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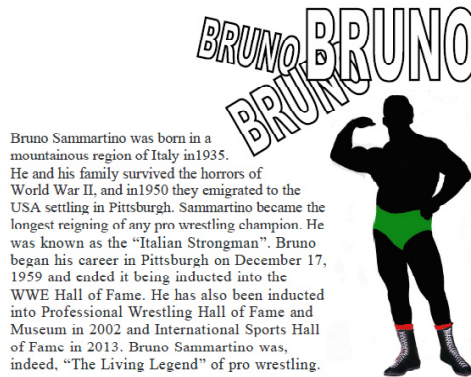
WILKPEX 2020 70th show of the WSC



Philately - is the study of stamps and postal history and other related items.

It also refers to the collecting, research, and enjoyment, of stamps and other philatelic products.

Contact Information:
We are updating our records.
If you received a postcard, please fill it out and return it as soon as possible.
Thank you!



Bruno Sammartino was born in a mountainous region of Italy in 1935. He and his family survived the horrors of World War II, and in 1950 they emigrated to the USA settling in Pittsburgh. Sammartino became the longest reigning of any pro wrestling champion. He was known as the "Italian Strongman". Bruno began his career in Pittsburgh on December 17, 1959 and ended it being inducted into the WWE Hall of Fame. He has also been inducted into Professional Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum in 2002 and International Sports Hall of Fame in 2013. Bruno Sammartino was, indeed, "The Living Legend" of pro wrestling.

WILKPEX 2020 Pittsburgh, PA 15235-0552

WILKPEX '20
Wilkinsburg Stamp Club
salutes Pittsburgh's...
Italian STRONGMAN
Exhibition Station
Monroeville, PA 15146
April 17, 2020

WILKPEX 2020

The cachet and the cancel for the show have been finalized.

Subject is Bruno Sammartino. Excellent work by Gene to pull this together for another year. Thanks Gene!

As usual the cachets and souvenir sheets will be available at the show.

This year we will be "Giving Kennywood Away!" Come to the show and see what all the hoopla is about.

Friday, April 17th

Saturday, April 18th

**This is our 70th Annual Show
Help make it a great one!**

It will be here before we know it. Time to start working on your exhibits. Let Andy know you plan an exhibit, what the title will be and what size and how many frames you need... *We can always use volunteers to help at the show.* It was decided to do a second Souvenir sheet for the 70th anniversary of WILKPEX. The design was submitted by John

Harding and it spoofs the Pittsburgh sunken bus.

Anyone wanting an ad in the program, contact Deb The cost is:

\$15 - 1/4 page 2.75" w x 4.25" h
\$25 - 1/2 page 5.5" w x 4.25" h" or
\$40 - full page 5.5" w x 5.5" h
I can work off a business card, or black and white logo.

Must be received by April 10th

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Notable People on Stamps: Gwen Ifill



The talented and vividly candid TV journalist Gwen Ifill was born on September 29, 1955 in New York City to her parents, O. Urcille Ifill, Sr. and her mother, Eleanor Husbands. She was an extremely renowned name with a persona of an imposing accord-

ance who has been one of the top reporters of her generation.

Her father's ministry required the family to live in several cities in different church parsonages throughout the north east including Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and New York, and she traveled with her parents frequently to new destinations. Her father was an African Methodist Episcopal minister who hailed from Panama. Her mother was from Barbados. She was the fifth child to her parents. Gwen Ifill was among the first African Americans to hold prominent positions in both broadcast and print journalism. She is remembered as one of

America's most esteemed journalists. Gwen Ifill died because of uterine cancer on November 14, 2016 at the age of 61. New forever stamp is the 43rd stamp issued in the "Black Heritage Series". It was released Jan. 30, 2020 at Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. The 2008 photograph of Ifill on the new stamp was taken by Robert Severi. Available in Self Adhesive pane of 20

Club News

***Note:
Extra Pre-Show
Meeting Scheduled for
April 5th**

Our stamp Library has been cleaned out and books are available to anyone wanting to "take out" borrow any of the books. Contact Danielle if you want to help set up and organize the Library. See Andy or Danielle at a meeting, if you are interested in borrowing any books... Many old items will go on the Free table at WILKPEX

The family of the Late Sam-Dueer, donated his collection to the club, with the request that a donation from the sales of the items be made to St Andrews Presbyterian Church in Swickley PA. It was decided that 50% of the sales will be donated to the church, items in his collection are

available for members to peruse during the meetings. All items not sold to the membership will go to the phlea market.

Picnic date as been approved and Andy is making reservations for the same grove as last year so mark you calendars now for July 18th , to save the date! More information as the date draws closer... everyone is encouraged to bring a dish.

We had a number of interesting Show and Tell at the meeting. Thanks to all that brought in things to share.

