

OWEN SOUND STAMP CLUB

Chapter 191
Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

Next meeting Wed. April 18, 2007

From the President...

Happy Easter!

Yes indeed it is Spring Time again, another winter has passed and better weather has come, let's all come out to this month's meeting and renew friendships with our fellow collectors.

Letters inviting dealers to our fall show have been sent out and we are awaiting their response.
RSPC Circuit books will be in for this meeting followed by a mini auction.

Well for a guy who usually has too much to say, I seem to have run out for now, sorry.

President OSSC
Alan M Charlesworth

Upcoming Events...

APRIL 21, Kitchener, ON

Stampfest, Community Christian Reformed Church, 1275 Bleams Road. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking and admission. Dealer bourse, competitive exhibits (including one-page entries), hourly and special draws, stamp pull, lunch counter, and other surprises. Sponsor/Affiliate: Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society. For more information, contact Jim Oliver, 519-893-4092, president@kwstampclub.org.

APRIL 21, 2007, Burlington, ON

Burloak Stamp Fair, Burlington Seniors Centre, 2285 New Street (at Seneca). Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Regular monthly show all year. 6-9 dealers. Ample free parking. For more information, contact M.P. (Michael) Anderson, 905-632-6057 or michael@parcelsplusinc.com.

APRIL 27 - 28, 2007, Hamilton, ON

SPRINGPEX, Bishop Ryan Secondary School. Fri.: 5 to 10 p.m. GRVPA club circuits, mega silent auction, large voice auction. Sat: 20 dealers; sales circuit; youth booth; silent auctions; Canada Post. Ample free parking. Refreshments. Sponsor/Affiliate: Hamilton Stamp Club. For more information, contact M.P. Anderson (905) 632-6057 or michael@parcelsplusinc.com . Web site: <http://www.angelfire.com/planet/stampclub>.

APRIL 28, Sudbury, ON

2007 Sudbury Stamp Show, Tom Davies Square Foyer, 200 Brady Street. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission and parking. Dealers, silent auction, door prizes, lunch counter, exhibits, Canada Post. Sponsor/Affiliate: Sudbury Stamp Club. For more information, contact William Pilon, Club President, 1779 Graywood Drive, Sudbury, ON P3A 5S5, biffandbetty@sympatico.ca, 705-560-1274.

MAY 5, Hanover, ON

Annual Show and Bourse, Hanover Legion. 493 8th Ave. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking. Door prizes, 10+ dealers, lunch counter, competitive exhibits. Sponsor/Affiliate: Hanover-Saugeen Stamp Club. For more information, contact Peter Kritz, 519-364-4752, pkritz@coldwellbankerpbr.com.

MAY 6, Stratford, ON

Stratford 25th Annual May Day Stamp Show, Kiwanis Community Centre, Lakeside Drive. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking and admission. 11 dealers, exhibits, draw prizes, sales circuit, show cover, lunch counter. Sponsor/Affiliate: Stratford Stamp Club. For more information, contact William Gard, 519-272-2842, gard2842@rogers.com.

MAY 13, Ottawa, ON

Regular Stamp & Coin Show, Nepean Sportsplex, 1701 Woodroffe Ave. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking and admission. 17 dealers. For more information, contact Brian Wolfenden, 613-226-2045.

From the Editor...

"Children's Literature"- Don't forget our first "One Page Challenge". You could be the winner! But really our goal is more of a participation thing, have a little fun and get practice designing exhibits. Try to stick to the topic, make it purdy and interesting! Everybody gets to vote. The page must contain at least three philatelic items. Just a reminder, if you have damaged stamps, I can use them. I stick my damaged stamps on wooden boxes. This is not a money making venture. I use them as gifts and to store my doubles in and things like that. Some members have already contributed so I will definitely contribute one of my boxes to the silent auction at our show and bourse. Details magazine has announced the official stamp poll for 2006 stamp issues. I was wondering how many of you regularly get "details" and how many of have voted in these polls. Personally I have never voted, but I'm thinking that I might just do that this year. They also ask whether you would like to see more permanent rate stamps. What do you think? Drop me a line. There are also lines for comments. For those of us who have some opinions we wish to express regarding our nation's stamps, perhaps this is a way to do it. Also in the spring "details" issue is an article about the embossing of a number of Canadian stamps. There is an excellent photo of the embossing plate used for the Year of the Pig souvenir sheet. I still haven't got around to writing any fancy articles for you, but I will sooner or later. If anybody would like to contribute an article (...Bob), I will gladly print it!

