



BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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WELCOME BACK!!!

The Club welcomes everyone back as the 2025-2026 year kicks off! It was a relatively quiet summer as the Club decided against having an August bourse. The only event this summer was the annual picnic.

2025-2026 will be a busy and exciting year for the Buffalo Stamp Club. Highlights include the Autumn Stamp Festival and BUFPEX. Details for these events will be forthcoming. Also on the calendar are presentations. Club members interested in presenting a topic are encouraged to do so. Charlie Livermore has already volunteered to lead a presentation on Thursday, October 23rd.

2025-2026 is a special milestone. The Buffalo Stamp Club celebrates its Centennial! The Buffalo Stamp Club was formed in 1926. The Club is forming a committee to explore how to celebrate this exciting event. Any Club member is invited to contribute their ideas. Thank you.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Thursday, September 11th: Meeting/Auction

Thursday, October 9th: Meeting/Auction

Thursday, October 23rd: Presentation

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

OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The Board of Directors election was held before the auction on May 8th. The vote was by a show of hands. The Board Members whose terms expire in 2028 are:

Al Carroccia

Barb Kern

Dan McNess

Paul Moore

It is not too early to think about becoming a Board Member. It is not a lot of work and your input for the future direction of the Club is appreciated.

APS BUS TRIP

The Club bus trip to the American Philatelic Society in Bellefonte, PA took place on May 23rd. Eighteen Club members took part in the day-long event. We were welcomed by the APS staff and encouraged to take advantage of all the services available. A tour of the facility was the first order of business and lunch was provided. The two popular areas were the circuit book room and the library. Surplus books, stamps and covers were purchased at reduced prices. Several Club members volunteered in the library. The highlight of the day was waiting for Casey, so the bus could leave for home!

Pictures from the trip are on the insert.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Troy Karpp – who joined at our meeting last May!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board of Directors held its annual meeting on July 17th. The 2025-2026 calendar was set. A copy is attached as an insert to be kept as reference. A tentative 2026-2027 calendar was also set so the Club could reserve the dates with the Knights Hall. Note the change of date for BUFPEX in 2026.

The Club received reports on finances and membership. Financially, the Club is doing very well with income generated from the auctions, shows and donations. The major expense of the Club is rental of the hall. Club membership is steady at 110 total members.

The Autumn Stamp Festival will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2025. BUFPEX will be held on the weekend of March 7 and 8 and the theme for BUFPEX will be the 250th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence. Details to follow.

The Club also discussed the status of its web site. Debbie Grande has agreed to look into other web providers and to develop a format whereby Club members can access the web page. Also discussed is the upcoming Centennial of the Club and formation of a committee to discuss how to celebrate.

UPCOMING STAMP SHOW

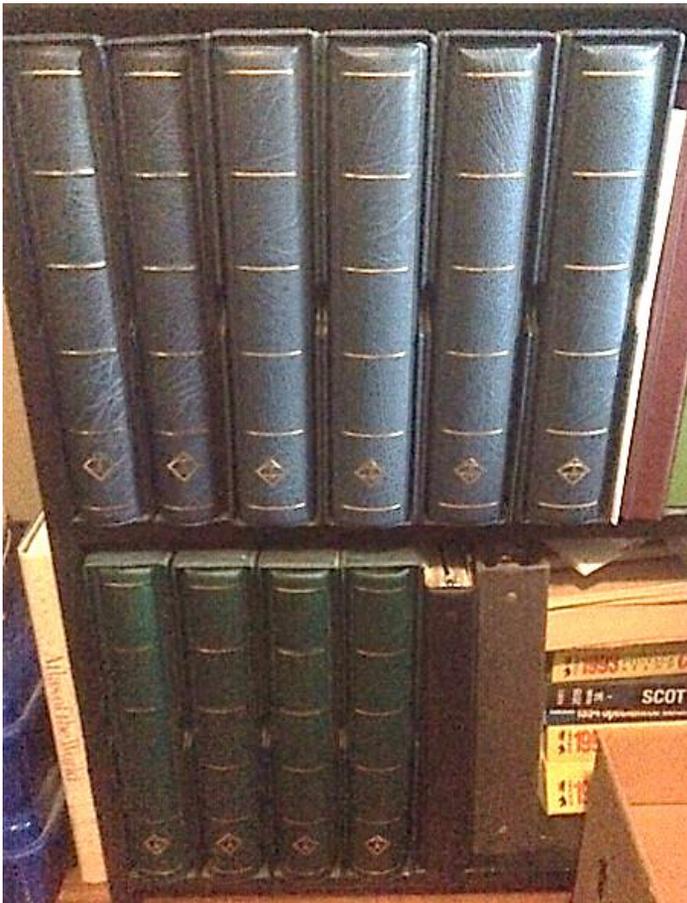
Olepex 2025 – October 11th – Olean, NY at the Bethany Lutheran Church from 11 - 4

