



BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

The Buffalo Stamp Club enters 2024 after a brief Holiday respite. Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable Holiday and Santa was good with his philatelic gifts!

The Club begins preparations for BUFPEX. Note the new date for BUFPEX is **March 23 and 24, 2024**. Hopefully, everyone read the article on exhibiting by President Alan Davis. The goal is to encourage collectors to show off interesting items from their collections in one-page exhibits. Rather than devoting time and energy to figuring out how to fill a 16-page frame, collectors can focus on sharing their items. The Club is making frames available for these exhibits.

In addition to preparations for BUFPEX, the Club will hold its first presentation on February 22. Charlie Livermore who will talk about stamps commemorating the Canadian National Exhibition. Charlie will show the many aspects of this fascinating collecting area. Stay tuned for a preview in next month's newsletter.

In the meantime, stock up with stamp material at the next auction to keep busy during the months ahead. Happy Stamping!

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Thursday, January 11th: Meeting/Auction

Thursday, February 8th: Meeting/Auction

Thursday, February 22nd: Presentation

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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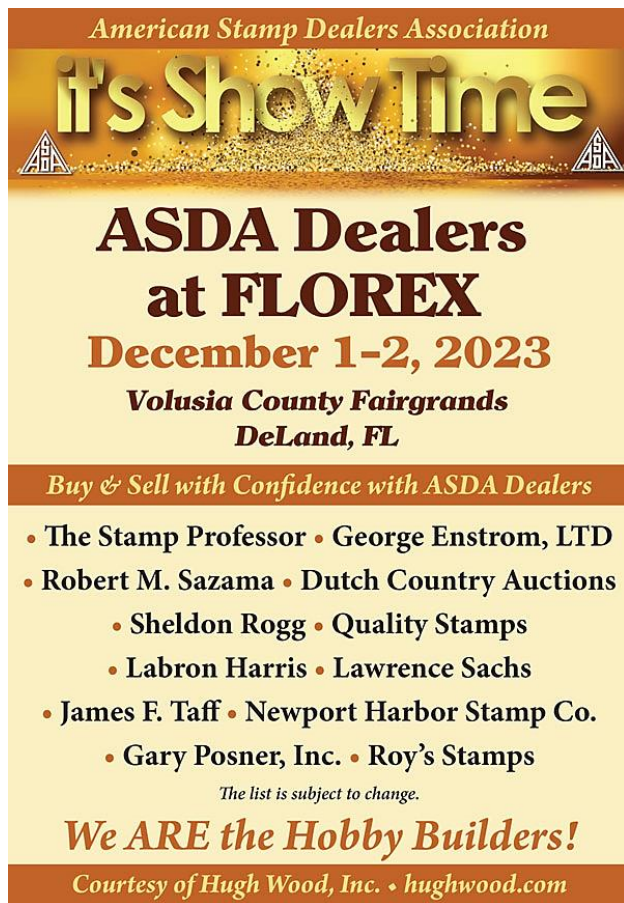
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OUT OF STATE STAMP SHOW

By: Joe Brzezowski

While I was on a work assignment outside of Orlando, Florida, I was pleased to find a local stamp show to visit on my free day.

Attending the ASDA Dealers at Florex was a pleasure and a wonderful way to spend some free time. The show was held at the Volusia County Fairgrounds in DeLand, Fla., Dec 1 -2, 2023.



American Stamp Dealers Association
it's Show Time
**ASDA Dealers
at FLOREX**
December 1-2, 2023
Volusia County Fairgrounds
DeLand, FL

Buy & Sell with Confidence with ASDA Dealers

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- Robert M. Sazama • Dutch Country Auctions
 - Sheldon Rogg • Quality Stamps
 - Labron Harris • Lawrence Sachs
- James F. Taff • Newport Harbor Stamp Co.
 - Gary Posner, Inc. • Roy's Stamps

The list is subject to change.

