

OWEN SOUND STAMP CLUB

Chapter 191
Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

Next meeting; Wed. July 18th, 2007

From the President...

Summertime Blues

Well if you find that you have nothing else to do with all your extra stamps maybe you can sort them all by colour and see how many blue ones you have. On the other hand maybe that is not one of my best ideas. Perhaps you could start a collection of Blues singers and composers that have been commemorated on stamps.

Remember the topic for August's one page challenge is Flags.

This month's activities will be Royal Philatelic circuits and an auction, please feel free to do some house cleaning and bring some interesting lots. Last month when I mentioned this I was in error. Sorry.

Some times I find it difficult to come up with some thing to write about in this article so I have resorted to using other peoples writing to help me out. The following is an excerpt from a book titled "Paper Ambassadors; the politics of stamps" by Dennis Altman.

Stamps and State Rivalries

As long as there have been nation states there have been disputes over territory, and stamps become one area where governments can assert their control over disputed areas. Stamps showing maps of disputed territory are easy ways to state nationalist claims. Among the first stamps of independent Ireland were maps that ignored the existence of British rule in Northern Ireland and showed all of Ireland as one country.

The above is only part of his article on this subject. Can anyone come up with some other issue from other countries that had the same intention?

Sincerely,
President OSSC

Alan M Charlesworth

Upcoming Events...

AUG. 11, Fenelon Falls, ON

Fenpex 23, United Church, 123 Colborne St. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Free admission and parking. Dealers, displays, draws, and refreshments. For more information, contact Margaret Allen, 705-887-5386, arscott@sympatico.ca

AUG. 11, Kincardine, ON

Stamp Show and Bourse, at the Royal Canadian Legion, 219 Lambton St. Hours: 10:00 to 4:00. Free admission and parking. Displays, silent auction, door prizes and lunch available.

AUG. 18, 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.

AUG. 25, Bracebridge, ON

MUSPEX 2007, Muskoka Riverside Inn, 300 Eccleston Drive. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. Exhibits, dealers, door prizes, silent auction. Sponsor/Affiliate: Muskoka Stamp Club. For more information, contact Tom Anderson, 705-645-3330, eltomander@sympatico.ca.

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!

It is rumoured that Dr. Phil is taking a sabbatical. According to Entertainment Tonight Dr. Phil is at an Ashram in Tibet studying Latin and Texas Hold'em Poker. But have no fear, he will return! If you have some questions for Dr. Phil, please email, phone, write an actual letter or talk to me and I'll be sure to pass it on.
The Editor

From the Editor...

Well, John Cortan won the June 'One Page Challenge' re; Wind Power. Bob Watson and I were unable to steal the USA 'decade of the 1920s' sheet of stamps that John was kind enough to donate in the first place. However Bob and I were lucky enough to walk away with a lovely little folder from Switzerland containing four blocks of four stamps depicting local craftwork. Thanks. John chose the topic of 'flags' for the August Challenge. So come on folks, we still have a whole month to work on this.

The Saugeen Stamp Club sends a copy of their newsletter to us every month. I was at first a little confused when this month's newsletter arrived plastered with German stamps. At first glance I thought, "You can't do that, you can't use foreign stamps to mail within Canada." But of course it was mailed from Germany. I'll bring it along for you to check out.

It's summer, I have the grandkids here for July, the Mother-in-law coming this week, the Mother right after that, (got to have the kids here to get them to come and visit), so I'm having a hard time concentrating on newsletters. (Whine!) I'm sure you're all brimming with pity. But hey, I love it! I hope that all of you are having a great summer! See you Wednesday. Don't forget Kincardine on August 11th.
Marion Ace



Stamp on Envelope...

Canadian Recording Artists

Similarly to last year's Canadians in Hollywood issue, this quartet comes in a nifty booklet form of eight self-adhesive stamps available with a cover depicting your choice of one of the four artists. It's amazing how Canada Post can find so many amusing ways to reach into your wallet. Shown here is the lick'em stick'em version available as a souvenir sheet. The recording artists are all well known to baby boomers and well deserved too. We've heard a lot about Joni Mitchell lately as the awards and accolades have been piling up. I'm pretty sure Paul Anka has written over 4 million songs including: 'Diana', 'Lonely Boy', 'She's a Lady' for Tom Jones and 'My Way' for Frank Sinatra. The lovely Anne Murray also graces one of stamps. I gather that she is still a snowbird in Las Vegas. Last but not least, Gordon Lightfoot is honoured as well. I know he hasn't been well the last couple of years, let's hope that his health has improved.
All in all, a fun colourful group of stamps.

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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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