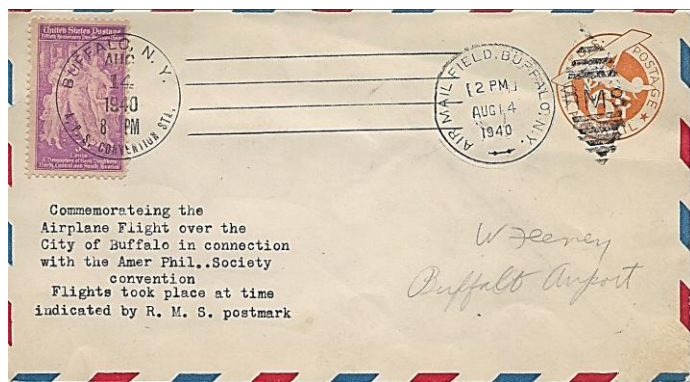


INTERESTING POSTAL HISTORY



The above cover was purchased on eBay for \$4 as an addition to a collection of Buffalo airfield covers. The cover is a 6 cent airmail postal stationery envelope, Scott UC5. On the computer screen, I misread the cachet and thought it was a first flight cover. Imagine my surprise when the cover arrived. I discovered it was not a first flight cover, but rather a commemorative flight cover marking airplane flights over the City of Buffalo during the APS Convention held in Buffalo in August of 1940.

Scenic airplane rides were offered to Convention guests. A scenic bus ride to Buffalo Airport and the airplane ride cost a mere \$1.50!

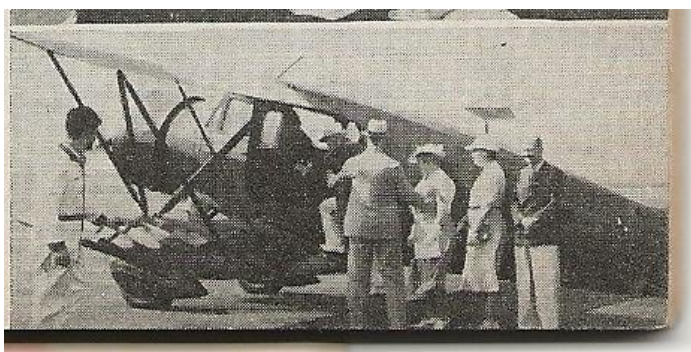


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The time on the airmail field postmark is 12 noon. The cover was then taken back to the APS Convention which was being held at the Statler Hotel in Niagara Square, downtown Buffalo. A 3 cent stamp, Scott 895, the Pan-American Union 50th Anniversary stamp, was placed on the upper right corner and cancelled with an 8 PM APS Convention Station postmark. It is addressed in pencil to "W. Feeney, Buffalo Airport." William Feeney was the superintendent of the Buffalo Airport.



The above photo was published in the October 1940 *American Philatelist* which gave detailed coverage of the Convention. Among the stories was one about the sightseeing flights over the City which was popular among the visitors to the Convention.

NEW EXHIBITS WANTED FOR BUFPEX

Now is the time to layout and put together an exhibit or add to an existing exhibit. Whether it's 1 frame or 5 frames, let us know and we'll help anyway we can to help you put together an interesting and attractive exhibit!



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

The Buffalo Stamp Club wishes a healthy and prosperous New Year to all its members. Hopefully everyone had a nice Holiday and Santa left plenty of philatelic gifts under the tree!

The Club continues its journey down the road to normalcy amid continued covid concerns. In 2021, the Club proved it could successfully run monthly Club auctions and two bourses! Our Auction/Holiday Social in December was enjoyed by at least 33 participants.

Coming in March 2022, the Club will host BUFPEX, our 2-day show with exhibits, show covers, silent auction and more! BUFPEX is the premiere event all Club members look forward to. We've been successful in running safe, compliant events, and will continue to do so.

