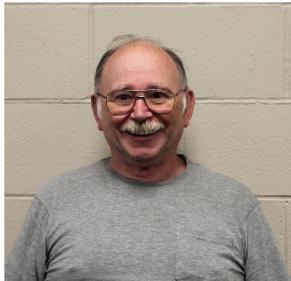


Owen Sound Stamp Club
Chapter 191
Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 20th, 2019 @ 7 PM
St Mary's High School, Hillyer Hall, 555 15th Street East, Owen Sound

Volume 6 Edition 2

From the President



Hello everyone, February is a short month but we celebrate a couple of important days during the month. Starting with Ground Hog Day. Hard to believe that we as grown ups still put our belief in our predicting of Spring by a

rodent. Whether or not he sees his shadow or not, there is still 6 weeks till Spring. I guess for a few, the next day would be (a happy belated) Valentine's Day, like they always say "love is in the air".

I think with the crazy weather that we have had we can say we can be happy for Valentine's Day for the love we have for our great Hobby, that of collecting Stamps. But one thing is for sure, at least there is no Black Flies or pesky Mosquitoes.

We will have a short club business meeting, with couple of items to go over. Following that we will have the rest of the evening to look over our circuit books. Hope to see you all then

John C. Lemon
President
OSSC.

From the Editor
Phil Visser

Another edition of the club Newsletter is here for some lighter reading, and definitely not fake news! Inside the pages of this months edition are several items dealing with the meeting held last month.

The club circuit books takes up a fair amount of paper, but it is important for the benefit of all club members. Please put your thinking caps on and give a reasoned thought about the information provided. Both Chris and Randy have done a lot of work and helped other stampers to sell their excess supply of

duplicates. They do put forward a rationale for one of the motions to vote on.

If you missed the January meeting, well the Show and Tell portion will show some interesting items that were passed around. These interesting pictures may just inspire a new collecting area, or search for something that you might have not seen for some time.

The latest edition of The Canadian Philatelist arrived a few weeks ago. With it comes a new editor, Robin Harris, and a different perspective on the magazines content. Is anyone following how the RPSC is trying to become more relevant to collectors? I think they are on the right path. Hopefully the magazine will still have interesting, non-technical articles about stamps.

As part of each edition of The Canadian Philatelist is a section in the back which lists new members, news of deceased members etc. Going through this edition I noticed that John Lemon has joined the RPSC. Welcome to the Society John!.

Finally, the Newsletter ends with a page of upcoming shows. These first four months of the year really offers us an opportunity to find that elusive stamp.

No teaser scans for this month, but these two that are included, follow along on the theme of this month as John mentioned above.



January Meeting Highlights

There were about 13 members present, and guest came for the auction, as well as a new member joined at this meeting. Welcome to Marion Gibson who has returned to the hobby after a long period away. Marion was also an active bidder in the auction that followed the business meeting.

This meeting was the last one featuring auction of the Larry Crane collection. Both Bob and I were amazed at the amount the collection sold for. All told, \$3287 was given to Mary. Thank you to all members that bid and purchased a part of this collection.

Following some discussion, two motions were put forward to the membership to consider and to be prepared to vote on at the next meeting:

Motion 1:

Be it moved that the Circuit Book account be moved to another banking institution which has a cheaper rate for a chequeing account.

Rationale:

The account at the Bank of Nova Scotia does not have cheque writing privileges, and so when pay-outs to members occur, the main club account is hit with the cheque costs. It costs about \$60 to buy a book of cheques for the club. With pay-outs coming about twice a year, this gets expensive for the club.

Motion 2:

Be it moved that the club hold silent auction evenings 2-3 times per year.

Rationale:

A silent auction provides club members an opportunity to auction off excess material at the club meetings. As was discussed, the entire process would be between the person selling material and the buyer/bidder. As such, the entire funds would go to the seller, with no club commission. The only obligation is for someone to monitor the time and would announce a warning for last minute bids and then closing off the auction period.

These two motions are being published in the newsletter so that members who are unable to attend can offer opinions on the motions and or send a vote in on the ideas. These responses should be sent to the executive prior to the meeting.

Club Circuit Book Report

Randy Rogers

It has been two years since we digitized and started

using the Circuit Book Manager program to keep track of our circuit books. All pages that were part of the initial conversion were dated Jan 31, 2017 and have now been retired.

Including pages that are more than 60% sold, we are retiring 620 pages from the circuit books and returning the pages to their owners.

Pages that are two years old and have had nothing sold will now be retired on a monthly basis. This will help insure the material in our circuit books is relatively 'fresh'.

