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WILKPEX 2018 Post Show

Weather was beautiful, sunny and warm. Attendance was better than last year, As usual there were more people attending Saturday than Sunday. There was an increase in “first time” attendees, but many of those were looking to sell a collection. There was a slight decrease in Club members attendance. Overall the show had an increase over 2017, most likely from the increase in advertising. Thanks to all that put out flyers and special thank you to Tom for all his work getting the word out.

The dealers seemed happy with the results of the show. There was some discussion of things to make the show more successful. The Phlea Market appeared to be busier this year which enabled the club to clean out the closet.. Members were happy with their sales. It was reported that Club Phlea Market item sales totaled \$88.25. Raffle revenue totaled \$40. The cachet and souvenir sheet sales totaled \$129.50 at the show.

this is up \$12.50 from last year. Pre show mail order sales totaled \$156.00 this is up \$56 from, last year, for a grand total of \$285.50.

There were five (5) competitive exhibitors filling 11 frames, and additional exhibits submitted by the club, for a total of 20 frames Attendees voted for first, second and third place. The results were as follows:

First: Danielle Weaver *They're Not Just Square*

Second: Deb Foltyn *Won't You Be My Neighbor?*

Third: Eugene Bujdos *AMG Issues*

Honorable Mention: Bill Baladi *Assorted U.S. UX* Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all exhibitors. All exhibitors received a certificate of appreciation with the current show cachet attached.

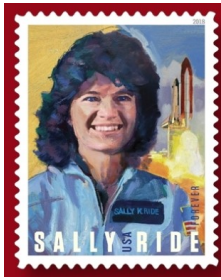
Great turnout for set up, we had

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Thank You to the Set Up volunteers:
Toby, Dave, Jeff, Bill, Jim
Danielle, Laura, Andy
Bill, Marge, Deb (Judy and Con not in photo)

Notable People on Stamps:



America’s first woman in space, Sally Ride (1951–2012), inspired the nation as a pioneering astronaut, brilliant physicist and dedicated educator. Ride’s life partner, Tam O’Shaughnessy, said “it was a great pleasure” to work on the stamp. “As a young

girl, Sally collected stamps. She would be so honored to now appear on a stamp.” Serving aboard the space shuttle Challenger in 1983 and 1984, she later served on the commission investigating the Challenger shuttle disaster in 1986. After leaving NASA Ride founded Sally Ride Science, a program focused on STEM education. In a statement the Post Office said Ride “inspired the nation as a pioneering astronaut, brilliant physicist and dedicated educator.” Tennis legend Billie Jean King and former NASA astronaut El-

len Ochoa will visit the University of California (UC) in San Diego on May 23rd to help dedicate the Sally Ride Forever stamp, which is being introduced by the U.S. Postal Service. The dedication ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. on May 23rd at the university’s Price Center. The event is open to the public

Ride died of pancreatic cancer at age 61 in 2012.

Club News

Very nice attendance at the meeting on the 8th, would be nice to see even more come to the meetings!

Thank you! Danielle for the excellent Stew...

2019 WILKPEX: Next year's show dates are May 31st - June 1st This is a Friday and Saturday. It will be held at Gateway Hall in Monroeville. Tentative times for the show will be 12-7 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 committee, contact Deb at a meeting or email quest4moos@msn.com

Wilksburg Community Days at the PACE school May 19th, club plans to set up a table any help appreciated. Please contact Danielle (412) 727-1096

APS TRIP

There is a trip planned to APS in Bellefonte PA. If you are interested in going, you can meet with Danielle in the lower lot of the Church-

ill municipal building, at 8 AM on Friday June 15th, Please contact Danielle with any questions. (412)727-1096 or email to dmm742000@yahoo.com

Some of the show frames have been picked up from the Butler club, Many thanks to them for donating their old show frames to our club! More frames are going to be available for pickup at Butlerpex.

UPCOMING AUCTION:

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 the White Plains Stamps.

Don't miss it!

Columbus Show

Several members are talking about going to the Columbus Show in August, if interested contact Danielle (412)727-1096 Some are planning an overnight stay...

Gene talked to personnel at the post office and asked what we need to do to get the post office attend our shows... It was suggested to him that everyone put in a complaint, and that would bring it to their attention, as all complaints phoned or emailed must be answered. There is information at the bottom of your receipt to tell them about your experience when you make a purchase at the post office. Or you can phone 1-800-410-7420. If everyone would do this, we might have a better chance of having the post office represented at the 69th annual show WILKPEX 2019.

