

Owen Sound Stamp Club

Chapter 191

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

Next meeting; Wed. March 19th 2014 @ 7:00

From the President...



It is hard to believe that March is upon us already. But the date tells me that something awesome has occurred. I had requested club members to prepare a one page exhibit so that the Owen Sound Stamp Club could enter a frame in the Edmonton National Stamp Show. I wasn't really sure what response I would receive to the request, but I have been overwhelmed by the response. A huge "Thank You" is extended to the twelve members who did have a page for the exhibit. The thanks are also extended to John Lemon for looking after the mailing of the exhibit to Edmonton. This exhibit is not entered in a competition but it puts our club "out there."

*I would like the club to recognize and give applause to the exhibitors. In alphabetical order, the exhibitors were **Marion Ace, John Appleton, John Cortan, Larry Crane, Bill Findlay, Bob Ford, Ken Knight, John Lemon, Ken Magee, Dave Pugh, Mike Raynsford** and yours truly. It may have been the first time some on this list have made an exhibit and those people deserve a medal. I hope this kindles the flame of having a one page exhibit at each meeting, something we will discuss at the next meeting.*

*Our meeting this month will have a visit from some of the "part time" stamp dealers in our midst and area. I have received positive indications that **Gerd Fehler** and **Rick Lokos** will be coming. Another club member who might come (depending on work arrangements) with some of his stock is **Rob Armstrong**. The term "part time dealers" only indicates that the stock may not be quite as varied as a larger dealer may have, but I am sure that many gems can be found for our philatelic appetites. Please come out and support these gentlemen.*

*On the first day of March, **Bob Ford** and I had a lovely meeting with a couple of gentlemen from Collingwood. The Collingwood chapter of the Georgian Bay Stamp and Coin Club became inactive several years ago, but Bob was contacted by these gentlemen and we spent some time discussing stamp shows and club meeting activities. Hopefully, the Collingwood chapter will become active again.*

I hope to see you all for a great gathering on Wednesday, March 19th at St. Mary's High School. Cheers.

Phil Visser
President OSSC

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!



Hey Doc,

How's it goin' eh? I'm doin' pretty good. I've been happily collecting Canadian stamps for quite a while now. I've got lots of them, so now I'm startin' to get particular. Going through my

collection I noticed that I needed certain particular coiled stamps so I went out and bought some. So I'm sittin' there putting away my newly acquired coiled stamps when I see that some of them there stamps look awful crooked. I pulled out my hanky and wiped my specs but they're still lookin' awful crooked, they just don't line up. Now Doc, I have to tell you that I find that particularly irritating! Can you tell me how on earth these stamps could have been printed in such a disjointed fashion? I have included a picture so that you can see for yerself!

From: Gettin' Particular

Dear Gettin' Particular,

What you have here is called a jump strip. It is easy to see how the name was acquired. A shift in height position of the images is obvious. Starting in 1930 coil stamps were printed on a rotary press made by attaching two curved identically engraved printing plates. Sometimes the plates were not lined up precisely, consequently as the paper fed through the press the last image from one plate did not always line up exactly with the first image of the next plate. When this method was first used ink would sometimes collect in the seam between the plates and create a line



running across the perforations between two stamps. Known as 'line pairs', they can be found on the KGV 'Arch' and 'Medallion' coils. There

A closer look at this particular strip reveals

are no listings for jump strips in these issues but a 'line pair' can also be a 'jump pair' at times. Improvements were made to the rotary press plates that ended 'line pairs' being printed and instead we now have listings of 'jump strips' starting with the 1935 KGV Pictorial coils. From then on 'jump strips' can be found on all of the definitive issue coils through to the 1967 QEII Centennial issue.

Although purchasing a 'jump strip' will cost you substantially more than the purchase of a single stamp, they are fairly common and so generally not too expensive and quite collectable. It is generally preferable that jump strips are

collected in strips of four with the 'jump' in the middle, like you

*This line pair from the
KGV Arch issue is a little*

have here. So don't get too irritated with your 'crooked' stamp
strip, they're just a little jumpy!

Dr. Phil

Dr. Phil A. Telly is our little syndicated column. If you've got questions for Dr. Phil please forward your questions to your editor. Questioners and Dr. Phil will be kept anonymous unless requested otherwise.

A Philatelic Mystery By Philip Visser

Somewhere in the pursuit of stamp collecting, most stamp collectors will have run across some stamps that simply would not soak off from the envelope. The pessimist might say that this only happens on difficult to find stamps, but the reuse of stamps is pretty common. For the reuse of a stamp, the stamp must have escaped the cancellation machine, postal clerk and finally the pen canceller for a person to receive the unfranked stamp on an envelope. Now comes the chance for the tight wad and petty larcenist to swoop in and reuse the unfranked stamp.



I have been soaking stamps from paper and stamp hinges to find the best stamp for my collection. In this part of collecting I have run across many a stamp that had indeed been used again. Usually they wind up in file "G", but this particular stamp made me stop and think that the reuse of it was very strange. The picture shows the back of the stamp and despite being soaked at least two times, the glue used has not released the paper from the back of the stamp. In frustration, the last time I tried to soak the paper off I was about to discard the stamp until I realized that the stamp was very unusual. The next picture will show what I mean.



The face is that of a postage due stamp from the Netherlands. This particular stamp is listed as J23 in Scott's Catalogue and is a fairly common stamp with no great catalogue value. The stamp was in use from 1894 until 1910 and according to my Dutch Specialist Catalogue about

one million of these stamps were used in that time period. What sparked my interest in this stamp and the reason for this story is why would a postage due stamp be reused? Thinking about that, I know that it was a post office clerk who had put the tax on for insufficient postage on the offending piece of mail in the first place. The postal clerk would not likely reuse the stamp. For the receiver to reuse the stamp, the postage due stamp must have been unfranked.

