



BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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AUTUMN STAMP FESTIVAL

November is special for the Buffalo Stamp Club, as it is Autumn Stamp Festival month! The Fall bourse, which began as an experiment and not meant to be a permanent event, is very popular and attracts many visitors. The dealers and the USPS support the bourse and return each year.

The bourse receives plenty of attention as proof that local shows thrive. The Autumn Stamp Festival does not involve sophisticated planning, but still requires legwork to secure the dealers and publicity. Show ads have appeared in Mekeels and other publications.

The Club has members who step up with the planning and running of the show. The Club is always looking for more members to step up and assist, especially at the hospitality table and youth table. More hands means less work! Thank you.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Thursday, November 13th: Meeting/Auction

Saturday, November 22nd: Autumn Stamp Festival

Thursday, December 4th: 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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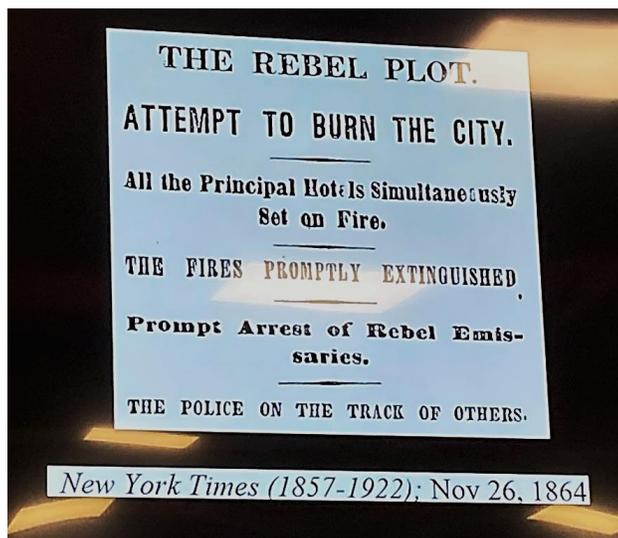
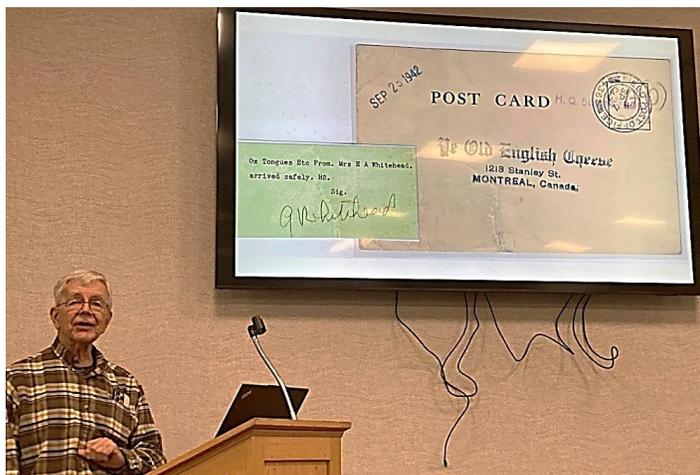
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OCTOBER PRESENTATION

Charlie Livermore gave two interesting presentations on October 23 in front of a dozen members.



Thanks Charlie for the riveting stories!

AUTUMN STAMP FESTIVAL DEALERS

The following dealers are scheduled:

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

LIFE MEMBERS

OF THE BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

By Casey Kielbasa

Throughout the history of the Buffalo Stamp Club, its members have been honored in various ways. The Freddie Koepf award honors a Club member for their exemplary work that benefits the Club. One honor scarcer than the Koepf award is Life Membership. This award honors a Club member who has done exemplary work during their membership in the Club over many years.

There have been six members who have achieved this honor. They are:

Rollin Flower, served as APS president in the 1940's.

Adolph Steeg, one of the founders of the Buffalo Stamp Club.

George B. Graham, founder of the Buffalo Collectors Club.

