



# BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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## AUTUMN STAMP FESTIVAL

Here we are already into November. This means it is Autumn Stamp Festival time! Our annual Fall bourse is scheduled for Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Leonard Post. The hours are from 10AM to 5PM. Bill Witschard reports that 15 dealers and the United States Postal Service are scheduled to be at the show. This show is a major bourse, as there are no shows in the area that weekend. Past years attendance has been strong and this year we hope to surpass it. With so many dealers, collectors will have a field day. Thanks to Bill for signing up the dealers!

Setup for the Autumn Stamp Festival will be on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Setup will take about an hour or more depending on the turnout. The more people we have, the quicker we finish and go home (or to bar for refreshments!). The Club will have a hospitality table at the door, and the Club will need members to man the table and welcome visitors. If you can spare an hour or so, it will be appreciated!

Come out and support this event!

## MEETINGS

Auctions and meetings are held at the Leonard Post located at 2450 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga and begin promptly at 7:30 pm. A calendar for 2010-2011 was in September's newsletter. If anyone needs a spare copy, see or email the editor, or check the club website.

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

November 4<sup>th</sup>: **Auction**

November 18<sup>th</sup>: **Setup for Autumn Stamp Festival - 7 PM**

November 19<sup>th</sup>: **Autumn Stamp Festival**

December 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Auction and Holiday Social**

## CALL FOR DUES!!!!

Dues remain at \$12.00 and can be given to Casey Kielbasa at the meeting or mailed to Casey at P.O. Box 154, Cheektowaga, NY 14225-0154. Casey reports 104 members, which is the highest membership number in recent years.

## OFFICERS

President: Alan Davis

Vice President: Bob Meegan

Secretary: Al Carroccia

Treasurer: Tim Carey

Membership Chairman: Casey Kielbasa

Auction Manager: Dan Sherwood

Advertising & Publicity Coordinator: George Gates

Bourse Chairman: Bill Witschard

### WALTER ORTON

The Club is saddened to announce the passing of long time member Walter Orton. Walter passed away Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from an illness. Because of the deadline of this newsletter it has been decided to pay tribute to Walter in the December newsletter. Rushing to place it in this month's would not do justice to Walter's memory. Our condolences go to Walter's family.



### EBAY

The American Philatelic Society, which happens to be a partner with eBay in the establishing and operation of a watch program for eBay, is asking eBay to revise its policy regarding seller descriptions of eBay lots. APS has sent a letter to eBay outlining its position which states that descriptions should not be limited to photographs only. The APS expressed concern that any flaws on an item may not be visible on a photograph. An experienced collector may be able to recognize defects in an illustration, but a beginning collector may not. The APS is worried that beginning collectors may become discouraged with the hobby if the item they purchased is defective.

How many times have we seen lots with poor illustrations and those with no descriptions. Even worse are lots with misleading descriptions. Most likely, the most eBay will do is issue an advisory guideline on descriptions. It will still be up to the seller to accurately describe lots and we don't expect much to change. It is a noble movement, yet difficult to enforce.

It is up to everyone who buys or sells on eBay to uphold high standards and give accurate or critical feedback to those sellers who are substandard.

### VOLUNTEERS FOR PRESENTATIONS

We are always looking for members who have a topic that they would like to show at one of our Mid-Month meetings. We know that everyone has very interesting and varied collections, and we would love to have you share your pride and joy with others. If you are willing to host a presentation, please let a Board member know and we'll get you on the schedule.

### OCTOBER MID-MONTH MEETING

Al Carroccia, along with the help of Bob Meegan, led an informative presentation that covered the various resources that stamp collectors use to expand our knowledge and further research our collecting interests.

From the various catalogues, topical publications, specialized publications, study group newsletters, and auction catalogues, they all provide valuable information that helps a collector, not only understand the value of their subject, but also fully understand the variations and related materials available.

This topic was not only informative, but also helpful in organizing and preparing our subjects for display. With BufPex coming up, it was a good stimulator.



**The Buffalo Stamp Club wishes all its members a  
Happy Thanksgiving!**