



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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Please note that there is no meeting on Mother's Day May 10th.

WSC's own Wylie Irwin was named one of APS' 8 local winners of the 2026 Carter Award for volunteering. Congratulations Wylie!



Our favorite view of Wylie as he looks through stamps!

WILKPEX 2026:

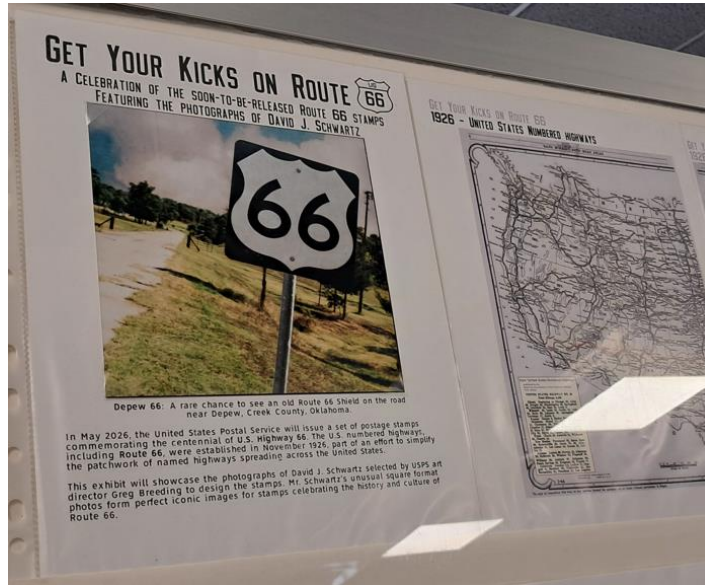
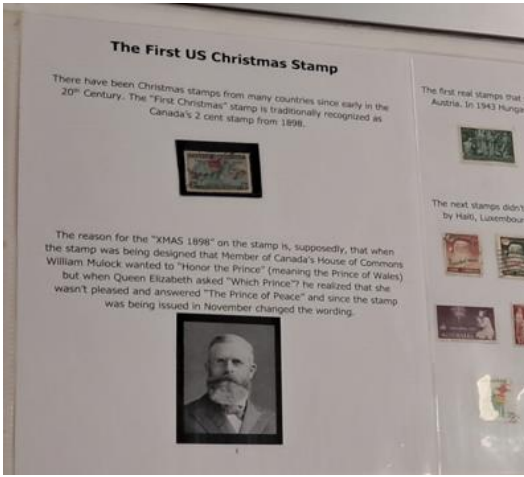
A huge thank you to all who helped with WILKPEX! It was a great success. We had at least 80 visitors including members!

- Money wise, we made a profit of \$204
 - Deb Folytn printed all of the programs, cachets, souvenir sheets, food vouchers, sign-in sheets, exhibit ballots, save-the-date 2027 cards, and posters/signs at no cost to the club. That's a large donation by itself!
- The cachets created by Deb and the souvenir sheets created by Maureen were well received and generated \$90 by themselves.
- The vendors were pleased and several have already expressed interest in coming back in 2027. A big thank you to Scott who did a great job filling up the hall despite crazy obstacles.
- The Phlea Market sold lots of stuff, and thanks to Tom Murphy made a nice donation to the Club.
- The raffle for the Jug O'Stamps was won by Jeanette Duggins
- The People's Choice Awards for the exhibits were:
 - 1st Place – Maureen McKeever (1st US Christmas Stamp)
 - 2nd Place – Maureen McKeever (Show & Tell)
 - 3rd Place – John Harding (Route 66 photos)
- We got 1 new member (Alan Kopolow)
- A more detailed summary will be given out at the April 26th meeting and if anyone else wants one please let Maureen know.



Above – Chuck Fee at his table w/customers; customers at Doug McCollough’s table

Below – Maureen’s Exhibit; Firehall Sign welcoming us; John’s Exhibit; View from the Phlea with Mike Krafik shopping!



- We will kick off 1 year till WILKPEX 2027 by asking you to save stamps for our Raffle Jar! These can be US or World-wide. You can bring these to meetings.
- 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!

