



WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB NEWS

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15-cent - Fort McHenry Flag - 15 Stripes & 15 Stars



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It also refers to collecting, research, and enjoyment, of stamps and other philatelic products.

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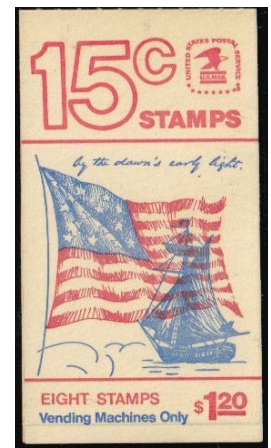


The Fort McHenry Flag, first appeared on a stamp in 1968 as one of the Historic Flag Series of 10, it has 15 red and white stripes and 15 stars. The stamps were produced in sheets coils and vending booklets. It is the only official US flag to ever have more than 13 stripes. It was authorized in 1794 when there were 15 states in the Union. It was replaced in 1818 by the 20-star flag, in which Congress also changed the number of stripes back to 13, the number of stars increases to represent the number of states, but the number of stripes always stays at 13.

The design depicts the American Flag that flew over Fort McHenry and Inspired Francis Scott Key to compose "The Star Spangled Banner." The lettering in the design says "The Land of the Free, the Home of the Brave," from the

closing lines. Key was detained aboard one of the warships of a British fleet in Chesapeake Bay that was bombarding the defenses of Baltimore during the War of 1812. Fort McHenry was subjected to a 25 hour assault, but withstood the attack. The British withdrew, marking a turning point in the war. Key had seen the flag waving over the fort at twilight and saw it again in early morning, giving proof that the defenders had held out through the night. He wrote down his emotions on the back of an envelope.

The verses, later set to the music of an old English drinking song, "To Anacreon in Heaven," officially became the national anthem by an executive order by President Wilson in 1916, confirmed by Congress in 1931. Scott # 1597, 1598 booklet, 1618 coil
Thank you Mickey Iannone for showing the newspaper article on this at the last meeting.



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Notable People on Stamps: Robinson - Representing the 'Boys of Summer'



Jackie Robinson was the first African-American athlete who made it to Major League Baseball. His persistence, along with numerous achievements, erased the blurred line between black and white

athletes, once again proving that the 20th century was a time of big changes.

The first stamp was 20-cent issued August 2, 1982.

The second stamp was issued on February 18, 1999 and is 33-cents. Jackie Robinson Stamp 33 cents from 1999. It shows Rob-

inson sliding on a base.

The third stamp is also a 33 cent stamp and shows him fielding. It was issued on July 6, 2000.



Club News

Upcoming Auction!!!
You Don't want to miss it!
 A collection was donated by the family of the late Leo Rihn. Some of the rarer and more valuable items are being assessed as to their value and will be made available to the club in the form of an auction at the July meeting. Included in this auction will be mint framed sheet of "White Plains Stamps".

Stamp Program
 Due to unforeseen circumstances Scott Shaulis did not make it to the June Meeting. He will be presenting a program on Fakes and Forgeries on July 8th 2018 Come and find out about real and unreal stamps.

There will be no business meeting in July, just the program and the auction... Hope to see you all there!

Cupboard Cleaning
 It was decided to take the two old unused TVs to the Salvation Army in the Southside.

Trip to APS Columbus
 August 9-12, 2018

Columbus Convention Center Danielle Weaver will be attending and staying at least one night anyone wanting to caravan or go with Danielle please call her to make arrangements. Email dmm742000@yahoo.com Phone 412-727-1096

Frames
 We have received over 30 frames from the Butler Club, many need some work. They are smaller and will take fewer sheets to fill, so for those of you who just want to get your feet wet in exhibiting, they might be just what you might need. Danielle has asked the president of the Pittsburgh Club to bring it up at their meeting to see if they might sell 4 frames, (two boxes) of the larger frames for use by our more experienced exhibitors...

Presentations
 The need for a projector was brought up at the May meeting and several members searched for

one that would meet our needs with out being too costly to purchase. The results were presented to the club and the membership present at the June meeting voted to go forward with the purchase a projector that will interface with a computer. This will make it possible for us to get programs from the APS and have one available to persons that might need them for presentations. One has been purchased and will be available at the July meeting.

Newsletter
 Wilkinsburg Stamp Club received a Gold Award in Class II of the APS Newsletter Competition for 2017

New Scott Catalogues
 President Andy Novotny was able to purchase the first two books of the 2019 Scott Catalogs from a Dealer at the New Hampshire Show in May. It is

planned that he will continue to purchase the rest of the set as they become available...

