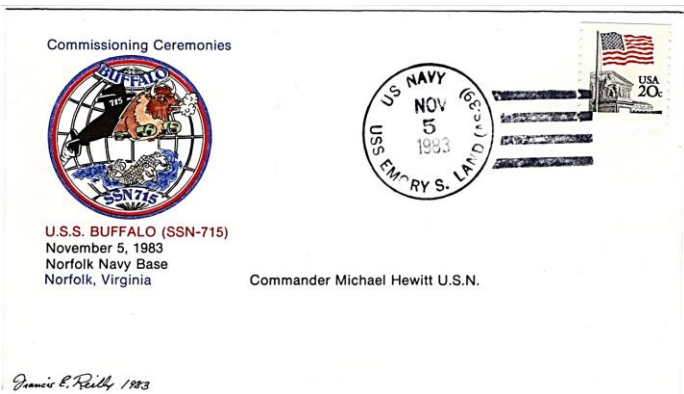


## USS BUFFALO

Living in Buffalo, we are familiar with the Naval Park on the waterfront with the *USS Sullivans*, *USS Little Rock* and *USS Croaker* moored there. Most Buffalonians are not aware that there were three ships, two which actively sailed, named for Buffalo.

The last ship named for Buffalo was a Los Angeles-class nuclear attack submarine (SSN-715) commissioned on November 5, 1983 and decommissioned on January 30, 2019. The *Buffalo* served in both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets based in Virginia and Pearl Harbor.



The *Buffalo* participated numerous deployments connected with national security objectives and was awarded numerous commendations including battle awards.



Navy Day was established on October 27, 1920 by the Navy League of the United States in commemoration of past and present services of the Navy. As President Warren Harding said, “From our earliest national beginnings the Navy has always been, and deserved to be, an object of special pride to the American people. “

After decommissioning in 2019, the *USS Buffalo* is sitting in a naval yard pending “disposal”. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if the *Buffalo* could make a return to its namesake city and rest with its cousins?

### NEWS FROM MEMBER, RICK BARRETT

Following the last newsletter, we received an update from Rick Barrett who lives in Houston. He gives his best to the Club, misses us and is looking forward to seeing us sometime this spring or summer when he comes thru to visit his mother.

His hometown Houston Philatelic Society meets every Monday for an hour via zoom with short show and tell sessions. They had their first small show in early November with required masks and chairs six feet apart with about 10 dealers.

He did an APS Stamp Chat on November 19<sup>th</sup> and has another one planned for Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Check it out if you’re interested. He also has Pan Am Expo items on ebay at [stores.ebay.com/Ricks-Cool-Collectibles](https://stores.ebay.com/Ricks-Cool-Collectibles)



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## UNCERTAINTY AGAIN!!!

In normal times (which we are not in), the Club would have concluded the Autumn Stamp Festival with strong attendance, happy dealers and a positive outlook heading into the new year and BUFPEX on the horizon.

But this past year, the Club held BUFPEX (a huge success) only to have a week later the remaining programs of auctions and presentations cancelled. In addition, the Club would lose its venue when The Leonard Post closed its doors. Through hard work the Club found a new home, The Knights, not far from its old home where we were able to resume with 2 Auctions, albeit with restrictions.

Now, with a surge of infections and yellow zone designations, increased restrictions have resulted in more cancellations. At this point, until restrictions are lifted, we are in a holding pattern. We will monitor the situation through year end, and if reasonable and safe will schedule dates in 2021.

Despite the uncertainty we face, it is important to take time and appreciate what we have and hope that 2021 will be a better year for the Buffalo Stamp Club and its members.

**Fri., November 20<sup>th</sup> Auction was **Cancelled****  
**We sent out an email Blast, put notice on the website, and contacted members as best we could under short notice. Apologies if we missed anyone.**

## DECEMBER CALENDAR

**Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>: Auction & Holiday Social**  
****CANCELLED!!****

**Stay tuned for future events.**

### New Venue:

**The Knights Halls, 2735 Union Road just north of William St. in Cheektowaga**

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## 2020-2021 CLUB DUES & MEMBER INFO

The Covid pandemic has certainly had an adverse effect regarding the normal activities of the club. Because of the lack of meetings, where dues are frequently paid in person, the club will be accepting payment of dues well into 2021. In addition to the normal collection of dues, the club is expanding the information applicable to our members. We are attempting to tabulate the year each person joined the club (the approximate year is acceptable, if the actual year is unknown), as well as club members who are also members in other philatelic organizations (such as the American Philatelic Society or the American Topical Association). In addition, the club is anxious to compile a full listing of the email addresses of the membership so that the officers can send out a "global" email regarding time-sensitive information. Examples include alerting the membership to a cancellation or postponement of a meeting due to inclement weather, the illness of a member, or other similar urgent information. We would also like to have your phone number so that we can quickly contact you if required.

For those who have not yet paid their dues, please consider sending your payment, made payable to the Buffalo Stamp Club, to the address listed below. It would also be greatly appreciated if you included a brief note with the following information: (1) Your Email Address, (2) The year you joined the BSC (indicate if the year is "known" or "approximate"), and (3) Membership in the APS, the ATA, or any other philatelic organizations or clubs, and (4) Your telephone number.

