

2019-2020 CALENDAR

Please save these dates for reference!

September 6, 2019	Auction
September 13, 2019	Presentation
September 20, 2019	Auction
October 4, 2019	Auction
October 11, 2019	Presentation
October 18, 2019	Auction
November 1, 2019	Auction
November 8, 2019	Presentation
November 15, 2019	Festival Setup
November 16, 2019	Autumn Stamp Festival
December 6, 2019	Auction & Holiday Party
January 10, 2020	Auction
January 24, 2020	Presentation
February 7, 2020	Auction
February 21, 2020	Presentation
February 28, 2020	BUFPEX Setup
Feb. 29 & March 1, 2020	BUFPEX
March 20, 2020	Auction
April 3, 2020	Auction
April 17, 2020	Presentation
May 1, 2020	Auction
May 15, 2020	Presentation
June 5, 2020	Auction
July 10, 2020	Board Meeting
August 8, 2020	Club Picnic

These dates may be subject to change.

Any changes will be announced at the meetings and posted in the newsletter.

APS AWARD RECIPIENT

Ed Bailey, one of our regular dealers at our BSC shows, recently received an APS award for Local Service. As stated in the July issue of the *American Philatelist* – “Ed Bailey started collecting stamps when he was seven years old, and now collects those of the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Germany, France and Switzerland. He enjoys showing stamps and covers in an informal, informative manner to the general public. He joined the Syracuse Stamp Club in January 1979, serving as a director for several years, was the SYRAPEX show chair and show banquet chair in 1983 and served as the SYRAPEX bourse chair nine consecutive years starting in 1995. Ed also operates the Syracuse Stamp & Collectible Show which has several shows per year at the Carrier Circle Hotel.”



Congratulations Ed!

LEARN MORE ON THE APS WEBSITE

C3a – the Collecting and Connecting Central learning platform – is a new APS member benefit. Members now have access to videos, learning modules and other resources in a single easy-to-use location. Collecting & Connecting Central is an online on-demand learning tool with content covering a wide variety of areas of philatelic interest.

To access C3a, click the “Online Learning” tab found on the “Learn” dropdown menu. This will take you to a short video that will provide a tour of the learning platform. “Visitors” to the C3a learning platform will have access to a limited number of items. To see the full content as a “Member”, first log in. Although new, there are “Courses” available and also “Videos & Resources”. Additional content will increase with time.

Another advantage of being an APS Member!



BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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SEPTEMBER 2019

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WELCOME BACK!!!

The 2019-2020 Buffalo Stamp Year is about to begin! We hope everyone had an enjoyable Summer. The dog days of Summer are about over. Time to get out the albums, stock books, covers and catalogues. Time to get those lots together for the upcoming auctions.

The 2019-2020 Club calendar is set, so get ready for an exciting year. Besides the auctions, there are presentations and the Club's two signature shows, Autumn Stamp Festival and BUFPEX.

This year, three new Board members were elected bringing in fresh ideas that will help guide the Club into the future. As always, we encourage all Club members to be involved in determining the direction the Club will head. If you have an idea or suggestion, let us know.

One of the topics requiring further discussion is the starting time of the Auction. There are some that arrive early to prepare lots for sale. Depending on the number of lots for sale and the time needed for paying and then disbursing funds, the night can extend longer than desired. Yet the important factor is for potential buyers to arrive early enough to have enough time to view the lots for sale. Truly, we need to ensure that the buyers are fully engaged to have a successful Auction. We want to avoid the unfortunate instances of collecting lots while buyers are still looking at the lots. Buyers are the lifeblood for a successful Auction. Before we move up the Auction starting time, let's make sure that the buyers are ready!

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

September 6th: Auction

September 13th: Presentation

September 20th: Auction

October 4th: 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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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors was held on July 26th. The following Officers were elected:

President: **Bob Meegan**

Vice President: **Alan Davis**

Secretary: **Al Carroccia**

Treasurer: **Tim Carey**

Membership Co-Chairmen: **Dan McNess and Casey Kielbasa**

(A co-chair was determined as necessary to split the responsibilities of issuing membership cards and collecting dues along with responding to website inquiries, compiling the membership list in coordination with the Secretary's mailing list, and collection of member emergency contact information.)