1st Annual Churchill Community Days
 We will be setting up a table at this event on August 11th, **help is needed** to man the table. **Please** contact Danielle if you are able to help that day. Email dmm742000@yahoo.com Phone 412-727-1096

Social Media
 It was decided by the membership at the June meeting that we do not wish to join social media at this time...

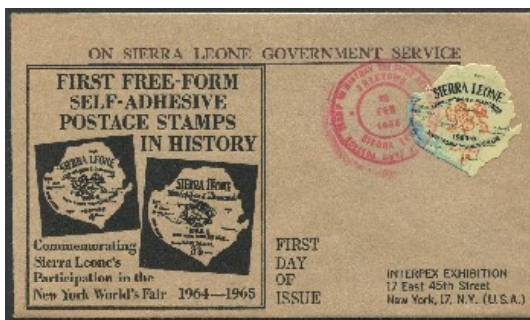
Self-Adhesive Stamps "Love 'em or Hate 'em" But probably here to stay.

The first three countries to issue self-stick stamps were Sierra Leone in 1964, Tonga in 1969, and Bhutan in 1969. An alternative to water-activated gum was practical as all three countries have humid climates, in which old style gum had a tendency to get messy. This prompted the introduction of self adhesive stamps. Sierra Leone produced the first self-adhesive stamps. They issued these in February 1964. The set consisted of fourteen stamps to commemorate the New York World's Fair: Seven of the stamps were issued as regular postage and seven issued as Airmail postage. The regular postage stamps were affixed to green paper and the Air Mail to



yellow paper, both with the name Samuel Jones & Co. Ltd. on the back:, as the company that produced the self-adhesive papers Walsall Security Printers did the actual printing of the stamps. They first became involved in stamp printing in the 1960s for Tonga and Sierra Leone producing freeform and round self-adhesive

stamps. They were, in fact, way ahead of their time, as self-adhesive stamps are only recently gaining a strong foothold in the more traditional water-activated arena.



WSC Meetings

ALL Visitors are welcome!

We meet the
 2nd and 4th Sundays
No Holidays
 Next meetings
 July 8th 2018
 August 12th 2018
Summers Meetings
 June thru August
 (one meeting a month)
 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 this year's dues, can make check payment to:
 Wilkinsburg Stamp Club
 and sent to:

Wilkinsburg Stamp Club
P.O. Box 10552
Pittsburgh, PA 15235-0552

Upcoming Stamp, Shows

Montrose Stamp Bourse

Jul 22nd, 2018
 Holiday Inn - Akron west
 4073 Medina Road
 Akron, OH 44333
 Contact: David Pool
 Phone: 330-832-5992
 Hours: Sun 10-4
 Admission: Free

American Philatelic Society

August 9-12, 2018
 Greater Columbus Convention Center,
 400 North High Street,
 Columbus, Ohio 43215

Contact: Kathleen Edwards,
 E-mail: stampshow@stamps.org
 Phone: 814-933-3803 ext 217
 Web: <http://www.stamps.org/>

APS - On the Road Course

"Getting the Most Out of the
 Scott Specialized Catalogues"
 August 11th 2018
 (at above Stamp Show)

Instructor: James Kloetzel

Cost: \$45 for APS Members

\$95 for Non-members

Contact: Janet Houser

E-mail: jhouser@stamps.org

Phone: 814-933-3803 ext. 239

Web: <http://stamps.org/On-the-Road-Courses> Note: 9am- 5pm

Erie Stamp Show

August 19, 2018
 Erepa Grotto 3828 Washington Ave, Erie, Pennsylvania 16509
 Contact: Gary Diley
 Email: hingrerem@gmail.com
 Phone: 814-734-1650

Churchill Stamp Show

Changed to August 25th, 2018
 Churchill Borough Building,
 2300 William Penn Hwy,
 Churchill, PA 15235
 Contact: Kevin Kellman
 E-mail: k2stamps@gmail.com
 Tel: 301-524-9562
 Fax: 301-371-4558

New Member

We are very pleased to welcome new member **Allen Raszewski** from Elizabeth, PA. Allen is a member of the APS and collects U.S. Mint, Plate Blocks

WILKPEX 2019

Next year's show dates are May 31st - June 1st, 2019. This is a big change to Friday and Saturday, under the advice of the dealers at our recent show. It will still once again held at Gateway Hall in Monroeville. Tentative times for the show will be 10-5 on Friday and 10-5 on Saturday. Set-up will be Thursday evening. Deb Foltyn has been made new Bourse Chair. If you are interested in being a member of the show committee, contact Deb at a meeting or email quest4moos@msn.com

WSC 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
 Snail mail:
 Deb Foltyn
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 Pittsburgh, PA15201-1637

Ideas or content suggestions are welcome.

Note* articles submitted may be edited for content or to fit the Format.

All club members get a free hard copy of the newsletter mailed to their home address.

