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Wilkinsburg Stamp Club has suffered a great loss, with the passing of Tom Reiff.



**REIFF
THOMAS CHARLES**

Thomas Charles (Tom) Reiff, 76, of Pittsburgh, passed away surrounded by his loving family on June 23, 2017. Tom is survived by his beloved wife, Bernadette, of 54 years; two sons, Jim and Chuck; daughter-in-law, Karen; granddaughters, Kayleigh, Siena, Rachel, Sydney and Lauren; as well as many friends. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Anna Reiff. Veteran of the Air Force and enjoyed golfing, running, and collecting. Memorial Service will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society at <http://www.cancer.org/>. Condolences may be left at <http://www.jeffersonmemorial.biz/>.

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Tom has been described as a “committee of one” and has worn many hats in the WSC. He wrote our award winning Newsletter for the past twenty years. Since 1977 he continued the tradition of issuing the annual spoof souvenir sheet. He was responsible, in great part, for the success of our annual stamp show (WILKPEX), for which he made the floor plans, every year, did the advance mailings, welcomed all the visitors at the door, and recruited non-members. He always worked the club’s table and usually had the winning exhibit at the show - and was deservedly so!.

He attended almost every meeting, made sure the TV was set up for any games that occurred during the meeting, and acted as recording secretary for many years. He was also the membership secretary and club statistician.

The Christmas Party was always special for Tom with his picking up the club chicken and dressed in his Santa hat, handing out the trivia quizzes which he made up every year,... He was quick to honor the winner and with his quirky humor let the losers know how badly we lost.

Tom was also a member of the Pittsburgh Post Card Club and did many of the same things for them.



Tom will be greatly missed by both clubs. His shoes will be nearly impossible to fill.

Thank you! - from all of us!

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We meet on the second and fourth Sunday (except holidays and second Sunday in June, July and August) of each month. Meetings are from 12:30 P.M. until close of business, with the business meeting at 2:00 P.M. Meeting at the Churchill Borough Building, 2300 William Penn Hwy, Churchill, PA 15235.

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

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NOTES OF INTEREST

**IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES, PLEASE SEND YOUR \$8.00 TO THE MAILING ADDRESS ABOVE. PAYABLE TO:
THE WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB**

AUGUST, 2017 MEETING DATES

August 13th
On August 13th we will have
"SHOW and TELL"
after the meeting.
Bring one of your "favorites".

(Only 1 meeting in June, July and August)

******* PLEASE JOIN US *******

This newsletter is published ten times per year. Eight issues are published monthly for the months of January, February, March, April, September, October, November and December. For the months of May through August, two issues are published, one for the months of MAY-JUNE and one for the months of JULY-AUGUST.

Due to the loss of our New Editor the July – August News letter is being published as just an August Newsletter. Thank you for your understanding!

CLUB NEWS

TRIP TO PIRATES GAME PLANNED: The Club has decided to cancel the trip due to lack of interest. May try again next year

THE SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA STAMP AND POSTCARD SHOW that was scheduled for September 2018 has been canceled for lack of interest by dealers. It was to be a group effort from 5 area clubs that included Butler, Johnstown, Pittsburgh, Westmoreland, and Wilkinsburg Clubs. Thanks to all, for the time and effort trying to put this together.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON is tentatively scheduled for sometime in October, Time date and location to be decided at the upcoming meeting, Your input would be appreciated, so come to the meeting and let us know what you think,

Joan Damico wife of long time member, and past Treasurer, Raymond M. Damico passed away July 26th, 2017. They were married 62 years. Joan was a fixture in the kitchen with her crossword puzzles, and we all had many wonderful conversations with her. She was also a great Steelers fan, and one would find her in front of the TV the days the game was on.
Heartfelt Sympathy to Ray and his family

WILKPEX - 2018

Next year's show dates are tentatively scheduled for either Saturday, April 14 and Sunday, April 15 or Saturday April 28 and Sunday April 29. Once the dates are firm we will keep let you know. IT WILL BE AT THE SAME VENUE AS 2017 GATEWAY HALL, 4370 NORTHERN PIKE, MONROEVILLE, PA.

