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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Christmas/Winter Holiday Party 2026:

We will be having our Annual Christmas Party pn Sunday Dec. 13th (regular meeting day) at the usual place (Churchill Borough Building) eating around 12 noon-ish. Setup will be at 10:30 AM. The cost will be $10 per person and guests are welcome. Jaden's will again cater and the likely menu will be baked cod, stuffed chicken breasts, baby roasted potatoes, round glazed carrots, green beans almondine, penne pasta in marinara sauce, tossed green and potato salads. Danielle will bring carrot cake for dessert. If anyone else wants to bring desserts or appetizers they are welcome (not too much, please!). People are invited to being games, Maureen will have a trivia contest, and we will have other surprises. Maureen will provide prizes for the games. A sign up sheet is going around at the meetings and if you'd like to come to the party but don't regularly come to meetings, **please RSVP** to Maureen (email at the end of newsletter) as soon as possible with how many attending – we want a good count to be sure we have enough plates and food.



Dues

Dues are due by December 30, and can be mailed in or brought to a meeting. The price is $8 for a single member, $12 for 2 members (family) then any additional family members are $4 each. Several members have paid for 2027 already (and some for longer!). Maureen will have the updated list of who has paid already at the next meeting (Nov. 8).



WILKPEX 2027:

- Please save stamps for our Raffle Jar! These can be US or World-wide. You can bring these to meetings and give to Maureen.
- The Dealer reservation forms have gone out. If you want one we have extras at the 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!



Treasurer's Report –The checkbook was balanced. As of the beginning of October the Club has $11,301.52 in the bank.

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.

Correction: Maureen had the price of current first-class postage wrong in previous newsletters. It is currently 82 cents. I apologize for my error.



We have heard that Connie Foltyn is not doing well. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and Deb and Rebecca.

Winter weather reminder – As we get colder and the days shorter, please watch the weather. We have several members who drive a good way to come to meetings, and we want everyone to be safe. Use your best judgement about driving to meetings if it is snowing etc. If you can't come that is fine – stay home snuggled up with your favorite stamp album!





We have placed the order for nametags for our newest members (and others who requested them) – these will be arriving in November.



Please try to get out to PITTPEX – November 14 & 15 in Bridgeville. Dealers, exhibits and lots of stamps!

At each meeting we have 2 contests where members can win prizes! In October the winners were Danielle, Scott and Dave P (for 3 contests).



Philatelic News

This are no more new issues for 2026! As soon as the first information about 2027 stamps is available you can see it here!



Reminder - The price of first class postage is 82 cents. We are in the increased price rangs for holiday packages. Check the USPS website for more info on shipping dates and prices, and remember that EVERYTHING slows down in the mail in December! (PS - USPS is hinting that first class postage will go up again later in 2027, so stay tuned!)

From Linn's Stamp News Weekly - 11/2/26:

Great Britian's Royal Mail has issued new stamps commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the publication of Winnie the Pooh. 10 stamps (2 souvenier sheets) were issued 10/14/26 and if you love Pooh and his friends they are very cute:





Austria has issued a coffee scented stamp that is made from "coffee leather", a material made by collecting used coffee grounds and pressing them into a cloth-like material, which smell and feels like coffee while being resistant to tearing. It's even shaped like a coffee bean:



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.

October's Show & Tell:

a. Mike told a story about Jim Vaughn from the Westmoreland Stamp Club and how he was the Postmaster of the Appalachian Wagon Train – a tourist wagon

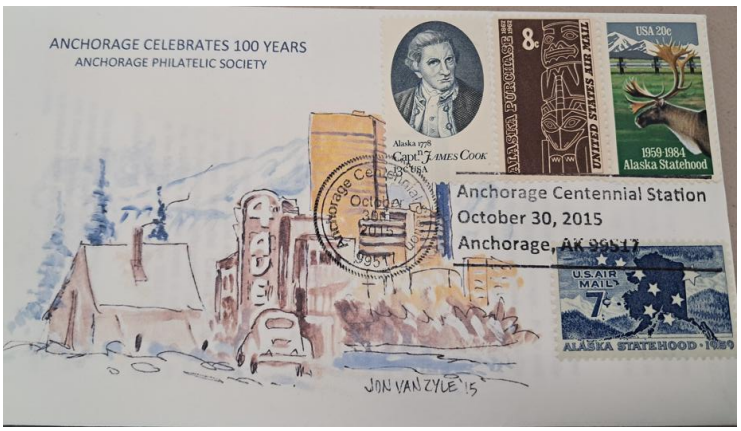
trip across the mountains. He actually had saddlebags full of mail to post for the travelers.

b. Dawn sent an article about Wilhelm Voight, who stole a Prussian Officers uniform in 1906 and taking over the town of Köpenick in Germany, commanding a squad of soldiers, arresting the town's mayor and stealing the treasury. He was eventually arrested but pardoned because the publicity (and audacity). He went on tour and had at least 1 postage stamp issued in his honor.
c. Maureen brought an email from the Kings Point Alumni Association reminding everyone of the new postmark rules for mailing deadlines. She also had a patch found at a flea market that was an exact replica of the 1960 4 cent Boy Scout Stamp. It was made in the 1960s or 70s based on the backing.
d. Dave P had a box of "Post a Photo" – postcards you insert a photo into and mail. They even had their own built-in kickstand for display.
e. Ron had postcards from his Alaska trip and two cachets from the Alaska Postal Society, as well as an Alaska postcard sent to him from his son in 2017. He also brought a game he found at Ollie's – The USPS Great American Mail Race.











Please take some time before the November 22th meeting and see if you have something fun to share from your collection. We all love the stories!



We received several notes from Dawn Richards, our Tennesee member. She sent the article mentioned above, information on World Postcard Month and another word search (to be shared with all later!)

Upcoming Events Nearby

- November 14 – Johnstown (location TBA)
- November 14 - 15 – PITTPEX – Bridgeville PA
- November 21 – Autumn Stamp Show – Cheektowaga NY
- November 21 – Black River Stamp Club Show – Elyria OH
- December 4 – 5 – MSDA Columbus Stamp Show – London OH
- December 5 – Stamping with Santa – Erie PA
- December 13 – K2 Lancaster Stamp Show – Lancaster 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)

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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.



(Hey! Where's my stuff?)