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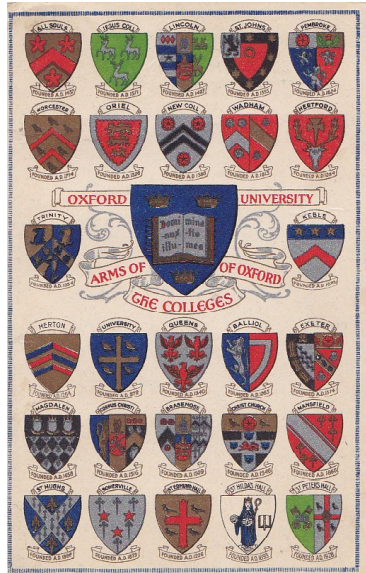


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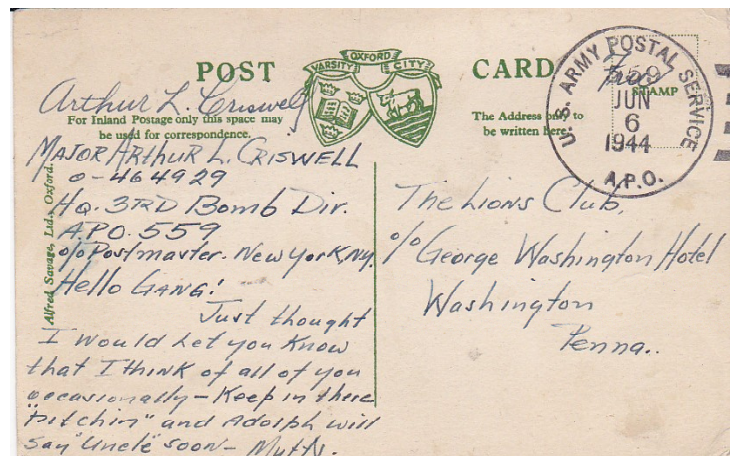


Major Lowry Criswell born in Washington PA on October 17, 1895 died February 18, 1985, buried in Arlington National Cemetery Arlington VA. He was drafted into the military He married the daughter of a physician Ruth Bernice Biddle 1896-1975 and they had one son Arthur Biddle Criswell born Jan

24th 1920 he was afflicted with cerebral palsy, died January 28th 1999

Senior controller Captain W.H. Sweetman of Montreal, flanked by U.S. Air Force Major Arthur L. Criswell, left, of Colorado Sprints and U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant Jack Davis of Lubbock, Texas (In photo to right)

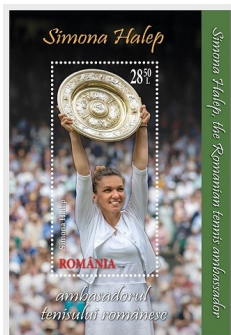
Please Note the postcard was posted on **June 6 1944**.
Postcard from Bill Brierton
Thank you Bill!



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Notable People on Stamps:



Issue Date: July 26, 2019
Designer: Mihail VĂMĂȘESCU
Perforated souvenir sheet size: 76 x 110 mm (stamp 36x72mm)
Imperforated souvenir sheet size: 101 x 102 mm
Romfilatelia issued the postage

stamps 'Simona Halep, the Romanian tennis ambassador', made up of one perforated souvenir sheet and one imperforated souvenir sheet in order to honor the tennis player's series of performances and especially winning the Wimbledon title.

The stamp of the souvenir sheet illustrates the image of Simona Halep raising the Wimbledon 2019 trophy.

The imperforated souvenir sheet, is numbered, and it presents Simona Halep's signature in gold foiling and it shows Simona

Halep in the foreground, presenting the trophy to the public. In the stamp of the imperforated souvenir sheet, an image of the game is shown.

Simona Halep claimed on July 13 the first Wimbledon trophy in her professional career, after winning, 6-2, 6-2 against former world number 1 Serena Williams. This was the first Wimbledon trophy won by a Romanian.