MY FAVORITE ALBUM

By: Jeff Welton

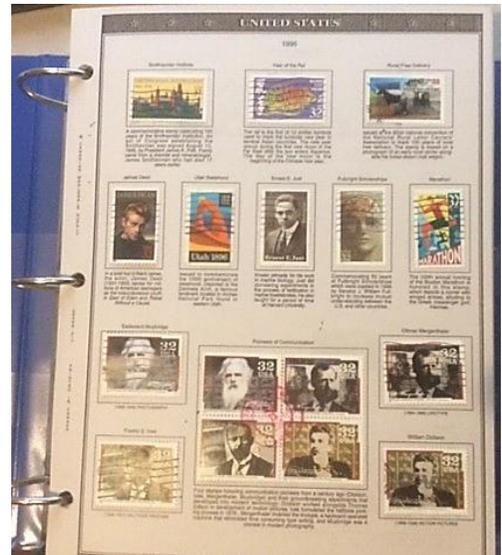
My first album, like many of you, was a H.E. Harris album that I inherited.

I did a lot of research before committing to a new album. I love the Lighthouse album with mounts for my mint US and German collections. The pages are thicker than typical paper. I get the ring binder version that lays flat, and it comes in a nice slipcase. I think the look is very sleek and easy to use.



I also wanted an album for my used US collection. I still haven't found an album I am entirely satisfied with yet. I would like to get an album that has an individual spot for each stamp, including those that were originally set-tenant. The Lighthouse album does not include a space for the individual stamps when they were issued as a block, which is fine for the mint stamps.

The Old Glory album, produced by the Canadian Wholesale Supply company, includes both the set-tenant block and individual stamps on the page. But, around the 2000's the album has been excluding the individual stamps and just including the smaller blocks. Stamps that are all different on a sheet or larger blocks still do have the individual stamps included. Also, the album is on regular paper. I photocopied the pages onto cardstock before mounting the stamps. However, I would prefer an album that includes singles for all stamp issues. Does anyone know of an album like that?



CLUB DUES

Club dues remain at \$20 and should be paid by the September meeting. Dues can be mailed directly to Bob Meegan at his address:

**8 Nye Hill Road
East Aurora, NY 14052-2649**

There are a couple Board clarifications and decisions that you should be aware of –

1. Dues are considered per “Household” and includes other family members
2. Junior members have \$0 dues

Included with the newsletter should be your “Membership Information Form”. Please check to verify that the information is correct.

Also, the “Dues” box will be **yellow** if you still owe or **green** if you're Paid up.

Any questions, check with Bob, thank you.

GREAT AMERICAN STAMP FESTIVAL

Several Club members attended GASS which was held from August 14-17 in Chicago. Charlie Livermore worked the British North American Philatelic Society booth. Casey and Kim Kielbasa attended with Kim attending the first day ceremonies and Casey at the tables making purchases. Tim Carey exhibited his "Indestructible Irish" exhibit which won a large vermeil. Everyone had positive comments about the show. I apologize if I missed anyone.

RICK BARRETT

Congratulations to Club member Rick Barrett who was awarded the 2025 United States Stamp Society/Barbara Mueller Award for his article "One of Philately's Most Unabashed Forgers! The Astounding Story of George Carion" which was published in the June 2024 issue of the "American Philatelist." Even though Rick lives in Houston, Texas, he still finds time to visit Buffalo. Rick is also the author of the award-winning book *Buffalo Cinderellas* which was promoted right here in Buffalo at BUFPEX when it was published in 2018. Congratulations Rick!

WANTED! NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Desperately seeking topics, news, stories, interesting items to share. Email to Alan Davis or Al Carroccia.

BUFFALO STAMP CLUB CENTENNIAL

Origins of the Buffalo Stamp Club date back to 1894. In 1910 a group of collectors applied to admission in the APS and became Chapter No. 37. (No documents from the APS are available) On September 22, 1922 a group of collectors met to form the Bison City Stamp Club. In 1925 it was decided to reorganize and merge the Bison Stamp Club and another Club, The Buffalo Collectors Club. On May 26, 1926 both Clubs officially merged into the Buffalo Stamp Club with Adolph Steeg elected as its first President. The Club boasted a membership of 150 members.



Pictured above is a newspaper article showing the early leaders of the Club. More history to follow!