

## BUFPEX AND AUTUMN STAMP FESTIVAL

Beginning with this newsletter and continuing through March you will find promotional cards for the Autumn Stamp Festival and BUFPEX. The cards not only serve as a reminder but can be used to promote both shows. The cards can be placed in places where the public frequents. Ideal spots include the bulletin boards at post offices, libraries, doctor & dentist offices, even outdoors on utility poles! (Just remember to take them down after the event.) Let's get the word out for these two important shows.

The notice for upcoming shows also helps to inspire us to get those exhibits ready!

Thanks to Casey Kielbasa and George Gates for the tireless work they do to promote the Autumn Stamp Festival and BUFPEX! Be sure to keep an eye out for notices in the *American Philatelist*, *Linn's* and the local media and let George know you saw it.

## OLEPEX 2017

The Annual Fall Stamp Show in Olean will be held on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at the Bethany Lutheran Church, 6 Leo Moss Drive, Olean, NY. The show is organized by member Ron Yeager and draws dealers from not only the Buffalo/Rochester area but also from Pennsylvania, Ohio and Maryland. It is a nice show because there are dealers you would not normally see.

## APS MEMBERSHIP

We saw in the September Issue of the *American Philatelist* that BSC member **Gerry Kegler** was recognized as a new APS member. I believe that Gerry won his membership in the Club Auction.

We also saw the Tom McCormick from Tonawanda became a new APS member. If anyone knows him, they should recruit him into the Buffalo Stamp Club!

## THE HAMILTON-BUFFALO REUNION

There has been talk across the border between the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club and the Hamilton Stamp Club to attempt a reunion of the Hamilton and Buffalo Clubs to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hamilton Stamp Club. It was briefly mentioned at the Board Meeting, but tabled to get more information, particularly from our Canadian members.

The Hamilton-Buffalo Reunion was an annual event between the two clubs. The venues would alternate between Hamilton and Buffalo with dozens of exhibits and dealers and a spectacular dinner party complete with toasts!

The last reunion, the 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary, took place on January 26, 27 and 28, 1990 at the old Ramada Inn on Transit Road. Thereafter, the annual show evolved to become BUFPEX.

Stay tuned for more information. Any member who would like to see such an event take place should let the Board of Directors know. If there is a strong interest, the Club would proactively work to make the event happen. Let the Club know what you think.





# BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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## NATIONAL STAMP COLLECTING MONTH

October is National Stamp Collecting month. Even though the Club does not formally celebrate the event, members of the Club can participate and engage in activities. A good start for background and ideas is at the American Philatelic Society (APS) web site located at [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org). The APS is an excellent resource with tools to recruit and educate new collectors. Also check out [www.learnaboutstamps.com](http://www.learnaboutstamps.com) and <https://arago.si.edu>

If you can't recruit new collectors, then the best way to celebrate is to just enjoy the hobby. Maybe you can start a new collection - whether it is a country, topic or specific period. We tend to forget the number one rule of stamp collecting: there are no rules! If you purchased that lot of plate blocks at the monthly auction, good for you! If it appeals to you and you enjoy plate blocks, then that is the essence of stamp collecting. Too many times collectors are driven by the notion that we need to chase that expensive item that will give us the most return.

**Enjoy your hobby and Happy National Stamp Collecting Month!**

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

**October 6<sup>th</sup>: Auction**

**October 13<sup>th</sup>: Presentation by Louis Greiff, Jr.  
"JFK on U.S. Covers"**

**October 20<sup>th</sup>: Auction**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>: Auction**

Leonard Post, 2450 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga

**Auctions** begin immediately following any business and announcements which starts at **7:15 PM**. Get here early enough to view auction items. Seller deadline for submitting Lots is **6:45 PM**

**Presentations** begin at **7 PM** in the Happy Room.

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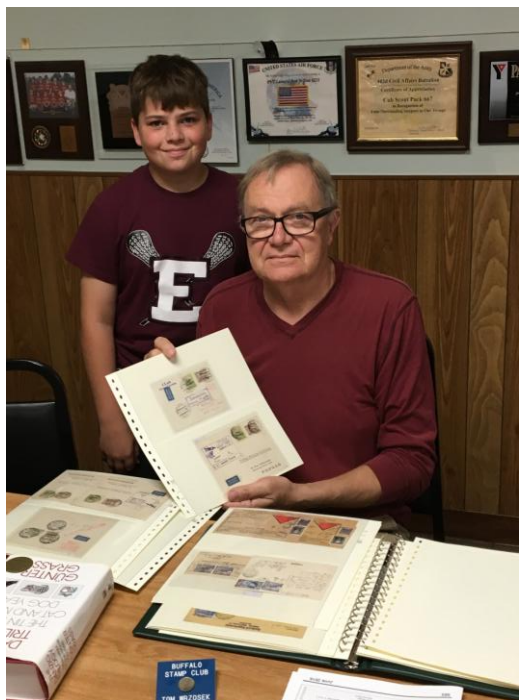
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## SEPTEMBER PRESENTATION

