



# BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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## OCTOBER NOTES

The Club launched the 2023-2024 calendar early with the End of Summer Bourse held on August 19<sup>th</sup>. This year it was a one day show rather than two days. It was decided to rebrand the show. The new name is the **August Stamp Fair**. In the future, look for its new name.

The calendar has been revised. Make note of the important changes. More importantly, please attend the October 5<sup>th</sup> auction and bid on the special lots. This is your chance to own a US Scott 1 and 2 or a short set of Zeppelins at a reasonable price. And best of all, the proceeds benefit the Club.

October is traditionally Stamp Collecting month. The USPS typically promotes Stamp Collecting month by releasing special commemoratives and holding special events. Unfortunately, the USPS stopped due to its fiscal issues.

However, that does not stop us collectors. Help promote the hobby by showing off your collection. At the very least, open your albums and enjoy your stamps. Opening your albums allows the stamps to breath and stay fresh. Let us all enjoy our hobby as we should!!

## UPCOMING CALENDAR

**Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>:** Meeting/Auction

**Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>:** Post Office Tour  
**POSTPONED** until sometime in the Future

**Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>:** 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

## OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

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## GASS 2024

The Buffalo Stamp Club had a strong turnout at the Great American Stamp Show which was held in Cleveland from August 10 through August 13. The following Club members were seen at the show: Tim Carey, Alan Davis, Casey and Kim Kielbasa, Dan McNess, Rick Franclemont, Peter Castronovo, and Peter Stuhlmiller (besides Editor Al). It was a great show with plenty to see and lots of dealers. If you missed this show, you will have an opportunity next year, as the GASS will be held in Hartford, CT.



Tim Carey received his 25-year APS member pin at the GASS. Congratulations to Tim!

## CLUB DUES

Bob Meegan is collecting dues. Dues are \$20 and can be paid directly to Bob at the October 5 auction or mailed to Bob at his address:

8 Nye Hill Road

East Aurora, NY 14052-2649

Please pay your dues promptly. Thank you.

## OCTOBER AUCTION

On October 5, the Club will auction some special stamps. The items were on display at various Club events and described in the September newsletter. Only at the Buffalo Stamp Club can you buy these scarce items at these prices.

## CALENDAR ADJUSTMENT

Please note the following adjustments to the 2023-2024 Club Calendar:

**BUFPEX.** Originally scheduled for March 9 and 10. Because of a scheduling conflict at the Knights Hall, BUFPEX is now scheduled for the weekend of March 23 and 24.

**March 7.** With BUFPEX being moved later in March, the Club has scheduled an Auction for March 7.

**Thursday, October 5 - Meeting/Auction**

**Thursday, November 9 - Meeting/Auction**

**Saturday, November 18 - Autumn Stamp Festival**

**Thursday, December 7 - Auction/Holiday Social**

**Thursday, January 11 - Meeting/Auction**

**Thursday, February 8 - Meeting/Auction**

**Thursday, February 22 - Presentation**

**Thursday, March 7 - Meeting/Auction**

**Saturday and Sunday, March 23 and 24 - BUFPEX**

**Thursday, April 11 - Meeting/Auction**

**Thursday, April 25 - Presentation**

**Thursday, May 9 - Meeting/Auction**

Club members are advised that dates may change, but notification of such will be communicated. Meanwhile, **mark your calendars!**

## OTHER STAMP SHOWS

Sat. **October 14<sup>th</sup> - OLEPEX** - 10am to 4pm at the Bethany Lutheran Church, 6 Leo Moss Dr., Olean, NY 14760  
Presented by Olean Stamp Club - Annual Stamp & Postcard Show - Questions? Contact [oleanstampshow@yahoo.com](mailto:oleanstampshow@yahoo.com)

Fri. & Sat. **October 20-21 - STEPEX** - 10am to 4:30pm at the Am Legion Post, 45 South Olcott Rd., Big Flats, NY 14814  
Elmira Stamp Club & Mr. Stampman - Stamp & Coin Show  
Contact Mr. Stampman [mrstampman14891@yahoo.com](mailto:mrstampman14891@yahoo.com)

Sunday, **November 12<sup>th</sup>** - Syracuse Stamp Show - 10am to 4:30pm at the Holiday Inn, 400 7<sup>th</sup> North St., Liverpool, NY 13088 - Contact Dave Houseman at 315-437-4901

## ILLEGAL USE COVER



The above cover was submitted by Casey Kielbasa. At first glance it appears to be an ordinary postally used cover paying the 63 cent first class rate postmarked June 30, 2023. It is in fact an illegal usage cover. The only stamps valid for postage are the two 6 cent Roosevelt coils (Scott 1298). The other two stamps are not valid for postage. One stamp is a non-denominated B stamp (Scott 1819) issued in 1981 to pay the 18 cent rate in effect at that time. Non-denominated stamps are not valid for postage. The other stamp is a Marshall Islands 33 cent stamp, which was issued as a part of a souvenir sheet (Scott 728).

