



# 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.

Churchill Borough Building, 2300 William Penn Hwy, Churchill PA 15235

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### WILKPEX 2027:

- Please 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!

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! We will ask them to share their adventures in June!

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

Gene has an advertisement:

- For Sale – 2026 Scott Catalog. 6 volumes – all 12 books (1A, 1B etc.) \$250. Get them at a meeting (or at my house) as they are released monthly. Gene Bujdos, [gbujdos@yahoo.com](mailto:gbujdos@yahoo.com) or 412-461-0289.

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.

At each meeting we have 2 contests where members can win prizes! In May the winner was Wylie (for 1 contest).



## Philatelic News

- May and June US Stamps currently scheduled for release – all are Forever Stamps unless noted otherwise:
  - The stamps being issued 5/23 – 5/28 are all having ceremonies at the big Boston Show.
  - Treasures of the Revolutionary Era (May 23) – 10 stamps showing treasures of the late 1700's.
  - Encore Stamp (May 24) – The stamp voted on by regular people that they wanted to see back in circulation. A big reveal is planned!  
SPOILER – **It's Mr. Rogers!**
  - American Bison (May 25) – Based on the 1923 30 cent Bison stamp, a classic image re-emerges!
  - Postcrossing (May 26) – Global stamps, 4 designs honoring the project that allows you to send and receive postcards from random people around the world.
  - International Peace (May 27) – The paper crane, a symbol of world peace.
  - North American Soccer (May 28) – The 2026 FIFA World Cup is being hosted later this year by the US, Canada and Mexico. "GOOOOOAL!" is the well known catch phrase of Argentinian-American soccer announcer Andres Cantor.
  - American Icons (June 9) – 13 stamps honoring the USA's 250<sup>th</sup>, curated by Ralph Lauren and showing his ideal American images.
  - Summer Sunset (June 25) – A new non-profit mailing stamp.





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

**For all those nice people who come to WILKPEX and our meetings with those inherited stamp collections:**

## Collectibles that aren't worth squat

Story by Meredith Schneider • 4/26/26 • FinanceBuzz.com



# Stamps

Stamp collecting, or philately, has been a popular hobby since the 1850s. But because stamps are made in such large quantities so often, they aren't really worth as much as you might think.

Like baseball cards, you often need a collection or a really old, well-preserved stamp to make any money.

The most expensive U.S. postage stamp sold to date went for \$2 million at auction. The high price due to its rarity (only 100 were printed) and age (it was printed in 1918).

## Amazon strikes deal with USPS that maintains 80% of package volume

By [David Shepardson](#) and [Jacob Bogage](#) - Reuters  
April 6, 2026 3:23 PM EDT Updated April 7, 2026

WASHINGTON, April 6 (Reuters) - Amazon.com on Monday announced it reached a new agreement with the U.S. Postal Service on package deliveries, and sources said the cash-strapped mail system would retain about 80% of its existing deliveries from its biggest customer.

That 20% cut is a dramatically better outcome for the postal agency than the two-thirds or larger reduction that Reuters reported last month Amazon had threatened.

USPS warned last month it could run out of cash as soon as October, and the risk that Amazon would replace the carrier by expanding its own delivery network or using rivals was an existential peril.

Amazon will continue its delivery expansion but short of growth that would rival USPS's address-by-address reach, the sources said. Reuters first reported the deal.

USPS has a roughly \$80 billion budget, and Amazon represented \$6 billion in annual revenue to the agency, according to two people familiar with the business arrangement.

"We're pleased to have reached a new agreement with USPS that furthers our longstanding partnership and will let us continue supporting our customers and communities together," Amazon said in a statement.

USPS did not immediately comment. U.S. Postmaster General David Steiner told Reuters in December that USPS delivered about 1.7 billion packages annually for Amazon.

Amazon had criticized USPS plans to auction off access to its last-mile delivery network. In April 2025, Amazon said it would spend more than \$4 billion to expand its U.S. rural delivery network by the end of 2026.

USPS said last month that it was seeking approval for a temporary 8% price hike for priority mail and package deliveries, effective April 26, to deal with rising transportation and fuel costs.

Steiner said in March hiking the price of a first-class stamp to 95 cents from the current 78 cents would help USPS cut losses.

USPS has reported net losses of \$118 billion since 2007 as first-class mail, its most profitable product, has fallen to its lowest volume since the late 1960s.

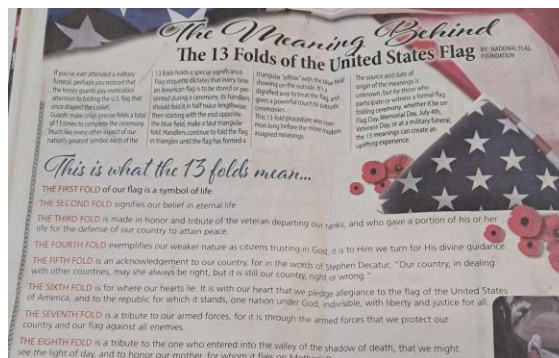
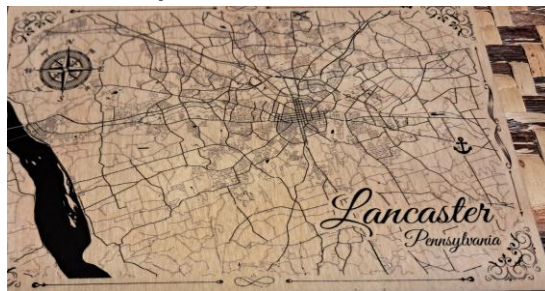
According to various news reports, the USPS has reported a \$2 billion operating loss for Q2 of the 2025-2026 fiscal year. This is an improvement over last year's losses for the same period. USPS is going to ask Congress if they can raise their borrowing limit so they can continue to operate.

## 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.

May's Show & Tell:

- Maureen brought a wooden postcard she bought in Lancaster – they still make them! She also had a picture from when she joined WSC – it was in the newsletter!
- Danielle brought some of her new collection of Colorano Silk First Cay Cachets. The image is a fine silk image.
- Marti brought some of her Memorial Day information – she is organizing her holiday materials.





Please take some time before the June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting and see if you have something fun to share from your collection!

## Upcoming Events Nearby

- 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
- November (TBD) – PITTPEX – Bridgeville PA

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>)

Danielle is organizing a trip to APS for SCOPEX on June 20<sup>th</sup>. If anyone wants to go along, please meet in the lower parking lot at the Churchill Borough Building at 8 AM and park away from the building.

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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](mailto:scottshaulis@comcast.net) ) know ahead of time.



(No leaks!)