

Stamps on the Bay



**The Voice of the
Owen Sound Stamp Club**
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Hello my philatelic friends!



Our illustrious Editor Phil Visser has headed out west to visit with family. We all hope he has a great trip. Phil was kind enough to write up a couple of meeting reports before leaving so his words will still be upon these pages. Good thing too since I was unable to attend our last meeting due to a rather disgusting cold! Thanks for continuing to do a great job as Editor and Vice President Phil!

So I also missed out on our Bird Stamp Scavenger Hunt but thanks to our handy-dandy web-site I was able to view the winning entries online. Congratulations to Bob Ford who had a double-header with two of his pages tied for first place! Bob has chosen the Red Cross as a subject for the August One Page Challenge.

The first full week of June is very busy for many of us with the Saugeen meeting on the 6th, our Zoom stamp auction on the 7th and our Zoom meeting on the 8th because of the first day of the month fell on a Thursday. Arnie Janson will be doing a presentation at our Zoom meeting called 'Around the World in 80 Years'. It will show mail that has been transported in a whole variety of ways. I hope to see many of you at these events.

Bill Findlay got a hold of some very recent Scott catalogues donated by the Owen Sound Library. We will auction off the two newest sets at our Stamp Fair in September. I was given a full signed press sheet of the Year 2000 holograph stamps which we will have as the main door prize at the show. We do not have a whole pile of donations this year to auction off at the Stamp Fair so make sure you put aside some really good items for a silent auction this year.

There are no major events planned for the June meeting. Hopefully we can go through our Circuit Books and have an auction. Bring your page about 'Dogs', some Show and Tell items and maybe a couple of donations for the door prizes. Do not forget about our July meeting this year. We have a whole pile of circuit books coming from the RPSC.

There should be some higher quality items so be prepared to find some gems! The Saugeen Club will also have the books available at their special 25th Anniversary meeting to be held on Saturday July 15th in Hanover from 1:00 to 3:00. Thank you to Bill F. who will be dealing with the mailings and finances involved.

Marion Ace, Owen Sound Stamp Club President

Zoom May 11th Meeting from Phil Visser

The far flung reaches of the Owen Sound Stamp Club spanned the continent. Attendees came for Alberta, New Brunswick, and Southern Ontario. Friendly chat and welcomes kept the spirits up until the presentations began. First up was a presentation done by Phil V. on a “Local” cover. A story will appear in a future newsletter about this cover.

Our intrepid world traveller returned in time to share the highlights of his trip. Apparently new shoes may be needed soon, but there were some philatelic highlights as well. Bill F made a trip to southern Spain and walked some hundred plus kilometers. There was also an obligatory drop in visit to Great Britain. While there, Bill scouted out some new King Charles definitives as well as showing a Coronation Day souvenir sheet.

Phil presented a second PowerPoint on Dutch stamps. This one showed an interesting “rabbit hole” in how a collection can become bigger. Shown were two Dutch stamps with cancellation on them. The cancellation is described as the “small round” cancel. This cancelling device was used for twenty plus years.

There are three elements to the cancellation. Looking at Figure 1 the top part of the cancel shows the post office location, on this stamp the place is Ter-Aar. In the middle of the cancellation is the date portion (17 Nov '91). At the bottom of the cancel is the time of day, 12-4 N (afternoon).



Knowing these elements, a collection can be easily expanded. Expansion arises due to the limited buying chances for the last few in a national collection. Branching out gets sometimes coined as “a rabbit hole.” This has occurred and so a search is carried out to fill the holes in this aspect of the collection. A recent joy came about because the calendar collection was finally able to complete one month of the year (see Figure 2 above). A search continues for the remaining thirty or so dates to complete a calendar year.

Marion G shared her experience at the Wasaga Beach gathering. Sales were made which covered the cost of the table. This is their first attempt at a show for many years and we look forward it reappearing next year. At around 8:45 the meeting was wrapped.



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The new KCIII definitives from the UK continue in the style of Arnold Machins' bas relief look.

May 17th In-Person Meeting from Phil Visser

The bright sunlight was not a distraction for club members. What was even more impressive was the visit of two guests who were searching us out. Jean C. was escorted in by Dave Greene and then Steve J. arrived. Both are new to the hobby, and we hope they will return to the June meeting.

A total of sixteen members and guests came to the meeting. Unfortunately, our enterprising President was ill. Vice President Phil passed along Marion's regrets and began the meeting. Bob reported the state of the finances as being solid.

Both Bill F and Randy R. provided a few items for show and tell. Bill shared the very lovely catalogue sent to him by Eastern Auctions. It was in colour and was spiral bound. Bill reported on the distance walked in Spain and looked to be fit. A short stop in Great Britain was made and so a purchase was made of the "Stamp Magazine."

Randy shared the arrival of a new revenue catalogue as well as a new "back of the book (BOB)." This philatelic term refers to stamps that are used in philately but are not considered to be postage stamps. Typically, BOB's are known as semi-postals, air mail, postage due and many other similarities.

Door prizes were issued to the lucky holders of the right ticket. Alas some people purchased the left ticket (chuckle here please!) and await the door prize next month. Chris T asks members to bring in some surplus philatelic material as the supply of prizes is dwindling. Four entries were made for the one-page challenge. Strangely, but the top two pages were brought in by Bob Ford.

Marion G was present and allowed for members to leaf through the club circuit books. It seems that some people were able to find some stamps for their collections. After a suitable time, the auction was held. Several lots did manage to be sold with a few rookie mistakes by your VP on recording the sales, but it all worked out in the end. The meeting was ended at 8:45.



Bill F. picked up some of the new King Charles III stamps on his stopover in England. This stamp depicts his recent coronation. It is one stamp of four in a souvenir sheet.

One Page Challenge Topics
June 21: Dogs (Woman's best friend),
July 19: Canadian History,
August 16: The Red Cross

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Upcoming Shows

June 17- NORTH TORONTO SUMMER BOURSE

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON, M4T 1Z9
10 am – 4:00 PM. 16 Dealers – Sales Circuit – Members Table –Door Prizes -Wheelchair Access.
Phone: 416-742-2347, Email: cjrobertson@rogers.com

August 12- Fenpex 37

Fenelon Falls Community Centre, 27 Veterans Way, Fenelon Falls, ON, K0M 1N0 Fenelon Stamp Club's Annual Show and Sale, FENPEX 37. Hours are from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. 8 dealers, silent auction, club sales, draws, 5 and 10 cent table, snack bar. Free admission & free parking. Phone: 705-454-9196

September 23- Owen Sound Stamp Fair

Owen Sound, The New Life Centre, 199 4th Ave. West. 10:00 to 3:00. Circuit Books from several stamp clubs, silent auction incl. newer sets of Scotts catalogs, door prizes, snack bar. Free admission and parking, Wheelchair Access. Email: marionace@bmts.com. Phone: (519) 934-1998