The philatelic mystery is why was the stamp reused? What circumstances could have made it possible to reuse a postage due stamp? I propose the following scenario for consideration on how this stamp came to be used a second time. Receiving mail that requires extra postage would probably irritate the receiver. Can you see the gleam in the receivers' eyes when it is realized that the stamp has not been cancelled? Now stretch your imagination a little and think what would happen when the postage due was reattached to a piece of outgoing mail? Perhaps the article would be dropped off at the post office and every clerk would then see that the receiver of the letter would have to pay a tax for receiving this article and send the item through, but the sender hasn't paid for the postage at all! Now if the letter went to the same person who mailed the underpriced article before, we would then have what is popularly called "pay back." Are there any other opinions or thoughts?

Coming Events...

- MARCH 15, Woodstock, ON
OXPEX/OTEX 2014, John Knox Christian School, 800 Juliana Dr. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fifteen or more dealers, 100 or more exhibit frames, youth gift bags, prize draws, Canada Post booth (pending), club circuit books, lunch and snack counter, free parking and free admission. Everyone welcome. Sponsor/Affiliate: Oxford Philatelic Society. For more information send an email to ward2221@rogers.com. Website: <http://www.oxfordphilsoc.com>.
- MARCH 22, Peterborough, ON
KAPEX 2014, 911 Monaghan Rd. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Free parking and admission, draw prizes, 16 dealers, juried exhibits, wheelchair access, canteen, and club members sales tables. Sponsor/Affiliate: Kawartha Stamp Club. For more information contact David Shooter, telephone 705-742-0621, email d.shooter1@icloud.com. Website: <http://www.rpsc.org/chapters/kawartha>.
- MARCH 22, Toronto, ON
NTSC Spring Postage Stamp Show and Bourse, Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge St. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission, free parking, is limited, easy subway access (St. Clair Subway Station), wheelchair access, 20+ dealers, club sales circuit, 10

cents books, door prizes, snack bar available. Sponsor/Affiliate: North Toronto Stamp Club. For more information contact Matt Guida, telephone 647-990-4073, email NTSC.ProgramChair@gmail.com, or Herb, telephone 416-445-7720, email herb.letsche@gmail.com. Website: <http://NorthTorontoStampClub.ca>.

- **MARCH 29, Toronto, ON**
 NYPEX 2014 - Annual Stamp Show, Skaters Lounge Room, Herbert H Carnegie Centennial Centre 580 Finch Ave W. (one & a half blocks west of Bathurst St.). Hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dealers, door prizes, silent auction, snack bar available. Free admission and parking, and easily accessible on TTC routes. Sponsor/Affiliate: North York Philatelic Society. For more information contact Mike Turk, telephone 905-731-8380. Website: <http://sites.google.com/site/northyorkphilatelicsociety>.
- **MARCH 29, Kitchener, ON**
 Stampfest 64th Annual Show & Bourse, Community Christian Reformed Church, 1275 Bleams Rd. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission & parking, judged exhibits and 20-dealer bourse. Youth table, draws, refreshments, everyone welcome. Sponsor/Affiliate: Kitchener Waterloo Philatelic Society. For more information contact Oscar Cormier, telephone 519-742-5892 or visit our website. Website: <http://www.kwstampclub.org>.
- **APRIL 5, London, ON**
 Lonpex 122, Churchill Room, Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Rd. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exhibits, 12 dealers, draws, free parking and admission. Sponsor/Affiliate: London Philatelic Society. For more information contact Don Slaughter, telephone 519-472-0206, email donslaw@execulink.com. Website: <http://www.londonphilatelicsociety.com>.
- **APRIL 5, St. Catharines, ON**
 Best Western Stamp Show, Niagara Room, Best Western Hotel, QEW at Lake Street. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking, free admission and appraisals. Sponsor/Affiliate: Roy's Stamps. For more information contact Roy Houtby, telephone 905-934-8377.
- **APRIL 11 - 13, Toronto, ON**
 National Postage Stamp Show, Queen Elizabeth Building, Exhibition Place. Hours Friday 11am to 6 pm; Saturday 10 to 5pm, and Sunday 10am to 4pm. Annual Exhibition of The North Toronto Stamp Club. Dealers from Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Free stamps for kids. Sponsor/Affiliate: Canadian Stamp Dealers' Association. For more information, contact director@csdaonline.com. Website: <http://www.csdaonline.com>.

From the Editor...

We had one more Dr. Phil article about coils. I hope that you enjoyed it!

I am thrilled to see that we managed to get it together to participate in the Edmonton one page exhibits. It is good to feel a part of the community of stamp collectors of Canada.

I am looking forward to seeing what our 'other' dealers have to offer. Gerd is bound to have some German wares. Rick will have lots of American items and more I'm sure. You never know what Rob will have up his sleeve; some beavers perhaps!

I am working more these days, so no 'on the cover' article. Did you miss it! See you on Wednesday.

Marion Ace, Editor OSSC

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The Owen Sound Stamp Club meets at 7:00 pm on the third Wednesday of each month in the cafeteria of St. Mary's High School, 555 15th St. East. Please park behind the school. The 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 30 active members whose interests cover just about everything at all levels, from beginner to expert. Guests or new members are always most welcome. Annual membership fees: \$15; Junior- Free

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