



BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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OCTOBER NOTES

The Club began the 2024-2025 Calendar in late August with the August Stamp Fair. The September newsletter went out before the show and contained a copy of the Calendar for 2024-2025. On the Calendar are three presentations. September was reserved for Bob Meegan who volunteered to present at the end of the last season, but the other two are available, February 20 and April 24. Club members interested in presenting a topic are encouraged to do so. The presentation does not have to be fancy. If you want to show your binder of stamps and covers, the Club would be happy to see them. If you want a PowerPoint presentation, contact President Alan Davis and he will be happy to assist.

Apologies for the late newsletter. One of my excuses is the lack of content. It takes time to create and write articles. Being a postal history collector, it is challenging for me to write about stamps. We have a large Club with a membership that has interests in many topics and collecting specialties. If you have a topic, story or item you wish to share, send it in. Even if it is a scan, your editor and President Alan Davis will get it in the newsletter. Thank you.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Thursday, October 10th: Meeting/Auction

Thursday, November 7th: Meeting/Auction

Saturday, November 23rd: Autumn Stamp Festival

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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AUGUST STAMP FAIR

The August Stamp Fair was held on Saturday, August 24. Attendance was decent as it was a beautiful day and other events, including the Bill's game, were going on at the same time. The show cancel once again was popular with the USPS and Paul Moore was busy cancelling the covers.

Thanks to all the dealers and the USPS for attending. Thanks to all the Club members for again making the show a success.

SUMMER PICNIC

The annual Club picnic was held at "Meegan Manor", the home of Bob Meegan on September 7. Bob once again opened his home to the Club and was a gracious host offering tours of his home and the chandelier in the garage! Around 20 members and guests attended. The weather was perfect, the food delicious, and plenty of conversation and camaraderie.

President Alan Davis conducted an impromptu auction with about a dozen lots being sold.

Thanks to Bob Meegan for hosting the Club.



(Who else would have a chandelier in their garage?)

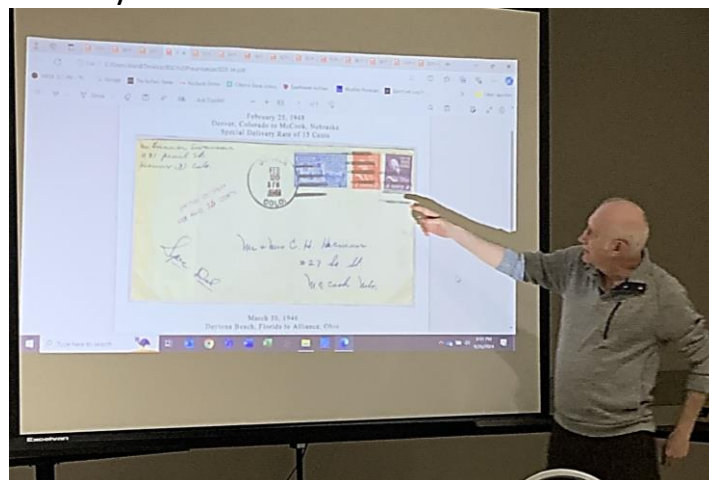
A few more pictures are on the next page.

GASS

The APS held their annual Great American Stamp Show in Hartford, CT from August 13 - 17. Club members who reported attending the show included, Tim Carey, Dan McNess, Casey Kielbasa and Scott Shaulis. If we missed your name let us know and we will acknowledge you. If anyone purchased a noteworthy item or had an interesting experience, also, let us know. We'd love to know more about it.

SEPTEMBER PRESENTATION

A group of 16 Club members attended Bob Meegan's presentation on September 26th. Bob talked about two mail systems that did not survive: Zeppelin Air Mail and Special Delivery.



Bob showed the group US Zeppelin airmail stamps and postal history from the Graf Zeppelin flight to the Chicago World's Fair. He also showed interesting Special Delivery First Day Covers and covers with unique usages. When searching for covers, Bob emphasizes that the most interesting are the ones that were actually used for Special Delivery, not just philatelically made. Thank you, Bob.

DUES

Bob reports there are 25 unpaid members. If you are not sure if you have paid, contact Bob Meegan. Thank you.

Anti Home Rule and Pro Home Rule

By: Tim Carey

In 1905, the new political movement that was to become Sinn Fein fractured Ireland's political landscape into three factions; Home Rule parliamentarians, who felt that progress could be had by working within the English Parliament. Their leader was John Redmond.

Anti Home Rule loyalists, who forever wanted to be sovereign to England. Their leader was Sir Edward Carson.

Finally, Sinn Fein, which strived for a nationalist republican Ireland, led by Arthur Griffith.

In 1912, labels inscribed "Imperial Union" appeared, with the design of a large harp and Hibernia. Mr. Ward, who was responsible for the issue, claimed in 1932 that they were a hoax to counter the Sinn Fein issues. His insincere mea culpa did not reconcile with the political turmoil in Ireland at the time of issue. It was issued in four colors on stamp paper, and one color on card.



Emerald Green



Dull Yellow Green



Dull Yellow Green on Card

Anti Home Rule and Pro Home Rule (con't)



Vivid Orange



Dull Orange

PICTURES FROM THE PICNIC



UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION

This year, 2024, marks the 150th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union. Formed as the General Postal Union, the name was changed to the UPU in 1878. The mission of the UPU was to establish guidelines for the efficient delivery of mail especially the delivery of international mail among its member nations.

Of particular concern was the handling of short-paid or unfranked mail. A procedure was adopted whereby member nations would issue postage due stamps as a means of collecting unpaid postage. Since France had a postage due system, the UPU adopted it in 1879. In addition, the UPU adopted the French language as its official communication on mail and French currency to calculate the postage due charge.



The above cover shows the common “T” marking found on international postage due mail which represents the French word *taxe*. Next to it is a circular postmark of *centimes* with the numeral 25 indicating the amount of postage due in French currency. The recipient was required to pay the additional postage. On this cover the postage was not paid and the cover returned to sender.

UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION (con't)

“AR” AVIS DE RECEPTION. Return receipt requested.
CARTE POSTALE. Post Card.
DÉCÉDÉ. Deceased.
EN ROUTE. In Transit.
EXPRÈS. Special Delivery.
IMPRIMÉ. Printed Material.
INCONNU. Unknown.
NAVIRE. Posted at Sea (a rare equivalent of Paquebot).
NON-ADMIS. Refused Admittance to Country of Address (typically for political reasons).
NON-RÉCLAME. Unclaimed.
PAQUEBOT. Posted at Sea.
PAR AVION. Air Mail.
PARTI. No Longer at This Address.
PARTI (SANS LAISSER D'ADRESSE). No Longer at This Address (No Forwarding Address).
PAS DE SERVICE VIA ISRAEL. No Service to Israel (during the Arab-Israeli War).
POSTE PAYÉ. Postage Paid.
POSTE RESTANTE. Hold Mail.
REBUTS. Returned — Not Deliverable.
“R” RECOMMANDÉ. Registered.
REFUSÉ. Refused.
REMBOURSEMENT. Payment Due on Delivery (COD).
RETOUR. Return.
RETOUR A L'ENVOYER. Return to Sender.
RETOUR A L'ENVOYER. RELATIONS POSTAL INTERROMPUES. Return to Sender. Postal Relations Suspended.
TAXE PERÇUE. Postage Collected.

Other French phrases can be found. Covers from countries that do not use the Latin alphabet include the French translation of a marking. Below is an example of a Korean aerogramme with the air mail marking in French and Korean.

