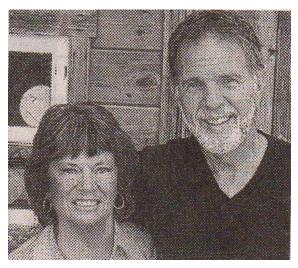
#### **BUFPEX DEALERS**

- Ed Bailey, Syracuse, NY
- Kim & Casey Kielbasa, Cheektowaga, NY
- Ron Yeager, Bradford, PA
- Tom's Stamps, Butler, PA
- K2Collectibles, Middletown, MD
- Dale & Andrea Smith (Stamp Smith) Kansas City, MO
- R A Houser, Williamsport, PA
- The Cover Connection, West Seneca, NY
- C & D Philatelics, Ruby, VA
- Mike Klock, N. Tonawanda, NY
- Mike Retzer, Buffalo, NY
- Joyce Greco, Macedon, NY

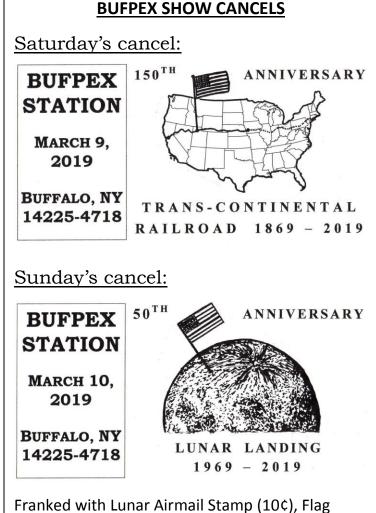
That's 12 dealers so-far, as of publishing time. We are still waiting for responses from 4 more.

# CONGRATULATIONS LARRY! (and of course, your wife lovely wife, Gail)



Larry and Gail Lawrence recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. They were married February 8, 1969 in St. John the Baptist Church in the Town of Tonawanda where they still reside. As you may know, they have 2 boys, Sean and Kevin, who are also members of the Club. We recognize and appreciate the Reilly family as active participants in our Club.

Larry & Gail also have four grandchildren. Maybe some future stamp collectors??



Franked with Lunar Airmail Stamp (10¢), Flag Stamp (42¢), and Transcontinental Railroad (3¢).

Order your set of both at the Show!

# **BUFPEX CACHET**

Commemorating American Accomplishments:

- 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Completion of the Transcontinental Railroad, and
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing





# **BUFFALO STAMP CLUB**

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## BUFPEX!!

BUFPEX Show Hours: Saturday – 10 AM to 5 PM Sunday – 10 AM to 3 PM

## Check out the SILENT AUCTION starting Saturday and ending 2:30 Sunday. Winners must be onhand to pick up lots at end.

The two things certain for March is the coming of Spring and BUFPEX! Months of preparation and hard work by the Club is but a few of the ingredients that make BUFPEX a success. The work began last Summer when the theme for BUFPEX was decided and then continued into the Fall and Winter as dealers and exhibits are solicited. BUFPEX is a Club event with Club members doing all the planning and preparation!

The other ingredient to a successful BUFPEX is Club participation. Club members are needed before, during and after BUFPEX show hours. Frames and tables need to be set up on Friday evening. A team of people working together can unpack and assemble the frames easily and safely. More importantly the same team needs to disassemble and pack the frames for storage after BUFPEX concludes on Sunday.

Also needed are Club members for the Club hospitality table and helping with coordinating the Silent Auction. As the saying goes- "All handson deck!" Any help will be appreciated. Thank you.

## MARCH CALENDAR

March 8<sup>th</sup>: BUFPEX Setup, 6 PM

March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>: BUFPEX

March 22<sup>nd</sup>: Auction

March 29<sup>th</sup>: Presentation: Casey Kielbasa

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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## JAMES LYONS (1938-2018)



The Club mourns the loss of member James Lyons who passed away on December 27, 2018. Jim joined the Buffalo Stamp Club in 2013. He frequently attended Club events making the trip from Dunkirk. Interestingly, besides stamps, Jim collected coins and was interested in music. In addition, he was a genealogist and member of numerous genealogy societies.

