



WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB NEWS

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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.

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Cinderellas



The Cinderella stamp is an item that resembles a postage stamp but is not used as a fee for sending mail. Cinderella postage stamps are recognized as one of the 11 types of philately. They are often called philatelic labels or revenue stamps. The designs of Cinderella stamps may look similar to the usual postage stamp except that the Cinderella lack the country name and value. Instead, they may have the name of an organization.

Revenue stamps, these are also known as fiscal stamps or tax stamps. They are applied to an object to indicate that tax has been paid, and usually issued by a government. Examples are cigarette stamps, medicine

stamps, and royalty stamps. Telegraph stamps, are used to mark a service fee in sending telegrams. Railway stamps, were placed on envelopes and parcels that were aboard trains. Fantasy stamps, might be issued for non-existent countries or places without a postal system. Some are created by painters and are called "artistamps" the term is a combination of the words artist and stamp. These stamps are considered an art form and are collected by both Cinderella philatelists and art patrons. Poster stamps, in short, these Cinderella were created to advertise a product or an event. They look like miniature posters and most of them are reduced versions of the actual tarpaulins. Charity stamps, are sold to raise monies for a charity, common example is Christmas seals which are sold during the holidays to complement greeting cards. Philatelic exhibition seals, these philatelic labels serve as souvenirs in philatelic events.

Stamp collectors love to collect them because of their direct connection to their favorite hobby.



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Notable People on Stamps:



Sir Charles Spencer Chaplin, 16 April 1889 – 25 December 1977 was an English comic actor, filmmaker, and composer. Born outside of London, England, his father left when he was an infant. Chaplin began a career in vaudeville before age 10 and was on his own by age 14. Chaplin has been honored on stamps, by at least 30 countries, including two from the United States: a 29¢ stamp in the Silent Screen Stars set (Scott 2821) and a 32¢ stamp in the Celebrate the Century

series (3183a).



Club News

The WILKPEX show was discussed, and we have 7 confirmed dealers and two pending for the show. We will be decreasing the amount of Souvenir sheets printed to 400 with the option to print more if and when needed. It was decided that the club would once again put out the monies to advertise the show in Linns magazine. A limited amount of posters will be available for those that want them to post at libraries, or other places that might provide space for advertising. It was decided that Danielle would look into investing some of our limited funds, and this information will be brought up at the February meetings...

We wish to welcome our newest members.... **Stevan and Chris Cady** from Eagle River Alaska (They also own a home in Trafford, PA) Collect US, SOS, Germany and Jamaica Watermarks were shown at both January meetings for those interested. Short talk on tagging was given at the January 28th meeting, and various tagged stamps were displayed with UV light. March 25th program will be on Exhibiting...

WSC Meetings

Visitors are welcome!
 2nd and 4th Sunday
No Holidays
 Next meetings
 Feb 11th and 25th
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
DUES ARE ONLY \$8.00 PER FISCAL YEAR (JULY-JUNE)
 Members that haven't paid your dues, can send payment to: Wilkinsburg Stamp Club and sent to:
Wilkinsburg Stamp Club
P.O. Box 10552
Pittsburgh, PA 15235-0552

Get Involved!

The WSC is now accepting applications for the positions of Recording Secretary and President, these are two year terms. If you are interested in either of these posts make it known at a February meeting, ... Election to be held March 11th 2018. Installation will be in June 2018. There are still exhibit frames available for WILPEX These are provided at no cost to the entrant. Need to contact us with the title of your exhibit and the number of frames you need. Typical frame holds sixteen 8.5 x 11 sheets. Entrants will be judged by popular vote at the show.

Ascension Island Land Crabs



ASC Land crabs The land crab *Johngarthia lagostoma* is Ascension Island's largest native land animal. This species only lives on four small, South Atlantic islands (including the islands of Trindade, Fernando da Noronha and Atol das Rocas off Brazil), of which Ascension is by far the largest. Despite being true crabs and thus originating

from the ocean, land crabs are adapted to live in very dry climates and considerable distances from the sea. However, although they are adapted to the dry conditions found at Ascension Island, for much of the year the crabs are confined to the mountainous interior of the island where higher rainfall supports more vegetation and there is more moisture in the

air. Stamp Size: 28 x 42mm Release Date: 1/24/ 2018 Ascension Island is a volcanic island, in the South Atlantic Ocean. Roughly midway between the horn of South America and Africa. It is a dependency of the British territory of Saint Helena. Like other British territories, it issues its own postage stamps, which provide a

source of income for the island from sales to overseas collectors, as well as being used for domestic postage



On 2 November 1922, nine stamps of St. Helena overprinted "ASCENSION" replaced British stamps

Upcoming Shows

LANCASTER STAMP SHOW

Sunday February 18 2018
10 am - 4 pm
Farm & Home Center
1383 Arcadia Road
(Route 30 to Route 72, turn
onto Service Road)
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Contact:
Kevin Kellman
301-524-9562
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MONTROSE STAMP BOURSE

Sunday February 18 2018
10 am—4 pm
Holiday Inn Akron-West,
4073 Medina Rd. (I-77 Rt.
18 exit). Dealer bourse.
Contact:
Lincolnway@sssnet.com,
330-832-5992.

MONROEVILLE STAMP SHOW

Saturday February 24 2018
10am— 4pm
Churchill Borough Building
2300 William Penn Hwy
Monroeville, PA
Contact:
Kevin Kellman
301-524-9562
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TRI-STATE MONTHLY COIN & STAMP SHOW

February 25 2018
10 am—4 pm
Sheraton Bucks County
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USPS Price Increase

As described in last month's Sloba Gazette, postage cost has increased as of January 21, 2018. The price of **First Class Mail Forever Stamps** will climb from 49 to 50 cents. **Postcards** will climb from 34 to 35 cents and **metered letters** will climb from 46 to 47 cents.

