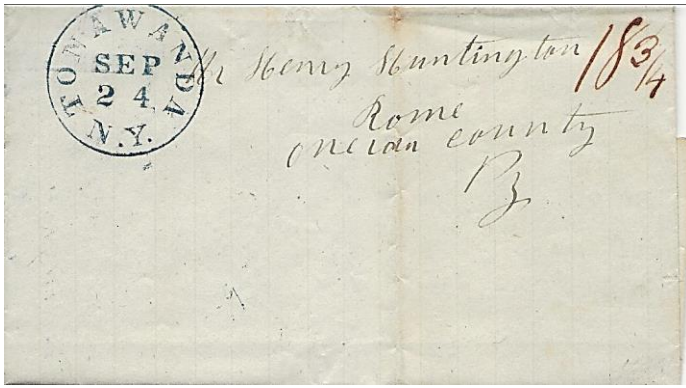


FRACTIONAL POSTAL RATES



The above cover was purchased for the Tonawanda postmark. But what about the 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ manuscript marking? The cover is docketed September 3, 1843 and correctly pays the rate for a distance of 150-400 miles, Tonawanda to Rome, NY. Why $\frac{3}{4}$ cents instead of 18 or 19 cents? The explanation is the relation of the US Dollar to the Spanish silver dollar during the Colonial Period. The colonies were not allowed to print their own money. However, the Spanish silver dollar coin was popular among the colonists, since its value was based on the weight of silver. The Spanish dollar was worth 8 reals, commonly referred to as “pieces of eight.” Each piece or “bit” was worth 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents. Two bits were worth 25 cents or a quarter. This is where the term “two bits” originated!

Even following the Coinage Act of 1792, there was limited production of U.S. coins. So, Spanish coins continued to be very common even into the 1850's.



A coin divided into 8 “bits”

UKRAINE TRIDENT STAMPS

With the crisis between Russia and Ukraine erupting into conflict, we look at the trident overprint stamps of Ukraine.



Russian stamps were overprinted with the trident in 1918 for use in cities located in Ukraine including Kyiv, Odessa, Yekaterinoslav, Kharkiv, Poltava, Podilia, and Kherson. Once Ukraine was absorbed into the Soviet Union in 1919, Soviet stamps were used for postage.



The above trident overprint is a scarce Podilia overprint on Scott 300. Michel catalogs the overprint as Bezirk Podolien 1a. Scott lists the different overprints in the Classic catalogue but it is Michel that goes into greater detail.

This is a very specialized field. Forgeries are abundant as with any overprint stamps from the period. Most are crude but some are very convincing. Happy hunting!

WELCOME BACK NEW MEMBER

After a long break, we welcome back new member **Howard Roeske** to the Buffalo Stamp Club. Howard collects worldwide stamps up to 1968 and will have a table at Bufpex. Stop by and say “Hi”.



BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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MARCH NOTES

BUFPEX has returned!! After a one year hiatus, the Club's premier two-day bourse and exhibit will be held Saturday, March 12th from 10 AM until 4 PM and Sunday, March 13th from 10 AM until 3 PM at The Knights Hall. All the bells and whistles associated with BUFPEX are back: a full slate of dealers, the USPS table, cachet show covers with cancels both days, exhibits, silent auction which closes at 2 PM Sunday, and the Kid's Corner with free stamps for young collectors! The Knights will also have food available which they did at the Autumn Stamp Festival. It will be a great show for the Club! Spread the word!

There has been strong interest in Club shows. John Leszak has signed up 11 dealers interested in a two-day show. The room should be pretty full, and we may overflow into the small room across the hall. Come and support the dealers!

There will, of course, be the Club Table at the entrance to welcome Show attendees. Volunteers are requested to help at the table, so give them a break! Share the load! We may need help with setup and will reach out via email when we know more!

MARCH CALENDAR

Saturday & Sunday, March 12th & 13th :

BUFPEX 2022

Thursday, April 7th : Meeting/Auction

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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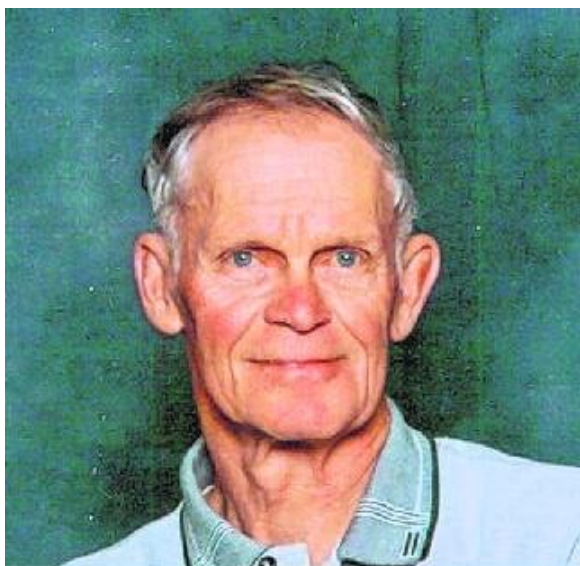
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LARRY READE



The Club was saddened to hear Larry Reade had passed away on February 2, 2022. Larry joined the Club in the 1990's. He could be found at the auctions and presentations and helped the Club at the Autumn Stamp Festival and BUFPEX.

