



# BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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## MARCH NOTES

BUFPEX is fast approaching and will be held the weekend of March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. The hours on Saturday are 10AM to 4PM and Sunday 10AM to 3PM. Frames are available for exhibits, and it is not too late to enter an exhibit. One-page or multi-page exhibits are welcome, contact Bob Meegan or Alan Davis with any questions. Come support the Club and the bourse dealers. The USPS will be at BUFPEX on Saturday and there will be a show cancel for March 7<sup>th</sup> with several cachets available both days.

The Boy Scouts will conduct a merit badge workshop on Saturday. The silent auction will be available both days, if you want to sell or buy lots. The Kids Corner will be open for our younger collectors, and the kitchen will be open both days as you will definitely be hungry after seeing all the attractions at BUFPEX!

Volunteers are always appreciated for setup, breakdown, the welcome table, and helping to promote the Club!

## UPCOMING CALENDAR

**Sat. & Sun. March 7<sup>th</sup> & March 8<sup>th</sup>: BUFPEX**

**Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>: Meeting/ Auction**

**Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>: 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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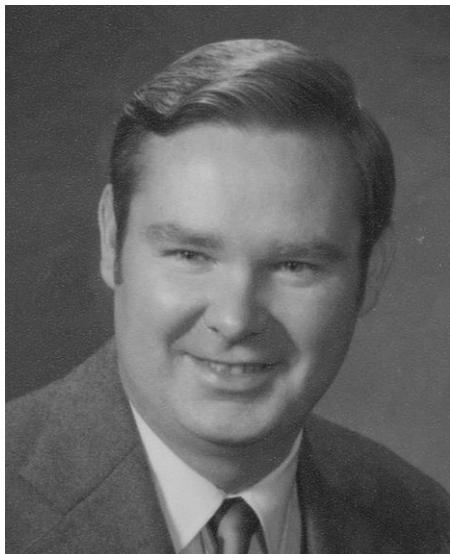
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## TIM HARRINGTON



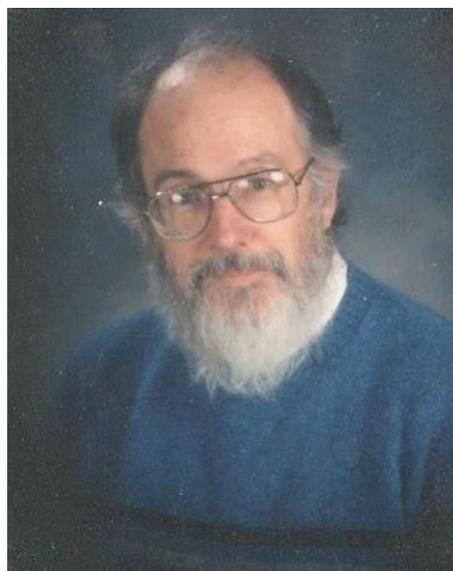
The Club mourns the loss of Tim Harrington who passed away on December 28, 2025. Tim collected stamps his whole life. His daughter Cathy remembers him bringing her to the auctions when she also started collecting. After he retired, he renewed his membership in the Club. He was particularly interested in U.S. stamps from his childhood, and Irish postage, using both to spur conversations about the people and places depicted in his favorites. The Club sends its heartfelt condolences to his family.

### Upcoming Shows

March 13-15 Garfield-Perry Party, Strongville, OH  
April 4 Big Flats Coin & Stamp Show, American Legion Post, 9:30am to 3pm, Big Flats, NY  
April 10-11 Wilkpex 2026, Plum, PA  
April 11-12 National Postage Stamp & Coin Show, Hilton, 6750 Mississauga Rd. Ontario  
April 18 Best Western Spring Stamp Show, 10am to 4pm, QEW at Lake St., St. Catharines  
May 8-9 Springpex 2026, Bishop Ryan HS  
HamiltonStampClub.com

## HARRY TONG

Casey Kielbasa reports that Harry Tong passed away on November 3, 2025. Harry participated in BUFPEX and The Autumn Stamp Festival under "1840-1950 Mostly Stamps." Unbeknown to most people, he had a degree in Music Education and taught Music at schools around Nashua, New Hampshire. He also ran Hampshire Music Company with locations throughout New Hampshire serving students, amateur and professional musicians.



