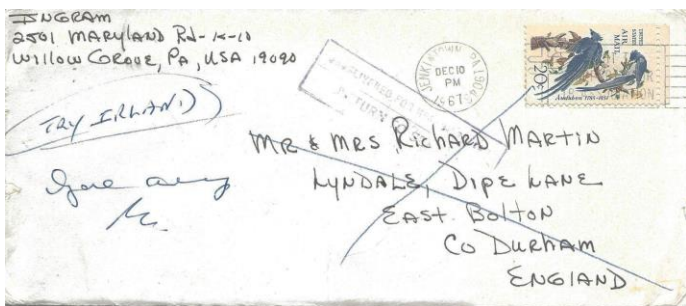


CLIPPING VS. SAVING

Any stamp on a cover may be worth pennies but can easily turn into a \$10 cover, or more, just by being part of the cover. Clipping the stamp just to soak it may damage the cover, thereby reducing its value. For example:



This is an ordinary cover with an ink jet spray cancel. There is nothing on the envelope to indicate it was a special mailing. The stamp is the ordinary flag stamp issued earlier this year, Scott 5342. This stamp can be clipped and saved apart from the cover.



This also is an ordinary cover franked with Scott C71, the 20 cent US airmail stamp. This cover should be saved intact because it is an example of airmail usage of this stamp to England and there is also a British return to sender marking.

Covers should be examined carefully before a decision is made to clip the stamp. Clipping could be an expensive mistake.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF LUNAR LANDING

Below is an abbreviated article that was in ATA's July issue of *Topical Time*. It relates the potential for youth and adults to find renewed interest in collecting space-related stamps and covers:

“**Astrophilately** includes postage stamps, cancellations and covers that directly relate to the various space flights and projects.

Covers and cards that were canceled at launch sites, tracking stations, Mission Control facilities, research laboratories and recovery ships are items that fall into this collecting field. Many of the covers will have cachets, while others may only be recognizable if one has specific knowledge of locations and dates of the various launches.

A space event cover is not a first-day cover. The event cover will be canceled with date, time, and place related to an actual space launch or splashdown. They often had cachets that might be as simple as a rubber-stamped marking or an elaborately printed cachet. The Kennedy Space Center began applying NASA rubber-stamp cachets to covers beginning with the *Gemini-Titan 5* and continuing for all major launches. In 1968, NASA started to produce full-color covers featuring the mission emblem or crew patch.”

Here are some interesting youth-friendly resources:

Covers from all 17 Apollo missions:

<http://afdcs.org/resources/ApolloMissions.pdf>

Information & activities for Apollo Flights 11-17:

<http://americantopicalassn.org/tidbits/2019-spring.pdf>

PowerPoint – *A Brief History of Space Exploration*:

www.wfscstamps.org/Youth/Additional.shtml

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!



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STAMP COLLECTING vs PHILATELY

I would be a liar if I said I do not enjoy stamp collecting. I am sure it is the same for every member in our Club. But are we stamp collectors or philatelists? I think we all move back and forth between the two distinctions. Me, I consider myself both. I am a stamp collector who would never say no to a stamp! I started out as a stamp collector. I am also a philatelist who tries to learn everything about our hobby and pass this knowledge to others. Stamp collecting is more than the inverted Jenny stamp, which always grabs the news headlines.

What about you? Are you a stamp collector or philatelist, or both? Do you have a personal definition or guiding principle toward your hobby? What do you consider yourself to be? Is it all about the bottom line when collecting or how the value has increased, or do you truly just enjoy collecting? Are you a collector or an accumulator?

October is National Stamp Collecting month. As we ponder these questions, we should step back and enjoy our hobby!