Thank you to all who put together packets of Souvenir Sheets for Scott to take to Boston. Hopefully the name of our Club will be better known world wide!

Safe travels to all members heading east to Boston at the end of May! We know that Scott, Wylie, Stevan and Chris are going to the World Stamp Show!

Treasurer's Report – No treasurer's report this month.

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.

We have a new member! Alan Kopolow!

At each meeting we have 2 contests where members can win prizes! In April the winners were David, Dave P, and Marti.



Philatelic News

- May US Stamps currently scheduled for release – all are Forever Stamps unless noted otherwise:
 - Route 66 (May 5) – 8 stamps showing classic images of Route 66, celebrating 100 years of the famous road.
 - Bald Eagle – Hatchling to Adult (May 14) – 5 designs showing the life of our national bird.



Buy them now, since the price of first class postage is going up on July 12th to 84 cents.

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.

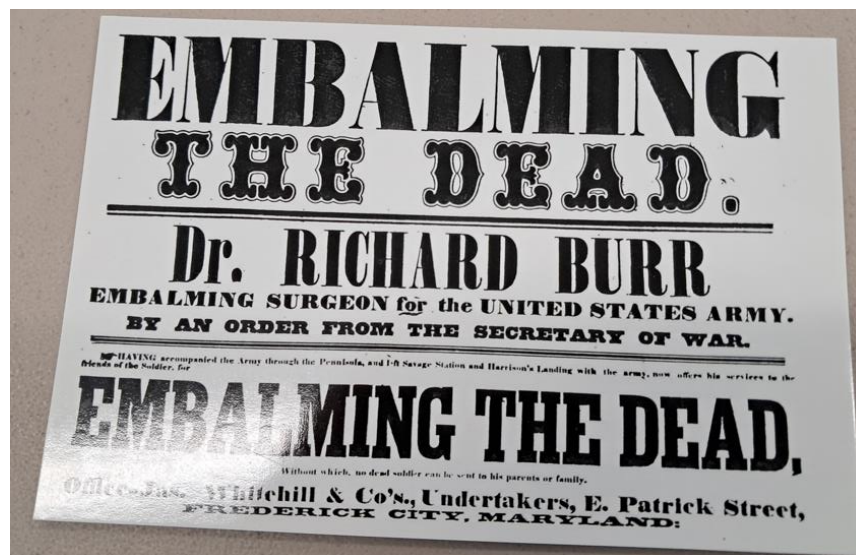
April's Show & Tell:

- a. Maureen brought in a letter she bought at WILKPEX – it was from the Quartermaster Corps of the US Army returning 13 cents to a deceased service member. Norman Bender was part of the 346th Combat Engineers who landed on Omaha Beach on June 9th, 1944, and he was wounded somewhere in France and died in England from wounds. She also has pictures of his obituaries.
- b. Jim had some hand-made Philippine covers celebrating victory in WWII.

- c. David went to the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Fredericksburg VA and brought postcards with pictures and posters of that era.
- d. Ron had his latest WILKPEX cachet collection additions – 1995 and 1997, as well as a used cachet from the 1960 show.

Such was the case with thirteen cents belonging to your husband, Private Norman E. Bender. This money is forwarded to you herewith.

I thought we should explain why you are receiving these coins separately from other property of your husband.





Please take some time before the May 24th meeting and see if you have something fun to share from your collection!

Upcoming Events Nearby

- May 23 – 30 – Boston World Stamp Show (The Big One!)
- June 14 – K2 – Churchill Borough Building
- June 20 & 21 – SCOPEX – Bellefonte PA (APS)
- August 7 – 9 – BALPEX - Linthicum Hts, MD
- August 28 – 30 – NAPEX – McLean, VA
- Sept 12 – TUSCOPEX – New Philadelphia OH
- September 13 – K2 – Churchill Borough Building

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:

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 Scott Shaulis (scottshaulis@comcast.net) know ahead of time.



(A life on the ocean wave!)