Now is the time to begin organizing and putting together your exhibit for BUFPEX. Exhibiting is interesting, fun, and rewarding. It's an opportunity to show off your specialty and learn even more, as you add interesting facts to your topic. Discussing your topic or theme with other members also increases your knowledge. There are members that can give guidance and assistance for creating a fascinating and attractive exhibit. Give it a try – You won't regret it!

CALENDAR

Thursday, January 13th: Meeting/Auction

Thursday, February 10th: Meeting/Auction

Saturday & Sunday, March 12th & 13th:

BUFPEX 2022

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

Auctions begin immediately following any business and announcements beginning at 7:00 PM.

Arrive early to submit and view lots; seller deadline to submit lots is 6:30 PM

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GLENN ESTUS

It is sad to learn that Glenn Estus, a member of the Empire State Postal History Society passed away on November 17, 2021. Glenn specialized in New York and Vermont postal history. He collected New York stampless covers, but his main interest was oval cancels. As a member of the International Machine Cancel Society, he specialized in slogan cancels, particularly those of World War I, and the machines that produced them. He was President of the Vermont Philatelic Society and member of many philatelic organizations. He will be missed.

UPCOMING SHOWS

THE ERIE CLUB 2022 MINI-WINTER STAMP & POSTCARD SHOW

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH
- 10 AM TO 4 PM -
presented by THE ERIE STAMP CLUB**

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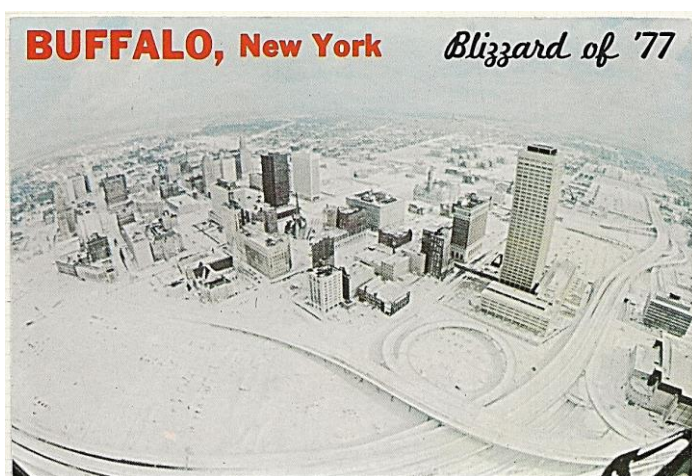
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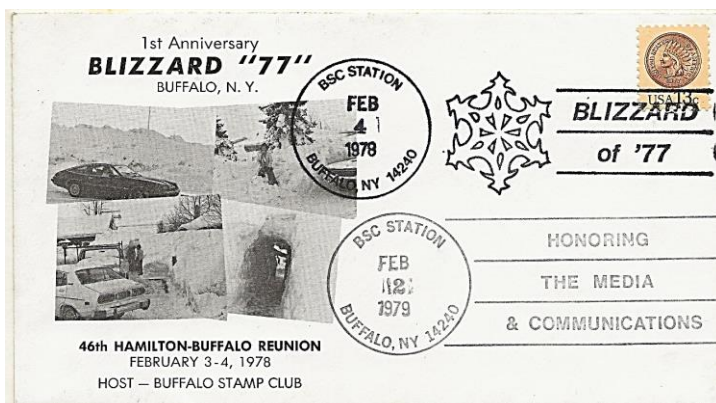
And don't forget...

Fourth Sunday Stamp Bourse, 10 AM to 2 PM. The bourse is held at the Polish Falcons, 445 Columbia Ave., Depew.

BLIZZARD OF 1977



2022 is the 45th anniversary of the Blizzard of 1977. From January 28 to February 1, Western New York was ravaged by high winds which swept snow from frozen Lake Erie over Buffalo and surrounding areas. The area was paralyzed and it would take weeks to dig out. Buffalo would earn its reputation as snow capital of the world!



One year later, the Buffalo Stamp Club would commemorate the Blizzard with a show cover at the Hamilton-Buffalo Reunion stamp show which was held in Buffalo on February 3 - 4, 1978.