The prices for single letters being mailed to internationally will remain the same.

Small Flat Rate Box

From \$7.15 to \$7.20

Medium Flat Rate Box

From \$13.60 to \$13.65

Large Flat Rate Box

From \$18.85 to \$18.90

APO/FPO Lg Flat Rate Box

From \$17.35 to \$17.40

Regular Flat Rate Envelope

From \$6.65 to \$6.70

Legal Flat Rate Envelope

From \$6.95 to \$7.00

Padded Flat Rate Envelope

From \$7.20 to \$7.25

What are Back of the Book (BOB) Stamps

When one uses the term back of the book (BOB) stamps he is usually referencing the *Scott Specialized Catalog of U.S. Stamps and Covers*. In that catalog the front lists all regular, commemorative and Forever postage stamps, while those following (literally in the back of the book) are all stamps that do not perform the duty of moving the mail, are designated for special service, or are not stamps of the continental US. This arrangement is not common to all stamp catalogs, many list the stamps chronologically, without regard to special service stamps. The everyday collector is usually aware of BOB airmail and special delivery stamps, but there are others that may be a

surprise or new discovery for him.

Stamp collecting is generally thought of as collecting postage stamps, and it is true that this is the stamp collector's primary pursuit. But it is nearly guaranteed that he will come upon a stamp not found in the regular postage stamp section of the *Scott's Specialized*.

Revenue stamp collecting is a popular, originally featuring those stamps that the U.S. government released as tax stamps for tobacco, photographs, documents, alcohol and other items. The tax represented by the stamps helped fund the Civil War. Some types of BOB stamps and philatelic items:

- Revenue Stamps

- Official Stamps (Stamps for government agencies and the military)
- Airmail Stamps
- Duck Stamps
- Postal Stationery (Postcards, envelopes and aerograms)

• Semi-postal stamps
The uninitiated may believe that the *Scott's Specialized* catalog is predominantly devoted to regular postage stamps. BOB stamps can be a fascinating area for the stamp collector, full of an aura of history and further research opportunities. Edited from *Back of the Book Stamps* By Michael Breen

<https://www.thespruce.com/back-of-the-book-stamps-3125487>



Junior Corner - Hinges and Mounts

“Hey, hand me that Gismo” - Ok so you don’t really know what Pap is talking about but you hand him something from the general direction of his point...for the next few months we will cover those Gismos...

The Tools of the Philatelists or Stamp Collector;
This month we will discuss **Hinges/Mounts**: Put stamps in your albums with a hinge or a mount. Don't use tape or glue as you will decrease the stamp's value and possibly damage the stamps. Stamp hinges are the most common way to safely, easily, and affordably mount stamps. They are best suited for inexpensive or previously hinged stamps. Hinges are small, thin, folded pieces of translucent paper or plastic with special gum

on one side. A little moisture is required to attach the hinge to the back of the stamp. The easiest method is to wet the tip of your finger on a sponge and then use your finger to wet the back of the small portion of the stamp hinge. Attach the small part of the hinge close to the top of the stamp, stamp tongs can be used for added precision. Good mounting allows the stamp to be lifted upwards as if on a hinge. This allows one to examine the back-side of the stamp as well as the ability to be able to grasp the stamp and the hinge to remove the stamp from the album if needed. Then lightly moisten the long side of the hinge and press it firmly to the album page. Mounts are clear plastic sleeves. It is important to preserve mint

gum, always put the stamp in a stock book or use stamp mounts instead of disturbing the gum with a hinge. Once you have done that, it can't be undone. Mounts come in strips that you cut to size, or you can order them already cut to fit the stamps you wish to mount. There are several brands of mounts. Some have a sealed edge only at the bottom; others have sealed edges at both top and bottom with a slit in the middle through which you insert the stamp. Mounts come in black or clear. If mounts, especially black ones, are not cut to size very carefully, they will not look as nice in the album. You can try cutting them with scissors, if you have a very steady hand and a clear eye, but hobby supply dealers also stock stamp mount

lotines, similar to small paper cutters, that can be used to cut mounts to size with near-perfect straight edges
Mounts protect stamps very well but mounts are more expensive than hinges, and one size does not fit all stamps. Those who use mounts need a vast variety of sizes to accommodate all the different stamps.
As long as a mount is the right size, there is no need to remove it. If you acquire a better example of a stamp, you simply remove the old stamp from the mount and place the one in its place.
Both hinges and mounts are available from stamp dealers, and online.

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50 Years ago - February 1968

GREAT BRITIAN
Issued February 5 1968
Machin Definitives
Size 20mm (h) x 24mm (v)
Orange Brown ½d
Olive 1d
Lake Brown 2d
Purple 6d
Many countries make their definitive stamps plain and small, usually to save on pro-

duction costs. Even so, many stamp collectors find definitives to be the most fascinating type of stamp to collect. When using a single design many times over years, it is often possible to find interesting varieties among the stamps that are created. The most well-known definitive series in the world began in Great Britain in 1967. The stamp designs are about as simple as can be, showing a left-facing profile portrait of Queen Elizabeth II and a number indicating the postage value of the stamp. The portrait was originally created in plaster by artist Arnold Machin, when the queen was approaching age 40. In tribute, these British

definitives are most commonly referred to as Machins. In one of the earlier stamps of this series, the 1 penny issue the denomination is expressed as "1d." The "d" represents "penny" on the British stamps issued in sterling currency values. Following a

national change in 1971 to decimal, British stamps changed the letter "p" to indicate penny values.

