



BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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NATIONAL STAMP COLLECTING MONTH

We are now into October, and the days are getting chilly and the leaves are beginning to turn. Besides Halloween, October is also National Stamp Collecting month. Created and promoted by the APS, it is intended to draw in new collectors through programs and events held in conjunction with the USPS. It is an exciting time and it is nice to see the USPS more involved besides the usual first day ceremonies which are, at least, geared towards collectors.

So what can you do, you ask, to further National Stamp Collecting Month?

..... Perhaps getting someone interested in the hobby, and maybe even join our Club.

..... Do some promotional work for the Club by spreading the word about the Club and its events like the **Autumn Stamp Festival** and **BUFPEX**, or

..... Get involved in the Club – bring your ideas. How can we make our club “better” or more relevant?

We want members to step in and help with Club events, such as helping out at the auction, offer to give a presentation, help set up for shows, or even take on a task or join the Board. We are always looking for different members to join in helping to grow the Club and promote our hobby. Are you up for the challenge?

OCTOBER CALENDAR

October 5th: Auction

October 19th: Presentation by Larry Cherns:
“The Royal Train, 1939”

November 2nd: Auction

November 17th: **Autumn Stamp Festival**

DUES

2012-2013 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 remit your dues as soon as possible.

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

MAIKEN NAYLOR

The Club lost a long time member, Maiken Naylor, who passed away on August 24, 2012. Maiken was the former librarian at the University of Buffalo Science and Engineering Library. As a scientist and librarian, she used her expertise from these fields to compile an extensive philatelic collection related to Science, entitled -

"Sci-Philately: A Selective History of Science on Stamps"
- along with a running commentary.

You can view this exhibit at:

<http://library.buffalo.edu/libraries/asl/exhibits/stamps>

She will truly be missed by the Club.

RPA AUCTION

The **Rochester Philatelic Association** has invited members from all the stamp clubs throughout Western New York to attend a live auction that they are planning for the Saturday, October 27 meeting. RPA members can bring up to 5 auction lots and non-members can bring up to 3 auction lots for potential buyers. 10% of the hammered price will go to the RPA treasury. Purchases by non-RPA members will only be in cash. Note that this meeting is being held from 2-5 p.m. on a Saturday afternoon at an alternate meeting site - the Brighton Reformed Church, 805 Blossom Road in Rochester. Anyone interested, visit <http://www.rpastamps.org/> for much more information.

MEETINGS

Auctions and meetings are held at the Leonard Post located at 2450 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga and begin promptly at 7:30 pm. On Auction nights, come early to get a good look at the lots up for auction!

A calendar for 2012-2013 was in September's newsletter. If anyone needs a spare copy, see or email the editor, or check the club website.

SEPTEMBER MID-MONTH MEETING "INTRODUCTION TO TAGGING"

Thanks to everyone who attended my little talk on tagging. We had a nice open discussion with a number of questions on various aspects of tagging, and then we turned out the lights and looked at a good number of examples under the UV lamp. There was a good turnout which was an indication of the interest in this misunderstood or little known aspect of stamp automation, since the tagging provided an "invisible" indicator for the introduction of automated cancellation systems.

Hopefully, this topic will encourage collectors to get out their UV lamps and look for varieties and variations. We saw examples of pattern differences and vibrancy differences. And we ended with the question: "Are there other countries, other than the US, Canada and Great Britain that have tagged stamps?"

Do you know the answer to this question?



Three tagging varieties of Machin stamps from Great Britain - Note the tagging bars

DONATION BOX

Don't forget that every week, we have a Donation Box available to toss a few miscellaneous items into, as a way for the club to make a little money and for you to clear out some odds and ends.

WEBSITE

If anyone has any material that they would like to add to our website, please let Al Carroccia know. New material, photos, stories, or anything that would create interest is welcome.