



BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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DECEMBER NOTES

The year 2024 is quickly coming to an end. The Autumn Stamp Festival was a huge success and a cap to the busy schedule which began mid-August. The Club meets once in December for an auction and Holiday Social. The Club then breaks for the Holiday and will not meet again until January 9th.

Preparations will begin for BUFPEX as Club members feverishly complete their exhibits. (In other words, "If you haven't started working on your exhibit yet, get to work!")

In addition, two presentations are scheduled for 2025 – one on February 20th led by Bob Meegan and another one led by Larry Cherno (we think) on April 24th. If anyone would like to lead a presentation, please let President Alan Davis know or another officer. If we get enough interest in presentations, we could schedule more. If you remember, pre-Covid, we used to have presentations every month.

A presentation does not need to be involved or lengthy. If you wish to show stamps and covers, that will be fine. If you want to get fancy with a PowerPoint presentation, that is also fine. Any philatelic topic is interesting, especially those which are unique or unusual.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Thursday, December 5th: Meeting/Auction

Followed by our *Holiday Social*

Thursday, January 9th: 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

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Holiday Social

Immediately after the Auction on December 5th, the Club will shift into Holiday mode and enjoy food, refreshments and conversation. Don't miss it! It's always a good time.

The Holiday Social is a tame event compared to the Christmas parties the Club held in the past.



The Club held formal Christmas parties with dinner, auction, guest speakers and a visit from Santa himself!

The 1988 Christmas banquet was held at the Ramada Inn-Airport on December 2, 1988. The late Walter Orton dressed as Santa and is seen passing out philatelic gifts. The person to the left is Bob Yacanno, President of the Club.



ESSENTIAL TOOLS



Make sure this item is on your Christmas wish list! A perforation gauge is essential to accurately measure perforations. Perforations are the holes between the rows of stamps on a sheet. Perforations are usually round, but may be square, rectangular or odd-shaped.

The perforation gauge measures the number of holes in a 2 centimeter space along the edge of a stamp. It is imperative for an accurate measurement for identification. It can even make a big difference in value!

ARTICLES NEEDED!!!!

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! Email to Al Carroccia or Alan Davis.

ANTI HOME RULE AND WORLD WAR I

1914

By: Tim Carey

Ireland on July 28, 1914 was in the throes of a revolutionary war with England when World War I was declared. Irishmen were slow to declare. They eventually fielded the Irish Army to fight the Germans.



Patriots Maintain the Union label



East Down Label

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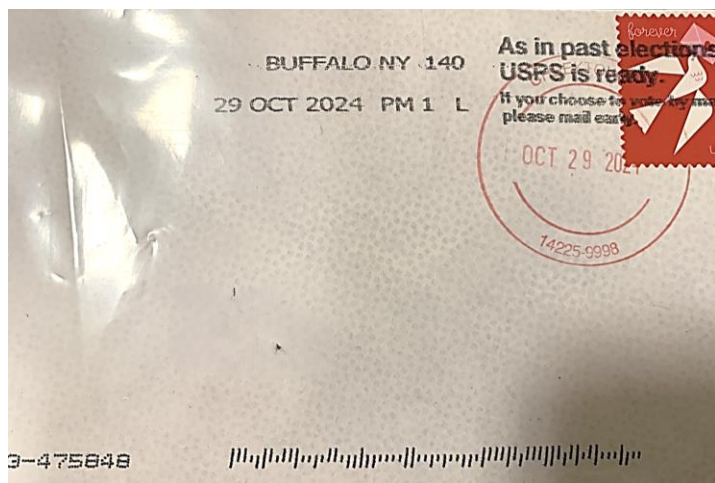
A Satirical post card posted September 8th, 1914 from Crumlin, Ireland to South Lincolnshire, England. The word “Begorra” is an Irish slang term used to express surprise or emphasis. It is also a mild, usually jocular oath that is a euphemism for “by God”.



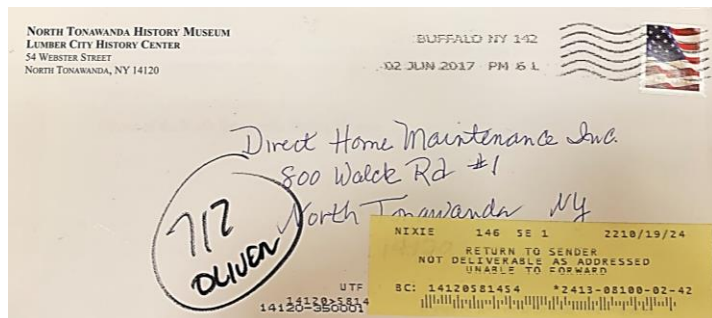
Home Rule poster with anti-British theme. Thus, would hinder Irish participation in World War I.

POST OFFICE SNAFU

Who says the USPS is perfect!



Casey Kielbasa shared this cover which was hand canceled at the Cheektowaga post office. The clerk refused to give the cover back to Casey and placed it in the mail stream where it received a spray cancel ruining the cover.



The above cover was submitted by Howard Roeske. The cover was mailed June 2, 2017. The cover was returned to sender on October 19, 2024! Apparently, the cover must have been lost all that time in the postal facility. When it was found, it could not be delivered!

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to new member –
William (Bill) Schmitt

He collects U.S. and Worldwide
Make sure that you say “Hi” when you see him!

INTERESTING ITEM



The above cover is interesting in that it was carried aboard the German airship *Hindenburg* on its final, fatal flight in May 1937.

The cover was postmarked with a Frankfurt cancel on May 1, 1937, the date *Hindenburg* departed Frankfurt for Lakehurst, New Jersey. The destination of the cover was Cologne, and it received a rectangular red hand stamp which states in German that mail was dropped during its flight. The cover has a Cologne back stamp dated May 3, 1937. The *Hindenburg* would cross the Atlantic flying over Boston and New York on May 6, 1937. The *Hindenburg* would explode and crash while landing at Lakehurst.

The circular lilac cachet was the official cachet of that flight.

DUES ARE DUE

If you haven't yet paid your 2024-25 membership dues, please send \$20 payable to Buffalo Stamp Club to Robert Meegan, 8 Nye Hill Rd., East Aurora, NY 14052. If you are unsure of the status of your payment or would like to discuss the annual fee, please call Bob at (716) 655-5583 or send an email to meegan9697@roadrunner.com - Thank you