



# BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

JANUARY 2011

Alfred Carroccia  
Fuzzy9600@verizon.net

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Happy New Year to all!! Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable holiday with plenty of philatelic gifts under the tree. 2010 was a busy year for the Club with 2011 just as busy. The Club ended the year with a strong turnout at the Autumn Stamp Festival (see related story). 2011 will be another exciting year for the Club beginning with BUFPEX this March. Everyone is encouraged to exhibit at BUFPEX. We all have interesting material and most of us specialize in many areas. However, most of us have never exhibited and many don't know where to begin. The Club is extremely lucky to have an APS accredited judge in Bob Meegan. Bob's experience spans many major APS shows as both judge and exhibitor. His knowledge is immense and he is always willing to share it with the membership.

On January 21<sup>st</sup> Bob will talk about exhibiting and answer your questions. He will have one of his exhibits spread out so you can see how an exhibit is put together. More importantly, he will answer your questions. It is probably the most important presentation on the Club calendar. If you plan to exhibit at BUFPEX, or any other show, or are thinking about it, you must attend this presentation. Also available after the presentation will be applications to exhibit. Be sure to attend this important event.

## MEETINGS

Auctions and meetings are held at the Leonard Post located at 2450 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga and begin promptly at 7:30 pm. A calendar for 2010-2011 was in September's newsletter. If anyone needs a spare copy, see or email the editor.

## JANUARY CALENDAR

January 7<sup>th</sup> : Auction

January 21<sup>st</sup> : Presentation by Bob Meegan on Exhibiting

February 4<sup>th</sup> : Auction

BUFPEX is approaching – March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>  
If anyone has extra stamps for the guessing jar, please help Bennie out and get them to him – he'd appreciate it!

## DUES

Dues for 2010-2011: Dues remain at \$12.00 and can be given to Casey Kielbasa at the meeting or mailed to Casey at P.O. Box 154, Cheektowaga, NY 14225-0154. Please pay your dues promptly and PLEASE VERIFY YOUR ADDRESS WITH CASEY SO YOU WON'T MISS RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER!!

Casey reports a strong response from the membership in paying dues! Great news!

## OFFICERS

President: Alan Davis  
Vice President: Bob Meegan  
Secretary: Al Carroccia  
Treasurer: Tim Carey  
Membership Chairman: Casey Kielbasa  
Auction Manager: Dan Sherwood  
Advertising & Publicity Coordinator: George Gates  
Bourse Chairman: Bill Witschard

## AUTUMN STAMP FESTIVAL

The Club held its annual Autumn Stamp Festival on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Leonard Post. Twelve dealers and the United States Postal Service participated in the one day bourse. It was a tremendous success as attendance again was strong. This was evident when the doors opened and a crowd was patiently waiting to get in. A steady stream of collectors did not let up until the doors finally closed after 5 PM. The dealers in attendance reported strong sales and were happy with the turnout as was the USPS which had collectors buying recent issues.

Thanks to all those Club members who turned out on Friday night to set up for the Autumn Stamp Festival. The strong turnout enabled the setup to be quickly concluded and everyone retired to the Leonard Post bar, where Casey Kielbasa happily bought the first round of refreshments! Additional thanks go out to Bill Witschard, who coordinated the dealers, and George Gates, who handles the publicity. In case you missed it, George's write-up appeared in *Linn's* and other publications. Now we get ready for BUFPEX!



George Gates mans the Club table at the Autumn Stamp Festival!

## CLUB WEBSITE

We were excited to announce at the December meeting the inauguration of the new Buffalo Stamp Club website!! In case you didn't get the word or have a chance to visit the site, the internet address is [www.buffalostampclub.org](http://www.buffalostampclub.org) – how easy could that be!! And it comes up easily in a Google search also.

A couple months ago, when we brought up the possibility of a website and solicited for some help from the membership, David Przepiora approached us and volunteered to launch a website. This is a superb example of members stepping up to help make our club better!

The website is great! It has a professional, modern appearance. There are interesting facts regarding the origin of the Club, the meeting calendar is posted, there are several pages on local philatelic history, a few club pictures, and related links. We're working on getting the newsletters regularly posted and hopefully, more to follow. If you have information, pictures, history or any other ideas, don't be afraid to pass them on to us. This is the Club's website, so let's make it interesting and useful. We're off to a great start, thanks to Dave!

## SELF-ADHESIVE STAMP REMOVAL FEEDBACK

There was a fair amount of feedback from Club members and APS members regarding the article on removal methods for self-adhesive stamps. Here is a summary of their comments:

- The products mentioned don't work on all self-adhesive stamps – try a small amount & if it isn't working rather quickly, more won't help.
- The citrus products don't evaporate as quickly & using a Q-tip helps remove the gum more easily.
- Bestine contains heptane which is more flammable. Mineral Spirits is safer, equally effective, and less costly.
- All the products suggested need plenty of ventilation and caution against flammability potential.
- A cautionary note when using talc to eliminate stickiness – over longer periods of time and especially under weight, such as mounted in an album, the adhesiveness may return and stick to the page or stockbook pocket. Even a group of stamps in a glassine will eventually stick together.