



BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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NOVEMBER NOTES

The Club calendar continues its fast pace as we head into November. The excitement of the August Stamp Fair has passed, but around the corner is the Autumn Stamp Festival. The Fall bourse, as with all Club events, is very popular.

The October American Philatelic Society journal, *American Philatelist*, published a letter raising concern over the decline of stamp shows, particularly the World Series of Philately (WSP) shows. The letter writer expressed concern that with most large regional shows being canceled, at some point, there will only be one major stamp show remaining, the Great American Stamp Show. He attributes the decline to a lack of volunteers for large shows (including exhibit judges) and high costs for venues.

However, local shows thrive. Local shows do not involve the sophisticated planning involved for major shows. The planning is relatively seamless, but still involves volunteers. The Club has members who step up with the planning and running of the shows, yet we're always looking for more members to step up and assist. More hands mean less work! Thank you!

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Thursday, November 7th: Meeting/Auction

Saturday, November 23rd: Autumn Stamp Festival

Thursday, December 5th: Meeting/Auction

Followed by our *Holiday Social*

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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AUTUMN STAMP FESTIVAL

The annual Autumn Stamp Festival will take place on Saturday, November 23rd from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Knights Hall.

The following dealers are tentatively scheduled (as of this date):

- Tri-K Philatelics, Kim & Casey Kielbasa
- Richfield Philatelics, Bill Witschard
- Scott A. Shaulis, Murrysville, PA
- Mike & Tim Retzer, Buffalo, NY
- Niagara Stamp Sales, Norm Titterington
- Dave Allego, Salem, Ohio
- Howard Roeske, North Tonawanda, NY
- Paul Duda, Buffalo, NY
- United States Postal Service

As always, the Club is looking for help with the youth table and Club hospitality table at the entrance.

The Club will also be featuring a Show Cover with special cancel and cachet for the Autumn Stamp Festival.

Show Cancel



Show Cover w/Cachet



LARRY CHERNS

The Club learned that Larry has not been feeling well and we wish him well. We look forward to seeing him soon and to hear more about his covers with contents!

BEER STAMPS!!



How about that! Topical beer stamps! Austria released a beer souvenir sheet in the shape of a coaster! The souvenir sheet is printed on wood pulp. The self-adhesive stamp can be removed and used on mail. The souvenir sheet has information on the health benefits of beer!

Translated, the stamp says, “**Beer has it all!**” The coaster says, **One Liter of Beer contains:**

- **Vitamins** (especially Vitamin B and Niacin)
- **Potassium** (about 20% of an Adult’s Daily Requirement)
- **Magnesium** (about 45% of an Adult’s Daily Requirement)
- **Carbohydrates** (easily digestible, quick Energy Booster)

Beer is a cultural staple in both Austria and Germany with many different varieties of beer being produced and exported. Enjoy!

ANTI HOME RULE AND PRO HOME RULE

1914

By: Tim Carey

The Government of Ireland Act of 1914 was the third such Home Rule bill to come before Parliament, and it finally passed, but was never enacted due to the work of Carson. Redmond's influence collapsed when he agreed to the Ulster partition, and that Irish men would serve under the English flag in World War I.



Sir Edward Henry Carson was known as the "uncrowned King of Ulster" - Encyclopedia Britannica



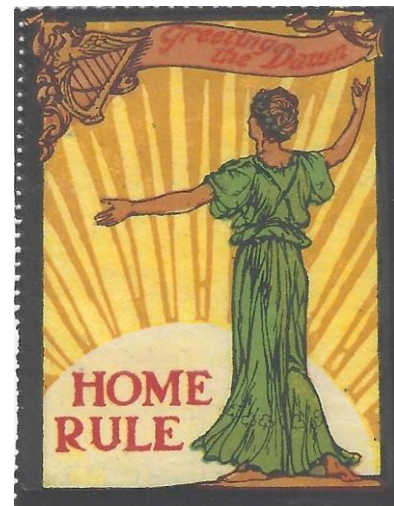
John Redmond - Home Rule leader.
Devoted his life to Home Rule.

ANTI HOME RULE AND PRO HOME RULE

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The harp is the heraldic symbol of Ireland



The Home Rule Movement was the dominant political campaign of Irish Nationalism.



The Red Hand of Ulster.

DIGITAL VS. PAPER

If you are a subscriber to *Linns* you have already learned that there is no longer a print version of the newspaper. Only a digital copy is available. If you are like me and enjoy reading a physical copy of stamp newspapers and magazines, the news was disappointing.

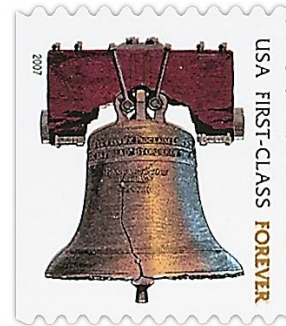
There are benefits and limitations to digital publications. A benefit of digital documents is the searching capability which aids in philatelic research. Not having a physical copy is a limitation as it is difficult to read a document on a computer screen. It is a disturbing trend as philatelic publications are disappearing.



Pictured above is the Sunday stamp column from the July 21, 1968, *Courier Express*. Gone are the weekly newspaper stamp columns which appeared in most city newspapers. Even the *Buffalo News* had a weekly stamp column!

FOREVER STAMPS

We are accustomed to seeing forever stamps at the Post Office. When were forever stamps introduced? On April 12, 2007, the USPS issued the nondenominated Libert Bell stamp (Scott 4125).



The stamp was issued in booklets of 20 stamps and has serpentine die cuts. The forever stamps were to be sold at the rate in effect at the time and remain valid regardless of rate increases. The first-class rate in 2007 was 41 cents and the stamp is still valid for use today at the 73 cent current first class rate.

Forever stamps save the USPS the accounting, expense, and production headaches of releasing make-up stamps each time postal rates increase. Forever stamps are aptly named as they are valid forever.

Forever stamps remain popular as collectors, and non-collectors, can buy and save them to fight inflation as the postal rates keep climbing.

Collectors can also save covers with forever stamps sent during specific rate periods.

"Postal history in the making!" as Bob Meegan would say!

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES WANTED

Any topics, stories, interesting facts, or items to share? Email them to Al Carroccia!