STAMPS OR JUST STICKERS?

By George Gates

Is there a rule somewhere that says the less stamps are used to carry mail, the more the world's nations (and near-nations) will grind out new issues? It sure seems that way.

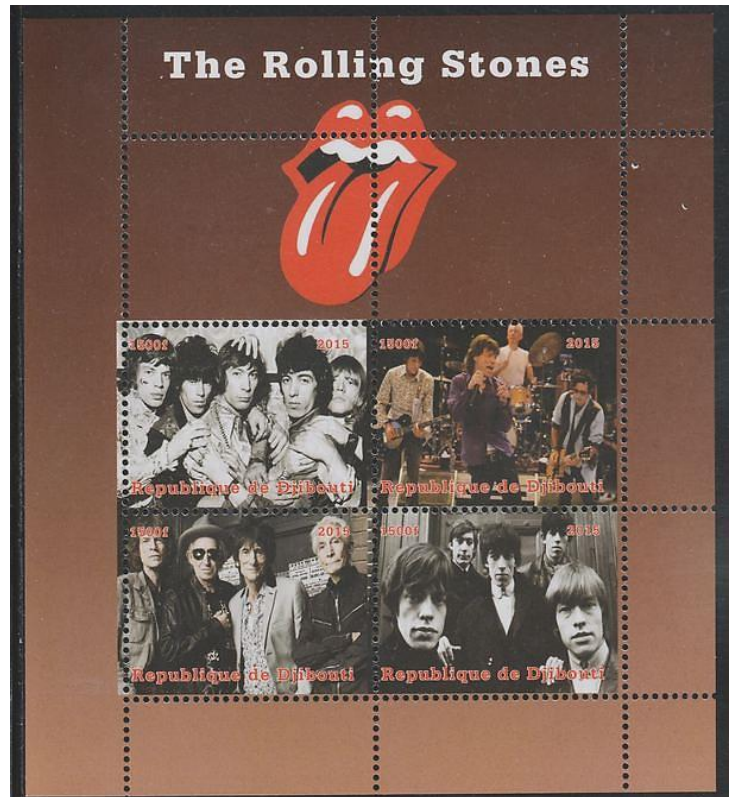
Just for one example, take Djibouti, a poor country of nearly a million souls that is strategically located at the mouth of the Suez Canal on the horn of East Africa. The monthly version of Linn's Stamp News that catalogs new issues used up nine whole pages and parts of two others to report Djibouti's new issues from February 2020 to May 2021.

To name just a few, Djibouti stamps honored Napoleon, Beethoven, Neil Armstrong, fire trucks, owls, Prince Charles and Lady Diana's wedding, lighthouses, Iwo Jima, the Penny Black and Mao Zedong. All in high denominations, of course.

It turns out that Djibouti's stamp business is managed by a philatelic marketing company called Stamperija in Lithuania. The company also prints stamps (or are they just stickers?) for many other countries, especially ones in Africa. A lot of them never see their "home" country. (The forerunners were the "Sand Dune Countries-Ed.)

It's easy enough for collectors to just ignore the outpouring and go about our interest in older stamps. Who cares about the new stuff? But wait! Because of the flood of new issues, Scott's now takes 12 volumes to catalog stamps of the world at huge costs to collectors and dealers who want up-to-date pricing. And it makes our great hobby something of a joke to outsiders who know a hustle when they see one.

STAMPS OR JUST STICKERS? (continued)



(The above souvenir sheet was never officially issued by Djibouti and is an illegal stamp not recognized by the Universal Postal Union. Issued in 2015 it is not listed in Scott. You can buy this sheet on eBay for \$3.49. Most of Djibouti's citizens do not know who the Rolling Stones are. The Rolling Stones probably could not locate Djibouti on a map-Ed.)

HOLIDAY SOCIAL



On December 2nd following the Auction, about 33 members enjoyed a good quantity of food ordered in from Tony's Pizza along with holiday cheer, good discussion, and pleasant camaraderie.