The page numbers from retired pages that had nothing sold are being reused. This has the effect of moving some of the newer pages to the front of their countries.

50 new pages were added to the books for January. New pages are from Australia, Canada, Chile, France, and Jersey. South America now has its own binder.

At the meeting in January, Randy and Chris provided the following information with what has happened with the Circuit Books and shows how it has helped club members who added to their collection and sellers who have earned money on duplicate stamps.

Since the digitization of the Circuit Books, we have sold 4,715 items valued at \$2,706. There are currently 1,694 pages with unsold items valued at \$8,206. After pages have been in the circuit books, for two years, but have no sales, they will be retired and returned to the seller on a monthly basis.

A new version of the Circuit Book Explorer program was released on January 5th. Images for 50 new pages added and are available for viewing on the website.

A Memo from Randy and Chris follows about Motion 1 from the Club Business report.

Circuit Book Memo

by Randy Rogers and Chris Tschirhart Members

We would like to propose some changes to our circuit book financing and member payout process. It is our belief that the circuit books have proven to be a positive asset for our club members. The changes we have implemented over the past two years have been well received and generated lots of

encouraging comments.

We certainly don't mind volunteering our time to manage the club circuit books. However, we do occasionally need money for binders, dividers, crates, etc. Also, when we make long trips to promote circuit book sales (e.g. Barrie, Cambridge) we think that reimbursement for the gas used would not be unreasonable.

In order to continue the promotion, maintenance, and enhancement to our circuit books we feel it is appropriate at this time to reconsider the financial arrangements within the club.

The circuit books already has a separate bank account. We propose the circuit book account have three registered signatories (circuit book manager, assistant circuit book manager, and treasurer) and its own cheques requiring two signatures. This will allow us more flexibility to make pay-outs when funds dictate without placing an extra burden on the club treasurer.

We would maintain our own bank reconciliation and provide the club treasurer with one annual transaction reflecting the change in position of the circuit book account.

Currently 10% of circuit book sales go into the main club account. *(Editors comment: There has been NO transfer of funds from the Circuit Book account to the Club account since the Circuit Books started. The retained earnings have paid for bank account fees and the purchase of binders.)* We propose that this 10% remain in the circuit book account to cover the aforementioned expenses. The cost of the cheques used for payout would be deducted from the monies paid to the member. You may want to consider setting an annual upper limit to the uncommitted funds in the account; any surplus would be transferred to the main club account at the time of the annual transaction mentioned above. Please consider our proposed changes and let us know what you think.

Website Report

Randy has put a visitor counter on the website and since that was started, there have been about 29,000 visits to www.owensoundstampclub.org. An events calendar has been added with events listed for the months of January and February.

Show and Tell

Three club members brought interesting items for others to see. The first item was of great interest and raised a number of questions. Trevor Ham brought along three items that had been returned to his father (I think) that had been damaged during an air raid in London UK. The question was how or why was it returned? Here are the pictures of those items:



These are definitely interesting! Note the hand written explanation for the damage (water stains) on the envelopes. Note also the cancellation from made in Ottawa, "Postage Stamp Div. Fin. Br." Here

is a guess for these finding their way into Trevor's collection. Trevor's father purchased stamps from London, and the Post office there was bombed. Due to the firefighting efforts, the contents (money order?) Could not be used (cashed) and so were returned to Canada.

Randy Rogers brought along two recent Canada Post released issues. These came in the form of peel and stick booklet and a sheetlet. When you look at the



peel and stick booklet, there are ten stamps present, but the sheetlet has only nine.

A closer look will show that only five different stamps are included in the booklet, but that there are nine different pictorials in the sheetlet. Guess what, the bottom four will be the harder ones to find in used condition!



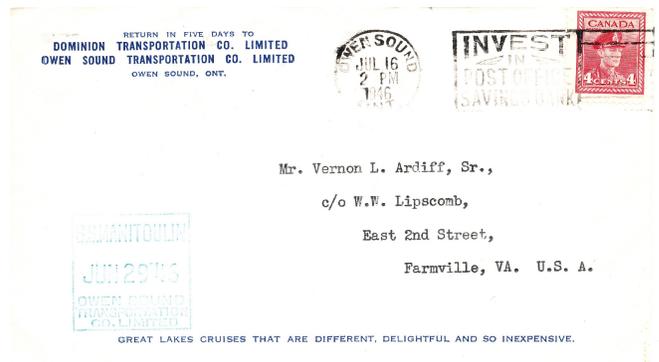
Our next scan is actually a label, from an anonymous club member to show a new collecting interest, (actually, the editor missed who brought it along but it is here for interests sake).

