



# BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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## BUFPEX IS HERE!!

Finally BUFPEX has arrived. For the past few months, we have been talking about exhibiting and helping out at BUFPEX. Now is the time to act. If you have yet to enter an exhibit, do it now. You can email the editor for more information. More importantly is the need for people to help out with setup, and especially for teardown. The past few years there has been few left after BUFPEX closed on Sunday. The room at the Leonard Post has to be restored to its original state. The frames need to be disassembled and packed for delivery to storage. It is not difficult work but at least 4 people are needed - although more bodies will make the work go quickly. Any help will be greatly 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.

## 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!

## 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.

## MARCH CALENDAR

**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**

**March 15th: Auction**

**April 5th: Auction**

Note: There is no presentation in March!

## 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.

## 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 WELCOME TABLE

Please come to BUFPEX and support the Club by donating some time at the Welcome Table. If we all spend an hour or 2, it spreads the load. You get to welcome people as they come in and promote the Club at the same time.

Also, support the dealers and the US Postal Service. Wait to buy your stamps from the USPS table – they always have a nice selection and we're glad that they are there.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

The Next agenda on the Club calendar is the election for Board of Directors which will be held prior to the auction on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Board of Directors consists of 12 members each serving three year terms with four members alternating each year. This year the following members will have their terms expiring; Al Carroccia, Irv Hills, Dan Sherwood and Bill Witschard.

New Board members are welcomed and desired. Keep in mind that only Board members are eligible to hold office in the Club. Any Club member interested should see one of the Officers.

### FEBRUARY MID-MONTH MEETING

Our February Presentation Theme was a Show-and-Tell. We had a number of members there to show off a variety of items. Casey, being the baseball fan that he is, had a Don Mattingly commemorative postal card from the ceremony that retired his #23 – good ole Donnie Baseball. Mary Meegan showed her Carousel collection of stamps, covers and postcards. Bob Meegan highlighted some special items from his US Postal Rate collection. Tim Carey challenged us to identify the watermarks of a few Washington/Franklin issues. Alan Davis showed his Lincoln collection of stamps, covers & cards – including the famous litho of *Lincoln in Dalivision*. And lastly, George Moore showed his classic US collection on Lighthouse pages – most of which is MNH. All in all, it was fun and we got to see some special items.

### AUCTIONS

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 slip, so that the Auctioneer describes it accurately.

### BUFPEX SETUP (AND TEAR DOWN)

Just another 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. At least 4 people are needed for assembly of the frames. In past years, when we had a good crew, the assembly went quickly. And afterwards, for those interested, we retire to the Post bar for libation & socializing. Did Casey offer to buy the first again?

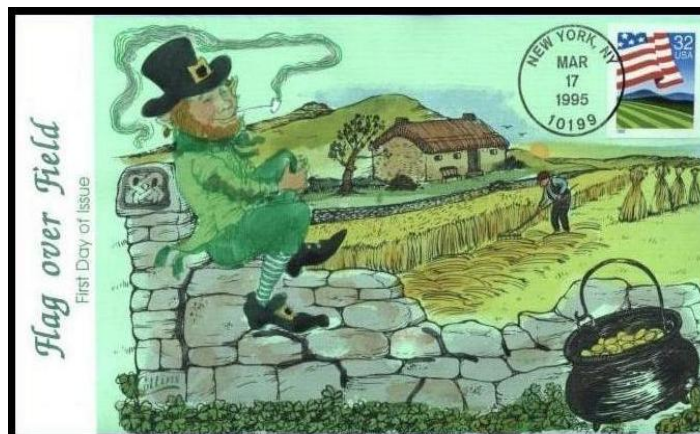
More importantly is the need for people to tear down the frames, pack them up and load them on the truck. Any and all help is appreciated.

### 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 from 10 AM to 3 PM. 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.



**HAPPY  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!!**