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NEWSLETTER

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Austria Issues Railway Jubilee Stamps



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One of the most important links from Germany to Italy via Austria is the railway line over the Brenner Pass, the standard gauge Brenner railway. On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of its opening in August 1867, Austrian Post is dedicating a commemorative stamp from the "Railways" series to it.

In contrast to the recently opened Semmering railway, as few tunnels and bridges as possible were built in order to save on costs, with the steep valley slopes at St. Jodok and Gossensass being negotiated by means of spiral tunnels instead. It was also more cost-effective to lay the railway on the river bed at Matrei and Gossensass (Sill and Eisack)

and to put in a tunnel for the waterway. At an altitude of 1,371 metres above sea level, the Brenner Pass station is the highest point on the railway and is now the border station between Austria and South Tyrol, although most of it belongs to the South Tyrolean municipality of Brenner. Here the engines have to be changed due to the different electrical systems used by the Austrian (alternating current) and the Italian (direct current) railways. Nowadays modern engines are able to use a range of electrical systems and no longer need to be changed. Brenner Station acquired historical significance during the Second World War as Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini met there for political talks on multiple occasions.

For some years now, work has been underway on the 55 k. long Brenner Base Tunnel, which will take freight traffic off the existing stretch and make the whole stretch faster as part of the Trans-European Transport Network system. Goods trains have already been using the

alternative route via Innsbruck with the 13 k. long Inn Valley Tunnel since 1994 in order to reduce noise pollution in the Lower Inn Valley. Building the Brenner Base Tunnel will incorporate this deviation as well as the high speed stretch in the Lower Inn Valley, thus making (SCAN-MED) Scandinavia Mediterranean railway link faster. Tunnel is expected to be operational in 2026. The already considerable freight traffic over the Brenner route is largely operated by private railway companies.

The stamp design shows a typical passenger train from the 1980s with an Austrian Railways 1020 series electric engine in a snowy Gries station. On the Austrian side the area around the Brenner Pass belongs to the municipality of Gries am Brenner.

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Notable People on Stamps: Eva Perón

María Eva Duarte de Perón (7 May 1919 – 26 July 1952) the second wife of Argentine president Juan Perón, was the first lady of Argentina from 1946 until her death in 1952. As first lady, Eva Perón, fondly called "Evita" by many, played a major role in

her husband's administration. She is widely remembered for her efforts to help the poor and for her role in getting women the vote. Although Eva Perón was adored by the masses, some Argentines intensely disliked her, believing she driven by

ruthless ambition to succeed at all costs. Eva Perón's life was cut short when she died of cancer at the age of 33. One Commemorative stamp set issued with her wearing her favorite ruby and diamond necklace, pictured here. Issued: November 1, 1952 Scott # 607-610 Argentina issued several others sets with her likeness, in her memory.



Club Meeting Moments

Attend a meeting... see what you are missing!

Welcome to new member Mary Jane D'Annibale

Trip to APS Sept, 28th
Fun was had by all.

2018 Wilkplex Show
is coming together, ...
Dealers:

John's Philatelics
Mickey's Stamps
Richer Stamp Co.
The Cover Connection

Come to a meeting and try your luck! We now have a 50/50 at the meetings.

Tom Reiff's widow donated several boxes of stamp related items to the club

We have located the official Wilksburg Stamp Club logo, so we can once again use it for the club services.

Luncheon planned for the October 21st at Hokkiado, This is a buffet style restaurant and sushi bar please sign the sheet at the meeting that you will be Attending, spouses welcome, or contact Danielle to RSVP dmm742000@yahoo.com phone 724-492-1192

Leave message if no answer
Sept 10th, ...Checking on the price to color print the newsletter, this has been cost prohibitive in the past. It was decided at the meeting on the 24th that we will not be printing in color at this time.

Several copies will be available in color at the meetings .

Sept 7, 2017 - Linn's stamp magazine has a nice article on our Souvenir sheets and their founder Lou Yagle.

