

- New US Issues for January:
 - Red Fox (Jan 5) – 40 cent stamp in both coil & pane.
 - School Bus (Jan 5) – Additional Ounce stamp in both coil & pane.
 - Year of the Rabbit (Jan 12) – A continuation of the Chinese New Year stamps by the same artist as the past 3 years.
 - Love (Jan 19) – Two cute stamps for 2023
 - Sailboats (Jan 22) – New postcard-rate stamps
 - Florida Everglades (Jan 22) - \$9.65 Priority Mail
 - Great Smoky Mountains (Jan 22) - \$28.75 Priority Mail
 - Ernest Gaines (Jan 23) – Honoring the author of works like “The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman” as part of the Black Heritage series.



- The price of first class US postage is increasing on January 22, 2023 from 60 cents to 63 cents.
- Vietnam follows the same lunar calendar as many other Asian countries but does not have the Year of the Rabbit – they have the Year of the Cat and has issued a pair of stamps for this New Year:



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.
- The following members shared at the November 27th meeting:
 - Danielle brought her "C, D & E" album of odd-shaped stamps and a selection of stamps that are playable records from Bhutan.
 - Maureen brought everyone an example of spray-on postmarks for "Energy Action Month". She also had a cover & letter that she bought for 10 cents at PITTPEX that was from General Benjamin Butler from 1890.
 - Bill brought a selection of souvenir "silks" from WWI – Created in Belgium & Northern France, these delicate lace work pieces were created to be sent to mothers & sweethearts back home. They were very beautiful.



- Everyone collects different items and in different ways. If someone offers you stamps, covers, or old albums take them! If it's not something you can use, or want, bring the items to a meeting and donate them to the club! Someone will happily take them for their own collection. You can also offer unwanted items at the Phlea Market at WILKPEX.



Upcoming Events Nearby

- Feb. 24 & 25 – Toledo Stamp Expo, Perrysburg OH
- Mar 4 & 5 – McKinley Stamp Club Show, Canton OH
- Mar 11 – Tidewater Stamp Club Annual Show, Easton MD
- Mar 11 – 12 – BUFPEX 2023, Buffalo NY
- Mar 17 – 19 – Garfield-Perry March Party, Strongsville OH
- April 14 – 15, 2023 – WILKPEX – Plum PA
- May 2023 – Butlerpex, Butler (Lyndora) PA
- June 9 & 10 – COLOPEX 2023, Columbus OH
- Aug 10 – 13 – Great American Stamp Show, APS, American Topical Assn. & American First Day Cover Society, Cleveland OH
- Sept 2 – 4 – BALPEX 2023, Hunt Valley MD
- November 2023 - PITTPEX – Bridgeville PA

For more details google the stamp club or look at the November 2022 American Philatelist Magazine.



One of our members and dealers Kevin Kellman (K2) is recovering from a terrible accident this past December and is finally at home recovering. He is off the road for awhile. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers.

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



(Bringing presents for Christmas 2023!)