



# BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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## BUFPEX 2011

BUFPEX is nearly here! Preparations for our annual show and exhibition are nearly complete. Below are some areas where we need your help:

- **Exhibits to Display** - Make sure your application for exhibits is turned into Bob Meegan. If you forgot, call Bob as soon as possible (or the editor) so we can get your exhibit in.
- **Setup** - Show up on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Leonard Post around 7 PM. As in the past, the more people we have, the quicker we get finished and retire to the bar for refreshments. The tough job is setting up the frames - but once we get going, it goes smooth. Once again, Casey has offered to buy the first round of drinks at the bar.
- **Welcome Table** - We will need volunteers for the Club hospitality table. Even if you can man the table for an hour, that will help.

## 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.

## MARCH CALENDAR

**March 4<sup>th</sup>:** NO MEETING! BUFPEX SETUP at 7:00 PM

**March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>:** **BUFPEX 2011**

Come to BUFPEX and support the club and the Dealers!

Please consider volunteering 1 hour to man the Club hospitality table. It does make a difference!

**March 18<sup>th</sup>:** **Auction** - Due to BUFPEX there will be no presentation this month!

**April 1<sup>st</sup>:** **Auction**

## 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

### **FEBRUARY MID-MONTH PRESENTATION**

February saw a strong turnout for an evening of exciting philatelic stories by member and attorney Jeff Lazroe. His topic of "*Stamp Criminals I have Known*" focused on some interesting facts and history of organized stamp re-use scams and bathtub soaking operations. Additionally, this led to other personal experiences as a kid of dumpster diving finds and subsequent losses.

The discussion evolved to local legends of great collections that were stolen or lost and never recovered with the mysterious question as to why they have never re-surfaced in any form. Others added their own stories of stamp criminology to top off the evening.

### **MORE STAMP REMOVAL DISCUSSION**

There has been a continuous stream of response, feedback and letters regarding the tips, suggestions, and methods for removing the newer pressure sensitive adhesive stamps.

Here's another tip for neutralizing the residual adhesive on the back of the stamp after removal - from a reader in Arizona:

"Remove stamps with the solvent of your choice, let dry, apply a thin layer (one or two granules deep) of Splenda (maltodextrin, sucralose) for 5-10 minutes, and then push off with your finger. Stickiness all gone, stamp will not stick to album page, and hinges adhere properly."

### **DUES**

Dues for 2010-2011: 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. Please pay your dues promptly.

Casey reports 89 members have paid. Are you paid?

### **STAMP SOAKER NEWS**

Only half of the stamps issued in 2010, a total of 42, will safely soak free from envelope paper after being immersed in water. The remaining 43 different stamps fail to soak off in water without damage to the stamp.

So far, Postal Service contract stamp manufacturer Sennett Security Products (SSP) continues to use paper with a water-soluble layer that allows stamps to safely soak free. All the stamps in the safe-to-soak list below were printed by SSP. The other 2 stamp manufacturers, Ashton Potter and Avery Dennison are using stamp paper that does not soak.

### **US self-adhesive stamps that soak safely (2009-2010):**

4127i	Liberty Bell forever stamp (SSP only)
4293-4302	Flags of our Nation – 3 <sup>rd</sup> set
4303-12	Flags of our Nation – 4 <sup>th</sup> set
4374	Alaska Statehood
4375	Year of the Ox
4376	Oregon Statehood
4387	28¢ Polar Bear sheet stamp
4397	Wedding Rings
4399-4403	The Simpsons
4392	American Flag coil (SSP only)
4407	Celebrate
4425-28	Winter Holidays (large booklet stamps)
4433	Hanukkah
4451-60	Adopt a Shelter Pet
4467-71	Sunday Funnies
4473	Winslow Homer
4474	Hawaiian Rain Forest
4478-81	Evergreens forever (large booklet stamps)
4488-89	Lady Liberty and Am Flag coils (SSP only)
O163	1¢ Great Seal Official mail stamp

### **BUFFALO STAMP CLUB NAMETAGS**

If anyone is interested in purchasing a Buffalo Stamp Club Nametag, let any Board member or Club Officer know. The Nametags are only \$7.00 and can easily be ordered at the same time that we engrave the Tropies with the 2011 BUFPEX Exhibition winners