Attend a meeting!,

and
enjoy the fellowship of other philatelists, the circuit books, a light luncheon, coffee, desert,
and
Flat screen TV
on
Steeler Sundays...

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Noticeable shifts on Scott # 702 & 703



Members attending the Sept. 10th meeting were intrigued as Danielle showed samples of noticeable shifts in the cross on Scott #702.

Scott Catalogue states "the cross tends to shift, appearing in many slightly varied positions". However the placement can vary significantly.

There is also a printing with the red absent.

The stamp was issued May 21, 1931 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the American Red Cross. This 2 stamp shows an allegory of "The Greatest

Mother", a nurse with a world globe in front of her.

The American Red Cross was founded on May 21, 1881 by Clara Barton (1821-1912). The organization helps victims of wars and disasters.



Scott #703 was issued October 18, 1931 to commemorate the Surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. It features portraits of General Rochambeau (1725-1807), General George Washington (1732-1799), and Admiral DeGrasse (1722-1788),

all instrumental in the American victory.

The Siege, ending on October 19, 1781, was a decisive victory by a combined force of the American Continental Army, the French Army, and the French Navy over a British Army commanded by Lieutenant General Lord Cornwallis. It was the last major battle of the Revolutionary War, as the capture of Lord Cornwallis and his army prompted the British government to negotiate an end to the conflict. The negotiations culminated with the Treaty of Paris in 1783, and the British government recognized the United States as a free and sovereign nation. Color shifts are very common and the challenge with this stamp is to find it with the black section is perfectly centered.

WSC Meetings

Visitors always welcome!

We meet on the 2nd & 4th Sunday (no holidays), except in the months of May, June, July and August when we meet once a month, the 4th Sunday at the Churchill Borough Building, 2300 William Penn Hwy Churchill, PA 15235.

Doors open at 12:30 P.M. until ? We have a "Show and Tell" by members at the second meeting of the month. The business meeting starts at 2 P.M. (free light lunch available)

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

Members if you haven't paid your dues yet, you can send payment made out to the

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Upcoming Shows

United Nations Expo
 Oct 27th - 28th, 2017
 American Philatelic Society
 100 Match Factory Place
 Bellefonte, PA 16823
 Contact:
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 Phone: 215-295-3143
 Website:
<http://www.unexpo17.com>
 Time:
 Oct 27 10 AM - 6 PM
 Oct 28 10 AM- 4 PM
 See website for full itinerary.

STAR WARS: The Last Jedi - New for October

Royal Mail is issuing eight new STAR WARS stamps.. Illustrated by, Malcolm Tween, some of the stamps feature secret details, revealed by UV light. The iconic stamps will be issued October 12,2017.

Maz Kanata
 Deep within the fringes of the galaxy lies a secret castle hideaway presided over by the wise, boisterous figure of Maz Kanata.

Chewbacca
 Faithful co-pilot and companion to Han Solo for many years, Chewbacca was one of the heroes of the Rebellion.

Supreme Leader Snoke
 A shadowy figure who leads the First Order, Snoke trained Kylo Ren in the dark side of the Force.

Porg
 Small, flightless birds called porgs are native to the remote

planet Ahch-To, where Luke Skywalker is living in exile.

BB-8
 The plucky droid named BB-8 is a loyal companion to Resistance fighter Poe Dameron in the fight against the First Order.

R2-D2
 This trusty little droid has had an adventurous life, first on board Queen Amidala's ship during the Battle of Naboo, then in the Clone Wars alongside Anakin Skywalker, and with Luke

Skywalker in the fight against the Empire.

C-3PO
 As a boy on Tatooine, Anakin Skywalker built a protocol droid as a helper for his mother.

K-2SO
 A reprogrammed Imperial security droid with a bluntly honest way of talking, K-2SO is firmly on the side of the Rebel Alliance in the fight against the Empire.



