



# BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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## COUNTDOWN TO BUFPEX

We like to think of February as a cold and middle-of-the-Winter month. On the bright side, the days are getting longer! Now is the time to seriously get down to work developing that exhibit for BUFPEX! By now, you should have an idea as to a subject for your exhibit. Hopefully, you attended the presentation Bob Meegan and George Gates gave on exhibiting at the Mid-Month meeting. Now is the time to begin putting it together. Once all your material is together, you can layout it out, put some order to it, and see how it fits together without seeming cluttered or sparse. After everything is in order, then you can begin to mount and describe your material. Sounds easy? Now go and get to it!

## MID-MONTH MEETING

As mentioned above, Bob Meegan and George Gates collaborated to put on a very interesting presentation together showing the extremes that exhibiting can demonstrate.

Bob shows his extremely detailed exhibit of US usage of Domestic Letter Rates from 1792 through 1900. Bob's research and resultant knowledge makes him a specialist in this area of US postal usage.

On the other hand, George focused on the lesser known African nation of Nyasaland. The engraved stamps of Nyasaland are very beautiful and not overly expensive, which is one of the reasons George picked this topic. George showed usages from the various cities and areas of Nyasaland and occupational stamps with overprints from Central Africa and British South Africa.

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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

February 15<sup>th</sup>: **Show and Tell Presentation –**  
Members are invited to bring that unique, something special and show it off to the rest of us. Keep it simple. It's fun and interesting! Dig deep and let's see that hidden treasure.

March 1<sup>st</sup>: **BUFPEX setup – 7 PM**

March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>: **BUFPEX**  
**Hours: Saturday 10AM-5PM & Sunday 10AM-3PM**

## EXHIBITS FOR BUFPEX WANTED

Contact Bob Meegan or Alfred Carroccia for information.

## 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.

## 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

### **BUFPEX STAMP JAR**

Andrew Michalek is in charge of the stamp jar for BUFPEX. He is looking for donations to fill the jar. If you have stamps for the jar, make sure to give them to Andrew or to Alan Davis. Any contribution is appreciated. Thanks!

### **VALENTINE'S DAY**

Many of us think of Valentines Day as a Hallmark holiday and not a real holiday. That is debatable, but interestingly enough, the holiday is fixed on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Since the date is significant it does present an interesting, collectible opportunity. Plenty of covers postmarked on February 14<sup>th</sup> are readily available some with interesting cachets.



This cover is significant not only because it was postmarked February 14<sup>th</sup>, but the cancel is from the Valentine, Arizona post office. Valentine still has a post office in operation with a zip code of 86437. This cover was in an accumulation lot and would make a nice addition to an exhibit.

### **AUCTION**

This is a reminder to pay attention to auction rules and regulations. Carefully describe your lots and make sure you place a minimum bid on your auction slip. Also, make sure your lots are identified with a full description on the auction sheet, so that the Auctioneer describes it accurately.

### **CLUB DONATION LOTS**

Keep in mind the Club Donation Box at the auction. The material usually has a low minimum bid, usually \$1.00, with the proceeds going to the Club. Some of the material is even interesting!

### **SPECIAL EVENTS AT BUFPEX**

We have some interesting events going on at BUFPEX:

Jim McLean is leading a **Stamp Collecting Merit Badge** Program at BUFPEX on Saturday. Up to 25 young participants may be present to learn about our hobby and gain enough knowledge to qualify for their merit badge. If you see them, welcome them with a word of encouragement.

Also, we will once again set up a **Kid's Korner** for any "youngsters" that are interested in rummaging through a free stamp box. We provide tweezers, magnifying glass, and glassines. Other kid-friendly items will be available to peruse, such as Disney postal cards and stamp oriented comic books. If you have anything to donate to this cause, please let us know.

### **BUFPEX SETUP (AND TEARDOWN)**

Just a reminder, that the setup for BUFPEX will take place on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Leonard Post. The frames for the exhibits need to be unloaded, unpacked and assembled. Four people are needed for assembly of the frames. In past years when we have a good crew, the assembly goes quickly. In addition, and even more importantly, is the need for people to tear down the frames, pack them up and load them on the truck. Any and all help is appreciated.

### **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.

### **OPENING FOR APRIL MID-MONTH MEETING**

We have an opening for a member to volunteer to give a presentation for the April 19th Meeting. This is a great opportunity to show your specialty. All of us that collect stamps specialize in one way or another. Show us your specialty. We'd love to see it. Let one of the Board members know if you'd like to participate.