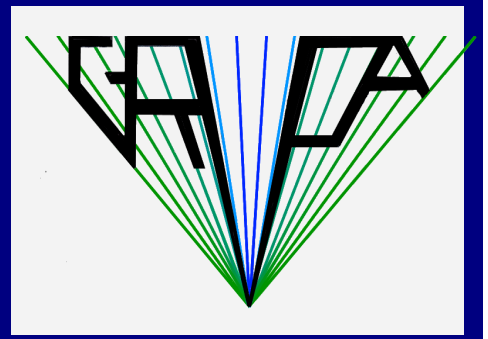


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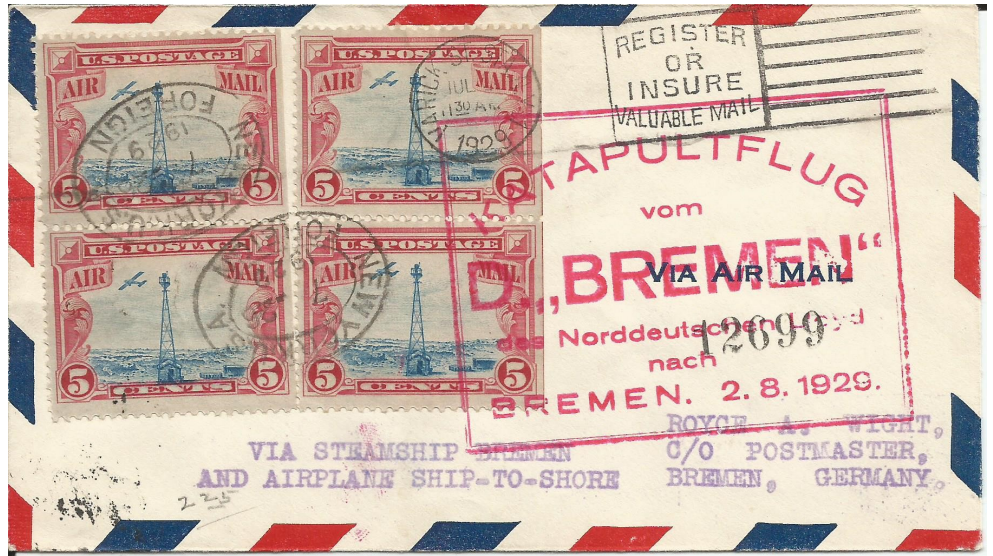
Cover Story - Catapult Mail

By Jerry Piotrowski

Before the development of long range aircraft capable of transporting goods between Europe and North America mail had to be carried aboard transatlantic ships.

In 1929 the Norddeutscher Lloyd shipping line developed a novel way to reduce the time it took for transatlantic mail to reach its destination.

Two of their liners, the Bremen and the Europa, were



fitted with Heinkel HE12 seaplanes and catapult equip

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Introduction to...Online Research

By Michel Houde

This is an extract from a seminar that was scheduled to be presented at the Mississauga show of April 4th.

With the majority of us stuck at home for the foreseeable future, I would like to share several online resources I use for research and recreation.

Let's start with the basics:

GOOGLE

When searching Google, use the

Advanced search– note all the things you can set to refine your search:

https://www.google.ca/advanced_search

There is also Google Book, which is very different from the ordinary Google. Again, use the advanced version:

https://books.google.ca/advanced_book_search

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From the Grand River Valley Philatelic Association:

President's Message:

It is hard to think of our hobby when the world is reeling from Covid-19. I send my hopes that you and your loved ones are all unaffected by this terrible virus. May we see each other and enjoy our hobby again in happier times

Joe Servos

From the Editor:

Hi Everyone!

First, a quick "Thank you" to all of my contributors. Please send more! I am in need of an Introduction to... for the next issue, along with general articles. I would also appreciate suggestions for column topics *you* would like to see.

As you may have noticed from the front page, I am going to be introducing a new feature: Classifieds! For \$5, I will include up to 250 characters for 5 issues, or until you tell me to pull the ad, whichever comes first. (Let's keep these stamp / philately-related, please?)

On a less cheerful subject, some of you may be feeling a bit overwhelmed right now. I know I am. I also can't help but see some disconcerting parallels between the current situation and some of what I've seen in my research into WWII Canada for my Ration Stamp collection.

As then, Canadians today can and will do what we're called to do, even if all that is, is to wash our hands frequently and practice 'social distancing'.