New US Stamp for October 2017

Christmas Carols Booklet
Issue date: Oct. 5, 2017
Location: New York, NY
Denomination:

49¢ forever stamps
 The 2017 Christmas season will be celebrated with four forever stamps featuring images that illustrate four famous Christmas carols: "Jingle Bells," "Deck the Halls," "Silent Night" and "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas." Familiar lines from the songs highlight each of the stamps. Shades of blue in the backgrounds are intended to show the evening sky. While

not forming a unified design, the adjacent quadrants in each stamp appear to be a Christmas ball
Format: Four designs
 Double-sided pane of 20 (convertible booklet)



Snowy Day Booklet
Issue date: Oct. 4, 2017
Location: Brooklyn, NY
Denomination:

49¢ forever stamps
 "The Snowy Day," will be showcased in this set of four stamps. Written & illustrated by the children's author, Ezra Jack Keats, it was one of the first prominent 20th century picture books that centered on an African-American child. Each of the four new stamps features a different illustration of main character "Peter" exploring and playing in his neighborhood while wearing his red snow suit. The images picture Peter forming a snow ball, sliding down a mountain of snow, making a snow angel and leaving footprints in the snow.

Format: Four designs
 Double-sided pane of 20 (convertible booklet)



Junior Corner

WSC Newsletter

"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 Philatelic Gismos...

The Tools of the Philatelists or Stamp Collector;

This month we will discuss **Philatelic Stamp Tongs. (Tweezers)**

These are a must for any serious stamp collector as they keep the dirt, food bits and skin oil from your hands on your hands, and not on your stamps. There are several types of tongs available to the collector, and many have a preference for one or another, this is a personal choice. Some are better suited for special purposes, so you might find you have the need for

several types of tongs.

Some tongs are very pointed; they touch only a tiny part of the stamp, but there is a chance of poking holes. Extra-long tongs (five or six inches) with small pointed tips requires dexterity, and they may not be comfortable or necessary for "everyday" stamp work. The rounded, spatula-type are all around general-purpose tongs. A squared-off version of the spade also is commonly available, although the rather sharp corners present the same kind of risk as the thin, pointy tongs. One handy style is angled, with a bend near the tips that makes it easier to remove stamps from watermark or soaking trays, or to insert and remove stamps from stock books or mounts. Be careful with first using your tongs, as they can cause damage if used improperly. Practice on small squares of paper or already

damaged stamps until you feel comfortable and soon you will find that I you are able to firmly pick up and place stamps with out damage. Now it is time to start using tongs and make it a habit to do so, every time you work with your stamps. Your stamps will love you for it. Tongs are probably the least expensive and most essential need of the philatelist. You may want to have several different kinds to suit your needs.

It's your newsletter. Original articles for the newsletter can be submitted by any of the membership to Deb Foltyn at the meetings or emailed to Quest4moos@msn.com

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50 Years ago - October 1967 -

**India**

Date of Issue:

October 1, 1967

Occasion:

Quit India Movement - 25th Anniversary

Description:

Martyrs' Memorial, Patna

Madagascar

Date of Issue:

October 16, 1967

Michel MG 572

Stamp Number MG 404

Yvert et Tellier MG 442

Description: Maps

Commemorative

Hydrological Decade

(UNESCO)

**Pakistan**

Date of Issue:

October 26, 1967

The profile portraits of Their Imperial Majesties the Shahinshah and the Empress of Iran appear at the right of stamp. To the left of the portraits appears the Persian text surmounted by the Imperial Crown. The portraits, Imperial Crown and Persian text are printed by Intaglio process in purple. Gulistan Palace appears in orange as

background. The word "Pakistan" in Bengali, Urdu and English appears in reverse in the blue panel at the bottom. Above the panel the word "Postage" and the date of Coronation "26th October, 1967" printed vertically in blue, appear at the left and right sides respectively of the stamp. The denomination "50 Paisa" appears in top left corner printed in Blue.