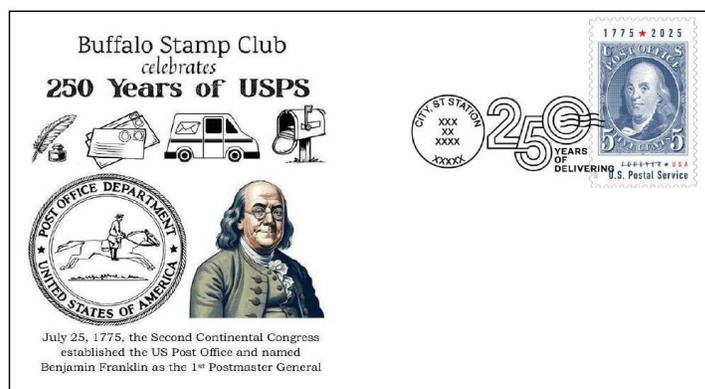
Joe Montesano, auctioneer and owner of Saturn Stamp Company, soon to be Lincoln Coin & Stamp.

Harold Rice. Owner of Harold Rice Stamps.

Larry Manno. Auctioneer and owner of Frontier Auctions.

Note that Irv Tesmer was honored as an honorary member not life member. And the story continues!

AUTUMN STAMP FESTIVAL SHOW COVER



Assuming we can still get the Franklin stamps, otherwise it'll be 250 years of Delivery.

DUES

A reminder is included in your newsletter if you have not yet paid your 2025-2026 Club dues. Dues remain at \$20. If you have not yet paid or would like to discuss the dues please contact Bob Meegan at (716) 655-5583 or send an email to meegan9697@roadrunner.com. Thank you.

BOB MEEGAN



Congratulations to Bob Meegan who was recognized by the APS as a 50 year member! Bob joined the Buffalo Stamp Club in 1972 and the APS in 1975. He began exhibiting in 1975 and won many, many awards for his Banknotes and Domestic Rates exhibits including the Grand Award in 1986. He is an APS accredited judge since 1995 and has served on the jury of many APS World Series shows. Congratulations Bob and thank you for your service to philately, the APS and the Buffalo Stamp Club!

BOSTON 2026 WORLD EXPO

By Joe Brzezowski

Well, the stamp world is abuzz once again as the time is nearing for the 2026 Boston World Expo.

The show is scheduled to open on May 23, running for 8 days, and ending on the 30th. It will be held at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

There is a website dedicated to the show at boston2026.org as well as Facebook, X and Instagram sites with articles, photos and more. You'll find the latest information about all aspects of the international exhibition.

As of the end of October 2025, 102 booths have already been reserved by dealers and organizations. And yes, you'll find dollar items among the stamps and collections worth hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Each day will feature first day ceremonies and releases, lectures, exhibit tours, philatelic society meetings and, of course, stamps for sale. There will be up to 4,000 exhibit frames on display, including competitive and non-competitive displays with a Court of Honor where you can expect to see true rarities that you may see only once in a lifetime. International shows like this bring out the best of the best of unique and unusual items among the frames.

Definitely plan on staying a few days to see the sites of this awesome historic city. Along with the city of Boston, the entire historic region is celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the American Revolution through special events and commemorations taking place throughout 2026.

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BOSTON 2026 WORLD EXPO

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My wife Gail and I have already booked our hotel in Boston, and after a few days at the show plan to head to Hyannis, Massachusetts for a few more days, touring Cape Cod and enjoying some wonderful food and drink.

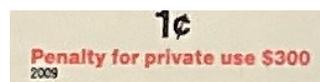
The show is shaping up to be a once-in-a-decade (maybe lifetime?) event not to be missed. I have already started getting my want list ready to find one or two gems to add to my collection. Boston 2026 will be here sooner than you think, so start planning – SOON!

As a first step, sign up to receive free email show updates through the Boston 2026 home page newsletter registration link.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS COVER?



At first glance, most collectors would dismiss this cover as ordinary and not worth a second look as the stamps add up to the correct rate of 78 cents. If you took a second look, you would notice that one of the stamps does not belong. The far-left stamp is an official stamp, Scott O154.



Official stamps are issued for the exclusive use of government personnel, departments and agencies. They are not sold to the public, and its purpose is for the government to track use of its postage.

Another example of an inexpensive philatelic item with a story to be told. As Bob Meegan says - "postal history in the making"!!



***Celebrate
Buffalo's Autumn
Stamp Festival
With Us!***

**November 22, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
The Knights Hall
2735 Union Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227**

*(I-90 Exit 52A William St., go east to Union,
turn left, Knights Hall is on right)*

**Nationally Known Dealers Buying & Selling
Stamps and Post Cards.
Free Collection Appraisals.
Silent Auction 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Free Door Prizes.
Free Parking & Admission.**

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