



BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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Here we are approaching the end of another year. I am amazed at the seemingly quickness of the passage of time. In this day and age, and the busy pace surrounding us, time is definitely a premium. Unfortunately, for us philatelists, today's mail is all commercial, consisting of junk mail and bills. You rarely see letters. Compare this with mail from 100 years ago, when it was the only means of communication. Mail was delivered several times a day and speedy delivery (relatively speaking) was always guaranteed. Ah.... it was a golden age.

As we finish the year, remember to enjoy the holidays with family and friends. Remember to take the time and enjoy your philatelic treasures. We can easily buy items at the monthly auction and put them away without appreciating that item. Take pleasure in what you have.

EXHIBITING IS FUN

Furthermore, since BUFPEX is around the corner, get out those stamps and covers and consider exhibiting. Bob Meegan has advised us that new exhibits are wanted and needed. We implore you to consider putting together an exhibit. We know it takes time, but in the end it is worth it. Bob Meegan, along with George Gates, will hold the annual presentation on exhibiting next month. Be there and get the encouragement or assistance you need to show your treasures!! Exhibiting is rewarding and gratifying - an opportunity to show off what you have and get the recognition you deserve!

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.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

December 7th: Auction and

Holiday Social



January 4th: Auction

January 18th: Presentation by Bob Meegan and George Gates on *Exhibiting*

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.

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

DOROTHY HAAF

The Club is saddened to learn the passing of long-time member Dorothy Haaf in November. Dorothy was a good Club supporter and a regular at the monthly auctions. She will be missed. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Gary.

CLUB DONATION LOTS

The Club has received another large package from Larry Lyons. If you recall, he previously donated material to the Club which was placed in the monthly auction. The recent material consists of handbooks on local posts which he authored, along with auction books, some covers, and various mixtures of US and foreign. All lots, particularly the literature lots, were in competitive bidding resulting in a nice windfall for the Club. We thank Larry for his donation.

Happy Holidays to all and may your philatelic wishes come true!!!!

Pictured below is a nice cover cancelled on Christmas Day in 1939 aboard the U.S.S. Philadelphia. This cover can be part of a Christmas topical collection, a collection of ship covers, or even a specialized collection of covers cancelled on Christmas Day. Hope this inspires you to begin an exhibit!



Potential Exhibit piece

BY THE WAY

Hope everyone enjoyed the story written by President Alan Davis last month about his trip to Arizona with its philatelic flavor. Alan takes all my ramblings and puts it together making a readable newsletter each month. Thanks Alan!

AUTUMN STAMP FESTIVAL

The Autumn Stamp Festival was again a huge success. A strong turnout pleased the dealers most of which reported brisk sales which included the United States Post Office. Thanks to all those members who helped with setting up and tearing down, helping out at the Club Hospitality Table and planning the bourse. Also, to all the members that came to promote the Club. Linn's published a short feature on the Autumn Stamp Festival in its November 12, 2012 edition.



Bob Meegan and George Gates at the Hospitality Table



Harry Tong with his massive stock and numerous tables

KID'S KORNER

In case you didn't notice, we initiated a "Kid's Korner" at a table in the back with free stamps and the use of tongs, glassines, and magnifiers. It was our first attempt at beginning a youth-friendly activity to encourage young people to collect stamps. Although we had only one interested participant, it was the start of something.

It was Al Carroccia's daughter who was diving into the box of stamps with great enthusiasm, which bodes well for its potential for success. At BUFPEX, we'll promote it more and add some other kid-related material. We think it was a good "first test".