Everyone is encouraged to bring something for "show and tell" the second meeting of the month. (Does not have to be stamp related)

TRIPS

There is a trip scheduled to go to **American Philatelic Society (APS)** in Bellefont, PA on Friday February 21st. Anyone wanting to go is to contact Danielle, (412) 302-4146

Everyone is asked to meet at the lower parking lot of the Churchill municipal building at 8AM on Friday Morning,... You need to contact Danielle so she will be able to notify you. if weather or some other unforeseen circumstances cancels the trip.

Trip scheduled to go to the **Garfield-Perry March Party Stamp Show**

Mar 6th - 8th, 2020
Holiday Inn Strongsville
15471 Royalton Rd
Strongsville, OH 44136
Anyone wanting to go is to contact Danielle, (412) 302-4146

WSC Meetings

ALL Visitors are welcome!
We meet the 2nd & 4th Sundays
No Holidays
Next meetings

February 9th

February 23rd

March 8th

March 22nd

April 5th

Summers Meetings
June thru August
2nd Sundays only

Doors Open 12:30
Meeting starts at 2PM

Churchill Borough Building,
2300 William Penn Hwy
Churchill, PA 15235.
Free light lunch available

More Issue dates from the USPS

1. Presorted Star

Issue Date: February 3, 2020
Place: Kansas City, MO 64108
Format: Coil of 3,000, one design
Denomination: 10¢ Presorted Standard, Mail-use

2.. Let's Celebrate!

Issue Date: February 14, 2020
Place: Mesa, Arizona (ARIPEX Stamp Show)

Format: (SDSA), pane of 20
Denomination: 55¢, forever

3. Wild Orchids

Issue Date: February 21, 2020
Place: Coral Gables, FL
Format: Ten designs, Booklets of 20 and coils of 3,000 and 10,000
Denomination: 55¢, forever

4. Maine Statehood

Issue Date: March 14, 2020
One day before the bicentennial.
Place: Augusta, Maine
Format: (SDSA),
Denomination: 55¢, forever

5. Contemporary Boutonniere

Issue Date: April 2, 2020
Place: Crestwood, Kentucky
Format: (SDSA),
Denomination: 55¢, forever

6. Garden Corsage

Issue Date: April 2, 2020

Place: Crestwood, Kentucky
Format: (SDSA), Denomination: 2-ounce rate currently 70¢.

7. Earth Day

Issue Date: April 18, 2020
Place: Denver, Colorado
Format: (SDSA)
Denomination: 55¢, forever
April 18 in Denver, Colo., a few days before the designated date for Earth Day, April 22.

8. Chrysanthemum Global

Issue Date: April 24, 2020
Place: Burlingame, California
Denomination: 1-ounce letter

9. American Gardens

Issue Date: May 13, 2020
Place: Winterthur, Delaware
Format: Ten Designs, Pane of 20, self-adhesive

Denomination: 55¢, forever

10. Voices of the Harlem Renaissance

Issue Date: May 21, 2020
Place: New York, New York
Format: Four designs
Denomination: 55¢, forever

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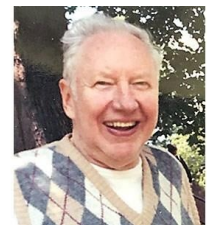
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New Member

Welcome Rich Wade!

Newest member was voted in at the January 26th meeting. Rich is from Pittsburgh PA and he collects World Wide stamps. We hope to see Rich at a meeting soon!

In Memoriam



John W. Rose

Age 95, passed away at home on January 18, 2020, surrounded by family. Preceded in death by wife, Sally and oldest daughter; survived by three daughters, two sons-in-law, 39 descendants. John was often seen manning the Youth tables at the local stamp shows.

Up Coming Stamp Shows

Fairview Park Universal Coin, Currency & Stamp Show

February 2nd 2020
American Legion Post # 42
22001 Brookpark Rd.
Fairview Park, OH 44126
Contact: John Cotleur
Phone: 440-864-7473
Hours: Sun 10-3

Montrose Stamp Bourse

February 9th 2020
Holiday Inn - Akron west
4073 Medina Road
Akron, OH 44333
Contact: David Pool
Phone: 330-832-5992
Hours: Sun 10-4

MSDA Cincinnati Area Stamp Show

February 15th-16th 2020
Four Points by Sheraton Cincinnati North
7500 Tylers Pl Blvd.
West Chester Township, OH 45069
Contact: Jim Bardo
Phone: 847-634-2676
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Greenhills Classic Stamp and Coin Show
February 23rd 2020

American Legion
11100 Winton Road
Cincinnati, OH 45218
Contact: Xenia Coin
Phone: 937-376-2807
Hours: Sun 10-4