I seem to remember someone wondering if these labels would be included in the next edition of J.S. Van Dam's catalogue of excise stamps.

In an effort to participate, your editor brought along two marine covers. Both of them show ship cancellations, and are sealed letters, with no contents. Neither envelope has been opened, so my guess is that these two covers were mailed to stamp collectors for the unusual cancellations on them.



The cover above was mailed from the SS Noronic in 1934. This ship had the misfortune of burning at a dock in Toronto Harbour on September 17, 1949 with the loss of about 118 lives (records are not perfect because how many passengers boarded in Cleveland was uncertain and the ship records were burned in the fire). Note the patriotic flag cancel celebrating the semi-anniversary of Port Arthur!



Another cruising ship on the Great Lakes was the SS Manitoulin from the Owen Sound Transportation Company. Same as before, likely a cover mailed to a stamp collector which has remained in the philatelic world after the collector has passed away.

Upcoming Shows

FEB 23

St. Thomas Stamp Club 33rd Annual Stamp Show

Community of Christ Church, 105 Fairview Ave., St. Thomas, ON, N5R 4X7

The St. Thomas Stamp Club's 33rd Annual Stamp Show will feature 10 dealers, exhibits, lunch counter and door prizes. Free admission, free parking and no stairs to climb. Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Phone: 519-633-3669

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FEB 24, 2019

Toronto Postcard Club 38th Annual Sale

Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, 6 Garamond Crt., Toronto, ON, M3C 1Z5

This is Canada's largest vintage postcard show with 40 tables and thousands of postcards for sale from many countries and covering many topics. The show will be open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$5, and parking is free. TTC accessible.

Email: tpcannualshow@torontopostcardclub.com

Web: <http://www.torontopostcardclub.com>

MAR 3, 2019

Mississauga Coin & Stamp Show

John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga, ON, L4Z 1V8

Sponsored by the Troyak Club. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 30 dealers & 60 dealer tables. Canadian and world stamps, banknotes, coins and supplies.

Buy, sell, trade, appraise.

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MAR 16, 2019

68th Annual OXPEX/39th Annual OTEX

Woodstock Christian School, 800 Juliana Dr., Woodstock, ON, N4S 8X8

The 68th Annual Oxford Philatelic Society Exhibition (OXPEX 2019) and the 39th Annual All-Ontario Topical Exhibition (OTEX 2019) will be held March 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring 16 dealers, competitive exhibits, lunch/snack counter, youth gift bags, prize draws and club circuit books, the show boasts free parking as well as free admittance.

Phone: 519-485-2886

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MAR 17

Postcard Memories Show & Sale

Bingeman's Embassy Room, 425 Bingeman Centre Dr., Kitchener, ON, N2B 3X7

20 dealers of postcards, covers and stamps spanning the 19th & 20th century to current. 100,000's for your perusal and consideration to add to your collection or start a new one, comfortably sitting in our spacious well-lit hall. The St. Patrick's Day 2019 event where we'll be all decked out in green! Free parking, easy access. \$5 entry, kids age 12 & under attended with adult(s) admitted free.

Bonus attendance and access goes with your admission to the post card show - KW Train Show in the same area!

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MAR 23

National Postage Stamp and Coin Show

March 23, 2019 to March 24, 2019

Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale hotel, 6750

Mississauga Rd., Mississauga, ON, L5N 2L3

National Postage Stamp and Coin Show featuring about 50 professional coin and stamp dealers from across Canada. Highlights include the 76th Annual North Toronto Stamp Club Exhibition; two-day live auction by Colonial Acres; seminars featuring Yvon Marquis on how to dispose of your collection; Steven Bell on Banknote Certification; and, Jeff Fournier will be returning with a workshop. As well as the Young Collectors Table, the popular Free Kids' Auction will be held on Sunday. Admission \$3 on Saturday and FREE on Sunday. Show hours 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday. Parking is Free.

For show updates, visit website. Presented by Canadian Coin News and Canadian Stamp News.

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There are many philatelic website's to visit, but don't forget to look at your own club web site at www.owensoundstampclub.org. On the website you will find a "Links" button which can lead you to other areas. If there is something you think would improve the site, contact Randy and share your idea with him.

Soapbox

No subject matter has been submitted by anyone, and I don't have a topic to chew on at the moment.

The Final Word

Here is a challenge for all club members to do before the meeting on Feb 20th. Can you put together a page of stamps that deals with Valentines Day? This might be something to share during the show and tell portion of the meeting. Go ahead, make my day!