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The show featured about 16 dealers, mostly from Florida but Dutch Country Auctions (Delaware), Gary Posner (New York) and Roy's Stamp (Ontario, Canada) were some out of state participants. The dealers had a very nice mix of postal history, postcards, topicals and stamps.

I was pleasantly surprised when my name was called, and I was given a \$5 door prize to use for any purchase. It was not wasted.

OUT OF STATE STAMP SHOW (Con't)

There were 2 rows of exhibits and a small group of judges doing the critiques and discussion in the afternoon. Also, 3 societies were represented along with a large youth collectors' area.

Outside the show a BBQ food truck served a nice, well priced assortment of sandwiches and lunch platters.

During the show I visited four dealers that had a selection of British Commonwealth stamps that will fill a few spots in my collection. I visited with dealers I did not know, so I could get some items from different inventories.

After the show Roy and Linda Houtby of Roy's Stamps, St. Catherine's, Ontario and I went for a tasty meal at a local Titusville restaurant. I last saw the Houtby's when my wife, Gail, and I met up with them at the GASS show in Sacramento, Ca. last year. Nice to catch up with old friends and discuss our favorite hobby.

(Thanks Joe, for the story! Joe travels for his job and hits stamp shows, stamp stores and philatelic attractions, when he is not busy)

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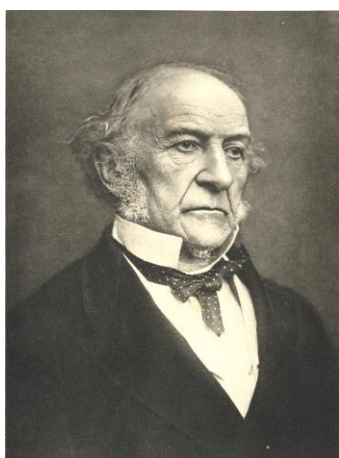


French for one stamp upside down in relation to the other stamp. Literally, it means "head to foot".

Gladstone's 2nd Home Rule Bill 1893

By: Tim Carey

The Government of Ireland Bill 1893 (known generally as the Second Home Rule Bill) was the second attempt made by Liberal Party leader William Ewart Gladstone, as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, to enact a system of home rule for Ireland. Unlike the first attempt, which was defeated in the House of Commons, the second Bill was passed by the Commons, but vetoed by the House of Lords.



Gladstone, a Christian, felt that the Irish question should be viewed through that lens. The Irish had the right to self-governance. The Irish began to come to the realization that only through arms was their freedom to be gained, the same way they lost it.



Erin Go Bragh Essay (certified): 1 penny green on green paper. Very little is known about this essay. It is thought that it may have been produced at the same time as the 1893 Fenian metal plate printings. (Erin Go Bragh means "Ireland Forever")

Gladstone's 2nd Home Rule Bill 1893 (con't)



Colonial Design Essays (certified): ½ d green, 2 ½ d blue and 4 d brown. They are bogus labels, produced from plates used to illustrate the British Colonial key type stamps in European stamp catalogues of the late 19th century. Still, they reside in famous collections of Irish material.



Happy New Year to all Club members. Here's to good health and prosperity to all. Maybe this is the year for that philatelic wish to come true!

NEW YEARS TOPICAL COLLECTING



New Years stamps would be an interesting topical collecting area. Most countries issue a stamp commemorating the New Year. A sub-topic can be Chinese New Years stamps. 2024 is the year of the dragon.

On the right above is the stamp that the USPS will issue for 2024. The USPS has annually released a stamp for the Chinese New Year.

TELEGRAM COVERS

Before the invention of telephones and way... way before cell phones and email, the quickest way to communicate short, urgent messages was to send a telegram. Telegrams were sent between places that were connected by telegraph lines. A person would visit a telegraph office and write out a message and pay a rate which was based on the number of words in the message.