PS. Thanks for bringing the pie plate back B & B. The rhubarb is sprouting and if you're really good, maybe I'll bring some pie in May.

Marion Ace

From Dr. Phil A. Telly...

Stamps got you licked? Feeling stamped out?
Don't worry. Don't let it get you down,
Dr. Phil A. Telly has come to town!

Dear Dr. Phil,

Help! I have a first rate problem! Well actually, a second rate problem too. After diligently working for hours and days of sorting through a mountain of head stamps (British Machins) I finally waded through to the second rate bright blues and the first rate vermillion Machins. How can I tell the different issues apart? Thinking that more information would help me through this first rate dilemma I went on the handy dandy world wide web. I found a great website by a fellow who calls himself the Machin Nut. Everybody seems to using the saying "too much information" these days. In this case it really is true. If my head doesn't implode, I'm pretty sure it will explode. Is there any way to simplify this mess?

Save me Dr. Phil,
1st Rate Problem



Dear 1st,

Machins can be a real problem but you have to read all the info in your catalog, (I am using Scotts) and you should be able to figure it out. I am only going into the 2nd designation stamps, these were reissued several times in Dark Blue and Bright Blue. This would be my first sort. Next I would check for the Syncopated issues. To answer the question what is syncopated see the picture above. Next would come the die cut stamps which can be distinguished by the smoothness of the perforations as opposed to the normal perforation which have been torn apart. Lastly most issues had some variation in perforations so get that perf gauge out and get to work. I hope this helps you wade through these stamps.

Dr. Phil A. Telly is a soon to be syndicated column. If you've got questions for Dr. Phil please forward your questions to marionace@bmts.com

Stamp on Envelope...

University of Saskatchewan: 100th Anniversary

April 3rd marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the University of Saskatchewan. In honour of this occasion, Canada Post has issued another handsome booklet stamp in it's series celebrating important anniversaries of our institutes of higher learning. The school's colours of green and gold form a background for a sepia-toned photograph of the entrance to the College Building. The foreground sports the school shield bearing three wheat sheaves and an open book with the Latin words "Deo et Patrie" (For God and Country).

The main campus of the University is built on 300 acres and also has 1,000 acres for agriculture. The school has a distinct architectural style known as Collegiate Gothic. The architects Brown and Wallace from Montreal worked right into the twenties, overseeing the construction of 14 major buildings.

Now 19,000 students attend this University along with 7,000 faculty and staff. The school is well known for it's medical/doctoral program amongst the over 100 areas of study offered on it's premises. The illustrious John D. Diefenbaker earned three degrees there and is buried near to a building named in his honour. Pamela Wallin, Ramon Hnatyshyn and Roy Romanow are also famous alumni of the University of Saskatchewan

This is a self adhesive domestic rate stamp (52 cents), available only in a booklet of eight.

For further information see "details" from Canada Post.

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The Owen Sound Stamp Club meets at 7:00 pm on the third Wednesday of each month in the basement of St. George's Anglican Church (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 often held at 8:00 pm.

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.

Annual membership fees: Full-\$10; Family-\$15; Junior- Free

Members and guests also contribute \$1 at each meeting which is passed directly to St. George's Church in appreciation for allowing us to use their room.

The OSSC Newsletter is distributed to all members. Opinions expressed in the newsletter are expressly those of the individual author.

Contributions to the newsletter are most welcome. Please submit any news, information, opinions or announcements to the editor.

OSSC Library:

Books in the library are available for loan to any member (but please return at the next meeting).

Present holdings include:

Postage Stamp Catalogue - Scott (2000)

Catalogue of Canadian Stamps - Unitrade (2000)

Concise Catalogue of Great Britain Stamps - Stanley Gibbons (2004)

Catalogue of Canadian Stamps & Supplies - CWS (2005)

Canadian Errors, Freaks & Oddities - Darnel

The Edward VII Issue of Canada by G. C. Marler (Nat. Postal Museum, 1975)

The Admiral Issue of Canada by C.C. Marler

Canadian Fancy Cancellations of the Nineteenth Century

Numerous journals (still only partly sorted) including:

The Canadian Philatelist (RSPC); Scott's Monthly; Topical Times (Journal of the American Topical Assoc.); and Details (Canada Post)

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