USPS CELEBRATES A TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN

(Edited from USPS website) <http://www.usps.com/>

USPS has issued a sheet of 16 Forever Stamps 49¢

On August 21, 2017, tens of millions of people in the United States will have an opportunity to view a total eclipse of the Sun. A total solar eclipse was last seen on the U.S. mainland in 1979, but only in the Northwest. The eclipse this summer will sweep a narrow path across the entire country—the first time this has happened since 1918. The U.S. Postal Service® anticipates this rare event with a stamp celebrating the majesty of solar eclipses.

The **Total Eclipse of the Sun** stamp is the first U.S. stamp to use thermo-chromic ink, which reacts to the heat of your touch. Placing your finger over the black disc on the stamp causes the ink to change from black to clear to reveal an underlying image of the moon. The image reverts back to the black disc once it cools. The back of the stamp pane shows a map of the eclipse path. You can preserve the integrity of your **Total Eclipse of the Sun** Forever® stamp pane with our protective sleeve specifically designed for stamp preservation. The stamp uses a photograph taken by astrophysicist Fred Espenak of a total solar eclipse

that was seen over Jalu, Libya, on March 29, 2006. Mr. Espenak also took the photograph of the full moon that is revealed by pressing upon the stamp image. The reverse side of the stamp pane shows the path across the United States of the forthcoming August 21, 2017, total solar eclipse and gives the times that it will appear in some locations.

A total eclipse of the Sun occurs when the Moon completely blocks the visible solar disk from view, casting a shadow on Earth. The 70-mile-wide shadow path of the eclipse, known as the “path of totality,” will traverse the country diagonally, appearing first in Oregon (mid-morning local time) and exiting some 90 minutes later off the coast of South Carolina.

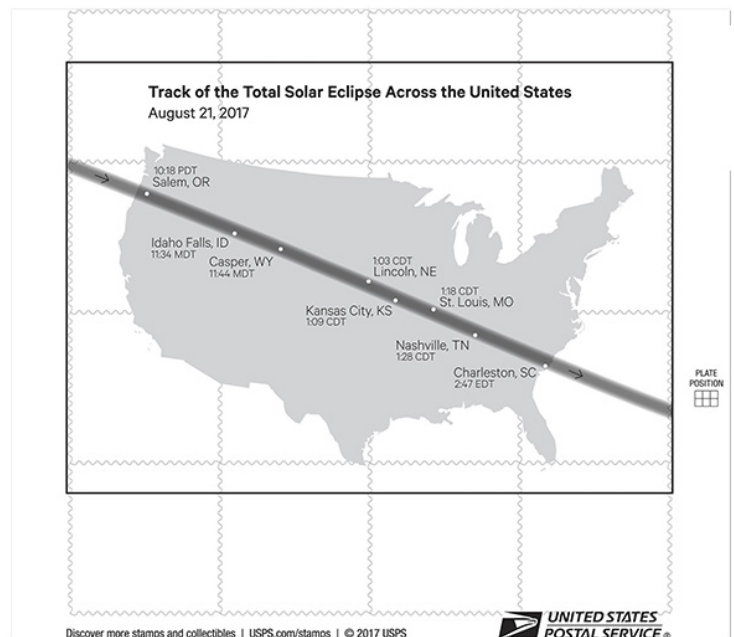
A total solar eclipse provides us with the only chance to see the Sun’s corona its extended outer atmosphere without specialized instruments. The corona during an eclipse looks like a gossamer white halo around a black disk, or like the petals of a flower reaching out into space.

Art director Antonio Alcalá designed the stamp.