I want to stress that 'social distancing' doesn't

mean you need to do without social interaction - it's just going to be a bit different!

You may or may not have heard, but several internet service providers (Rogers, Telus and Tek Savvy, if I recall correctly) have stated that they will offer unlimited internet during this crisis. (Or, at least until the end of April - check with your provider to confirm their offer!)

Take advantage of this to:

- Video call friends and family using Skype or Face Time or a similar app;
- reach out to others through email;
- do some online research. Take a look at Michel Houde's **Introduction to Online Research**, starting on page 1, for some hints on where to get started; and
- watch those YouTube videos!

Here's a challenge for all of our clubs: Organize an online talk or seminar.

You can use a free service like Zoom. Or post a non-interactive presentation on YouTube. If you think it might become a regular thing, look at other services like GoToMeeting. Some plans start at less than \$20 per month for the host, and you can have up to 250 attendees for free.

Let me know when and where these are, and we'll try to get them on the calendars on the GRVPA website, or mention them in the next issue.

Maybe this is your chance to re-connect with members who can't make it to meetings.

Please note: this isn't an endorsement of any of the services mentioned above; I'm just naming some I've heard of to get you started.

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ment. Once the ship was within the aircrafts capabilities from the destination the catapult would launch the aircraft along with its cargo of mail. This typically reduced the time it took for transatlantic mail to reach its destination by about 36 hours.

The service continued to be used during the summers from 1929-1936. The development and use of longer range aircraft made the catapult service obsolete.





Galt View Restaurant

693 Coronation Boulevard,
Cambridge ON N1R 3G5

Catering Available
519-623-4567

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While this crisis lasts, there will be a link on the home page of the [GRVPA website to a list of cancellations](#). Please check these before you travel.

The Grand News will continue to be published five times a year. **The deadline for the June / July / August issue is May 22, 2020.**

Stay safe, everyone.
Wendi Trauzzi,
Editor, Grand News

Introduction to...Online Research

By Michel Houde

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Say there is the fantastic website you use, but it has no 'Search' feature. What to do?

Unless the webmaster has blocked Google, a regular google search will find what you are looking for, if it exists, but it might be buried among tens of thousands of results from thousands of websites. Here is how to get only the results for that favourite website:

Go to **Advanced Google**: https://www.google.ca/advanced_search?hl=en

Let us say that your favourite website's URL is <http://www.OnlyFunStamps.com>

Copy the URL and paste it in the box labelled "**site or domain**" on the Advanced Google page.

Next, enter your search, say "**butterflies**" in one of the boxes under "**Find pages with...**" and click the Advance Search blue button at the bottom of the page.

Good hunting!

Other options include:

ON-LINE DATABASE OF GENUINE STAMPS ISSUED BY UPU COUNTRIES SINCE 2002

This fantastic website maybe just what you have been looking for. Say you collect only BIRD stamps; you can search for all such stamps issued since 2002! Or, say you want to see all the stamps issued in a certain year - you can do that, too!

<http://www.wnsstamps.post>

A sample page showing the type of information contained in the database.

"Developed by the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the World Association for the Development of Philately (WADP), the WADP Numbering System (WNS) was introduced on 1 January 2002 with the aim of creating a database of all authentic postage stamps issued by UPU member countries and territories on or after that date."

For each country is listed by year all the genuine stamps they issue. Each stamp is given a unique WADP number, date issued, the theme and subject, its size, its layout, its perforation, etc. You can also see a large size image of the stamp. In addition, the pages can be viewed in French or English.

The screenshot shows the website interface for the WNS database. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'The UPU', 'Activities', 'Media centre', and 'Resources', along with language options 'EN | FR'. Below this, the search path is shown as 'WNS > Search Results > CA021.02'. The main content area displays 'All registered stamps issued by Canada in 2002' and lists the details for stamp CA021.02:

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Country / Post | Canada |
| Date of Issue | 22 March 2002 |
| Primary theme | Fine Arts |
| Subject | Masterpieces |
| Width | 40.0 mm |
| Height | 48.0 mm |
| Denomination | 1.25 CAD |
| Number in set | 1 |
| Layout/Format | sheet |
| Perforations | 12.5 by 13.3 |
| Stamp issuing authority | Canada Post |
| Printer | |

To the right of the text is a small image of the stamp, which depicts a classical building facade with a horse and rider in the foreground. Below the image is a link for 'Full Resolution Version'. At the bottom of the stamp details, there is a link: 'Connect to the web shop of the issuing stamp authority'.

