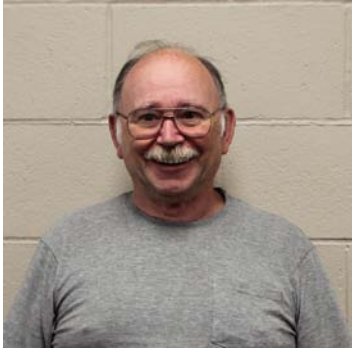


Owen Sound Stamp Club

Chapter 191
Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

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From the President



Hello everyone and I personally hope you and yours had a great Christmas, and New Years, plus I hope you still have your New Year resolutions still intact.

Strangely enough we are into a New Year, hard to imagine we

are into a new year. I would like to welcome everyone to our first meeting of the New Year, 2020.

We will carry on with a regular meeting, Phil will bring up the Names of interest for the Name of the News Letter. We will give a little honour to one of our fellow club members of an award which he had won while down in Brantford, given by the GVPA executive. Also we will have a little fun with our Funny Munny, with our friendly Auctioneer Randy on the gavel.

Hope to see you all out at our first meeting of the New Year.

John C. Lemon
President OSSC.

From the Editor Phil Visser

Wow, this edition has come way too early for me! My apologies for getting it out late, but I was fooled by the first Wednesday of the month being New Years day.

There is only one article this month, but I hope you find it interesting. The newsletter has also not had any information from the December meeting because it was cancelled due to school being closed.

The naming of the newsletter will be part of this meeting. The suggested names are listed further in as well as the process I hope to follow in deciding the winning name. If you are missing this meeting,

you can email me what three names you think might best fit this newsletter.

Following the articles is a list of upcoming shows. This list goes into the month of April, and it gives everyone a chance to plan which shows are of interest to attend. The great philatelic boom time has arrived!

John has mentioned the Christmas meeting where we can taste the various delights coming from the different kitchens in our homes. I will be bringing along the apple cider drink again, but considering how quick it went last year, some other beverage would probably give everyone a chance to wash down the treats.

As has been my custom, the front page has a teaser scan. This scan has something to do with a story further in the newsletter. Can you tie in the scan with that story? It also serves as a hook to keep reading the remaining pages.

Here is the teaser scan:

How does this stamp apply to the story found on the next page?



Simple and Long-lasting

By Phil Visser



A stamp collection is a source of wonder and surprises! While sorting through an accumulation of “foreign” stamps I came across this stamp from the Republic of France. It made me wonder about the cancellation (philately; the study of stamps and their use). With a “socked on the nose” (SON) cancel I was hooked and simply had to look into the background of the stamp and where it was mailed from.

Underneath the cancellation lies a common stamp, which many collectors would call a definitive. The illustration is the face of a woman that has through time taken on the name of “Marianne.” It is also with thanks to Graham of the YouTube channel “Exploring Stamps” that this initial information was gleaned. In Season 1, Episode 1, Graham pulled out a Marianne stamp (from a box of inherited stamps) and began to fill in the rich history behind the design.

This design entered the philatelic world in 1944 and is listed in Scott’s Catalogue as #504-23. A check in Wikipedia shows that Marianne was first printed in 1849, the very first stamps issued by France. This is only mentioned so that it can be seen that Wikipedia is not always accurate. Scott’s Catalogue shows the first stamp issued by France as the bust (head) of Ceres.

The term Marianne originates from the French Revolution period in the late 1700’s. The Revolution ended the rule of the aristocracy and France was now a Republic. Prior to the Revolution the coinage and statues etc were all male, so a female figure was chosen to represent the people in contrast to the previous leadership of the aristocracy. Paintings that reflected the new order therefore had a woman leading the fight for liberty, equality and fraternity.

Based on common female names at the time of the revolution, Marianne is derived from the names Marie and Anne. The design was first produced in 1944 and continues to the latest version printed in 2018. Wikipedia also does indicate that when speaking French the feminine form is used “la France” as well as “la Liberte” etc other terms referring to the nation.

