



BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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OCTOBER NOTES

The Club enters October at a leisurely pace compared to the last couple years when there was an August bourse. Nevertheless, the Club opened with a healthy number of lots at the September auction. Thanks to Sandy Zahar and Dan McNess tag-teaming on the auction in President Alan Davis absence.

October will have two events on the calendar with a presentation being the second event. A presentation does not need to be elaborate. It can be a show and tell format where items can be passed around. If a PowerPoint presentation is needed, Alan Davis can help with organizing the material. The subject does not need to be specialized. If your collecting area interests you, the Club would like to know. There is always something new to learn in stamp collecting!

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Thursday, October 9th: Meeting/Auction

Thursday, October 23rd: Presentation

Thursday, November 13th: 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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OCTOBER PRESENTATION

Charlie Livermore will give two talks on October 23. One will deal with a plot hatched in Toronto to burn New York City down. In 1864, people were beginning to see the end of the Civil War, but the South was still pushing forth with its efforts at secession. A spy network was formed in Toronto. While there were a variety of activities that were overseen by this group, one that gained particular attention was a plot to disrupt the elections of 1864 that were scheduled in New York City in November. He recently acquired a letter related to this conspiracy. Further research led to some fascinating discoveries.



A second talk will deal with the distribution of cigarettes to Canadian troops during World War II. The scheme, which saw its origins in World War I, and matured in World War II, reached out in a variety of ways to bring together the home front with their boys overseas. It produced a remarkable variety of philatelic artifacts.

2025 BNAPEX

Charlie Livermore sends this report on BNAPEX:



“At the 2025 BNAPEX, which was held in Vernon, British Columbia, there were 14 dealers and about 140 frames of exhibitions containing some of the most spectacular material you will ever see. But the heart of the convention was the 15 study group sessions. Many had speakers, but there was always room for show and tell and ongoing discussion. With all of that going on, there was time for a wonderful evening out for a dinner at the Gray Monk Winery.”

Thanks, Charlie, for the report and for your offering to do a presentation on October 23rd. Hope to see everyone there.

WANTED! NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

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

MEMBERSHIP DUES



The box above will have a **RED X** if our records indicate that you have not yet paid your 2025-2026 membership dues as of the date this newsletter was mailed. Please send the \$20.00 annual membership fee per household, payable to:

BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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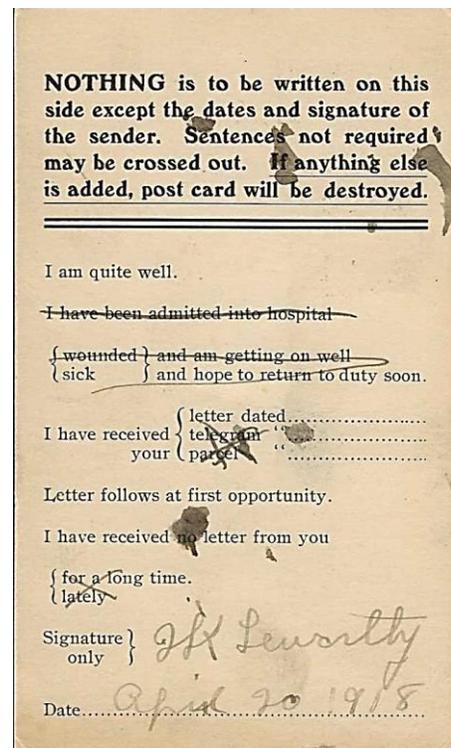
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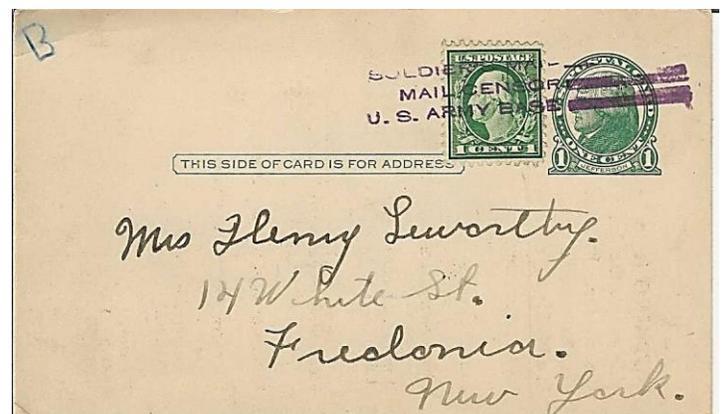
Has anyone noticed the competitive bidding and hammer prices on mounts at the Club auctions?

WWI POSTAL STATIONERY

After the US entered World War I in 1917, the government realized that the soldiers of the American Expeditionary Forces would not be in communication with their families back home. An elaborate series of post cards were created to send messages back home. The cards were pre-printed with messages designed to convey basic information and not reveal locations of troops. These cards are inexpensive and relatively easy to find. They make an interesting postal history subject.



The card was printed on postal card Scott UX27. Note the one cent stamp added to pay the international post card rate.



SPECIAL SERVICES STAMPS

We are familiar with precanceled stamps which are overprinted with different cities. But did you know that the below stamp is also known as a precancel?



These stamps are issued specifically for Presorted First-Class Mail and USPS Marketing Mail mailings (Junk mail!!). Mailers, typically businesses, use these special stamps to advertise their services and products. The stamps have lower denominations as the businesses pay the difference when they drop off the mail at the Post Office. Precanceled stamps are available in various non-denominations in coils for the following classes of mail:

- Presorted First-Class Mail only
- Presorted First-Class Postcards only
- Regular USPS Marketing Mail only
- Nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail Only

This service is also available to regular customers, but you have to apply to the USPS to obtain a permit number which needs to be placed on the envelope. Who knew!!

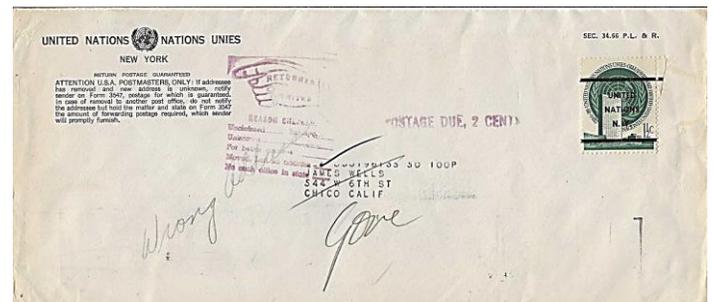
RIDE TO MEETINGS

A member who lives in Ransomville would like a ride to and from our meetings. If you live in the general area, attend our meeting fairly regularly, and would give this member a ride to and from our meetings, please contact Bob Meegan at meegan9697@roadrunner.com for information.

PROVENANCE

Provenance is a term which is common in the field of collectables. It is a record of ownership which establishes pedigree and authenticity.

In stamp collecting this is important, especially with high-value material. Knowing who owned a stamp or cover and being able to trace by auctions or literature is important in establishing its lineage and to track whether the items has been altered, restored or even forged.



The above cover seems ordinary. It is UN Scott 2, the only precancel issued by the UN. It was used on only 8 special service mailings and is scarce. This cover is rare as it is was returned to sender.

This cover belonged to Tony Dewey who specialized in UN material and won many awards for exhibiting. I did not know him, but I knew he collected the UN precancel and had many fine examples with auxiliary markings. Unfortunately, he passed away this past April. He wanted his collections to be passed onto other collectors. This cover was available at a Kelleher auction below the \$125 catalog value. I am happy to have it in my collection, especially knowing that it belonged to Tony. Hopefully, it will also end up in an exhibit.