The **Total Eclipse of the Sun** stamp is being issued as a Forever® stamp. This Forever® stamp will always be equal in value to the current First-Class Mail® one-ounce price



FRONT



REVERSE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS**Upcoming
Stamp, Postcard and Collectible Shows****STAMP SHOW - APS National Summer Convention**August 3-6, 2017 **Richmond, Virginia,**

The 131st annual convention of the American Philatelic Society. Each year, philatelists, exhibitors, historians and members of the general public gather to socialize, increase philatelic knowledge, and exchange stamps. The 2017 show will feature 100+ dealers, societies, live auctions, literature and philatelic exhibits, over 100 meetings and seminars, and first-day-of-issue ceremony for new stamps. FREE and open to the public.
<https://stamps.org/STAMPSHOW-SS>

STAMP SHOW – Aug 13th, 2017 **Lancaster, PA
Lancaster Stamp Show** - Bourse Only (no exhibits)

Sponsored by: K2 Collectible Stamps
Event Location: Farm & Home Center
1383 Arcadia Rd. Lancaster, PA 17601
Contact: Kevin Kellman Phone: 301-524-9562
Hours: Sun 10-4

STAMP SHOW - Aug 19th, 2017 **Pittsburgh, PA
Churchill Stamp Show**

Sponsored by: K2 Collectible Stamps
Event Location: Churchill Borough Building, 2300
William Penn Hwy, Churchill, PA 15235
Contact: Kevin Kellman Phone: 301-524-9562
Hours: Sat 10-4

STAMP SHOW – August 26, 2017 **Erie, Pennsylvania
Erie Stamp Show** - Bourse Only (no exhibits)

Sponsored by: Erie Stamp Club
Event Location: Erepa Grotto
3828 Washington Ave, Erie, Pennsylvania 16509
Contact: Gary Diley, <mailto:hingrerem@gmail.com>
Phone: 814-734-1650.
Hours: not listed

STAMP SHOW – August 27, 2017 **Hudson, Ohio
Hudson Stamp Bourse** - Bourse Only (no exhibits)

Sponsored by: Lincolnway Stamps
Event Location: Clarion Inn, 6625 Dean Memorial
Parkway, Hudson, Ohio 44236
Contact: David G. Pool, <mailto:lincolnway@sssnet.com>
Phone: 330-832-5992
Hours: not listed

STAMP SHOW – Aug 27th, 2017 **Langhorne, PA
Tri-State Monthly Coin & Stamp Show**

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

ATTEND A SHOW – FIND A TREASURE**PITTSBURGH AREA STAMP CLUB WEBSITES**

Here are some interesting Internet Web Sites. Once you access this URL, you may be able to navigate to other parts of the web site.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY PHILATELIC SOCIETY
<http://www.muleshoepa.com/WCPS/WCPS.HTM>

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH
<http://www.presidentdrive.com/>

50 YEARS AGO – AUGUST 1967

Davy Crockett
Issued; Aug. 17, 1967
in San Antonio, TX
green & yellow
green litho - black
engraved

One of this country's
most colorful
frontiersmen and folk

heroes, Davy Crockett served under Andrew Jackson from 1813-1814 in the wars against the Creek Indians. He returned to his Tennessee home to farm, and was appointed a local magistrate, an office that required him to learn to read and write more proficiently. Elected a "colonel" in the militia, he also served two terms in the state legislature, where he defended the squatter rights of his west Tennessee constituents. As a U.S. congressman, Crockett developed a reputation as a shrewd and outspoken backwoodsman. His image as a coonskin hat-ed bear hunter, Indian fighter, and teller of tall tales was promoted by his allies in Washington DC.



**Voice of America - 25th
Anniv. was issued Aug. 1,
1967 in Washington, D.C**
blue lithographed - black &
red engraved.

Established in 1942 as part of the Office of War Information, the Voice of America (VOA) is the international radio network of the U.S. Information Agency. VOA is charged with promoting a favorable understanding of the United States abroad. It uses a variety of programming. In 1983 it utilized 107 transmitters around the world, broadcasting about 960 hours a week in 42 languages. Its headquarters are in Washington, DC.