PROGRAM

Scott Shaulis will be presenting a program on Fakes and Forgeries on June 10th 2019 Come and find out about real and unreal stamps.

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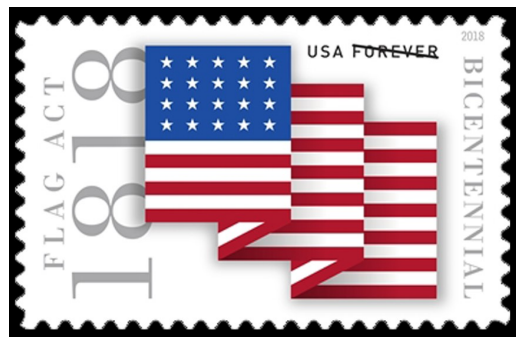
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Flag Act 1818



The United States Postal Service marks the 200th anniversary of the Flag Act of 1818, with a new forever stamp.

This stamp will be issued June 9, 2018 in Appleton, Wisconsin, which holds a large Flag Day Parade each year. This year's parade will be held June 9th, the same day the stamp will be issued.

The Flag Act of 1818 was enacted by Congress on April 4, 1818. It states *An Act to establish the flag of the United States.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in

Congress Assembled, That from and after the fourth day of July next, the flag of the United States be thirteen horizontal stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be twenty stars, white in a blue field.

And be it further enacted, That on the admission of every new state into the Union, one star be added to the union of the flag; and that such addition shall take effect of the fourth day of July then next succeeding such admission.

In Memory

WSC member

JAMES B. MOYAR

Passed away on Friday, September 30, 2016 at the age of 66. He lived in Monroeville. Beloved husband of Kathleen (Kajder) Moyar; father of James Moyar (Maidy) and Neil Moyar; grandfather of Noah James and Angelica; brother of Maxine Evans (Daniel), Robert Moyar (Beatrice), Victor Moyar (Sue) and the late Charles Moyar; also survived by many step-brothers and step-sisters. Jim was proud of his service in the U.S. Army and the PA. National Guard, serving as a staff sergeant. He was an active member of the Boy Scouts of America for many years, serving as both a Scout Master and an Assistant Scout Master.

Heartfelt sympathy to his wife (Kathy) and family.

WSC Meetings

Visitors are welcome!

2nd and 4th Sunday

No Holidays

Next meetings

May 28th - June 10th

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: Wilksburg Stamp Club and sent to:

Wilksburg Stamp Club

P.O. Box 10552

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WILKPEX Post Show Continued



Former Mayor Tom Murphy perusing Fred Zaganiacz's stamps



Mickey Iannone Dealer and club member and Marie



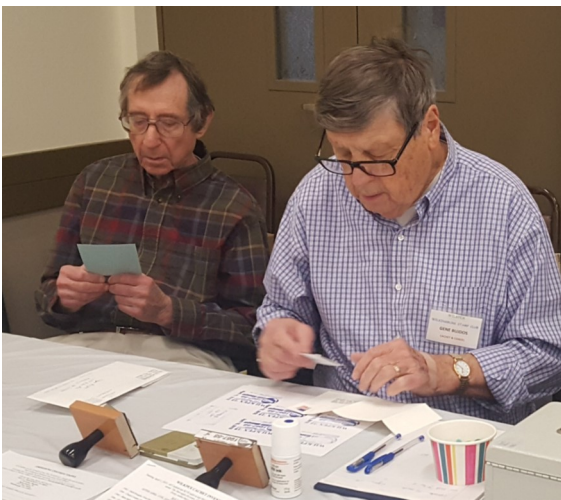
Tom Sivik and wife Dealers



Kevin Kellman Dealer helps collectors



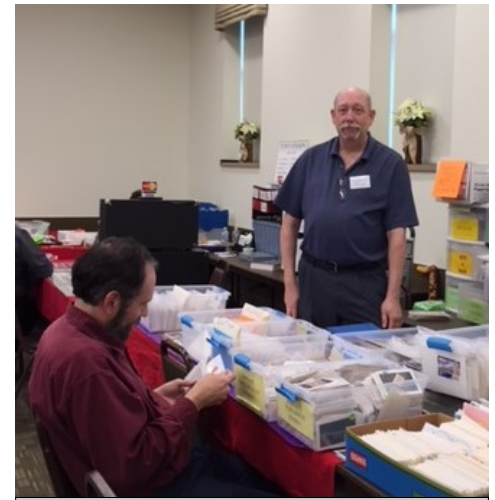
Brian Engler and wife Dealers



Marty & Gene at the Cachet/ SS Table



Geezers Tweezers Dealer



John Lesnik Dealer "Cover Connection"

