



# WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB NEWS

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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.

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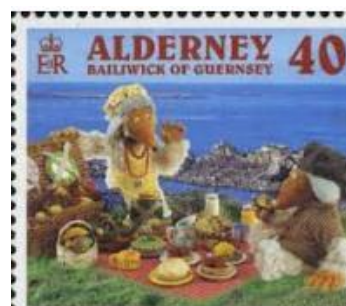
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**WILKPEX 2023** – Friday and Saturday April 14 & 15, 2023 – Holiday Park Fire Department, Plum PA.

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### Wilkinsburg Stamp Club News

- Picnic 2022 will be Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> at Monroeville Community Park West (where the last 2 picnics were held) at Pavilion #4 – this is across the green space from the previous picnics. The closest parking lot is where the Farmer's Market is held but can be accessed from either parking lot. As before, the club will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, and a sign-up sheet will go around at the next two meetings for sides and desserts. The time will be 12 noon – 3 PM or so – last time everyone stayed later playing games and having a fun time. Directions are at the end of the newsletter.



- Member Ton Donahue is moving into assisted living and he gave Danielle his collection to sell. He has 23 albums of UK stamps, which the club will be auctioning over the next month. You can look at the albums at the next two meetings or call Danielle to make an appointment to look at them. You make a bid for the album(s) you want, in \$5 increments, and there will be a sheet to keep track, so you can make a counter-bid if desired. The albums are being sold as is, and you can only buy a whole album. There is no max right now, and we'd like to get at least \$20 each.



- Longtime member Marty Cooper had a show & tell item – a registered letter his parents had sent to his brother in the navy in December 1945. He was stationed aboard ship in the Philippines, and the letter never got there – it was returned in May 1946. In that 6 month journey it went all over, and was covered front and back in postmarks.
- Marty also announced that this would be his last meeting – he and his wife are moving to an assisted living facility in Virginia to be close to their daughter and will be leaving in the next month. He will stay a club member. If anyone is interested in his international collection please let him know. He will be missed.
- It is with deep sadness that we announce that Gene Bujdos' wife has passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Gene.
- David Albert said he will try to sell the gold-leaf first day cover albums on eBay – if he is unsuccessful we can then look at other options.



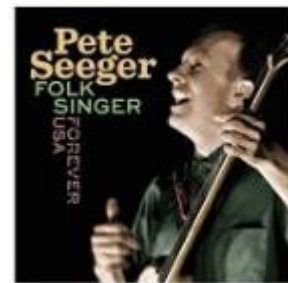
- Dave Duggins has archived past newsletters on the website going back to 2014. Deb said she'd see if she had any going further back for imaging and archiving.
- Circuits – Moving forward, instead of going through circuit books at our meetings, Danielle will bring circuits to the meeting and any member 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.



- New member Lee Elliot Carnes attended his first meeting. He collects ships – any and all. Welcome Lee!
- Just a reminder – dues for the next year (2023, Jan - Dec) will be due in November!

## Philatelic News

- July US Stamps currently scheduled for release:
  - Mariachi (July 15<sup>th</sup>) – 5 Stamps honoring the traditional folk music from Mexico. Floral Geometry (June 20<sup>th</sup>) – 2 stamps, \$2 and \$5.
  - Pete Seeger (July 21<sup>st</sup>) – Commemorating the famous American Folk Singer/Song Writer whose songs include “Where Have All the Flowers Gone?” and “If I Had a Hammer”.

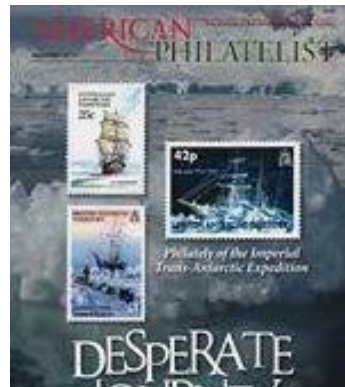
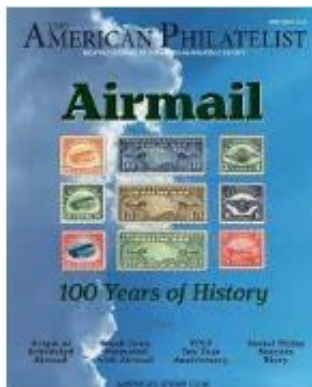


- Effective Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup> US Postage rates are going up:

Product	Current Prices	Planned Prices
Letters (1 oz.)	58 cents	60 cents
Letters (metered 1 oz.)	53 cents	57 cents
Letters additional ounce(s)	20 cents	24 cents
Domestic Postcards	40 cents	44 cents
International Letter (1 oz.)	\$1.30 cents	\$1.40 cents

Already purchased Forever stamps will still work, but any new purchases will be at the new price.

