



BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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FEBRUARY NOTES

We head into February after weathering a couple lake effect snowstorms the week of January 15. Hopefully, all Club members made it through and were able to utilize the time indoors working on their collections. Fortunately, the Club did not meet. As always, pay attention to the weather (and your email) for any weather-related cancellation of Club events.

We are closing in on BUFPEX. Now is the time to gather your material and assemble an exhibit. As was mentioned previously, the Club will accept exhibits under one frame (16 pages). If you only have material for one or two pages that is fine. If you have any questions, please see Bob Meegan or Alan Davis. The Club (and other collectors) want to see your exhibit!

The Club is happy to hear that John Lesak is doing well after his medical scare and subsequent surgery. The Club sends its well wishes to John and is looking forward to seeing him back and behind the podium pushing those auction lots. Thanks to President Alan Davis and Dan McNess for stepping in and making the auctions run smooth.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Thursday, February 8th: Meeting/Auction

Thursday, February 22nd: Presentation

Thursday, March 7th: Meeting/Auction

Sat. & Sun., March 23rd & 24th: BUFPEX

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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JANUARY AUCTION

Among the 104 lots auctioned at the January Auction was a donation lot containing two copies of the 2013 \$2 inverted Jenny sheet of 6 stamps (Scott 4806). One of the sheets in the lot was unopened and still packaged in its sealed envelope. In case you don't remember, there were 100 specially, and intentionally, printed panes with the Jenny printed upright that were among the 2.2 million panes which were printed in total. The Scott catalogue value for the SC 4806d upright Jenny pane of 6 is \$60,000.00!! Only 42 panes of the upright Jenny have been reported.



The opening bid was \$24, face value of the stamps. The lot sold for \$26. It was not revealed which pane it was.
(We still haven't heard if it was an upright pane.)

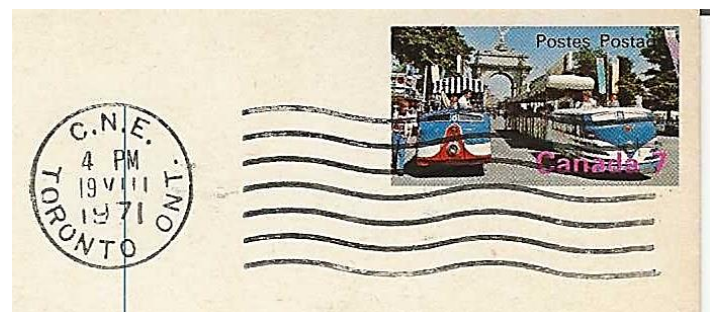


President Alan Davis auctioning the 2 inverted Jenny sheets with a sealed pane.

FEBRUARY PRESENTATION

Charlie Livermore will talk about the Canadian National Exhibition at the February 22nd presentation. There are many philatelic opportunities which make it a fascinating area to collect. Among them:

1. There are many very attractive advertising covers starting in the late 1800s.
2. Advertising slogan cancellations in Canada began at the fair in 1901. Starting in 1912 they can be found until 1963.
3. Circular date stamps both made of rubber and steel.
4. The military occupied the grounds of the CNE in both World War I and World War II, resulting in a variety of cancellations.
5. The Golden Jubilee airmail's 1928, were created in a cooperative venture between the CNE and Canada's post office.
6. The Royal Winter fair, while not a CNE event, was held on the grounds of the CNE and resulted its slogan cancels from 1923 until 1972.
7. Ephemera. While not particularly philatelic in nature. They do offer some interesting insights into the events that transpired at the fair.



An August 19, 1971 CNE machine cancel. Could it be an EKU as the CNE opened the next day?
Hope to see you at Charlie's presentation!

JOE BRZEZOWSKI

Club member Joe Brzezowski works for a company which maintains and repairs specialized machinery. His job takes him around the world. As a stamp collector he always looks for a philatelic connection with the places he visits. Recently, he sent some photos from his work destinations.

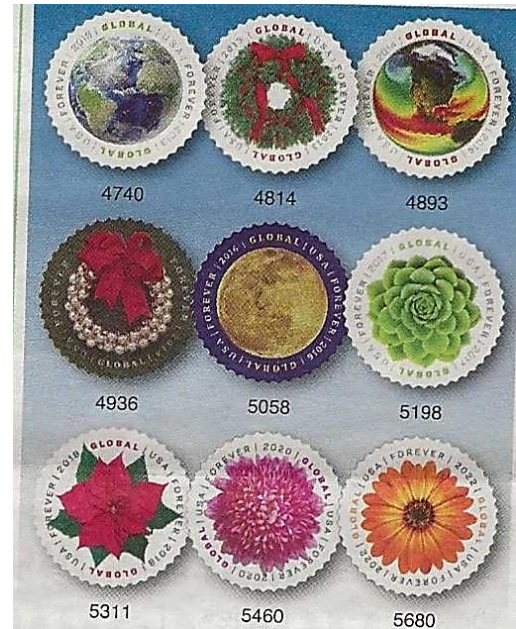


Joe sent a picture of the Ferndale, Washington post office. He says: "I was working in the far Northwest corner of Washington State. The closest post office was in the town of Ferndale and as you know I always stop by to see them, and the attached pics are what the post office looks like! AWESOME."