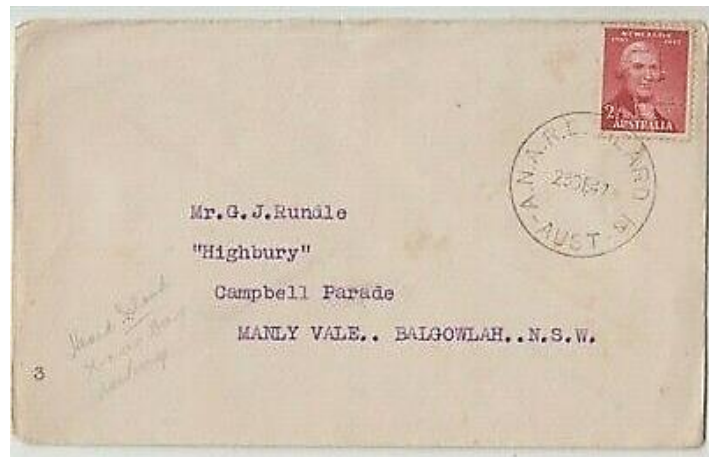
Send the \$12 payment, with the brief note, to:

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You can contact Bob at **(716) 655-5583** or by email at: [meegan9697@roadrunner.com](mailto:meegan9697@roadrunner.com) with any other information or questions.



For us postal history collectors, finding a cover postmarked on December 25<sup>th</sup> is a remarkable find. Most covers are philatelically contrived but there are more than a few genuine covers to be found. Ship covers with Christmas postmarks are a common source.

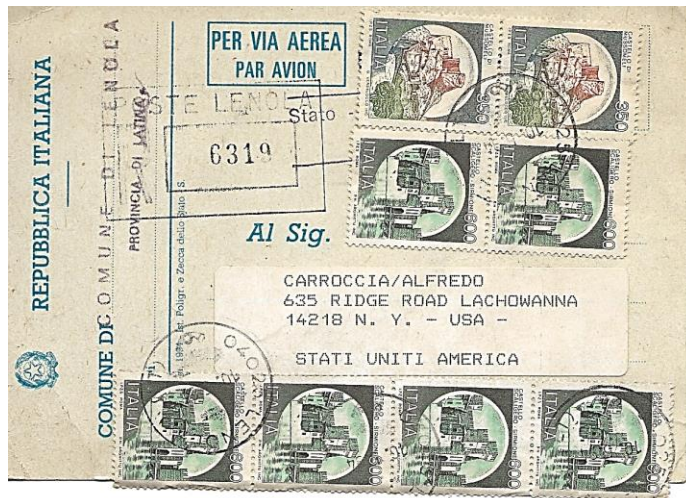


The above cover meets all the criteria: A December 25<sup>th</sup> cancel, from Christmas Island! It also appears to be a genuine usage!



## PHILATELIC EYE CANDY

Any object that appeals, but is not worth anything, is considered eye candy. In stamp collecting, a stamp or cover that appeals will carry more weight over its value.

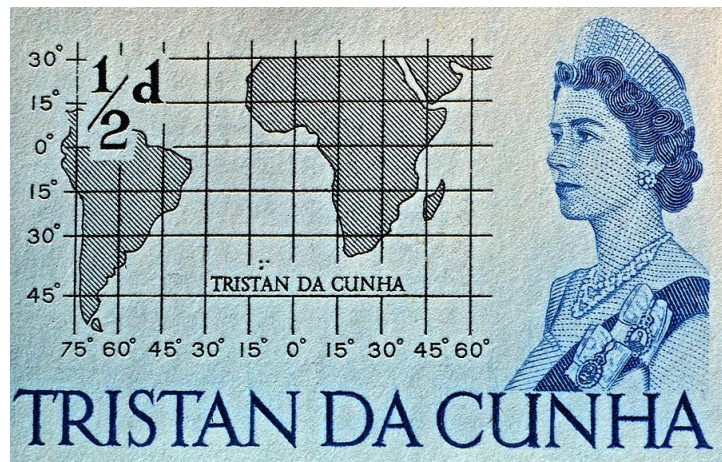


The above covers probably belong in John Leszak's dollar cover box, but are still attractive. The first one is carpeted with stamps and multiple markings. The second has multiple markings.

This is a call for your favorite philatelic eye candy. It can be a stamp or cover. Send examples or scans to [fuzzy9660@verizon.net](mailto:fuzzy9660@verizon.net).

## TRISTAN DE CUNHA

Tristan de Cunha is a British Overseas Territory is a remote group of islands located in the Atlantic Ocean partly between Africa and South America. It can only be reached by boat! The island is noted for its flora and fauna.



The island is ruled by Queen Elizabeth II through a governor and is inhabited by 250 permanent residents according to *Wikipedia*.

The first stamps were issued on January 1, 1952 and overprinted "TRISTAN DA CUNHA" on stamps of St. Helena. Current stamps are geared towards collectors due to very little mail being processed on the main island.

