



Owen Sound Stamp Club

Newsletter

Next Club Meeting: May 16th May 2001

O.S.S.C.'s 6th Show: Sunday, May 27th, at the Bayshore!!

The 2001 Show has all the makings of being the best yet! Indications are that we will have a great exhibition with many members taking up Ken Knights challenge of putting together something on a "Topical" theme. Charles van Rompu has persuaded postal authorities from around the globe to donate all sorts of philatelic supplies both for our Silent Auction and general distribution to all visitors.

And talking of the Silent Auction, there really is going to be some great material available including: year collections, official first day covers, Maximum Cards, albums, and lots of not-so-easy-to-find reference material from many different countries.

Ten dealers from around the Province will be there to help fill out any gaps in your collection.

So, don't miss out, come along on May 27th and help make this show the success it deserves to be!

Look forward to seeing you there.

Bob Watson (President)

\$1,000,000 Questions...

It was obvious that the 1,700th anniversary of the Armenian Church would not go by unnoticed. It pleases me that Vatican City had a series of three stamps issued on February 15, 2001. These stamps come in the following values: L1,200 , L1,500 and L2,000 and/or €0.62, €0.77 and €1.03 and these were printed at .??.??

Helio Courvoisier in Switzerland

Which gives you the answer on the second One Million Dollar question of last month.

Among many items we received for the silent auction is a box-set of 1996 German stamps. This set consists of 41 individual sheets with either a single or a series of stamps, issued on one particular day, with a First Day cancellation. This brings me to the first One million question of last month:

Collecting POSTMARKS is also called MARCOPHILY.

Two more "One Million Dollar" questions.

1. In April 1991 the issue of the 35¢ Dennis Chavez and the 29¢ Earl Warren (Scott #2186-2184) raised a political uproar in the US congress. Why??

- a) They were misperforated
- b) One of them was invert
- c) Printing price was too high
- d) They were printed in Canada

What's New from Canada Post...

This time it is short and sweet. On May 11th the two booklets with Tourist issues will be released. As I said before, make sure you go there early. If last year's Fresh Water issues were any indication, these issues go fast. There will be a 5 × 60¢ (US rate) and a 5 × 105¢ (International).

May, 16th is the date we will see the stamp for the 1,700th Anniversary of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

Finally on the Calends of June, the Royal Military College, a 47¢ issue.

Charles van Rompu

2)The Museum of Stamps and Money in Monaco has an interesting collection of stamps, letters and history. They are open from 10 to 5 daily, admission is 20.00 Francs.

How much would that be on January 1st 2002???

- a) €0.83 b) €900.98
- c) €3.05 d) €1.47

(note, the true answer is based on the official rate of the Franc versus Euro. Round-off's to the nearest decimal may certainly occur in the future)

Answers in next Newsletter.

Charles van Rompu

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Show 2001 Sponsors

Do you remember the first full-colour newsletter of April? The answer to one of the earlier Million dollar questions was about Åland ... Surprise ... they will be represented at our show. Maybe you almost forgot, but **Sunday May 27th** is the big day and Åland is sponsoring us with a beautiful 1998–1999 Yearbook containing 58 stamps. They have also donated eight 1995 year-collections, several FDC's and maximum-cards galore – certainly a very good reason to come to the show.

Besides Åland, you should come and see how other countries value our efforts to make our show the Cadillac of stamp shows. Last year we had the much appreciated support of a couple of European countries and one Caribbean Island. This year, the maximum-cards, FDC's, panes of stamps, year-collections, loose stamps, catalogues, albums, stock-books and other philatelic related material has been made available in astonishing quantities.

A Zepelin book from Deutsche Post is only one example.

An interesting letter was received from Jersey Post. Their Philatelic Manager, Mrs. Andrée R. Valentine, said that she spent her honeymoon in Canada and visited Owen Sound. I quote her saying: "I think you live in a very beautiful part of the world".

It is impossible to list here all the donations we have received but you will certainly see them on the 27th. Please do not forget to go to the bank-machine beforehand.

With our thank-you letters to the various sponsors we will enclose an announcement of this event to encourage an even bigger interest.

Allow me to list the countries which are supporting our 6th Annual Stamp Show and Sale 2001 (as of May 10th):

Åland, Austria, Germany, Guernsey, Iceland, Isle of Man, Jersey, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Portugal, United States, and Vatican City.

I got so carried away by this foreign support that I forgot to mention our Canadian friends. So far **Canada Post, Canadian Wholesale Supplies, Lighthouse, Rousseau, and Unitrade** have generously donated philatelic supplies.

If after all this, you're still not coming, or worse, not showing your stuff, I don't know what to say any more: So, see you there on the 27th. 9am – 4pm FREE admission, free parking

On a personal note. I will be showing some stamps under the category "Topicals" namely WINDMILLS on stamps.

I now found out that Åland is also issuing a series of three stamps showing windmills. Unfortunately they will only be released on June 8, to late for our show. These three stamps of which pictures will be available, will come out in Finish Marks FM. 3.00, 7.00 & 20.00 and they will show the value in Euros as €0.50, €1.18 & €3.36. They have Perf 13+ and are printed by The House of Queen aka. House of Questa Ltd. London UK. This printing firm is owned by NDC Communications Corp. who also owns Ashton Potter. The reason I mention the Euro values of several stamps is because as of January 1st, 2002, this will be the only value known by a large group of countries in Europe. More about this subject in a following Newsletter.