- The Club also assigned Board Members and non-Board members to additional appointed positions.
- The Club Calendar for 2019-2020 was finalized and 2020-2021 was projected.
- The Treasurer reports that the Club is still financially sound, even after a \$2,367 deficit.
- There was also a discussion regarding a change in venue from the Leonard Post due to increasing cost and decreasing service. It was decided that a committee would need to be formed in order to look for other venues.
- Arrangements for Autumn Stamp Festival and BUFPEX were discussed. At BUFPEX, the Club will celebrate a "Leap Year" and the "The 75th Anniversary of Iwo Jima".
- Membership Dues are due in September. The Board decided that dues need to be paid prior to December 31st. With dues at only \$12 per year, there is no reason that delinquent payments should extend past this and we shouldn't have to chase or nag members for it. Notices will be sent in January with members being dropped thereafter or 2-year payment is due.

ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC

The annual Club picnic took place August 10th at the *Meegan Manor*, the home of President Bob Meegan and his wife, Mary. A beautiful day welcomed at least two dozen members and their guests. Despite early technical difficulties, the hot dogs, hamburgers and sausages were delicious. Tasty side dishes and desserts brought by members complemented the meal. Cold beverages kept everyone refreshed.

After lunch a small auction was held on the grass with a number of very nice lots. In addition, there was lots of conversation, both philatelic and non-philatelic, and the guests were able to see how an auction was run.

Many thanks to Bob and Mary Meegan for hosting this annual event. It is always a nice opportunity for members to come out and enjoy themselves.

CLUB DUES

2019-2020 dues should be paid beginning September 6th. They can be paid in person to Casey Kielbasa or Dan McNess. Dues remain \$12 – what a bargain! There is no reason not to pay dues if you are at the Auction.

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. Please note - After December 31st, unpaid members will be dropped, or a 2-year payment is due.

Dues can also be paid by mail to Casey at P.O. Box 154, Cheektowaga, NY 14225-0154.

IRV TESMER AND DAVE PRZEPIORA

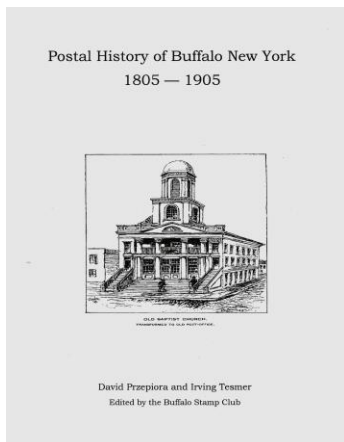
As we all know, Irv and Dave published their book, *Postal History of Buffalo, New York 1805-1905* late last year. The Club sent a copy to The American Philatelic Research Library for their holdings. The library sent a letter to the Club acknowledging receipt, and the call number for the book was published in the Second Quarter *APRL Review* which means that it is available for loan.

If you opened your August 2019 *American Philatelist*, there was an additional surprise. On page 752 was a review of Irv and Dave's book! A review in the *APS* was unexpected, but well deserved.

The review was well written praising Irv and Dave for the organization and selection of covers for the respective periods covered in the book. The layout of the book together with the quality of the illustrated covers (all in color) were commended. The Club, thanks to Bob Meegan and Alan Davis, were able to assist in the editing and production of the book.

Interestingly, the reviewer believes the book serves as a model for other clubs and societies to use when studying postal history of their respective areas.

Photocopies of the review will be available at the meetings in September to those who are not members of the *APS*! (Hint: join the *APS*!)



Copies of the softbound 8½ x 11, 224-page book are available for \$20 plus shipping.

For more information on ordering a copy, please contact Dave Przepiora at djprze@hotmail.com or Irv Tesmer.

SEPTEMBER PRESENTATION

On September 13th, Editor Al will give a presentation on U.S. post office seals. Post office seals or official seals are listed by the prefix OX in the Scott Catalogue. They are issued by post offices around the world, including the U.S. where they began as seals for large registered packages. Later they were used by dead letter offices to seal undeliverable mail which was opened.



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Rev. OPEN AT BELTSVILLE P.O. 11/28/72 (KHE)

Most sealed covers are tattered examples as they were opened under extreme conditions. They are usually damaged and because they were used to seal envelopes the seal is evident on both sides of the cover. The above example is OX39.

The presentation will show examples of the seals themselves and postally used examples. Hope to see everyone there!

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES WANTED

We're still looking for contributors for the newsletter – topics, items, photos. Send us anything you find interesting that is worth sharing. Our editorial staff will edit, correct or smooth out any rough spots for you. Our objective is to make our newsletter more interesting for everyone. We all have something to share! Don't be bashful – send what you have to Al Carroccia or Alan Davis. We'll take it from there!