Lancaster Stamp Show

February 23rd 2020
Farm & Home Center
1383 Arcadia Rd.
Lancaster, PA 17601
Contact: Kevin Kellman
Phone: 301-524-9562
Hours: Sun 10-4

Tri-State Monthly Coin & Stamp Show

February 23rd 2020
Sheraton Bucks County
400 Oxford Valley
Langhorne, PA 19047
Contact: Allen Brock
Phone: 305-852-7678
Hours: Sun 10-4

Toledo Stamp Expo

Feb 28th - 29th, 2020
Greystone Banquet Hall & Conference Center
29101 Hufford Rd
Perrysburg, OH 43551

Contact: Charles Hablitzel
Phone: (419) 297-7604
Hours: Fri 10-5, Sat 10-4

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March 1st 2020
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Garfield-Perry March Party Stamp Show

Mar 6th - 8th, 2020
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15471 Royalton Rd
Strongsville, OH 44136
Contact: Roger Rhoads
Hours: Fri & Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4

Newsletter

It's your newsletter!
Help Make it special

Original articles for the newsletter may be submitted by any of the membership to Deb Foltyn at a meeting or emailed to Quest4moos@msn.com
Or via regular mail:
Deb Foltyn
1023 Brintell Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15201-1637

What would you like to see in covered in the junior corner?

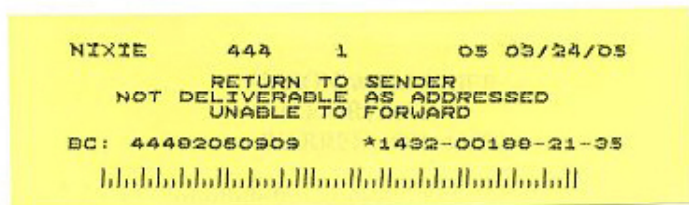
Many thanks to Maureen McKeever for stepping up to take over the newsletter publication at some future time.

Note articles submitted may be edited for content or to fit the Format.*

Club members get a free black and white hard copy of the newsletter.

Color copies available at a Meeting. *You must send a request to Deb before the meeting, so they can be printed special.*

Dead Letter Mail



Recently I had a card returned to me with a label something like the above photo. I checked with the addressee, the address was correct. Guess even the post office makes mistakes. This and another incident where a postal employee returned a card with the Christmas Souvenir sheet, for lack of postage, made me wonder what happens to mail that can't be returned.

Dead letter mail or undeliverable mail is mail that cannot be delivered to the addressee or returned to the sender. This is usually due to lack of following postal regulations, such as, an

incomplete address and return address, or the inability to forward the mail when both correspondents move before the letter can be delivered. Largely based on the British model that emerged in the late eighteenth century, many countries developed similar systems for processing undeliverable mail.

The term 'dead mail' is perhaps a misnomer, and several jurisdictions have opted for the use of the term 'undeliverable mail' to clearly represent the status of the item that can't be delivered. Since it is performed by internal departments within

postal administrations, little information about the dead letter office function has ever been made public.

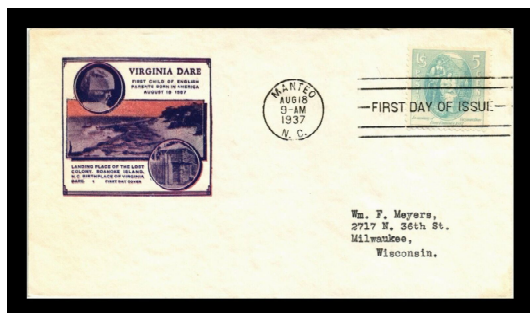
Classification as a dead letter is one of the few instances where postal personnel are allowed to violate secrecy of correspondence, ostensibly to search for clues as to the letter's origin or destination. Countries have also set up regulations for the disposal of dead letters, particularly when they contain items of value. Some very valuable items have turned up in undeliverable mail, including a stolen painting by Marc Chagall which turned up in a United States Postal Service sorting center in Topeka, Kansas.

With increased collection and study of the postal markings originating from such offices, the body of literature on this obscure topic may grow. Many countries, including Canada and the United States, have issued special labels

for envelopes that have traveled through the dead letter office.

Genuinely used examples are highly prized by collectors, although mint labels, because they have no postage value, are often fairly common. People interested in postal services throughout the world sometimes deliberately send mail to fictional addresses throughout the world to see if a particular nation's postal authority would return the mail to the sender. Collectors of postal markings also use this method in order to receive uncommon postal markings seldom seen in everyday mail.

Junior Corner – Postmarks



Postmarks

Although the terms *postmark* and *cancellation* are often used interchangeably, they are not necessarily the same thing. A postmark is a postal marking applied to a cover (envelope) to show the date and place of mailing.