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YOUTUBE

Exploring Stamps – many videos.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B7SmF2F97VY>

THE AMERICAN TOPICAL ASSOCIATION

<http://americantopicalassn.org>

AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

<https://stamps.org/collect/affiliates>

See also the [APS Research Library](#):



APS Research Library - Search 13 philatelic libraries at once.

www.stamplibrary.org



Including: [VGGPRE](#)

10 Summerhill Ave., Toronto

<http://greenefoundation.ca/>

Library codes:
APRL = American Philatelic Research Library
CCNY = Collectors Club (NY)
CCC = Collectors Club of Chicago
Greene = Greene Foundation
NWPL = Northwest Philatelic Library
PHF = Postal History Foundation
RMPL = Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library
RPSL = Royal Philatelic Society London
SCC = Scandinavian Collectors Club
Spellman = Spellman Museum of Stamps & Postal History
SIL-NPM = The Smithsonian Libraries - National Postal Museum
WPL = Western Philatelic Library
WPRL = Wineburgh Philatelic Research Library

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There's also [Wikipedia](#), which was launched in 2001 as "... a free online encyclopedia with the aim to allow anyone to edit articles. Wikipedia is the largest and most popular general reference work on the Internet and is owned by the non-profit Wikimedia Foundation. It comprises more than 40 million articles in 299 different languages." < <https://en.wikipedia.org> >

Despite the criticism of Wikipedia, I have found it useful for names and dates which I can then double check with other sources. Also, most articles of interest to my research list references and have a bibliography.

Tips - Do not assume that articles are translated into English. I have had success searching the French and German Wikimedia sites for articles that do not appear on the English site.

A list of philatelic libraries: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_philatelic_libraries

A listing of Philatelic Magazines: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_philatelic_magazines

The Canadian Stamp Dealer's Association:

<https://www.csaonline.com>

CANADIAN STAMP DEALERS' ASSOCIATION
L'ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE NEGOCIANTS EN TIMBRES-POSTE

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Our logo is your assurance that a dealer has met the high standards of the Canadian Stamp Dealers' Association. Our members are bound by a strict [Code of Ethics](#). Look for the dealer displaying this logo. Whether you are buying or selling stamps, this is the person with whom you should be dealing.

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AUCTIONS

<https://www.ebay.ca>

https://www.delcampe.net/en_GB/collectables

StampAuction NETWORK

Welcome Michel Houde! You are Logged in.

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<https://stampauctionnetwork.com>

CHECK THE PSSC WEBSITE LINKS & PRESENTATIONS AREA:

<https://philatelicspecialistsociety.com/>



VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

<http://www.japhila.cz/hof/index02 .htm>

Editor's Note: Here's one more, for the Postal History Society of Canada. Their website includes links to study groups, lists of post offices, a database of postmarks, a literature search option for their journal, and research: <https://www.postalhistorycanada.net/php/index.php>

Let me know your favourite site for online philatelic research, and we'll get them added to the list of Links on the GRVPA website: <http://grvpa.com/links.htm>

What's Up In...

Reports included from the following clubs:

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| X | Brantford Stamp Club | X | Owen Sound Stamp Club |
| X | Burlington Stamp Club | X | Oxford Philatelic Society |
| X | Cambridge Stamp Club | X | St. Catharines Stamp Club |
| X | Guelph Stamp Club | X | Saugeen Stamp Club |
| | Hamilton Stamp Club | X | Stratford Stamp Club |
| | Kincardine Stamp Club | X | Waterloo Region Stamp Club |
| X | Kitchener Waterloo Cambridge Reg. Post Card Club | | |

Bramalea Stamp Club

Meets the **1st Sunday** (from 2 to 4 pm), October to June and the **3rd Tuesday** (from 7 to 9 pm) year round at Terry Miller Recreation Complex, Williams Parkway (between Dixie Rd and Bramalea Rd.) Brampton. Visitors cordially welcome.

Information: Bob Thorne 905-792-3526 or Email bobthorne70@gmail.com

Website: www.bramaleastampclub.org or check our Facebook page under Bramalea Stamp Club.

