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Austria Issues Railway Jubilee Stamps

The Stainz railways is classed as one of Austria's narrow gauge local railway lines. Austrian Post is celebrating the 125th anniversary with a commemorative stamp with the "Flascherlzug (bottle train) and the picturesque Stainz Castle in the background.

The Stainz railway was opened on 26th November 1892, running from Preding-Wieselsdorf Station, where it connected with the Graz-Köllacher railway's Wieserbahn, to Stainz.

In 1971, railway enthusiasts organized a nostalgic steam train ride, which proved so successful that it became a permanent fixture. The so called "bottle train" is now operated as a tourist attraction by the municipality of Stainz. The station buildings at Stainz and much of the track still date back to the founding of the Stainz railway.

The name bottle train dates from around 1920, at which time a miracle healer by the name of Johann Reinbacher, also known as "Höllerhansl", was practicing in Rachling bei Stainz. Most of his patients traveled to see him on the Stainz railway. In their bags they carried a urine-filled bottle, since it was claimed that Johann could diagnose his patients' from this and then treat them with teas. Thus the train has its nickname of "bottle train", whilst the return train to Preding-Wieselsdorf was called the "tea train" - a reference to the herbal teas prescribed.

Nowadays both a steam locomotive and a diesel engine are used for the Stainz bottle train, the latter as a reserve. The striking, colourful carriages also reflect the railway's history, with the green carriage bearing the name Höllerhansl; the red carriage, the name Bergliesl (after a herbalist who worked for Höllerhansl) and the yellow one, Kräuterwagerl (little herb coach).

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(Next Month:

The Brenner Railway issue)

Notable People: Father Theodore Hesburgh

The U.S. Postal Service® honors the Reverend Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., longtime president of the University of Notre Dame and a dedicated champion of civil rights and other social issues. Father Hesburgh was considered one of the most important educational, religious, and civic leaders of the 20th century.

The stamp art features an oil-on-panel painting of Father Theodore Hesburgh standing on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. The portrait is based on a 1980 photograph.

On June 24, 1943, Theodore Hesburgh was ordained into the priesthood and two years later was appointed religion instructor and chaplain to World War II veterans at Notre Dame. In 1952, he became Notre Dame's 15th president, a position he held for 35 years, the longest presidential term in the university's history.

Available in coil or sheet. First-Day-of-Issue dedication ceremony for the Father Theodore Hesburgh Forever stamp is September 1, 2017. The event is free and open to the public. Held at the Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center Notre Dame, IN

Upcoming Stamp, Postcard and Collectible Shows

BALPEX
HUNT VALLEY, MD
September 1-3 2017
Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn
245 Shawan Road, I-83 Exit 20 E Hunt Valley, MD. Fri & Sat 10AM – 6PM, Sun 10AM – 4PM. Admission Charged. See website for coupon, at: http://www.balpex.org/balpex.html

CRANBERRY STAMP SHOW
Sep 24th, 2017
VFW POST #7505
331 Mars Valencia Road
Mars, PA 16046
Contact: Kevin Kellman
Phone: 301-524-9562
Hours: Sun 10-4
Admission: Free

TRI-STATE MONTHLY COIN & STAMP SHOW
Aug 27th, 2017
Sheraton Bucks County
400 Oxford Valley
Langhorne, PA 19047
Contact: Allen Brock
Phone: 305-852-7678
Hours: Sun 10-4
Admission: Free

FALL FILATELIC FAIR
Sep 10th, 2017
Holiday Inn
7007 North High Street
Worthington, OH 43085
Central Ohio Stamp & Postcard Dealers
Contact: John Hickel, johnhickel@aol.com
Hours: Sun 10-4
Admission: Free

Club News

Mary L. Whitaker
Age 87, of Murrysville, formerly of Monroeville. A long time member of the club died on Thursday, July 20, 2017, at her home with her family by her side.
Our condolences to her family.

Trip to APS in the plans for the end of September. If interested in going along contact Danielle Weaver at the meeting or email her dmm742000@yahoo.com

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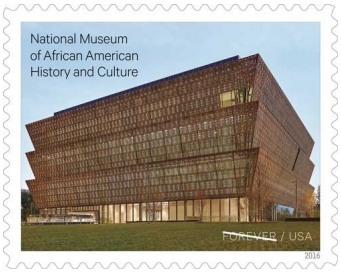
National Museum of African American History and Culture To be issued September 24, 2017

One year to the day after the National Museum of African American History and Culture opened on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., a new 49¢ forever stamp will be issued.
The stamp will be issued Sept. 24, a Sunday, in a pane of 20. A limited admission first-day ceremony is planned for 8:30 a.m. at the museum in Washington This stamp celebrates the National Museum of
African American History and Culture. Occupying a 5-acre site on the National Mall in Washington, DC. The museum is the 19th Smithsonian museum and the only national museum devoted exclusively to African-American life, art, history and culture. Stamp is based on photograph of the museum by Alan Karchmer showing a view of the northwest corner of the building. Text in the upper left corner reads "National Museum of
African American History and Culture." Art director Antonio Alcalá designed the stamp.
First-day cancel ordering information. Standard ordering instructions apply. Collectors requesting first-day cancels are encouraged to purchase their own stamps and affix them to envelopes. The first-day cover envelopes should be addressed for return (a removable label may be used), and mailed in a larger envelope addressed to FDOI-Celebrating African American History and Culture Stamp, USPS Stamp Fulfillment Services, 8300 NE Underground Drive, Suite 300, Kansas City, MO 64144-9900.
Requests for first-day cancels must be postmarked by Nov. 24, 2017



When & Where We Meet

We meet on the 2nd & 4th Sunday (except holidays), except in May, June, July and August when we meet the 4th Sunday. Doors open at 12:30 P.M. until ?, with the business meeting at 2 P.M. at the
Churchill Borough Building, 2300 William Penn Hwy Churchill, PA 15235.

