



Owen Sound Stamp Club

Newsletter

Next Club Meeting: August 21st August 2002

Another short Newsletter – but back to normal next month! Apologies for the error in the calendar regarding the August meeting date and hope no-one was unduly confused. Look forward to seeing you at the meeting on Wednesday, 21st August – the third Wednesday of the month as usual.

Bob Watson

What's New ... *by Charles van Rompu*

“A summer of content”!

As I am sure you all know by now, I collect stamps with wind- or water mills, as well as Stamps on Stamps. Let me tell you, this summer has been a godsend.

The most remarkable fact out of all of this is that Canada Post has been very helpful in it.

Do you remember the beautiful tulip stamps issued on the third of May?

On the same day CP's official FDC was issued and, you guessed it correctly, the cancellation on this shows TWO windmills! This was however only the beginning. June 1st was the release day for the Tourist Attractions. Among the five, issued at the USA or 65¢ rate, was one showing a scene out of the outdoor living-history museum in Kings Landing N.B. It pictures a beautiful overshot waterwheel annex to the reconstructed mill in this riverside hamlet

The FDC of these five stamps has another feature. It is cancelled in “KINGS LANDING”. Having said this, one should realize that Kings Landing never had a post-office or a cancellation device, another worthwhile discovery.

The mill stories do not end here, but also the stamps on stamps received attention from CP.

On July 5th they released a pane of 16 stamps for the Canadian Postmasters' and Assistants' Association's 100th anniversary (1902-2002). The designer of this stamp, Chris Candish, came up with an unique layout, by including three gutters and a selvedge which formed part of the overall design. This is really one of the better designed in the stamp on stamp category. I am sure you have all seen this stamp so I do not have to go in to many details [*on the cover for this Newsletter – Ed*].

What really surprised me was the announcement that CP would not only participate in the AMPHILEX 2002, World

Philatelic Exhibition in Amsterdam, but would issue a Tulip Souvenir Sheet to mark the occasion. This sheet will be available on August 30th. It will picture the four tulip stamps, gummed and perforated, set-tenant in strip of four, while at the right lower corner a windmill will be pictured. It is unknown to me whether or not a first day cover will be available.

I started this article with “A summer of content”; surprise, surprise: Canada Post has issued a series of 20 prepaid postcards with the Tourist Attractions stamps as picture. They can be mailed in Canada and are for delivery worldwide and, you guessed it correct again, one of them is the water wheel in Kings Landing. These postal stationary items are available for \$1.49.

Although I am not a plate collector, it deserves mentioning that the numbered limited edition Tulip Collectible plates, which will be released August 30th and can be ordered for \$29,95, show a print of the stamp and a windmill in the background.

Since I mentioned Amphilex 2002, (Aug.30-Sept.3) in Amsterdam, Liechtenstein is also celebrating.

They issued their first stamps on the 1st of February 1912. To mark the occasion, LIBA.02, a stamp show which is held every ten years, will this year be held in Vaduz from 8 till 11 of August. This is a true multilateral event as the participants are all members of Philatelic Organisations in Austria, Germany, Liechtenstein, the Netherlands and Switzerland. For the event, on March 4th an announcement stamp was issued, which was followed by two “stamps on stamps” commemoratives.

(Although the official date of issue is August 8, I ordered a few and got them already on July 20th) The one valued at CHF1.30 shows no less than 12 reproductions of stamps issued between 1919 and 1993, all relating to the Princely House of Liechtenstein. The stamps theme is intended to express the

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(Not August 14th as erroneously appears in the calendar).

Upcoming Events

The Collingwood Coin & Stamp Club is holding its 28th Annual Show on Saturday, August 17th, 9.30-3.00 pm. The show is at its usual location in the Leisure Time Club, Minnesota St., Collingwood.

Auction Report

As there were not many people at the July meeting, the auction was postponed. The lots listed last month will be resubmitted at the August meeting (plus others, no doubt).

“What’s New ...”

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continuity and stability of the constitutional hereditary monarchy, based on democratic and parliamentary foundation. The other, the 90Rp. shows 11 reproductions of particularly notable events from the past nine decades. From the flooding of the Rhine valley in 1927, which was their greatest natural disaster in the 20th century to a wide variety of anniversaries such as joining the EFTA and the Council of Europe, the 275th anniversary of the acquisition of the county of Vaduz and their joining the United Nations in 1990. The eleventh shows the stamp which was issued for the completion of the New Art Museum in Vaduz in 2000.

Besides the before mentioned issues, I was able to lay my hands on the Pro Patria series from Switzerland, which were shown and announced in their magazine Focus on Stamps (available at the club table during the last show), as well as a stamp from Latvia, featuring their native son Kārlis Skalbe, who was a poet of renown. Among many others his fairy-tale “Pussy’s Water Mill” is well known. Their first day sheet shows the stamp, giving an inside in the mill, but also a very nice picture of a gallery wind mill.. This one was also in a brochure on the club table.



Collecting stamps is nice. Collecting topicals is fascinating.

For anyone planning to attend the Celtic Festival in Owen Sound September 20-22 or having a specific interest in Viking stamps, Ireland has issued a series of 4 stamps on July 9th to commemorate the 1,000th Anniversary of Brian Ború’s High Kingship. They depict a different events in the life of Brian Ború

See you all back in September

Charles van Rompu.

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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 trade, buy, and sell stamps and philatelic material. An auction is held at 8:00pm.

There are presently about 30 active members whose interests cover just about everything at all levels from beginner to expert. New members are always most welcome.

Annual Membership fees: Full: \$10; Family: \$15; Junior: Free. In addition, all members and visitors are asked to contribute \$1 each meeting which is passed directly to St. Georges’s Church in appreciation for allowing us to use their room.

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Contributions are always most welcome. If any reader has news, information, opinions, or announcements that might be of interest to the OSSC membership, please contact the editor.

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