Most telegrams were very short and to the point. The office would communicate the message via telegraph to the office closest to the recipient. The message was printed on strips and pasted to the telegram. It was delivered to the recipient by mail.

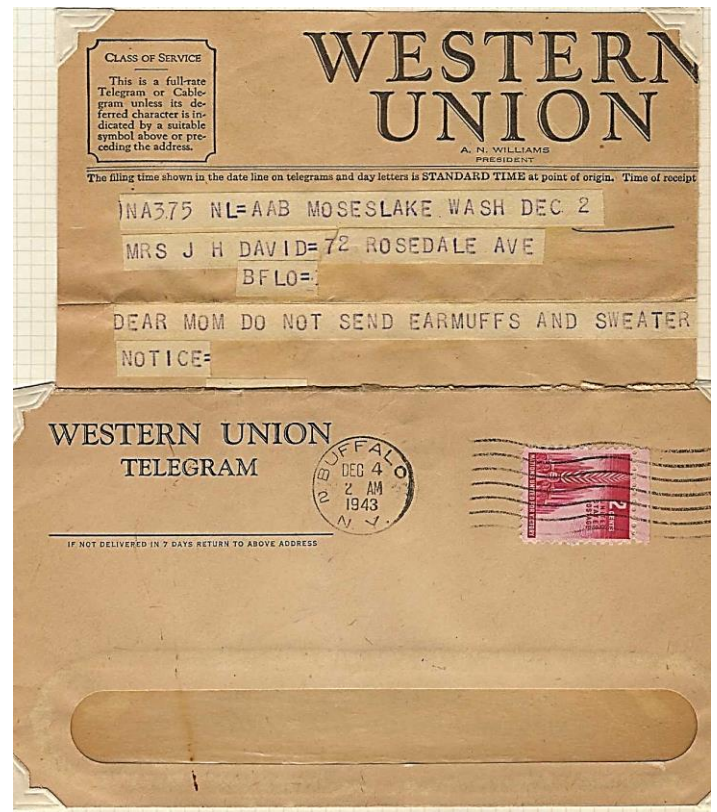
Later, messengers were hired to deliver telegrams, especially in the cities. Telegrams continued even into the 1970's as it was cheaper than making a long-distance phone call!

Telegrams evolved into fax machines and, of course, emails and texting. You can still send a telegram today using the internet!



The above cover enclosed a telegram from the Postal Telegraph System. The telegram was sent by general delivery after arriving in Buffalo on May 13, 1905.

TELEGRAM COVERS (continued)

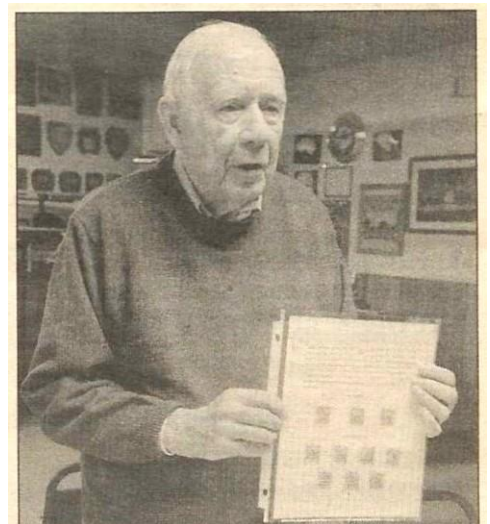


The above Western Union telegram was sent from Moses Lake, Washington on December 2, 1943. Note the message was pasted onto the telegram after being received. Also note the December 4, 1943 postmark.

GEORGE GATES – IN MEMORIAL

Our condolences to the family. He will be greatly missed. He was a true friend and colleague to all.

(Taken from the Amherst Bee March 5, 2015)



George Gates, advertising and publicity coordinator of the Buffalo Stamp Club, gives a presentation on "World War I in Africa: Occupation and Military Stamps" during a club meeting.

(See reprint of full Buffalo News obituary on insert)