



# BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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## WINTER ACTIVITIES

The middle of winter has a way of bringing our mood down - The snow and cold keeps us indoors and "cabin fever" sets in. But for a stamp collector, what a perfect time to put our collections in order. Or better yet, work on that exhibit for BUFPEX. By now you should have attended Bob Meegan's presentation on exhibiting and have your ideas and notes put together. Now is the time to sit down, spread out your material, and lay out your exhibit. Once you have a plan and begin the process, it is easy and goes quickly. Before you know it, you've put together an exhibit destined for recognition and praise.

## 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.

## 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.

Casey reports 87 members have paid. Are you paid?

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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

February 18<sup>th</sup>: Presentation by Jeff Lazroe

- Jeff's presentation is entitled "Stamp Criminals I have Known" and a subtopic relating to "Why Stamps went from 29¢ to 32¢". This promises to be another interested topic led by one of our fellow members. Plan on attending and being entertained.

March 4<sup>th</sup>: NO MEETING! BUFPEX SETUP at 7:00

March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>: **BUFPEX** (see card for details)

- If anyone has extra stamps for the guessing jar, please help Bennie out and get them to him – he'd appreciate it!
- Please consider volunteering at least 1 hour to man the Club hospitality table. It does make a difference!

## 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

## JOHN NUNES

John Nunes, a member of the Club and a dealer, passed away on January 16, 2011 while attending UNIPLEX in Toronto, Canada. It is a devastating loss not only to the family, but to the New York philatelic community. John was instrumental in revitalizing the Federation of New York Philatelic Societies in which he served as President. The Buffalo Stamp Club is a member of the Federation and as such each member is entitled to an issue of its publication, *Stamp Insider*. Nunes also organized the Cover Mania, Post Card Mania and numerous other shows out of Albany. He was also a fixture at BUFPEX and the Autumn Stamp Festival. It was amazing watching him pack his minivan with 6 tables worth of stock. He will be missed.



John Nunes

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The Club also lost Paul A. Westphal who was a former member of the Club and the Plewacki Stamp Society. He died on December 28, 2010.

The Club welcomes the following new members:

- Michael Retzer who collects U.S., Great Britain, France and Germany
- Val Ignatjew who collects U. S.
- Daniel E. Rinow returns to the Club

## MORE ON STAMP REMOVAL

If you're still interested, there is more information on removing self-adhesives. The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada has posted a video of Peter Butler's demonstration on removing self-adhesives as well as additional articles on the subject at:

[www.rpsc.org/video/soaking-video.htm](http://www.rpsc.org/video/soaking-video.htm)

## JANUARY MID-MONTH PRESENTATION

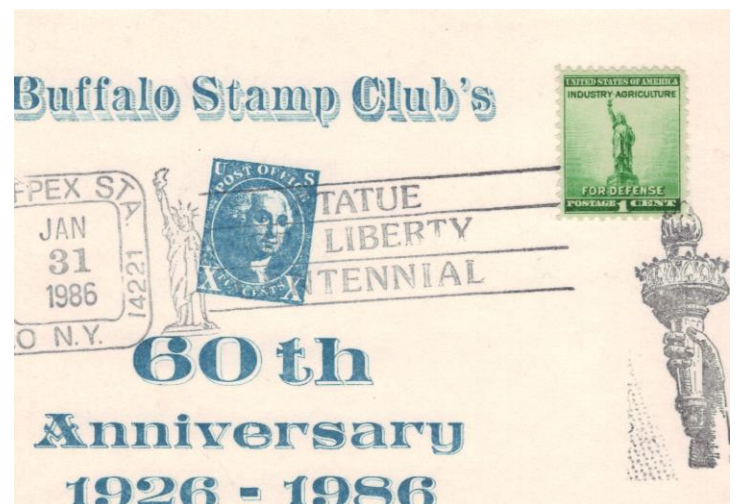
A few brave, or crazed, members turned out on a frigid and blustery Friday to hear Bob Meegan's presentation on exhibiting. Bob talked about exhibiting by putting it into context with his own rate study exhibit. Among the topics he addressed:

- Developing a theme from your material.
- Acquiring material keeping cost in mind.
- Putting the exhibit together with placement of material on pages
- Having fun!

Bob also had a handout that outlined U. S. postal rates from 1792 and 1900. As Bob explained it is crucial to the postal historian to understand these rates if you are to exhibit material from this period. Thanks Bob!

## BUFPEX 1986

25 years ago BUFPEX was held in January of 1986. The three day event went from Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the former Ramada Inn on Transit Road. 100 frames of Exhibits were shown with 15 dealers present. A banquet was held on Saturday night with the guest speaker being the French consulate. Good stuff!



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