

PICS FROM AUTUMN STAMP FESTIVAL



Harry Tong's table



The girls from the US Postal Service



Casey & Kimberly busy talking with customers



Ron Yeager helping a customer

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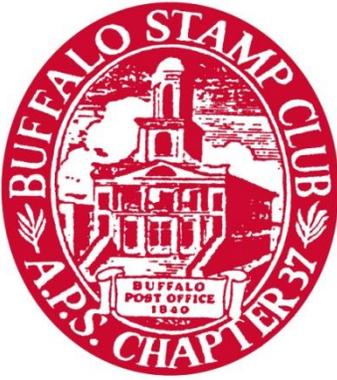
Bob, George & Dan at the Welcome Table



The Kid's Corner had a busy day



Catherine Carroccia – at it again



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END OF THE YEAR!!

The Autumn Stamp Festival is behind us as we enter December and the Holiday Season. Because of the holidays we meet only once in December. On December 5th the Club will hold its customary auction. As soon as we're done, we will enjoy food, refreshments and some good conversation. I'm sure we'll talk about those lots that got away and show off the ones we won!

Thanks to our esteemed President, Alan Davis, who makes sure we have plenty of food and refreshments. After the Holiday Social we will not meet again until January 9th. On January 23rd Bob Meegan will give a presentation with further details in next month's newsletter.



DECEMBER CALENDAR

December 5th: Auction and

Holiday Social

January 9th: Auction

January 23rd: Presentation by Bob Meegan

DUES

Have you paid your dues? If you are not sure, check with Casey Kielbasa. As we go into 2015 Casey will begin to compile a list of unpaid members and contact them. Dues can be paid directly to Casey or mailed to Casey at P.O. Box 154, Cheektowaga, NY 14225-0154.

OFFICERS

The following are the Officers of the Club:

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
Other Directors:	Larry Cherno, Kevin Suchow, Irv Hills, & Bennie Passantino

AUTUMN STAMP FESTIVAL

The Autumn Stamp Festival was held on November 15th at the Leonard Post. An enthusiastic crowd was waiting when the doors opened and attendance was strong throughout the day. The dealers were happy and the collectors, hopefully, were happy with their purchases.

The Club table was busy as each visitor was greeted by a member of the Club and given a ticket for a chance at winning a \$5 coupon each hour to be spent at one of the dealers at the bourse. Visitors also had a chance to buy BUFPEX covers and join the Club.

The youth table was also busy throughout the day. Kids who came to Autumn Stamp Festival were given the opportunity to discover and enjoy stamp collecting at the youth table. There were plenty of stamps and supplies to keep all the kids busy and members of the Club were nearby to help with questions.

Again, Autumn Stamp Festival was a huge success. Thanks to all the members who helped with set up and tear down and to everyone that helped out at the Club table. Special thanks to Bill Witschard for organizing the dealers and to George Gates for the publicity.

WE HOPE EVERYONE IS HAVING OR HAD

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ROPEX

Bob Meegan reports that ROPEX is in dire need of exhibits. ROPEX will be held on May 15th through May 17th at the Greater Canandaigua Civic Center. Why the urgency you ask? As we all know ROPEX is a major show and bourse. In fact, it is an APS "World Series of Philately Event". The Grand winner of the exhibit qualifies to compete for the "World Series of Philately" to be held at the APS Stamp Show next August in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Bob is also a judge at ROPEX and several members of the Club who are dealers will be selling at the bourse. In order for ROPEX to maintain their APS status, they need to maintain a minimum number of exhibits which they are finding more difficult to sustain. So please consider helping with an exhibit.

BUFPEX

On the other hand, if you are considering exhibiting at ROPEX, then why not exhibit at BUFPEX which will be held March 7th and 8th. Give your exhibit a preliminary critique prior to ROPEX.

It is never too late to get an exhibit together. We all have different collecting interests and I know we all have material. It does not take a genius to figure that out with all the material that goes through the auction. The point is that the Club has many members who are specialists in their respective areas. All it takes is organizing your material into an exhibit that tells a story. If anyone has any questions regarding exhibiting, Bob will be glad to answer them.

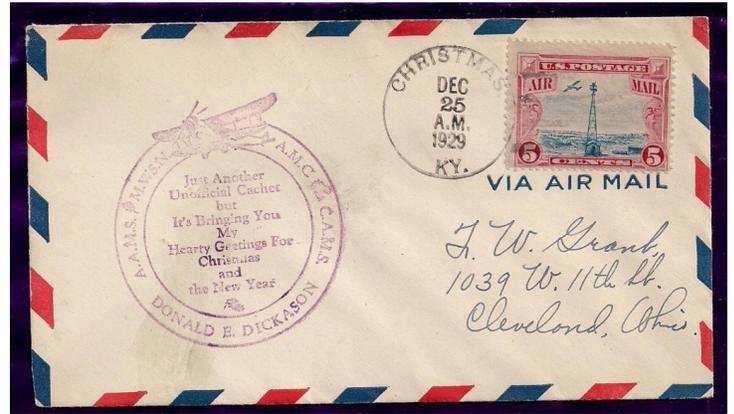
APS TRIP

Tim Carey has proposed a Buffalo Stamp Club trip to the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. The Plan is to leave Buffalo around 6:30 AM on Friday, April 24th and arrive at the APS Center around 10:15 AM. We would then depart the Center at 4 PM and arrive back in Buffalo around 7:45 PM. The alternative plan is to go on Saturday, April 25th. The Center is not open on Saturday but special arrangements could be made.

The estimated cost is \$25 but may be lower once final arrangements are made. Tim has planned a climate controlled bus with lavatory for transportation. Also included is coffee and doughnuts on the bus and a lunch which will be provided by the Club. There will also be a mini auction on the bus!

At the APS Center there will be a tour of the facility. You will also have an opportunity to buy from the sales circuit books and other donated materials. For those interested in philatelic research, the massive APS library will be at your disposal, and you may be able to purchase duplicate materials if the library has extras. Other attractions include a re-created post office from the 1860's, numerous exhibits on the walls, various antique cancellers & perf machines, and a youth area all in a renovated match factory in the historic town of Bellefonte.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a flyer prepared by Tim. Take some time to review it and return the bottom portion to Tim or bring it to the next meeting. Once Tim has an idea as the level of interest in this trip, he will finalize the details and we will let everyone know at the meetings and through this newsletter. Should be interesting and fun!



Christmas, KY postmark on December 25th

Christmas is one of my favorite holidays. Of course, being a postal history collector, one of my favorite cover topics are those cancelled on December 25th, Christmas Day. This airmail cover is interesting not only because of the December 25th postmark but because it was cancelled at the Christmas, Kentucky Post Office. It is definitely a philatelic cover, sent from one collector to another, but it is still interesting and perfect for the occasion. You do not have to restrict it to Christmas. You can collect covers postmarked during the Hanukah season also. As the general rule of philately goes: There are no rules! Do what you Enjoy and Enjoy what you do!

STAMP JAR

Your editor will once again prepare a stamp jar for BUFPEX. The Club will have the jar out at the Club table at BUFPEX for people to take a guess at the number of stamps in the jar. Anyone interested in donating to the stamp jar can give the stamps to me at any meeting and I will acknowledge your donation. A majority of the stamps come from my collection and my expense. Any help is appreciated. Thanks to Dan Sherwood and Scott Shadron for donations of stamps.