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

October 4th:	Auction
October 11th:	Presentation
October 18th:	Auction
November 1st:	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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ALLAN L. STURNIOLO



It is with great sadness that the Club learned of the passing of member Allan L. Sturniolo. Allan passed away on August 19, 2019. Allan joined the Club in 2015 being referred by member Heidi Rust. Allan collected mint US singles. He was a fixture at the Autumn Stamp Festival and BUFPEX helping with the auctions. The Club sends condolences to his family, friends and those members who were close to him. He will be sorely missed.

2019-2020 DUES

A reminder that the 2019-2020 dues must now be paid to Membership Chairmen Casey Kielbasa or Dan McNess. Once again dues remain at \$12. Dues should be paid as soon as possible. Under new rules adopted by the Board of Directors, dues need to be paid before December 31, 2019. After December 31st unpaid members are considered delinquent. Delinquent members will need to pay two years dues in order to be reinstated. If you are not sure if you have paid, please see or contact Casey at 668-6110. You can also mail your dues to Casey at PO Box 154, Cheektowaga, NY 14225-0154. Make the check out to the Buffalo Stamp Club. Thanks for your attention to this matter and your continued support of the Club!

AUTUMN STAMP FESTIVAL

The Autumn Stamp Festival will be held on Saturday November 16, 2019. Enclosed is the first of the cards promoting the bourse. Leave the card where it can be seen, for example, a doctor's office, post office or library. Let's promote our events!

OCTOBERFEST

What is October without Oktoberfest! The Leonard Post is hosting an Oktoberfest celebration on Friday, October 11, 2019 from 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM. \$10 gets you a cash bar, food and entertainment. You can attend the Club presentation in the Happy Room and then go to the party. Call 684-4371 for tickets.



OLEPEX 2019

Saturday, October 5th from 10 AM to 4 PM
The 23rd Annual Stamp & Postcard Show
Dealers from NY, PA, OH and Maryland

New Location:

Bethany Lutheran Church
6 Leo Moss Dr., Olean, NY
(Located just off Exit 25 of I-86)
Free Admission and Parking

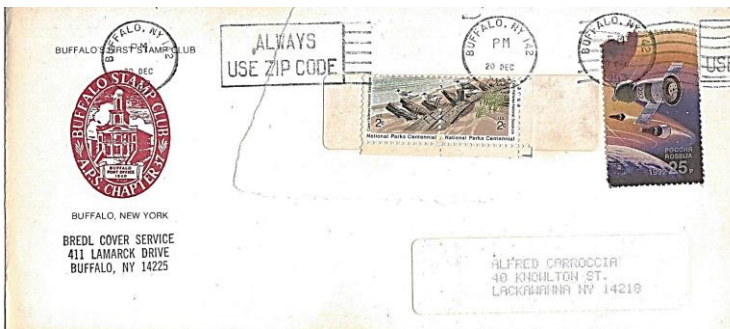
PRESENTATIONS

Fifteen members attended the September 13th presentation on official post office seals by Al Carroccia. Al's presentation was very interesting on this unusual usage by the post office to use seals to re-close opened mail.

The October presentation will be held on October 11th. Casey Kielbasa will present "Live People on Stamps – Part 3". This will be the final presentation on this topic and will address some of the more modern examples of live people on stamps.

We currently have no presenters scheduled for the November 8th and February 21st presentations. If anyone is interested in presenting a topic, please let President Bob Meegan or Vice President Alan Davis know, so we can add it to the calendar. The presentations do not need to be detailed or formal. Everyone has interesting materials in their collections. Now is your chance to share it with others. Don't miss out on this opportunity.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS COVER



What was Clay Bredl thinking? This December 20, 1993 BSC envelope is franked with 3 stamps allegedly totaling 29 cents. But the space stamp is a Russian stamp (Scott 6083) instead of its US joint issue counterpart (Scott 2634). Both stamps are of the same design so we can give Clay a posthumous mulligan!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



The USPS plans to release a block of four stamps commemorating the spooky side of Halloween on October 11th. As usual the USPS will market first day covers, special postmarks and an uncut press sheet. It is a nice issue for the topical collector and to get new collectors involved.