Club News

The **August** Meeting was held at Nichole and Brian Sieffert's home. This was once known as the Yingling Mansion. Eight members attended the meeting and toured the house and had a light lunch.

*****If you have not paid up
Your Dues are due NOW!!
DUES ARE ONLY \$8.00 PER
(\$12.00 for family)**

**FISCAL YEAR (JULY-JUNE)
send to:**

**Wilksburg Stamp Club
P.O. Box 10552**

**Pittsburgh, PA 15235-0552
Or pay Danielle the meeting.**

AUCTION!

Gene Bujdos and Mike Moticha were able to acquire one of the rarer 1961 souvenir sheet. It will be auctioned at the September 22nd meeting. So check your stash and see what you need and get ready to bid, bid, bid...



They were also able to get a few of the more common one, with three lines, and those will be available for sale at the meeting also.

All proceeds go to the club!

WSC Meetings

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

**September 8th
September 22nd
October 13th
October 27th**

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

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

Regular mail:
Deb Foltyn
1023 Brintell Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15201-1637

Ideas or content suggestions are welcome.

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.

Club Picnic July 21st 2019 Rain or Shine and it did,...



Lots of good food

Not a huge turnout for the picnic, but there was lots to eat. Andy and Deb manned the grill. Everyone pitched in with some delicious sides,... believe me no one should have gone home hungry. If you missed it, it was hot, but the humidity was on the lower side so for the most part it was tolerable. The grove was huge. Thanks to Laura for the many photos,... more can be



seen on the website, under the Gallery link. Oh yes, it rained, buckets twice, but we all managed to stay most-

ly dry, and enjoy the long periods between the storms. There was friendly conversations and some stamp related banter.... Mostly

just relaxing and chatting. No need to hurry to eat or leave. Many went back for seconds, and

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Up Coming Stamp Shows

Fairview Park Universal Coin, Currency & Stamp Show

September 1, 2019
American Legion Post # 42
22001 Brookpark Rd.
Fairview Park, OH 44126
Contact: John Cotleur
Phone: 440-864-7473
Hours: Sun 10-3

Cranberry Stamp Show

September 15th, 2019
VFW POST #7505
331 Mars Valencia Road
Mars, PA 16046
Contact: Kevin Kellman
Phone: 301-524-9562
Hours: Sun 10-4

Montrose Stamp Bourse

September 22, 2019
Holiday Inn - Akron west
4073 Medina Road
Akron, OH 44333
Contact: David Pool
Phone: 330-832-5992
Hours: Sun 10-4

Tri-State Monthly Coin & Stamp Show

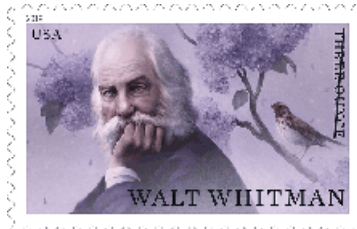
September 22, 2019

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

Greenhills Classic Stamp and Coin Show

September 29, 2019
American Legion
11100 Winton Road
Cincinnati, OH 45218
Contact: Xenia Coin
Phone: 937-376-2807
Hours: Sun 10-4

New from the USPS for September



USPS will issue the 32nd in the Literary Arts series, on the bicentennial of Walt Whitman's birth. (1819-1892) The stamp will be issued on September 12, 2019, in Huntington Station, NY. In the background, a hermit thrush sitting on the branch of a lilac bush recalls "When Lilacs Last in the Door-yard Bloom'd," an elegy for President Abraham Lincoln written by Whitman soon after Lincoln's. Considered by many to be the father of modern poetry, Whitman broke away from European poetic forms and experimented with free verse and colloquial expressions, writing powerfully about nearly every aspect of 19th-century America. The words "THREE OUNCE" on this stamp indicate its usage value. Like a Forever stamp, this stamp will always be valid for the rate printed on it. On September 17, 2019, in Tulsa, OK, the USPS will issue the



Winter Berries stamps. The Winter Berries booklet of 20 stamps celebrates four of winter's small, yet vibrant offerings:

The winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*),
The juniper berry (*Juniperus communis*),
The beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*), and
The soapberry (*Sapindus saponaria*).