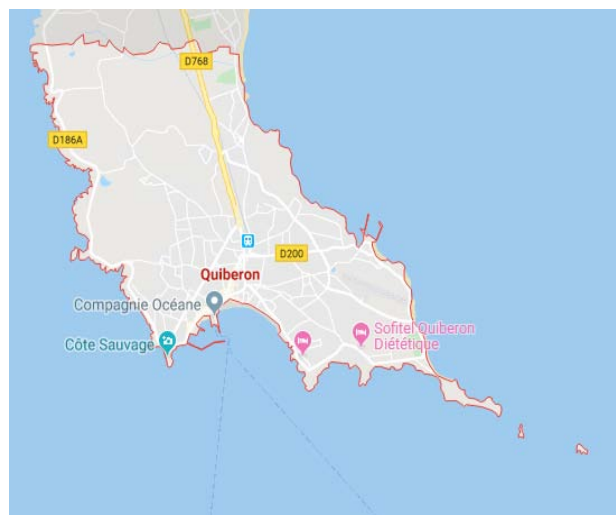
Graham from the YouTube channel “Exploring Stamps” again pointed out something I hadn’t noticed before, that Marianne is wearing a



Phrygian cap. The origin of the term “Phrygian” comes from the Greek writers in the 3rd century BC. This headgear was worn by Phrygian soldiers whom the Greeks seemed to hold in low repute. However, the cap gained a new meaning during the times of the Roman Empire when the freed slaves would wear this cap to indicate that they were free and therefore not runaway slaves. It was during this time that the cap symbolized “liberty” which was carried further into the one of the three terms of the French Revolution.

Continuing on with the stamp is the cancellation, which is sometimes called as being “socked on the nose” or in short form as “SON.” Fortunately, the ink used was in plentiful supply and everything of the cancel is clearly visible. At the top of the cancel is “56 Quiberon.” An explanation of the French Postal System will provide the significance of this part of the cancel.

Prior to the French Revolution a mail system between the aristocratic dukedoms and duchies was in operation. The common folk were able to also send mail in this system, but the mail could be and was opened by the aristocracy. As a consequence, the new French postal system forbade anyone from opening another person’s mail, mail was private! With the revolution, the country of



France was divided into provinces, departements and arondissements (sometimes also called communes). The significance of "56" is that Quiberon is the 56th arondissement in the departement of Morbihan. Above is a Mapquest view of Quiberon.

Quiberon is a small peninsula on the Atlantic Coast of France. It is part of the larger Brittany Peninsula. Historically, the Brittany coast is home of many fishers, and perhaps memory will bring up the city of St Malo, the home of Jacques Cartier. In the 20th century, Quiberon and many parts of Brittany have become the summer homes of the nouveau riche of France and many enjoyed the cooler climates of a summer near the ocean. The idea of a commune is similar to our own form of government of having Townships as being part of a county.



As mentioned earlier, Quiberon is a commune of the departement of Morbihan. The idea of a department is similar to counties in Ontario. The Wikipedia MapQuest picture shows the department of Morbihan. Quiberon is the small peninsula at the bottom of the department.

The final pieces of information gleaned from the cancel are 17 H, 4 - 6, and 1992. The "17 H" represents the time the stamp was cancelled in the twenty four hour clock system, which is 5 PM to those who are unfamiliar with the twenty four hour clock. Uncertainty reigns over the "4 - 6" but it is known that this is the month and day, but was it cancelled on April 6th or June 4th? Perhaps someone can enlighten the members at the meeting.



One final thing can be learned from this item. It is on a postcard which is primarily blue with some land on the edge of the postcard remnant.

December Meeting Highlights

Due to the cancellation of buses in the morning, the meeting was also cancelled because the school was not open. I hope you all received a notification before the beginning of the meeting and did not travel to the high school. I know that the information was on the Club Webpage in flashing words and a big RED BOX!

This is a reminder to pay attention to the local media outlets to see if the high school is closed due to bus cancellations on the day of a meeting. Reminder, closure can also occur to freezing rain, snow storms and icy roads.

As a last item, the editor has suggested that the newsletter be given a name. The idea was prompted by some of the names mentioned in the last newsletter and so suggestions were requested from the members. The following is a list made at the meeting:

- Stamps on the Bay
- The Sounder
- Bay Philatelist
- The Reminder
- Sound Off
- Owen Sounder
- The Admirals Messenger
- P.O.S.T. (Philatelic Owen Sound Times)

Since the meeting, a few other suggestions have arrived in the email inbox. They are:

- The Sound Philatelist
- Stamp News from Around the Sound
- The Owen Sound Stamp Hound
- The Owen Sound Mint and Used News

We will vote at this meeting. Because of the large number of name choices, each member will have the chance to select three names. The top three names chosen will then be presented for final selection at some time before the end of the meeting.