Charles van Rompu (not from Åland)

Many of our sponsors have excellent Web sites where details of recent issues are available along with facilities for on-line ordering. The following notes are from our "Sponsors" page. For links, see <http://www3.sympatico.ca/rhwatson/stampclub/>.

Åland Post (Posten på Åland). Åland Post's website (in English) has comprehensive details of all the stamps issued since 1993. Recent (and many older) issues are available from their online store.

Canada Post Corporation Canada Post's Web site has detailed information on all stamp issues back to mid 1999 with illustrations of the associated Official First Day Covers and, of course, ordering information.

Canada Wholesale Supplies. [No site found]

Deutsche Post AG. The Web site (in English) has information on stamp issues since 1996 with very fine images. There is also detailed background information including the story behind the stamp, designer, date-of-issue, etc.

Guernsey Post Office. The Guernsey Post Office runs the postal service for the Bailiwick, i.e. Guernsey, Alderney, Sark and Herm. The Philatelic Bureau Web site publishes a newsletter covering events of philatelic interest on the Island and there are detailed descriptions of all stamps back to 1996.

Iceland Post. Iceland Post's philatelic page (in English) has illustrations with online ordering facilities for stamps back to 1996.

Isle of Man Post Office. The site has detailed information about

recent issues along with a most informative summary of the history of Manx stamps since the first "regional" U.K. issues in 1958.

Jersey Post. [No site found]

Liechtenstein (Werzeichen Stelle Der Regierung). The Web site has brief details of issues from 1996-1999 along with ordering facilities.

Lithuania Post (Lietuvos Pastas). The Web page (in English) has details of stamps issued since 1995 and online ordering facilities.

Lighthouse Publications (Canada) Ltd. [No site found]

Malta. [No site found]

Monaco. [No site found]

Netherlands Post. (In Dutch)

Austria Post (Österreichische Post AG). The site (in both English and German) has an online store for purchasing issues dating back to 1993. There is also a detailed online catalogue that covers all issues back to 1947.

Portugal. The Web site (in English) gives details of issues since 1998 and also of illustrated albums (eg. The Discovery of Brazil)

Rousseau. [No site found]

United States Postal Service. Huge site with online store for books, catalogues, album pages, as well as detailed accounts of stamps (back to 1997).

Vatican City. (In Italian)

At the last meeting:

And another lively meeting with an excellent turnout!

Again, all members were encouraged to put in an entry for the exhibition and Barb Shelson agreed to take on the job of “Silent Auctioneer” at the Show.

Fritz Siedel showed his watermark detector in action and it certainly made it easy.

Bob Pike brought his Peninsula Circuit Books.

Next Meeting: May 16th.

The next meeting of the Owen Sound Stamp Club will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, **May 16th**, in St. George’s Church, Owen Sound (as usual).

Matters to be discussed will include:

- Anyone interested in looking after a club library?
- The 2001 Show.
- Reg Powell will talk about deltiology. (OK, for those who haven’t been following the \$1m question column, Reg will be talking about Collecting Postcards).

Upcoming Events

The 6th Annual Show and Bourse will be held on May 27th at the Bayshore Arena. Mark that date!

Just Announced:

Canada Post is to release a 47¢ stamp on July 1st in memory of Pierre Trudeau.

The image will be from the Myfanwy Pavelic portrait of Trudeau that hangs on Parliament Hill showing the former prime minister wearing a campe and his trademark red rose.

“Mr Trudeau will be remembered for his strong beliefs as well as for his groundbreaking policies” said André Ouellet, CEO of Canada Post and a former Cabinet minister under Mr. Trudeau.

With great sadness, we report that Louise Ebel passed away last month.

Louise has attended every meeting since she joined the Club and was a generous contributor to John Cortan’s “Stamps-for-Kids” box.

Her good humour and gentle nature will be missed by all at the Club.

I’m sure I speak for all of us in offering our condolences to her son, Bob.

Bob Watson

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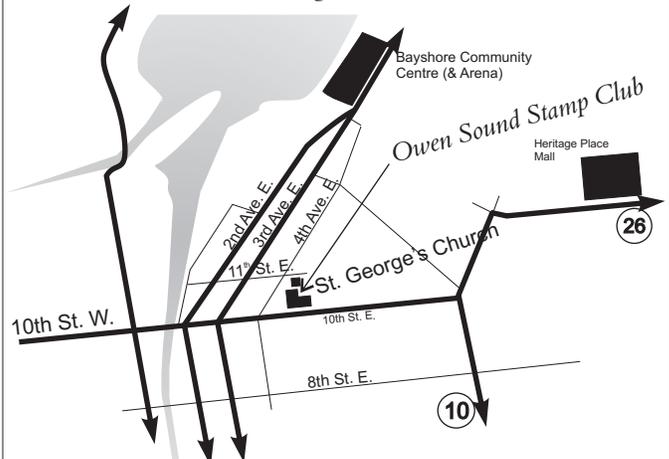
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The Owen Sound Stamp Club meets at 7:00pm on the third Wednesday of each month in the basement of St. George’s Anglican Church (on the corner of 10th St. E. and 4th Ave. E.). The main business of the evening is typically to check out the stamps in circuit books from the North Bay Philatelic Society, the Royal Philatelic Society and/or the Peninsula Philatelic Circuit. Members also trade stamps and covers between themselves.

There are presently about 20 active members whose interests cover just about everything at all levels from beginner to expert. New members are always most welcome.

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