



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 2024 – Friday and Saturday April 12 (10 AM – 4 PM) & 13 (10 AM – 3 PM), 2024 – Holiday Park Fire Department, Plum PA.

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- Please bring stamp stuff to sell or trade to meetings. It always makes for a nice atmosphere to be going through materials before the business meeting starts.



- WILKPEX 2024:
 - Dates and times are Friday 4/12 10 – 4 and Saturday 4/13 10 – 3. The hall is booked and we are awaiting the contract.
 - We are looking for 2 chairmen for the show – for Advertising and for Welcome. If you are interested please let Deb know as soon as possible.
 - Stay tuned for more details!

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- WILKPEX 2025:
 - We will consider Saturday April 12 & Sunday the 13th **2025**, to avoid the Friday Fish Fry at the Fire hall. If anyone has any input please let us know.
- The Club picnic will take place on Sunday Sept. 10th at 12 noon, at the Westinghouse Lodge in Forest Hills (where we had some pandemic meetings). So far we have 18 members signed up. The club will buy hamburgers, hot dogs and buns, and everyone can bring sides and desserts, as well as cheese, lettuce, onions and pickles. Everyone should also bring their own condiments. Please feel free to come even if you hadn't signed up! Bring some food!!



- Kris W. is selling his international stamps. If you are interested, send him an email with your countries of interest – krisweinschenker@gmail.com
- The Club has 2 signs to be placed outside of the Borough Building when we are meeting. Hopefully we'll draw in people passing by! If anyone comes we will talk to them, make them feel welcome and feed them!
- From Gene Bujdos: [The 1961 Souvenir Sheet](#)

A few years ago Mr. John Hotchner in his regular column in Linn's verified that there are 3 versions of our 1961 souvenir sheet. The four pictures on all three are EXACTLY THE SAME. The big difference is in THE HEADING: Version I has TWO BLACK LINES at the top. Version II is the only one with THREE LINES AT THE TOP. Version III has two lines at the top, but, THE FIRST LINE IS RED AND THE SECOND LINE IS BLACK. (Please see the below pictures).

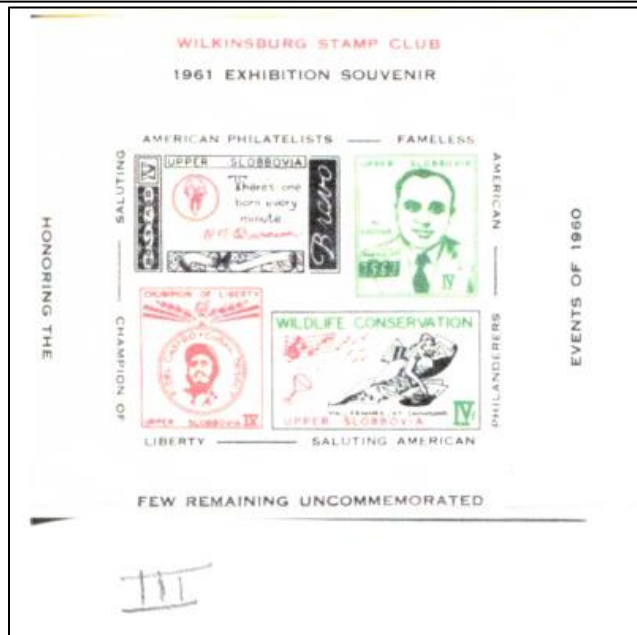
Being the club member filling the club's mail-orders for the last 25+ years, and watching the bidding for these sheets on eBay, I believe Version II is the common one (Mr. Hotchner agrees with me on that).

In the last few years I bought one sheet of Version I and Version II on eBay for two different club members. What I thought was strange was that both sheets were sold by a person in Australia, not the US.

Here is the reason for this article: I am trying to find if one of our members has an extra sheet of Versions I & III for one of our annual out-

of-state buyers of our souvenir sheets and cachets. (Except for Versions I & III of our 1961 sheet, he has 2 complete sets of all out souvenir sheets and one of our cachets.) If you are willing to help him complete his collection, please call me at 412-461-0289 and I will put you in touch with him.

Currently we do have a few sheets of Version II of this 1961 sheet and the 1965 & 1966 sheets for sale. More on them in next month's newsletter.



Anyone looking to buy souvenir sheets or cachets please contact Gene at the number above or at gbujdos@yahoo.com

Philatelic News

- New US Issues for September:
 - Pinatas (Sept. 8) – A series of 4 stamps showing traditional pinatas that are used at various celebrations, including birthdays.
 - Snowglobes (Sept 19) – A series of 4 stamps for the holidays, showing common holiday icons in snowglobes.
 - ORISIS Rex – Return to Earth (Sept 22) – This stamp commemorates NASA's OSIRIS-REx spacecraft and the samples of the asteroid Bennu that it will deliver to Earth in September 2023.



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.
- Show and Tell from August 27th:
 - Danielle brought her Lewis & Clark commemorative Time magazine with the stamps, and two Life magazines, one with Sesame Street stamps and the other with the 1945 page. Mike added that there's a reproduction of Lewis & Clark's boat in Elizabeth that offers rides.
 - Dave P brought some old Japanese stamps on their original paper, and some old Polish letters.
 - Dave D had a book of WILKPEX 1957 pictures, which have been added to our website.
 - Bill had a presentation about Eddie Rickenbacker life and aviation heroics.
 - Maureen brought a facsimile first day cover featuring the \$1.30 Zeppelin stamp.
 - John showed the first King Charles stamps we have seen, the profile stamps (with no crown) and some *Windrush* commemorative stamps marking 75 years of immigration from the Caribbean Islands to the UK.



Upcoming Events Nearby

- November 4 - 5 2023 - PITTPEX – Bridgeville PA
- March 15 – 17 – The Garfield-Perry 2024 March Party – Strongsville OH
- April 12 – 13 2024 – WILKPEX. Plum PA
- May 2024 – Butlerpex, Butler (Lyndora) PA

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

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Officers:

President (Acting): Maureen McKeever (maurmomck@gmail.com)
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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.



(Watching out for hurricanes this fall!)