As a suggested new name for this newsletter, "The Admirals Messenger," is based on the history of this region. William Fitzwilliam charted this area in 1815 and named the bay in honour of his brother Admiral Edward Owen. The messenger part refers to how the Admiral communicates with the officers and crew, so this name reflects the how we as members are kept up to date and informed about our hobby and club activities.

Upcoming Shows

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71st Annual Cathex Stamp Show

Grantham Lions Club,

732 Niagara St., St Catharines, ON, L2M 3P3

The 71st Cathex show, sponsored by the St. Catharines Stamp Club, will be held from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., with exhibits, 12 dealers, a youth area and club circuit books. Free admission and parking. Wheelchair accessible. A lunch counter is available.

Phone: 905-641-2318

Email: fancycancelhillier@gmail.com

Web: <http://stcatharinesstampclub.ca>

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Bramalea Stamp Club Annual Show and Bourse Judith Nyman Secondary School,

1305 William's Pkwy., Brampton, ON, L6S 3J8

The Bramalea Stamp Club's annual show and bourse is open from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., with 10 dealers, exhibits, a youth table, silent auctions, club sales' books and refreshments. Admission and parking are free, and the venue is wheelchair accessible.

Phone: 905-792-3526

Email: bobthorne70@gmail.com

Web: <http://bramaleastampclub.org>

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Burlpex 2020

Burlington Seniors' Centre,

2285 New St., Burlington, ON, L7R 1J4

The Burlington Stamp Club's annual show, Burlpex, returns in 2020 with 12 dealers, silent auctions, club circuit books, free parking and a food vendor. The venue is also wheelchair accessible. The Burlington Stamp Club was formed in 1979 and began hosting shows on the second Saturday in February in 1982. This year's Burlpex runs from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Email: tomw1901@gmail.com

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Toronto Postcard Club 39th Annual Sale

Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre,

6 Garamond Court, Toronto, ON, M3C 1Z5

Canada's largest vintage postcard show. 40 tables with 1,000's of postcards for sale from many

countries covering many topics. Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre Toronto (Don Mills & Eglinton) 10 a.m. 5 p.m. Admission \$5. Free parking. TTC accessible.

Email: info@torontopostcardclub.com

Web: <https://torontopostcardclub.com/toronto-postcard-show/>

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69th Annual Oxpex/40th Annual Otex

Woodstock Christian School,

800 Juliana Dr., Woodstock, ON, N4S 0A8

The 69th Annual Oxford Philatelic Society Exhibition (Oxpex 2019) and the 40th Annual All-Ontario Topical Exhibition (Otex 2019) will be open from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Show-goers can expect 15 dealers plus club circuit books, competitive exhibits, lunch/snack counter, youth gift bags and free parking and admission.

Phone: 519-485-2886

Email: countryowl@rogers.com

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

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Spring 2020 National Postage Stamp & Coin Show April 4, 2020 to April 5, 2020

Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale hotel, 6750

Mississauga Rd., Mississauga, ON, L5N 2L3

Presented by *Canadian Stamp News* and *Canadian Coin News*, the National Postage Stamp and Coin Show features 50-plus professional coin and stamp dealers from across Canada. Highlights include a two-day live auction by Colonial Acres; various seminars; the Young Collectors discounted sales table and popular free youth auction on Sunday. Admission is \$4 on Saturday and free on Sunday. The show is open on Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Parking is free. For show updates, visit stampandcoinshow.com.

Phone: 1-800-408-0352

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Have you visited the web page of the club? Check it out, you might find a lot of help for a project you might be working on. Are you planning on entering an exhibit for the show in September? It is amazing how fast the calendar flies by.

Quiz

By Phil Visser

For many years now, Canada Post has included the year of printing hidden somewhere in the stamp design. Out of curiosity, what stamp or series was the first time that the year of printing was included on the stamp?

Here are some more scans of Marianne stamps from France:

