



BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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FEBRUARY NOTES

The Club heads into February after a cold and snowy January. Thankfully, the Club did not meet during that stretch. As always, pay attention to weather forecasts (and your email) for any weather-related cancellation of Club events. As we all know, snow events can be very localized. So, we try to predict the severity of weather based on the meeting location. In other words, if the parking lot of the Knights Hall is plowed and roads are drivable there, the show goes on.

BUFPEX is quickly approaching. If you have not already started, now is the time to begin working on exhibits. Once again, the Club will accept exhibits under one frame (16 pages). If you have material for a one- or two-page exhibit, that is fine. If you have any questions, please ask! Bob Meegan and Alan Davis will be happy to answer any questions. The Club wants to see your exhibit! Also, let us know what you are working on so that we can plan for the number of frames needed.

If you didn't already hear, the Club is preparing to mark the **100th anniversary** of the **Buffalo Stamp Club** in **2026**. Details and stories on the history of the Club will be featured in future newsletters. Let us know if you have something to add!

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Thursday, February 6th: Meeting/Auction

Thursday, February 20th: Presentation

Thursday, March 6th: 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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FEBRUARY PRESENTATION

Bob Meegan will be the presenter on February 20th. Bob will give a presentation covering three topics.

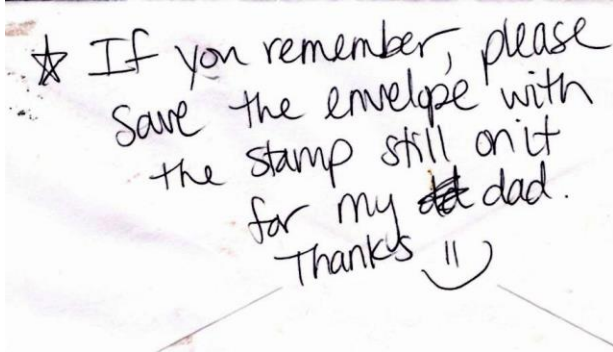
The first topic will include some additional information regarding the travels of the Graf Zeppelin on it's 1933 journey from Friedrichshafen to Rio de Janeiro to Miami, Akron, and the Chicago World's Fair. The discussion will supplement the information that was discussed during the previous presentation on September 26th.

The second part of the presentation will summarize the fundamental basis of the award-winning exhibit regarding the first 90 years of the U.S. Domestic Postal System. Reference information regarding the formation of the Postal System will be available.

The third part of the presentation will be dedicated to several significant additions to the exhibit and the interesting series of events that eventually resulted in the acquisition of the fascinating letters discussed. Bob will also bring a fairly large group of stampless covers that are for sale – at very reasonable prices – that were obtained during the creation of the exhibit.

We look forward to Bob's presentation!

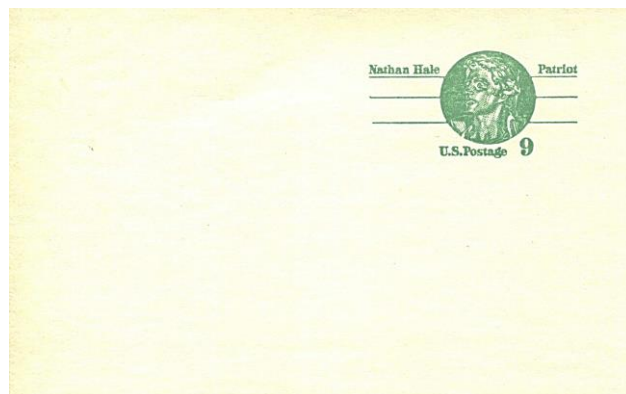
MY DAUGHTER HELPS SAVE NEW ISSUES



★ If you remember, please
save the envelope with
the stamp still on it
for my ~~dad~~ dad.
Thanks ☺

INTERESTING FIND!

Buffalo Stamp Club auctions are curious events. Where else can you get common and yet, quality material at bargain prices? The below postal card was found in a box containing used and unused postal stationery, and cards owned by a deceased member of the club. I was going through the cards to find postally used, color varieties, double shifts and double impressions. The postal card below is the 9-cent issue from the Patriot series issued in 1977 showing Nathan Hale (Scott UX72, UPSS S89)



The cent sign is missing after the "9". It is Scott UX72a, UPSS S89b). Catalogue value is \$115-\$125! Maybe we need to pay closer attention to those lots!

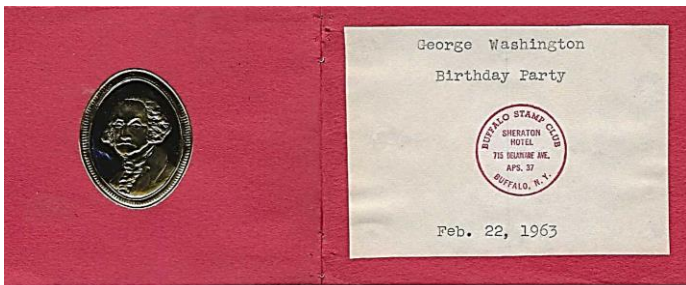
ARTICLES NEEDED!!

We're always looking for contributors to the newsletter – topics, items, photos. Send us anything you find interesting that is worth sharing. You know that we all have something to share – and we all enjoy hearing about it! This is your newsletter! Email pictures and a story or description of your favorite or more interesting item to Al Carroccia or Alan Davis.

PRESIDENT'S MONTH

February is traditionally the month we celebrated President's Day. President's day is on February 17 and celebrates the combined achievement of all the Presidents. Historically it was celebrated as George Washington's birthday on February 22, a Federal Holiday. There was also a State Holiday for Abraham Lincoln's birthday on February 17.

The Buffalo Stamp Club celebrated George Washington's birthday with a party celebrated on February 22, 1963. The annual party took place at the Club's meeting place at the Sheraton Motor Inn with a dinner and a talk.



Each member present received a silver key chain commemorating the event. A sit-down dinner preceded a talk by Walter Van Buren on the US Postal Agency of Shanghai, China. Three frames of material were shown. The festivities concluded with an auction!

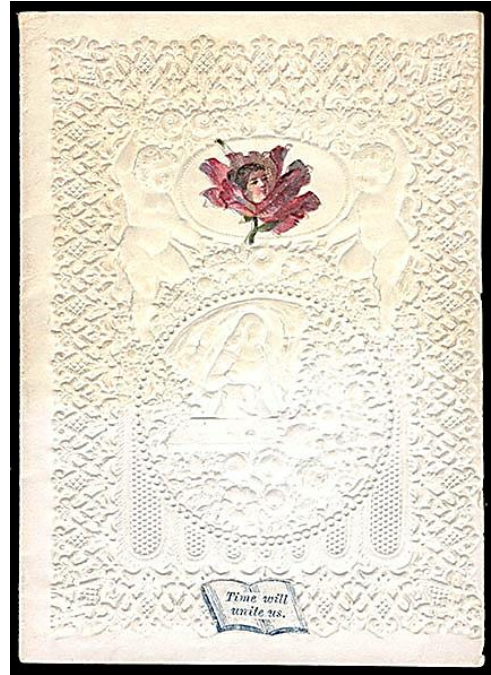
It is amazing the details involved in staging this event.

HAPPY STAMPING!

New Member, Bill Schmitt, is not afraid to promote all our sentiments (worn last meeting):



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



Valentine's Day falls on February 14th

CLUB ANNIVERSARY

It was revealed at the January auction that the 100th anniversary of the Club will take place in 2026. The Club was formed on May 8, 1926. The Board of Directors will meet to plan the celebration, Stay tuned for details!



The above was taken March 1965 and shows the President and Past Presidents of the Club:

Back row: Richard Hedley, Tony Leto, Joe Montesanto, Clay Bredl

Front row: Guy Finout, Norv Sellers, Ernie Schuster, Dan Cunningham.



The Irish Awakening, the Gaelic League, and the Rise of Sinn Fein

1893-1905

By Tim Carey

A cultural renaissance took place in the late 1890's in which Ireland returned to its rural Gaelic roots, expressing itself in literature, art, industry, social idealism, and personal sacrifice. The Gaelic League was formed in 1893 as a social and cultural organization promoting the Irish language in Ireland. This renewal of national identity gave birth to nationalist newspapers like the *United Irishman*, edited by Arthur Griffith and first published in March 1899. Political expression would thrive.

UNITED IRISHMAN.

Vol. I.—No. 1. DUBLIN, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1848. Price 5d.

Important to the Public.
REAZONS which possess a smoothness and durability of no other material, can be had from **POWERS' RAZOR MANUFACTORY and GENERAL CUTLERY ESTABLISHMENT,** 4, TRINITY-STREET, DUBLIN.
 N.B.—Powers will engage to return the razor, if required, after the Razor has been used, or will exchange them any time within six months free of charge.
 A General Assortment of fine Cutlery, 437, O'Connell-street, Dublin.
 Observe 4, TRINITY-STREET, a few doors from College-green.

VALENTINE'S DAY (NEXT MONDAY.)
J. WYSEHEART, 23, SIFFEL-STREET, RESPECTFULLY requests an early inspection of his No. new, complete, and beautiful stock of French and English Valentines, which, with those of his own manufacture, comprises a collection for novelty and elegance of design, that far exceeds any ever introduced for sale in this country.
 Just Published, Price Sixpence (free by post, Eightpence). **WHEATGRAVE'S VALENTINE WRITER FOR 1848,** being an original collection of Poetry, written expressly for this season, by Thomas Wheatgrave, Esq.
 Every description of Ornamental Writing Papers, Fancy Envelopes, Water and Wax.
 ***ERRATA** (one, two, or three Letters) EXPOSED ON NORTH-PARISH (as in Paris, without having to get a Gas Congress), at 7pence per Quire; and on ENVELOPES, at 7pence per 100 (of 25.)

CHEAP BOOKS.
 The following Valuable and Standard Books now on Sale at the very low prices offered, at **EDGEMOND and FEAVEY'S CHEAP BOOK SHOP,** 20, GRAFTON-STREET (Corner of Duke-street), DUBLIN.—
 Annals of Ireland, by the Four Masters, &c., with the Map, &c., only 10s. 6d., published at 2s. 2d.

TO THE Letter-Press Printers of Ireland.
HARRIS, GILLIN, and CO., TYPE-FOUNDERS and PRINTERS' JOINERS, 2, Upper Wellington-street, Covent-Garden, London, and 27 of 23, New-street, Covent-garden, Edinburgh.
HARRIS purchased the entire Plant, Machinery, Implements, &c. of the Type Foundry, situated at 18, LOWER LIFFEY-STREET, DUBLIN, formerly belonging to MESSRS. ALEXANDER and PATRICK WILSON, but, in consequence, that they have opened this Foundry, where Forms, Suppliments, and Sets will be supplied, on the shortest notice, and every attention given to any commissions with which they may be favored.
 Messrs. GILLIN, and CO. respectfully call attention to their SPECIMEN BOOKS, which comprise Book and Newspaper Forms, Tinting Letter, Metal Rules and Borders, a great variety of Jobbing and Fancy Types, Shells, Sevens, Galleys, Railway Tables, Unclassified, Bookers, Covers, &c., the merits of which, so far as regards appearance, may be estimated by a perusal of the book; and, as respects the quality of the Metal, Bookers, Drawings, &c., they feel confident in asserting they cannot be surpassed.
 HARRIS, GILLIN, and CO. have their Specimen Books printed on separate sheets, which, on being applied for, will be sent by post.
 18, LOWER LIFFEY-STREET, DUBLIN. 11
 12 February, 1848.

FRANCE, AMERICA, AND OTHER NATIONS.
LARGE supplies of the Choicest Fruits from these and other countries having lately arrived in Liverpool, the Subscriber has now received from that port the largest and best selected Stock that has appeared this Season in any one Establishment in this City, which he is resolved to dispose of at extremely Moderate Prices.
 His great variety of genuine Old Liqueurs requires no comment.
 N.B.—A Constant Supply of Choice General Assortments from the best Green Houses in the vicinity of Dublin.
 Terms and Country Orders promptly attended to.
JOHN HUGHES, Proprietor
 Of the Home and Foreign Fruit and Liqueur Warehouse,
 40, Westmoreland-street, (Near Trinity College.) 15

may be cleared in the following Scale, when the absolute saving to Insurers in the Maritime Company will appear, supposing the sum to be insured One Thousand Pounds at any of the following rates:

Age of the Annual	1st Annual Premium	2nd Annual Premium	3rd Annual Premium	4th Annual Premium	5th Annual Premium
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EXTRACT from Increasing Rates of Premium (see Table No. 2 in Prospectus) for an Assurance of £100, for the whole duration of Life.

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In 1905, Griffith and others founded the weekly newspaper *Sinn Féin*. Griffith's approach was to rule themselves despite still being ruled by England. Irish courts, national insurance, national banks, and a national mercantile marine all would return profit and control to the Irish.

Sinn Fein Propaganda Labels: Two designs originally issued in 1908, after the defeated Irish Council Bill, which was to establish an entirely Irish body to spend in Ireland the proceeds of Irish taxation. Both printed by lithography; both perforated 11.



The first design was the Cross of Cong, a familiar image used in Irish stamp issues.



The second design was the Hibernia and the Wolfhound with the 5 provinces of Ireland: Leinster (Hibernia), Meath (single crown), Connaught (divided eagle), Munster (triple crowns), and Ulster (red hand). Their use on the front of an envelope was forbidden by Post Office regulations.

Cover with Sinn Fein Propaganda Label on back: Edgeworth town, Ireland to Kingstown, Ireland August 23rd, 1908. Postage placed on back of envelope in protest to the post office regulation.



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