Jim will be missed. The Club sends its condolences to his family, and especially to his loving wife, Joan.

# EXHIBITS

Bob Meegan is still looking for exhibits, especially one or two frame exhibits. Putting a one or two frame exhibit is not difficult compared to a longer exhibit spanning many frames.

Contact Bob for an application, or if you need more information.

# FEBRUARY PRESENTATION

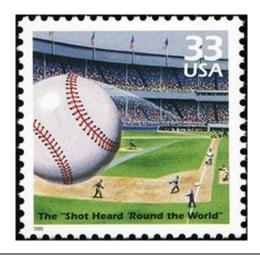
A nice crowd turned out on February 15<sup>th</sup> for "My favorite philatelic item" presentation. Those that brought items began with how they became involved in stamp collecting, which was typically at a young age. The stories concluded with specialization in a certain area and thus the "favorite philatelic item."

Alan Davis showed some nice Hungarian stamp EFO varieties. Larry Cherns read from an article he wrote in *Mekeel's* about a favorite cover. Gene Golebiewski brought volume 1 of his Poland collection with a genuine and fake Poland No. 1. Irv Tesmer showed gems from his book just published. Casey Kielbasa, George Mohr, John Raynor, Al Carroccia, and Bob Meegan showed a variety of interesting items.

The presentation, that evening, shows the diversity of the collecting interests of the Club membership.

## **MARCH PRESENTATION**

The March presentation will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Casey Kielbasa will present Part 2 of his "Live People on Stamps." Maybe Casey will show the Bobby Thomson baseball stamp (Scott 3187c).



#### **BUFPEX NOTES**

#### **STAMP JAR**



The stamp jar is full! The last item to be added to the jar was the above stamp. It is the \$6.70 Byodo-In Temple stamp (Scott 5257), which paid the Priority Mail rate. Cancelled stamps of these high value stamps are scarce, because the stamp is typically destroyed when the priority mail envelope is opened. This stamp, interestingly, was not cancelled. However, it received the dreaded "x" sharpie cancel. While not as desirable, it is still collectible. Thus, it has found its way into the stamp jar.

Thanks to all who have donated stamps to the jar. **Hint:** the number of stamps in the jar is between 1,000 and 100,000 stamps.

#### **NAMETAGS**

We're back in business! After running out of our stamp collecting coin medallions that are traditionally attached to our Club nametags, we can finally thank Tim Carey for coming up with a reasonable and cost effective option to decorate our nametags. Thanks to Tim and his company, Switzer Mfg., a precision metal fabricator located in Lackawanna, for offering a solution.



We put in an order for 7 nametags that have been on backorder since the medallion shortage crisis. We will have them by BufPex! Bourse chairman John Leszak reports that he has received contracts from two more out of town dealers for bourse tables at BUFPEX. He is waiting for two other dealers to submit contracts. With the 10 dealers who usually are at BUFPEX, it is possible that the bourse may have as many as 15 dealers plus the USPS! Thanks, John for soliciting and recruiting these dealers.

Setup for BUFPEX will take place Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> beginning 6 PM. The frames for the exhibits will be delivered. They need to be unpacked and assembled. A good crew of 6 to 8 working together can accomplish the task. Tables also need to be set up for the bourse. After BUFPEX closes on Sunday, the exhibits need to be removed from the frames. Then the frames need to be disassembled and packed, and tables moved. Let's make sure that we have an adequate group of volunteers to break down at the end.

Club members are also needed to staff the Club hospitality table to greet visitors, pass and sell raffle tickets, sell show covers and stamp jar guesses. John Leszak also needs Club members to help run the **Silent Auction**. He needs people to keep track of auction lots and bids. More importantly he needs people at the end of the auction to distribute the lots to winning bidders.

BUFPEX can only succeed with the help of Club members. If every Club member just donated at least an hour or so during BUFPEX helping out, it would make BUFPEX that much more successful. Thank you.