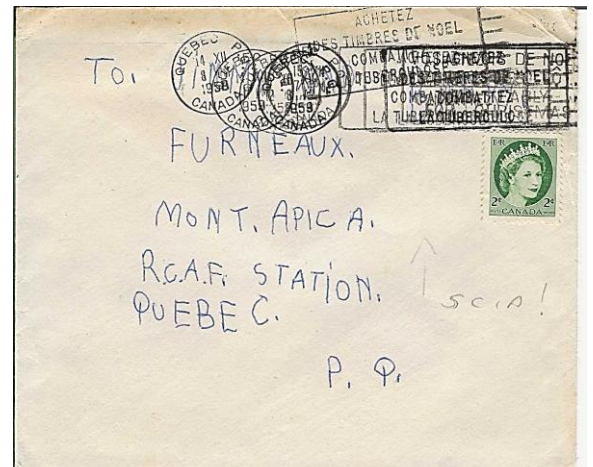
Next, Joe went to Guatemala. The above was taken at the Guatemala City airport and shows advertising on stamps. Thanks Joe for the update!

GLOBAL FOREVER STAMPS



If you are interested in collecting round stamps, you need to have the stamps from the US Global Forever series in your collection. The first stamp was the planet earth stamp issued in 2013 (Scott 4740). The ninth stamp, the African Daisy was issued in 2022 (Scott 5680). The stamps pay the first-class international letter rate for envelopes weighing 1 ounce or less. That rate just increased to \$1.55. These stamps and its postal history would make a nice exhibit!

SKIPS



This cover is known as a skip. As you can see the machine cancelling machine was on steroids!

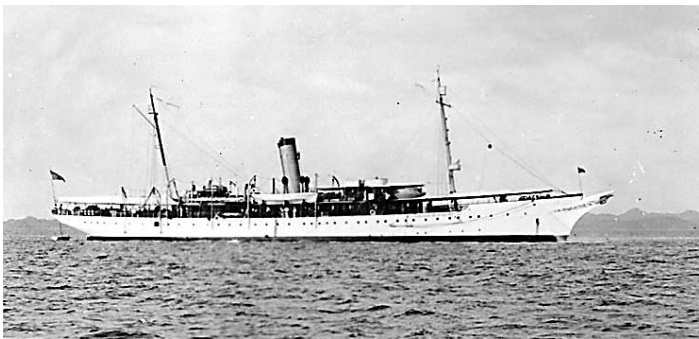
USS NIAGARA

By: Bob Lamb

Howard Gould was the son of financier Jay Gould. He was no innocent in the world of finance and purchased a seat on the NYSE in 1898. Like many of the well to do at the time – yacht ownership was all the rage and Gould was an accomplished competitive sailor. He ordered a steam yacht named Niagara (after Fort Niagara, New York) and built by Harlan & Hollingsworth of Wilmington, Delaware that was completed in 1898. The 282-foot yacht was well fitted out.

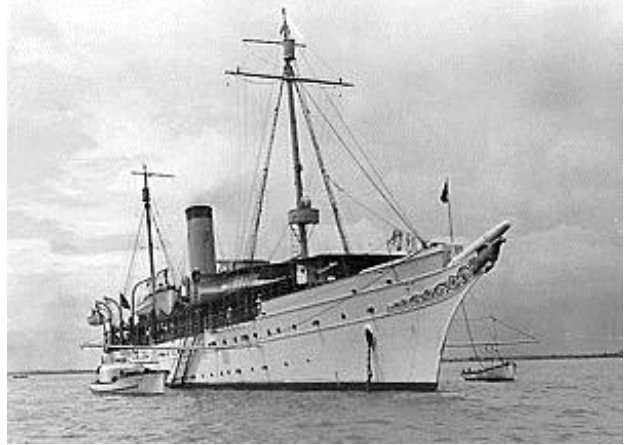
World War I came and the Navy was acquiring any floating vessel to patrol for U-Boats. On August 10, 1917, the U.S. Navy purchased her and converted her into an armed patrol yacht (SP 136). She was commissioned in the Tebo's Yacht Basin, Brooklyn, New York on 16 April 1918, Commander E.B. Larimer in command. The Niagara provided convoy protection and a naval presence from the Azores to Bermuda to the Caribbean.

After the War, the Niagara patrolled the Caribbean and Mexican coast. She was reclassified PY-9 on 17 July 1920 and was later decommissioned at Philadelphia on 21 April 1922.

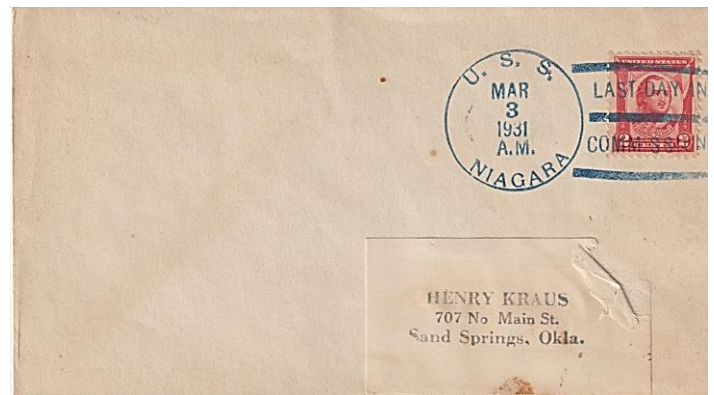


Recommissioned on 24 June 1924, the Niagara operated under the auspices of the Navy Hydrographic Office and conducted oceanographic surveys until being laid to rest on 3 March 1931. She was scrapped in 1933.

USS NIAGARA (continued)



USS Niagara at anchor



Covers postmarked Last Day of Commission of USS Niagara

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