The stamp art features highly detailed botanical portraits of each plant that highlight the bold colors and rich textures of their berries.

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some for thirds, ok they really went back for something they missed the first time round...

there was a lot of food, and great variety.

Several people brought table games, and then the fun began...

Some played and some watched.
Fun was had by all!



Let the games begin!

Junior Corner

The Tools of the Philatelists or Stamp Collector;
Odd shaped stamps
The usual shape of a postage stamp is a rectangle, this being an efficient way to pack stamps on a sheet. A rectangle wider than tall is called a "horizontal design", while taller than wide is a "vertical design".
A number of additional shapes have been used, including triangles, rhombuses, octagons, circles, and various freeform shapes including heart shapes, and even a banana shaped stamp issued by Tonga from 1969 to 1985.
The usual size ranges from 10 to 30 mm in each direction, experience having shown this to be the easiest to handle. Many countries use only a limited selection of dimensions, to simplify automated machinery that handles stamps.
The smallest postage stamp on record was issued by



Mecklenburg-Schwerin in 1856, and was a square, with sides measuring 10 millimeters. The biggest stamps in history were used in the United States from 1865 and measured 52 by 95 millimeters, but were used exclusively for mailing newspapers.



New Members

Welcome to;

David Pressler

From McKees Rocks
David attended the July meeting and was voted in as a new member

David collects US, Canada and Great Britain

And

Philip Bronner

He is from Springfield, OR
Philip was voted in at the August Meeting

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Home of the Famous Satirical Souvenir

50 Years ago - September 1968



On September 9, 1969, the U.S. Post Office issued its first ever jumbo-sized commemorative stamp. The stamp wasn't even announced to the public until July 9, 1969, a week before the launch of Apollo 11. As the postmaster general announced that day, "Apollo 11 will mark America's first mail run to the moon."
This dramatic statement aroused great public interest in the stamp. As the postmaster general explained, the engraved

die for the stamp would be taken to the moon as well as a special "moon letter" with a die proof of the stamp. While on the moon, the astronauts would personally postmark the letter.

U.S. #C76 – Full mint sheet. Among the few people who knew about the stamp was artist Paul Calle. A member of NASA's Fine Art Program, Calle had documented several NASA missions and provided the artwork for the 1967 Accomplishments in Space stamps. Calle's greatest obstacle was that he had to illustrate the moon-landing scene a month before it would happen. To help him create an accurate image, NASA gave him photos of the equipment and invited him to come and view some of it in person. He also got to watch Neil Armstrong practice his exit of the lunar module so he could

accurately portray how he placed his foot on the ground. Many collectors at the time quickly stated that the stamp would violate the federal law that forbids picturing a living person on a stamp. However, the Post Office insisted it was simply a "spaceman."

U.S. #C76 FDC – Classic First Day Cover with both cancels. The launch and landing were a success, but Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin were too busy with science experiments to postmark the letter while they were on the moon's surface. Instead, they did it on the return journey. The "Moon letter" and the printing die were later sent on a traveling exhibit across the country and to foreign nations.
The stamp was finally issued on September 9, 1969 at the National Postal Forum's third annual meeting in Washington,

D.C. Armstrong, Aldrin, and Michael Collins were all present for the ceremony. The stamp was America's largest postage stamp up to that time measuring 1 61/64 inches by 1 15/64 inches, about 50 percent larger than most U.S. commemoratives. The First Day Cover for this stamp was one of the most popular in U.S. history. It included both the First Day of Issue cancel as well as a replica of the Moon Landing cancel.