If you add up the stamps, it does come out to 63 cents! Part of the reason it slipped through is that the 6 cent Roosevelt coil is tagged, which triggered the cancelling machine and sent it on through.

Coincidentally, the stamps on cover was mailed from the Erie Stamp Club. One has to wonder whether this cover is a philatelically created postal history item!

While the cover probably is not worth much, it is an interesting postal history item. Bob Meegan would encourage Casey to put the item in an exhibit!

## BACK OF THE BOOK

An international reply coupon (IRC) is a coupon which can be exchanged for postage stamps paying the priority airmail letter rate sent to another Universal Postal Union (UPU) country. It is a unique device that allows a person to send a letter to a person in another country, along with the cost of postage for a reply. The person receiving the letter with the IRC does not need to buy postage to send a reply letter!



IRC's are typically 3 ¾ by 6 inches in size. The UPU introduced IRC in 1906, which paid for a postage stamp for ordinary delivery. With the advent of airmail, the postage included airmail delivery. The UPU determines the design of an IRC. It is called a model. Once a model is selected, it is printed by the UPU and distributed to its members. The front has text in French. The reverse side has text in German, English, Arabic, Chinese, Spanish, and Russian.

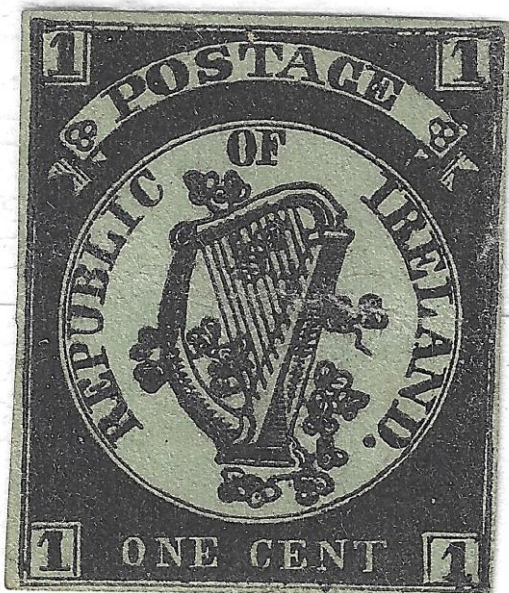
The above IRC is the Nairobi model issued in 2009. It is Scott IRC33 with a face value of \$2.10. Of course, with the advent of email, the sale of IRC has plummeted. The USPS stopped selling IRCs on January 27, 2013.

## FENIAN UPRISING – 1867

By: Tim Carey

“But however deeply it be buried, and however long it be covered by the snows of misfortune, the germ of nationality never expires in Ireland. Now it found its spring and woke again under the sun of Fenianism.”

After the suppression of the *Irish People* newspaper in September 1865, disaffection among Irish nationalists continued to smolder, and during the latter part of 1866, Irish Republican Brotherhood leader, James Stephens, endeavored to raise funds in the United States for a fresh rising planned for the following year.



Fenian Essay (certified): 1 cent black on green paper

However, the Rising of 1867 proved poorly organized. A brief Rising took place in County Kerry in February, followed by an attempt at nationwide insurrection, including an attempt to take Dublin in early March. Due to poor planning and British infiltration of the nationalists, the rebellion never got off the ground. Most of the leaders in Ireland were arrested, but although some of them were sentenced to death, none suffered execution.

## FENIAN UPRISING – 1867 (con't)

There followed a series of attacks in England aimed at freeing Fenian prisoners, including a bomb in London and an attack on a prison van in Manchester, for which three Fenians, subsequently known as the Manchester martyrs, were executed in November 1867.

In 1867, three Fenian Brotherhood members were hanged in Manchester: Philip Allen, Michael Larkin, and Michael O'Brien.



Manchester Martyrs label: Irish Flag overprinted with Allen, Larkin and O'Brien with "God Save Ireland"

## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES WANTED

We're always looking for contributors to 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, preferably in Word, to Al Carroccia or Alan Davis. We'll take it from there!

## AUCTION DONATION LOTS

There have been a number of collections that have been donated to the Club and are in the monthly auctions. Many of the items offer exceptional value and yet, provide income to the Club at the same time. Look for more donated lots at upcoming auctions!