(Continued from page 1) thirteen people show up to help set up for the show, this included four non-members... Thanks to everyone for their assistance!
Very Special **THANK YOU!** to

Marge Novotny, and Judy Ricker for their help with the welcome table and souvenir /cachet sales tables. These two non-members were invaluable in keeping the show running smoothly. Would also like to thank all of

those that contributed the many pictures, unfortunately only a few can be used in this publication.

More show photos available on the website, under the gallery link, under WILKPEX 2018

A special salute to the dealers, without you there wouldn't be a show... Thanks for your continued support!

Junior Corner

The Tools of the Philatelists or Stamp Collector;

This month we will discuss

UV Light

See the glow...

A few more involved junior collectors may also desire an ultraviolet light to detect faults or to determine if a stamp is tagged, or glows under light of a certain wave length to enable the use of automatic facing and canceling machines.

It is best to buy one of the UV lights especially designed for stamps, as they have special filters to aid the stamp collector. Care must be taken when using a UV light as damage can result to skin and eyes if improperly used. Read all instructions that accompany your light.. There are many styles and prices from which to choose.

Above- A United States 45¢ Universal Postal Union stamp



(Scott 3332) photographed under UV light is shown in Figure 2. The star-shaped tagging applied to this issue is very distinctive



Upcoming Stamp, Shows

BUTLERPEX

May 11-12, 2018
 (BCPS) Butler County Philatelic Society
 Tanglewood Senior Center
 10 Austin Ave., Lyndora PA
 Show with Exhibits
 Contact: Tom Sivak
 724-287-1931
 www.butlerphilatelic.com

TRI-STATE MONTHLY COIN & STAMP SHOW

May 27, 2018 & June 24, 2018
 10 am—4 pm
 Sheraton Bucks County
 400 Oxford Valley
 Langhorne, PA 19047
 Contact: Allen Brock
 305-852-7678

SCOPEX

June 23rd - 24th, 2018
 American Philatelic Society
 100 Match Factory Place
 Bellefonte, PA 16823
 Show with Exhibits
 Contact: Don Heller
 Phone: 814-861-5720

EPASS

June 30, 2018
 Allentown Philatelic Society
 Jordan United Church of Christ
 1837 Church Road, Allentown PA
 Bourse only, no exhibits
 Contact: Bill Harris
 610-866-3323
 Email wthiii3@ren.com
 https://greatzvmr.wixsite.com/newaps

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British Anniversaries
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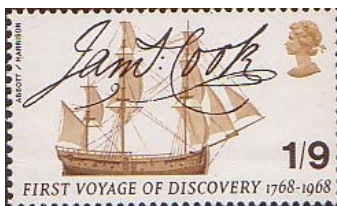
TUC' and Trade Unionists
 Scott # 564



Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst
 (statue)
 Scott #565



Sopwith Camel and English
 Electric Lightning Fighters
 Scott # 566



Captain Cook's Endeavour and
 Signature
 Scott # 567

June 20, 1968, a federal law, that had prohibited the printing of color images of United States postage stamps, was repealed as President Johnson signed legislation. "Since stamp counterfeiting is today virtually nonexistent," a White House statement said, "this restriction is no longer necessary. There is no reason now why the full meaning and beauty of our postage stamps cannot be communicated to all the world in color reproduction." Previously, stamp catalogs and encyclopedias could only display black-and-white images. The law had become obsolete after U.S. stamps were "impregnated with an invisible phosphor which causes canceling machines to reject counterfeits".



Arrigo Boito Scott # 982

Arrigo Boito (1842-1918) was an Italian poet, journalist, novelist, librettist and composer, best known today for his libretti, including those for Giuseppe Verdi's operas *Otello* and *Falstaff*, Amilcare Ponchielli's *La Gioconda*, and his own opera *Mefistofele* (1868). Here is an image of a stamp featuring a portrait of Boito and "Mephistopholes," designed by C. Pontani, issued by Italy on June 10, 1968 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Boito's death.