Larry was an avid cyclist. He was National Bicycling Champion 11 times and a life member of the Buffalo Bicycling Club. The Club will miss him.

END OF SUMMER STAMP SHOW

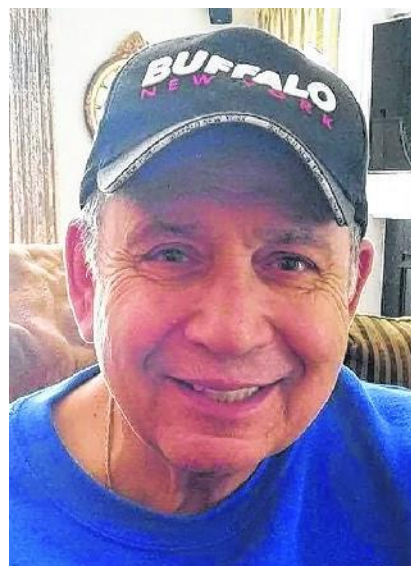
Encouraged by dealer demand, the Club has scheduled a 2-day Stamp Show and Bourse for Saturday and Sunday, August 20th & 21st. A 2-day show at the end of the summer is attractive for several out-of-state dealers who would eagerly make the trip to Buffalo.

ESSENTIAL TOOLS



Stamp Tongs. Do you own more than one?

JIM TOMASELLO



The Club lost Jim Tomasello who passed away January 31, 2022. Jim joined the Club in 2017. He will also be missed.

2022 NEW ISSUES



The above Global Forever stamp will be issued March 14th. The value of the stamp will be \$1.30. The Club will use these stamps to mail the Newsletter to Club members in Canada.

To see the other 2022 issues visit:

<https://stamps.org/collect/new-issues/year/2022-01-20/end/2023-01-20/tba/1>

or current release dates:

<https://stamps.org/news/c/news/cat/usps/post/u-s-postal-service-reveals-more-stamps-for-2022>

Get your new releases at the USPS table at BUFPEX

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

On Thursday May 5th the Club will hold its annual Board of Directors election. The election will take place before the auction begins.

The Board of Directors of the Buffalo Stamp Club consists of 12 Club members in good standing (dues have been paid). Each Board member serves a three-year term. Four members are elected each year. The Club constitution mandates that only a Board Member can be an Officer of the Club. It is the Board of Directors who are tasked with the duties to make decisions that keep the Club operating. This was very important during the Pandemic as the Board had to make decisions that not only affected the Club, but also the health and well-being of its members. The Board was also, at the same time, conducting a search for a new venue to replace the Leonard Post which had closed immediately after BUFPEX 2020 was held. Since then, as all Club members are aware, all auctions and 2 shows have been held at our new venue, the Knights Hall! In the past year, the Board also debated and voted an increase in annual dues.

The truth about being a Board Member is that the work is not hard. The Board meets once a year in July to elect the Officers, set the Club Calendar and discuss topics, such as finances, the Autumn Stamp Festival, and BUFPEX. Email has made it easier for the Board to communicate without having to meet in person, which made it easier for the Board to navigate the Pandemic issues.

With that being said, the Class of 2022 Directors whose terms are expiring are:

Al Carroccia
Pam Kreuzer
Dan McNess
Paul Moore

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION (con't)

There is no limit as to the number of candidates on the ballot. What is important is that the Club invites all interested Club members to express interest and place their name on the ballot.

Any Club member interested should notify Club President Alan Davis or any Board Officer.

BUFPEX DEALERS

Saturday and Sunday, March 12th & 13th

Here's the list of Dealers at the Show:

- Kim & Casey Kielbasa, Cheektowaga, NY
- Tom's Stamps, Butler, PA
- Richfield Philatelic, Bill Witschard, Buffalo
- The Cover Connection, West Seneca, NY
- Mike Retzer, Buffalo, NY
- Kevin Suckow, Bowmansville, NY
- Telah W. Smith, Ashland, OH
- Greco Stamps, Macedon, NY
- Paul Duda, Buffalo, NY
- K2 Collectible, Kevin Kellman, Middletown, MD
- Howard Roeske, Buffalo, NY
- U.S. Postal Service

Come to BUFPEX and support the dealers!

BUFPEX CACHET & CANCEL

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