DUES ARE ONLY $8.00 PER FISCAL YEAR (JULY-JUNE)

Members if you haven't paid your dues yet you can send payment made out to the

Wilkinsburg Stamp Club and sent to:

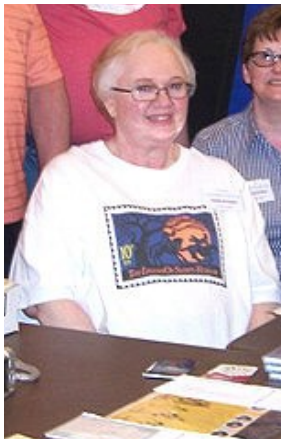
Wilkinsburg Stamp Club
P.O. Box 10552
Pittsburgh, PA 15235-0552

Stamp collecting can be a lifetime hobby. It's fun and educational for all ages and it's easy to start without a big investment. The study of stamps and postal materials is called philately and collectors are sometimes called philatelists.

Dawn Richards

Dawn will soon be moving to Tennessee where she will live in the company of family and old friends. She has been a member of the Wilkinsburg Stamp club since.???? Her always smiling face will be missed at our meetings. She was always ready to volunteer for any of the club functions, and we could always count of her to capture all the activities on her camera, and to bring snacks for the luncheon room. Most of all we will miss, the wonderful, educational items and handouts that we could look forward to at the monthly meeting "Show and Tell"

Dawn, you will be missed more than you know. Best of Luck!



WPA Posters

On March 7, 2017, in Hyde Park, NY, the U.S. Postal Service® issued the WPA Posters stamps. The stamps went on sale March 7, 2017. The U.S. Postal Service celebrates posters of the (WPA) Work Projects Administration, striking and utilitarian artwork created during the Depression by the Poster Division of the WPA Federal Art Project. This booklet features 20 stamps of 10 designs originally created to support the civic-minded ideals of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal Program. Each stamp features a vibrant example of the posters conceived and printed in workshops across the nation under the WPA, a broad reaching program that provided millions of jobs during the Great Depression. Poster images are from Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, WPA Poster Collection. Antonio Alcalá served as the art director of the project and designed the stamps with Maribel O. Gray.

Protect Pollinators

The U.S. Postal Service® pays tribute to the beauty and importance of the pollinators with stamps depicting two of our continent's most iconic, the monarch butterfly (Danaus plexippus) and the western honeybee (Apis mellifera), each shown industriously pollinating a variety of plants native to North America.

The stamps from top left to right feature photos of a monarch and a coneflower (Karen Mayford); a monarch and a zinnia (Bonnie Sue Rauch); a monarch and a goldenrod (Justin Fowler); a western honeybee and a golden ragwort (George D. Lepp); and in the second row, the second image from the left, a western honeybee and a New England aster (Michael Durham). The remainder of the stamps in this pane of 20 recur in a scattered arrangement reminiscent of a field of wildflowers. The selvage photograph features a monarch and goldenrod a different view of the same two species depicted on one of the stamps (Justin Fowler).
Issued August 03, 2017
Art Director/Designer: Derry Noyes

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50 Years ago - September 1967 - US Accomplishments in Space

U.S. Scott #1332b
5¢ Astronaut
Issued: Sept. 29, 1967
At the Kennedy Space Center, Florida
Printed By: Giori Press
Printing Method: Lithographed & Engraved
Perforations: 11

Color: Multicolor
U.S. #1331a is a two part (#1331-#1332) se-tenant stamps celebrating space achievements. Issued in conjunction with NASA's 9th anniversary, the design on these stamps features an astronaut in space with his capsule. Originally issued attached, both designs show the accomplishments of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
These US stamps actually celebrate the record-breaking, four-day flight of Gemini IV, June 3, 1965 to June 7, 1965, featuring the first space walk or EVA *(Extra Vehicular Activity)* by an American astronaut.
The astronauts on the Gemini IV mission were James McDivitt and Edward White.

The design of the first stamp features astronaut Edward White floating in space on June 3, 1965. The design of the second stamp features the Gemini IV spacecraft, nearby, with the hatch open. The astronaut shown is Ed White, the first American astronaut to perform a space walk. White and two other

astronauts died earlier in 1967 (earlier in the year before this stamp was issued) when the *Apollo I* space capsule caught fire on the launching pad. White's famous space walk occurred on June 3, 1965.

This issue was designed by Paul Calle of Stamford, Connecticut who based his design from photos taken on the Gemini IV mission.

The issue was printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. It was issued in panes of fifty, with an initial printing of 120 million