



BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The Club will hold an election for the Board of Directors prior to the auction on May 3rd. The incumbent Directors are Al Carroccia, Irv Hills, Dan Sherwood and Bill Witschard. If there are no additional nominations prior to the call to vote, then a simple voice vote will be all that is necessary.

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!

Check out the Club website at:

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CLUB DONATION LOTS

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

At the April auction there 11 lots of material donated to the Club by the family of Harry Stobie, a past member. The lots consisted of country collections housed in albums. All the lots sold resulting in the Club receiving \$240.50. Thanks to Bob Meegan for coordinating the sale of the lots. And thanks to the Stobie family for their generous donation!

MAY CALENDAR

May 3rd: Auction and Board Election

**May 17th: Presentation by Irv Tesmer:
"Buffalo Suburban Covers"**

June 7th: Final Auction of the Year!

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. Casey reports that 17 members have not paid their dues. If you are one of the unpaid,, contact Casey immediately!

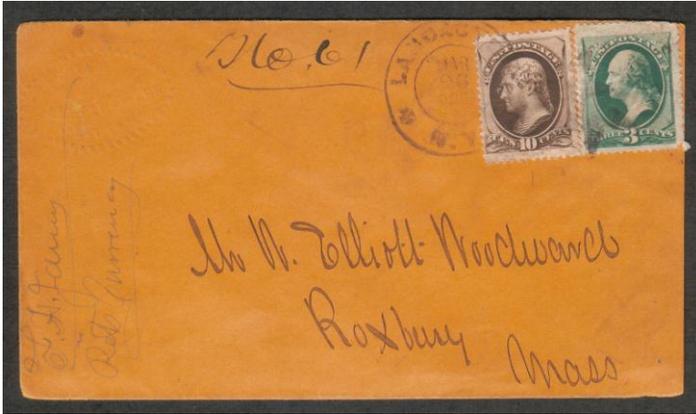
OFFICERS

President: Alan Davis
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Treasurer: Tim Carey
Membership Chairman: Casey Kielbasa
Auction Manager: Dan Sherwood
Advertising & Publicity Coordinator: George Gates
Bourse Chairman: Bill Witschard

SUMMER PICNIC

Bob Meegan has selected Saturday, August 10, 2013 as the tentative date for the Club's annual Summer Picnic. Please mark your calendar for this event. Additional information will be mailed out as we get closer.

IRV TESMER



The May presentation will be given by Irv Tesmer. His annual talk on Western New York postal history will focus on covers from the suburbs outside the City of Buffalo. Irv never disappoints with this presentations. Shown above is an 1881 cover with a Lancaster double circular date stamp.

KID'S KORNER AT BUFPEX

The last newsletter was heavily centered around BUFPEX, and we certainly wanted to highlight the great job that Jim McLean did with the Boy Scout Stamp Collecting Merit Badge Workshop that he organized and led. We all know that in order for our hobby to thrive and survive, we need the younger generations to get interested and enjoy.

There is growing emphasis in Philatelic groups to encourage a Youth Area at stamp shows that make materials available to young collectors. At BUFPEX, in addition to the Boy Scouts, we also had a KID'S KORNER and there were a number of kids that took advantage.

With each show, we hope to expand the materials and increase the audience. There are a number of suggestions and ideas available, especially in the area of Topicals, that we can build upon and grow the interest. Any suggestions or donations that you may have to help - we are all ears.



LARRY CHERNS PRESENTATION

The May presentation was given by Larry Cherna. Larry gave a slide presentation on covers from the Territory of Hawaii during the period 1880-1900. Several covers from this period were shown along with the contents. Larry stressed that covers with contents from this period are difficult to find. Also scarce are postal covers with contents. The significance of this presentation are the historical, social, economic and political impact of the letters. Larry devised a checklist of characteristics which he uses to evaluate a cover. He showed us two books from the period which he used for background material. It was a very interesting presentation. Thanks Larry!



An example of a Hawaiian cover from the period 1800 to 1900. Note the San Francisco cancel which was the port the cover traveled by boat before traveling overland to Massachusetts.

STAMP REMOVAL

A quick note regarding stamp removal - In one of the recent issues of *American Philatelist*, there were a number of letters sent in regarding the removal of self-adhesive stamps. We touched on this subject once before with a couple methods that seemed more difficult to manage - since I tried a few.

Anyway, the recent consensus in removal wasn't much different than the soaking method we always did with older stamps. The difference was the addition of a mild hand soap, like liquid Dial (not a grease cutting dishwashing soap), in warm water. You just need a second warm bath to rinse the soapy water off, then blot dry with unprinted newsprint or paper towels. As always, there are a few stubborn stamps out there to watch out for. Just passing it on for what it's worth - Good Luck!