

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 17th, 2017 @ 7 PM

Regular meeting Place: Cafeteria in St Mary's High School, 555 15th Street East, Owen Sound

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From the Editor

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Welcome to the May edition of the Owen Sound Stamp Club Newsletter. The primary purpose is to let you know about the upcoming meeting, which is being held at the usual location, and if you are reading this on the web site and have never come to a meeting, the address of St Mary's High School is provided on the top of the page.

This issue has a new contributor with an article about the Channel Islands. Dave Green has been a member for several years now and I thank him for accepting the challenge of producing a story to share with all the readers. I hope it is interesting and shares something you didn't know before the story was read.

A "new" section follows David's article. There is a brief mention of the events from last months meeting which is followed by other information concerning the clubs website as well as more about the club circuit books. If you come early enough to the meeting in May, you might have a chance to see what is available in our eternal quest to fill the pesky holes in the albums/collection. It is amazing where those simple gems appear from and what joy there is in

finding it gives to the collector/philatelist.

Addictions can be a serious issue for people. Of course that is when we are speaking about substances introduced into our bodies. Not a trivial matter, but I would suggest that our hobby may be considered an addiction also. Unfortunately, this newsletter is helping the readers feed the philatelic addiction by listing upcoming shows in South Western Ontario. The listing goes through the summer months

Probably two of the upcoming shows that may be of interest is the "Royal" being held in Boucherville, Quebec in June, and the Postal History Society of Canada show in Hamilton during the month of July. The number of club shows during the summer is a lot less than during the school year, but don't overlook the show in Kincardine in the middle of August.

Several voices have suggested that the revised format of last months newsletter was acceptable and so it has continued. As always, the editor appreciates comments and articles for and about the newsletter, so don't be shy. There is no grading involved and the hobby is so large no one will be able to say they know it all.



Figure 3
Netherlands Scott #1 imperf pair. It is unusual to see a vertical imperf pair compared to the much more common horizontal pair. Issued in Jan 1, 1852, nearly 12 years after the "penny black."

German Occupation Stamps of the Channel Islands

By David Green

The Channel Islands are an archipelago in the English Channel, off the French coast of Normandy. They include two British Crown dependencies: the Bailiwick of Jersey, consisting of Jersey, the largest of the islands; and the Bailiwick of Guernsey, consisting of Guernsey, Alderney, Sark and some smaller islands. They are considered the remnants of the Duchy of Normandy, and although they are not part of the United Kingdom, since the 13th Century, the U.K. is responsible for the defence and international relations of the islands. Guernsey and Jersey have their own laws, and elections for government. The official head of state in each was the Bailiff. While each Bailiwick is internally independent, they worked closely together.



World War II began on September 1st 1939 but it was not until May 1940 that major advances were made in Western Europe with the British being driven out of France at Dunkirk by June 4th 1940.

The fall of France quickly followed and the British government felt that the Channel Islands were indefensible and decided to demilitarize the islands and offered residents the opportunity to evacuate to England. About 30,000 islanders did so, but others, reluctant to leave their homes and property, remained. The Germans carried out bombing raids on June 28, 1940 but quickly began occupying the islands on June 30, 1940, beginning with Guernsey.

Guernsey is the second largest and second most populated island (41,000 in 1940) of the Channel Isles.

Until the occupation, the British postal system was responsible for the island mails. German authorities permitted the continued use of British postage stamps for inter-island mail, but since the source of stamps was cut off, there was soon a shortage of British postage stamps. For a while, postage stamps cut in half diagonally were permitted.



On Guernsey, the Guernsey Press Co Ltd was contracted to design and print new Guernsey stamps. There were several printings of the ½d, 1d and 2½d stamps (thus creating many colour varieties). In early 1942, French banknote paper was used to print the stamps. When gum was applied, a chemical reaction turned the paper blue. Guernsey occupation stamps were first issued on February 18, 1941.



Jersey is the largest and most populated (50,000 in 1940) island of the Channel Isles. German forces began their occupation of Jersey on July 1, 1940. As in Guernsey, the German authorities permitted the

continued use of British postage for local island mail and did so throughout the occupation period.

Swastika overprints of British stamps were started by local German authorities but were quickly rejected by Berlin. Examples do exist. Below is a set sold at auction in 2006.



In Jersey, as the supplies of British stamps shrank, the Bailiff asked a local artist, Major Rybot, to create a design for a one penny (1d) postage stamp. He selected a design similar to that of Guernsey but modified the three leopards on the shield to resemble a more correct mediaeval appearance and made a few other minor changes. 1/2 penny and one penny stamps were created.

They were printed locally by the Jersey Evening Post. As with Guernsey, there were several printings resulting in colour variations. First issue was January 29th, 1942.



In 1943, the German Field Commandant, Colonel Knackfuss, suggested a set of six stamps depicting local scenes. The new stamps, designed by local artist Edmund Blampied, were approved by the Bailiff and the German Field Commandant. Due to the

shortage of materials, the designs were sent to Paris for printing and were prepared for printing by Henri Cortot in Paris. They also went through several printings with colour variations.



On May 9, 1945, the day after victory in Europe had been declared; the islands were liberated when the 26,000 German troops surrendered unconditionally to British forces.

In both Guernsey and Jersey, all of these stamps were postally valid until 13 April 1946.

I used The Philatelic Missive, February 2013 for much of the information included here.

Club News

At the last meeting in April we welcomed back a number of people who had been away from the last few meetings. The returnees included John Appleton, Judy Galbraith, Ken Knight who brought his wife along to the meeting. The official records show that eighteen members were present, but some members may have been missed. It sure seemed busier to the editor!