As a stamp dealer he ran shows and bourses throughout New England and in Rochester. Casey first met him at STAMPEX and, of course, Club members ran into him at our Club shows. The Club sends its condolences to his family.

**BUFPEX IS UPON US, SO SPRING WILL SOON BE HERE!**



**WELCOME TO BUFFALO**

## BOSTON 2026

For those Club members planning to attend the Boston show but debating where to stay, Joe Brzezowski reports:

“Just in case anyone is interested in a cheap hotel. I received this brochure from a group I belong to. Private rooms start at around \$55.00 -- but mention the ad discount.”

Joe says he is staying at a Holiday Inn at 4 times the cost of this place. It might be worth looking into if you are planning to attend the show. Also available are AirBnB places. Good luck!

## WANTED!!

Every month we are always seeking material for the newsletter in order to keep the newsletter interesting and relevant to our members! Even if it is a scan of a stamp or cover. Send it to Editor Al or to Alan Davis. We will craft it into an interesting article with your name in the byline. Help us fill the newsletter every month!

## BUFPEX DEALERS

Dan McNess reports the following dealers are currently scheduled to be at BUFPEX:

- **Tri-K Stamps, Kim & Casey Kielbasa**
- **Richfield Philatelics, Bill Witschard**
- **Scott Shaulis, Murraysville, PA**
- **Mike & Tim Retzer, Buffalo, NY**
- **Niagara Stamp Sales, Norm Titterington**
- **Howard Roeske, North Tonawanda, NY**
- **Paul Duda, North Tonawanda, NY**
- **United States Postal Service**

The Club will also feature **Show Covers** with special cancel and cachet:

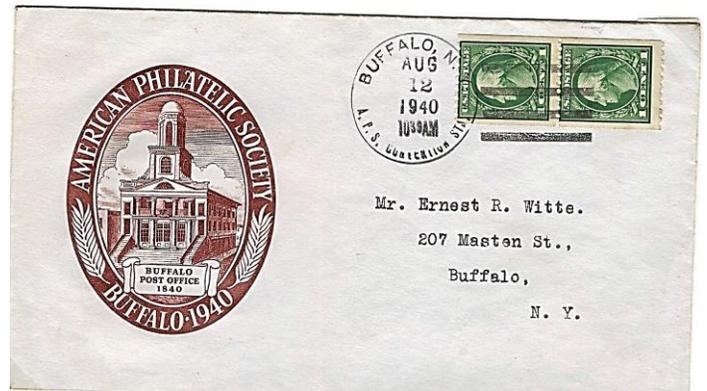
## BUFFALO STAMP CLUB LOGO

We are well familiar with our Club logo as it is featured on the masthead of our newsletter. Interestingly, the logo originated from the planning involved in bringing the 1940 APS convention to Buffalo. Club President Rollin Flowers led the organization and planning of the convention. One of his assignments was to design a souvenir sheet to promote the show. He chose as his subject Buffalo's first post office as it appeared in 1840, giving the souvenir sheet a centennial appeal to this historic structure. The design was attractive in its simplicity. A central oval containing the old post office with a scroll label surrounded by a wide band and two palm branches.



The sheets were printed brown and green, 5000 of each color, by the photo-engraving process from a single plate by Bates-Jackson, Inc. of Buffalo. It is estimated that 1500 sets were sold.

In addition to the souvenir sheets, cachet envelopes were produced as companion pieces. The same design was imprinted on the envelopes. However, the quantities printed was never made available. The souvenir sheets sold for ten cents while the envelopes were priced at five cents each.



The envelopes were sold during the convention which was held from August 12-16, 1940. The above cover was postmarked on the opening day of the convention with the official show cancel.



Immediately after the convention, the Club adapted the design as the Club logo.