Tom Wrzosek presented "Covers from the Port City of Danzig" on September 17, 2017. About 17 members attended and heard Tom give a synopsis of this complicated area of Polish philately. The early history of Poland and Germany is important to understanding the postal history of Danzig. It was the 1919 Treaty of Versailles that established the Free City of Danzig and the Polish corridor. There were two separate and distinct post offices, one operated by the Germans and the other by the Polish. German and Polish stamps were overprinted creating many varieties including errors and forgeries.



Tom and his grandson, Aaron, displaying some of the covers from his collection of Danzig

Tom passed around complete sets both mint and used of the Danzig stamps from 1920 – 1938 along with propaganda cards, flight cancels, and covers showing fascinating usages franked with overprinted Danzig Stamps. He also had some interesting destinations from Danzig to Jerusalem, Belgrade, and others. Thanks to Tom for an interesting talk on this area of Polish philately.

## CLUB DUES

Membership Chairman Casey Kielbasa has been collecting dues for the coming year. Dues can be paid at the meetings or mailed to Casey at P.O. Box 154, Cheektowaga, NY 14225-0154. When you check in with Casey, make sure your address, email and/or other contact information are correct! It is important that the Club has your information in case of a Club emergency, such as weather cancellation.

## CLUB TID BITS

The following are new (or aka former members) of the Club:

**Tim Harrington**, collects USA, Ireland and Canada. Tim was a past member of the Club and returning after a short hiatus.

**James C. Tomasello**, collects USA, was referred to the Club by member Val Ignatjew.

Welcome to our new members!

### And Special thanks:

September was a busy month outside of the Club for some of our members as attendance was low at the first two auctions. Thanks to those members who stepped in to help the auctions run smoothly. Paul Moore and Bill Fentske helped up front marking the lots and performing the accounting of all the monies taken in and then paying out to members.

Thanks also to our resident auctioneer John Leszak for moving the lots at the auction and his lively commentary which spices up even the most boring and mundane lots. Where else can you hear someone pleading for anyone to buy a South Korean stamp issue, especially since the country may not be around tomorrow!

## CALLING FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

We hope you have been enjoying our expanded 6-page newsletter. There's no question that it's tough to put material together each month. So we're looking for help.

We are looking for contributors or wanna-be authors. But even if you just found something interesting that you'd like to share. Jot it down and send it to us – even if it's a photo from your phone. Don't worry; we'll edit, correct, or smooth out any rough spots for you, but anyone can submit their article, story, topic or news to our editorial staff for review and submission. Our objective: To make our newsletter more interesting for everyone. We all have something to share! Send to Al Carroccia or Alan Davis (our editorial staff).

## AUCTION GEM

Lot 64 at the auction on September 22 was noteworthy as it had one of the highest realizations in recent Club memory. It was a Scott 320Ad, 2 cent Washington, carmine, Type II, 1908, used, fine condition, Schermack Type III perforation. It had a tiny nick in the top left edge but came with a certificate issued by the American Philatelic Society. It is found very rarely used and has a catalog value of \$2,500. The asking price was a mere \$475 and sold very easily without any begging or cajoling! Congratulations to the buyer of this gem!



An example of an unused pair of Scott 320Ad

## OCTOBER PRESENTATION

On October 13th, Louis Greiff, Jr. will give a power point presentation of President John F. Kennedy on covers entitled "JFK on U.S. Covers". Louis is a member of the Rochester Philatelic Association. He is making the trip to Buffalo for the presentation. A copy of the presentation can be viewed at the Rochester Club web page. The address is [www.rpastamps.org](http://www.rpastamps.org).

The stamps and postal history of JFK is a popular collecting area. The American Topical Association (ATA) publishes checklists and handbooks for JFK related material.



The USPS released a stamp commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of JFK, Scott 5175, on February 20, 2017. The USPS will release stamps commemorating the birth date anniversary of previous Presidents but this issue was heavily promoted as JFK is one of our more popular Presidents.

We look forward to welcoming Luis to the Buffalo Stamp Club and his interesting presentation.

## JOKE FOR THE MONTH

Q: What do the Cleveland Browns and the Post Office have in common?

Answer: Neither Deliver on Sundays!