Smelly Frozen Treats for Hot Summer Days



Frozen Treats for Summer

The first "scratch-and-sniff" U.S. postage stamps were released by the USPS (United States Postal Service).

A first-day-of-issue dedication ceremony, took place on June 20 at 6 p.m. local time the *Thinkery* Children's Museum in Austin, Texas.

The stamps feature illustrations of frosty, colorful, icy pops on a stick. Today, Americans love cool, refreshing ice pops on a hot summer day. The tasty, sweet confections come in a variety of shapes and flavors. Ice pops are made by large man-

ufacturers, home cooks and artisanal shops. In recent years, frozen treats containing fresh fruit such as kiwi, watermelon, blueberries, oranges and strawberries have become more common. In addition, flavors such as chocolate, root beer and cola are also popular. Some frozen treats even have two sticks, making them perfect for sharing.

There are 10 designs, each one showing two different treats. The stamps will be sold in booklets of 20. The artwork showcases is from Margaret Berg, of Santa Monica, California, who depicted the

whimsical illustrations in watercolors. The words "Forever" and "USA" appear along the bottom of each stamp. Art director Antonio Alcalá of Alexandria, Virginia, designed the stamps with Leslie Badani of Alexandria, Virginia.

What the stamps smell like has been kept secret but the USPS says it will remind you of the "sweet scent of summer." The only way to know the scent for certain is to purchase a booklet of 20 and start scratching, although one online source describes it as the smell of sugar, (believe me I have smelled a

lot of sugar in my short 67 years and they do not smell like sugar!)

The Frozen Treats stamps represent the third time in a little over a year that new U.S. stamps have featured innovative technology. One June 14, 2017, the USPS issued eight Have a Ball stamps. It was the first time the U.S. issued touch-and-feel stamps in which the stamps had the feel of the sports ball shown. Six days later, on June 20, the USPS issued the Solar Eclipse stamp in which an image of the Moon was hidden behind dark, thermo chromic ink until it was warmed, such as by the heat of a thumb's touch.

The U.S. is a bit behind the world in scratch-and-sniff technology on postage stamps. Bhutan issued the world's first such stamps in 1973 with stamps that smelling like each of the four roses pictured on the stamps.

Junior Corner

Officers

The Tools of the Philatelists or Stamp Collector;

This month we will discuss a block which is a unit of four or more stamps, including at least two stamps both vertically and horizontally. Most commonly a block refers to a block of four, or a block of stamps two high and two wide, though blocks often contain more stamps and may be irregularly configured (such as, a block of seven consisting of one row of three stamps and one row of four stamps). **Plate block:** A block of stamps from the corner or side of a pane including the selvage bearing the numbers or letters of the plate used to print the sheet from which the pane was separated. Some stamp production methods, like booklet production, normally cut off plate numbers. In the United States, plate number blocks are collected normally as blocks of

four to 20 stamps, depending on the press used to print the stamps. When each stamp in a pane is a different design, the entire pane is collected as the plate block.

Plate numbers: are numerals or an alphanumeric combination that identifies the printing plate used to print stamp images. In the United States, plate numbers on sheet stamps often appear in corner margin paper or side margin paper. Plate numbers on coil stamps were commonly trimmed off until about 1980; since then the number appears on stamps at intervals. Booklet plate numbers are often found on selvage attached to the pane. (from Linn's Stamp News) Remember *They are your stamps, so do as you please. It's a matter of personal preference what you collect, and whether you want to collect singles, plate blocks, sheets, covers, etc*



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50 Years ago - July / August 1968



India

Date of Issue : 7-1-1968
 Occasion :
 On the first of July 1968, the hundredth thousand post office at Brahmpur Chaurasta, Bihar was opened. Starting from 701 post offices in 1854 and 22,000 during the time of independence, this was a matter of great pride for the Indian Post Office, who decided to commemorate this journey of theirs.

Great Britain

This second set of British Commemoratives celebrating famous paintings by notable British artists was made by Messrs Harrison's, the printers, from photographs of the originals.
 Date of Issue 8- 12-1968



'Queen Elizabeth I' (Artist unknown, painted c1575. Commonly known as the 'Darnley' portrait, after a previous owner) Scott Number 568



'Pinkie' (Thomas Lawrence (1769-1830). The subject was Sarah Barrett Moulton, who was called 'Pinkie' by her grandmother. Painted in 1794.) Scott Number 569

(John Piper (1903-1992), War Artist. The church was "Blitzed" during WWII - the tower still stands today)
 Scott Number 570



'The Hay Wain' (Artist, John Constable (1776-1837). The painting, finished in 1821, shows three horses pulling a 'hay wagon'. The setting is the river Stour, with Willy Lott's cottage seen on the left.) Scott Number 571



'Ruins of St Mary Le Port'