The evening gave an opportunity for the members to browse through the Waterloo Stamp Club Circuit

books. It is surprising what can be found in these binders. My guess would suggest that there were some 30-40 binders to look through, so it offered the attendees a chance to plug the “hole” in their collection.

There was also an opportunity for members to share in the usual feature of the meeting something to “Show and Tell.” Consider what you may be able to contribute to this portion of the upcoming meeting.

Website Update

Our resident website programmer has made some changes to the website and would like feedback from club members. The first addition is a “web counter” on the home page. Many websites have this feature and the counter indicates how many people have visited the site. Knowing the number of visitors provides an indirect feedback on the site and can maybe lead to an increase in the number of club members. If you visit the web page, you will find the counter in the bottom right hand corner.

Some changes have also been made on the “Annual Show” page. By clicking on the “Annual Show” hot button, you will see the location of the upcoming show and the winner of Vander Heyden Memorial Award for the one page challenge. Besides the photo of the winner, is a scan of the display that was selected as best in the challenge. There may be additions to this shortly.

The Contact page has been updated with not only the club executive, but three other people who contribute to the clubs operation. Now you will be able to contact Chris Tschirhart about the Circuit books, myself, Phil Visser, with a story or comment for the newsletter, and Randy Rogers, our web page guru. Last, but not least, is the tab for “Circuit Books.” This page is definitely worth a visit because it gives the club members an opportunity to go through the pages already in the Circuit Books and you can make arrangements with Chris to get the stamp that will fill a hole in your collection.

Club Circuit Books

Good news! More than one hundred and forty pages have been added into the Club Circuit Book binders.

These additions occurred during the months of March and April.

With the additional pages, there now are nineteen binders to look through. There has been some changes with the numbering system of the binders. Binders 1a-f contain stamps and first day covers from Canada. Binders, 2a-c, 3-4, 8a-c and 9 contain stamps from Europe. Binder 10 contains stamps from the United States, and Binder 5 has stamps from Central and South America, Binders 6 and 11 are focused on Asia and finally Binder 7 contains stamps from Great Britain and the British Commonwealth.

The Circuit Book manager does have a few requests. Please ensure that all the pages are properly punched to fit in a three ring binder. With the new system in place, do not put page numbers on the pages being contributed into the circuit, the manager will look after the page numbering. However, it is vital that the individual puts their member number on each page to receive the money for stamps picked off the page. An important part of each page is the name of the country that the stamps are from as well as what stamp catalogue has been referenced. An finally, try to keep the page to a single country or topical area.

The Canadian Philatelist

The editor of this stamp magazine has submitted the following scans of stamps that will have some tie in to the July-August issue of the magazine. Curious? You can either become a member of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada or perhaps purchase a copy at the book store!





Upcoming Shows

MAY 20 Burloak Stamp Fair

Burlington Seniors Centre, 2285 New St., Burlington, ON, L7R 1J4

Hours: 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Twenty years of regular monthly shows on the third of Saturday of every month. Six to nine dealers, active buyers, and always something new. Phone: 905-575-2950 Email: bas6@bell.net

MAY 25 ROYALE 2017

May 25, 2017 to May 28, 2017

Hotel Mortagne, 1228 rue Nobel, Boucherville, QC, J4B 5H1

National Stamp Show. Hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission. Free parking. 27 dealers in attendance. Stamp auction. Club information. Food service available. Sponsor/affiliate: ANPB.net, FQP, RPSC. For more information contact Richard Gratton, or Pierre Leclerc Phone: 514-592-7288 Email: president@anpb.net Web: <http://www.royale2017.com>

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JUL 20 Postal History Society of Canada Symposium 2017

July 20, 2017 to July 23, 2017

Sheraton Hamilton, 116 King St. W., Hamilton, ON, L8P 4V3

First Annual PHSC Symposium, a four day event of exhibits, bourse, numerous presentations, social events and historical tours.

Phone: 905 699-7451

Email: symposium@postalhistorycanada.net

Web: <http://www.postalhistorycanada.net>

AUG 3 APS National Summer Convention

August 3, 2017 to August 6, 2017

Greater Richmond Convention Center, 403 N. Third St., Richmond, VA, 23219

Stamp Show 2017 in Richmond, Virginia marks the 131st annual convention of the American Philatelic Society. Each year, stamp collectors, exhibitors, historians and members of the general public gather to socialize, increase philatelic knowledge, and exchange stamps. The 2017 show will feature 100+ dealers, societies, live auctions, literature and philatelic exhibits, more than 100 meetings and seminars, and first-day-of-issue ceremonies for new stamps. The show is FREE and open to the public. Phone: 814-933-3803 ext. 217

Email: stampshow@stamps.org

Web: <http://www.stamps.org/stampshow-SS>

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Davidson Centre Seniors Room, 801 Durham St., Kincardine, ON, N2Z 2X7

8 Dealers, exhibits, youth table, door prizes, lunch booth, free admission.

Phone: 519-395-5817

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Figure 17 Sir Rowland Hill, what have you done to use? The "penny black" and the beginning of this hobby. Note the red and black cancels on the two stamps.

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Figure 18 The article reveals the history and reason for the issue of this Stamps on Stamps mini-sheet. This scan is from the editors personal collection, and the topic has now become an obsession and collection interest of several other club members.

When you have a chance, why not visit the club web site at www.owensoundstampclub.org. Feedback is always important to keeping this means of connecting up to date. The only way to end a newsletter is with another picture of our common obsession, stamp collecting!