A cancellation is a postal marking applied to a stamp to show that it has been used. We will cover these next month. Some postmarks do mark the

stamps and thus are cancellations. *Traditional First-Day-of-Issue Postmarks*- These are what philatelists first think of when they hear "First Day Cover". The postmarks have a circular date stamp showing the city and date of the First Day Ceremony as well as horizontal bars to canceling the stamps with the words "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE" between the two center lines. These are applied at the First-Day ceremony, or by mail.

Digital Color First-Day-of-Issue Postmarks—In recent years, the USPS has offered "Digital Color Pictorial" postmarks for some stamps. These are applied by laser printer to submitted envelopes.

Pictorial Postmarks—For special events, organizations can arrange with the USPS to provide a pictorial postmark that commemorates the occasion, and usually feature custom artwork related to the event.

Hand (Town) Cancels—These are postmarks applied by rubber stamp, by hand, at a post office. They are technically available at every post office for free "hand-back service" You affix sufficient postage to a postcard or envelope, then ask the worker to cancel it and hand it back to you. Some postal clerks are not aware of this, and you may have

to spend some time convincing the clerk.

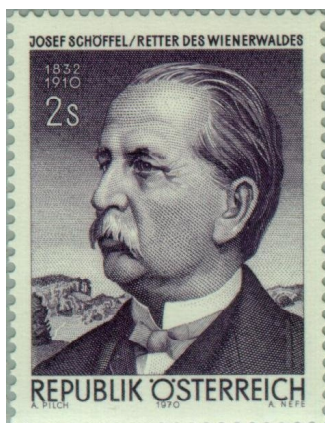
Spray-on (Mechanical) Cancels—These are the automatic cancels applied to pieces of mail during automatic processing. Collectors generally have covers and postcards returned to them inside of other envelopes, to decrease the chance of smearing or other damage. Many collectors find them unsightly, but they are a rich source of variation, and new techniques may make these clearer and more legible.

There is a Post Mark Collectors Club, they can be found online at www.postmarks.org Membership dues \$20

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WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB
 Home of the Famous Satirical Souvenir Sheets

50 Years ago - February 1970



Austria

Themes: Famous People | Journalists | Men | Politicians
 Issued on: February 6, 1970
 Expiry date: June 30, 2002
 Size: 30 x 39 mm
 Colors: Brown violet
 Commemorative
 Perforation: comb 14½ x 13¾
 Face value: 2 öS - Austrian schilling
 Print run: 2,900,000

Josef Schöffel

Born July 29, 1832 in Bohemia died February 7, 1910. He was an Austrian journalist, politician, homeland and conservationist. Josef Schöffel served in the Austrian army from 1857 to 1863 and his sometimes harrowing experiences he wrote in his late work memories from my life. Coming from a family of mountain officials, he worked in the Geological Reichsanstalt from 1863 to 1868. He became known as the "saviour of the Vienna Woods" when, in 1870-1872, a journalistic campaign prevented a quarter of the forest area of the Vienna Woods from being sold to Viennese timber merchant Moritz Hirschl for racketeering. At first, Schöffel found hardly any comrades-in-arms for his project. From 1862, state ownership in the Vienna Woods was assigned to the Finance Ministry, which, according to the ministry's instructions, sought to improve the disastrous budget situation due to the wars

of 1859, 1864 and 1866. In the Neue Wiener Tagblatt and later in the Deutsche Zeitung, Schöffel reported on abuses of office by the State Property Waste Bureau and some senior ministerial officials. He was often summoned to court. The press was obviously closer to those interested in privatization than to conservationists and opponents of the under priced sale of public property. However, as Schöffel's research was firm, all complaints were withdrawn. He was even offered silence money to dissuade him from his plans. There was a rumor that a gunman who "mistakenly" hit Schöffel during a hunting outing, got off without any punishment. As a result, Schöffel did not take part in any more hunts.

The prominent Schöffel became a member of the Reichsrat in 1873 and mayor of Mödling from 1873 to 1882. As such, he ran the Mödlings city survey in 1875. In 1875, he was the first to draw attention to the danger posed by the re-blue introduced to Austria for

viticulture in a speech to the Reichsrat in 1875. During this time he also founded an orphanage in Mödling in cooperation with his friend Josef Hyrtl. In Mödling, but also in numerous other Viennese forest communities he became an honorary citizen. Schöffel promoted the modernization and expansion of the city of Mödling and rehabilitated its finances. Immediately before his death, he planned to move to the orphanage, which he had himself initiated. This did not happen again, Schöffel died in a club. In Mödling his death was barely mentioned. After his death, the Mödliner Zeitung wrote rather casually: "Schöffel was also mayor of Mödling." Edited from wikipedia.com