- APS announced that their monthly magazine The American Philatelist is now shipping later than before – it will go out around the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Paper and staff shortage at the printing company are the reasons. (PS – If you are not a member of APS, the magazine alone is worth the membership!)



- Canada is issuing a semipostal stamp in support of Ukraine on July 7<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds will go to the Canada-Ukraine Foundation.





## Collector's Corner

- Be warned that now Canadian counterfeit stamps have been seen – in Linn's 5/23/22 edition they warned of fake "Far and Wide" series coil stamps being found. The perforations are a good match, but the images are much grainier and less-sharp than the genuine stamps. Below image shows the fake on the left.



- Don't forget that Show and Tell is 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

- July 18 – 22, 2022 – Volunteer Work Week at APS – Bellefonte PA
- August 25 – 28, – 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 2023 – WILKPEX – Plum PA
- May 2023 – Butlerpex, Butler (Lyndora) PA



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*All are welcome! Free admission! Free snacks! Stamps! Fun for all!*

## WILKPEX – Our Annual Stamp Show

2023 – April 14 & 15 – Holiday Park Fire Hall, Plum PA.

### Officers:

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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 Steve or Chris know ahead of time.



(Order now for Christmas presents – there will be lots more empty shelves this year!)

Club Picnic will be held on Saturday July 16th 2022 at the Monroeville Community Park in Monroeville. Pavilion #4

Members that plan to attend and do not sign up at a meeting, please contact Andy (412)271-0351 ASAP on the number attending (members may bring guests ) so we can get enough hotdogs and hamburgers. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share - there is a signup sheet at the meetings, or you can let Andy know what you intend to bring, so we have a variety of foods. The Picnic will be from 12—?

Directions to Monroeville Community Park

From the Parkway East (I-376):

Follow the Parkway East (I-376 Eastbound) to the Monroeville Exit #14A. Merge onto Haymaker Road (SR2057) Continue straight at the traffic signal across William Penn Highway (SR 22) onto Mosside Boulevard (SR48). Continue on Mosside Boulevard (SR48) through four (4) additional traffic signals a distance of 1.2 miles. Make a right onto MacBeth Drive. Follow MacBeth Drive 0.5 miles to a "T" intersection with Tilbrook Road. Make a left onto Tilbrook Road. Follow Tilbrook Road 0.4 miles and make a right into the Community Park Entrance just after the first stop sign. Make a left at the top of the hill and follow road to the picnic pavilion area.

From the Pennsylvania Turnpike (I-76):

Follow the Pennsylvania Turnpike (I-76) to the Pittsburgh Exit #57, after the toll booth bear left onto William Penn Highway (SR22) and navigate into one of the two left hand lanes. Make a left at traffic the traffic signal onto Mosside Boulevard (SR48) Continue on Mosside Boulevard (SR48) through four (4) additional traffic signals a distance of 1.2 miles. Make a right onto MacBeth Drive. Follow MacBeth Drive 0.5 miles to a "T" intersection with Tilbrook Road. Make a left onto Tilbrook Road. Follow Tilbrook Road 0.4 miles and make a right into the Community Park Entrance just after the first stop sign. Make a left at the top of the hill and follow road to the picnic pavilion area.

From Points South:

Follow Routes 130 or 30 to Route 48 Northbound. From the intersection of Route 130 (Broadway Boulevard) and Route 48 (Mosside Boulevard) in Monroeville continue on Route 48 (Mosside Boulevard) Northbound a distance of 2.1 miles. Make a left onto MacBeth Drive. Follow MacBeth Drive 0.5 miles to a "T" intersection with Tilbrook Road. Make a left onto Tilbrook Road. Follow Tilbrook Road 0.4 miles and make a right into the Community Park Entrance just after the first stop sign. Make a left at the top of the hill and follow road to the picnic pavilion area.

All Pavilions have the following:

Electricity, Charcoal Grills, Restrooms, Playground Equipment, Tot Lot, Horseshoe Pits, Volleyball Courts, Tennis Courts, There is a walking trail...

Members are encouraged to bring a side dish, dessert, games, music and good conversation.

Hope to see you there!!!