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Upcoming Meetings & Features:

March 17: Tuesday Evening: CANCELLED
April 5: Sunday Afternoon: CANCELLED
April 21: Tuesday Evening: CANCELLED

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Bramalea Stamp Club has suspended meetings indefinitely. Our meetings will only resume when the City of Brampton facilities reopen, and we feel it is safe for all our members to attend our meetings. Expect that it will take several weeks after physical isolation restrictions are reduced for the authorities to determine if relaxed measures lead to a second wave of COVID-19 infections or if Brampton can return to more normal operations and reopen the Recreation Facilities and allow meetings to restart. **We will get through this and we hope all of you, our members and friends, will join us as soon as the opportunity to do so returns.**

On a positive note, with all the cocooning these days, we stamp collectors can spend more time with our beloved hobby. The Internet is proving to be invaluable to keeping us in touch and sharing philatelic activities virtually. There are many options, but I will mention one innovation by Jane Sodero of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club. Started as an email sharing initiative by Royal Philatelic Society of Canada President Ed Kroft, Jane has created HOMEPIX 2020 on the NS club's Facebook page. Anyone in the FB community can submit a one-page exhibit, with the only rule being that it should tell a story. Just create a page, scan it as a photo (jpeg) and add it to their page. Take a look at some the stories like the playful "The Out-house Preservation Society" featuring Cinderella stamps; a philatelic tribute to 2001 A Space Odyssey; or a more scholarly page on die Proofs of Canada's 1933 Royal William stamp. Let them inspire you to create your own one-pager.

Another benefit of the Internet is that we can continue to buy and sell stamps online during our prolonged home stays. All the major auctions sites like eBay, Delcampe and HipStamp are operating and our dear post office is still delivering purchases.

Brantford Stamp Club

In February former club president Dan Coates passed away. He was an avid collector, however failing health prevented him from taking an active role of late.

The club has suspended all meetings at least until the end of April when future dates will be determined. We are hoping to reconvene on May 5th which will be our annual meeting.

We have scheduled Ruth Lefler, local historian, as a guest speaker on May 19th. Our schedule concludes with a potluck dinner on June 2nd.



To quote one of my philatelic buddies ...

Ingo Nessel

Ed Kimberley

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Burlington Stamp Club

Members, as I sit here contemplating what to write, the COVID-19 virus is running rapidly through our world.

With very little to report and almost NO stamp meetings to talk of, there is little I can say. It seems that we really can't forecast when this will be over, so we should just try to take care of ourselves and those around us. This is a great time to think of your fellow club members who are getting on in years and remind them that the world is not as big as we think it is.

In May, if this is over, the Burlington club has a speaker coming to their meeting: Brian Hobson, who is well worth hearing.

So, until next time. Take care of yourselves and work on your collection while you stay in.

Norm Macneall. Reporter.

Cambridge Stamp Club

Our club would like to thank Jane Wilson for coming to our club to present to us her topic on Female Pioneers in Aviation On Stamps at our March meeting, and also to the Guelph club for bringing their circuit books to our February meeting.

Unfortunately, at the current time we - like most if not all other clubs locally - are suspending our meetings for a time period that nobody knows the end of yet, so there isn't much to say about upcoming events. We hope for a return to normalcy soon but cannot do anything to bring that about. We will be ready to host our annual show on September 19 if conditions are ready, but at this time even that cannot be considered definite.

Steve Klages (club Secretary)

Guelph Stamp Club – Received March 11, 2020

Our club meetings have been buzzing along nicely as we have settled into 2020. Recently, as well as the usual circulation books featuring most countries of the world, we have now included a number of books for topical collectors. There are some nice lists in the Wikipedia article on *Topical stamp Collecting*: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Topical_stamp_collecting.

Have you heard of paleophilately? Have a look at this website: http://www.paleophilatelie.eu/phil_catalogue.html. The best known resource is obviously the American Topical Association. <http://www.americantopicalassn.org/home.shtml>

Besides looking forward to spring we are also gearing up for our October Guelphpex. This includes cajoling members into preparing exhibits and taking advantage of free advertising in community and trade publication. I have just started on this and here are a few places and links: **Canadian Stamp News** <http://canadianstampnews.com/events/>, **Snapd Guelph** (or mytown) <https://guelph.snapd.com/>. You can invite their photographer to your show. **GRVPA News** and web site editorgrandnews@gmail.com. **RPSC** web site and the Canadian philatelist <https://www.rpsc.org/>

Finally, your club may want to print ad flyers on letter sized paper and have members place these in public libraries in their neighbourhood and various community bulletin boards. Since many libraries have Scott catalogues just slip a half page ad in each volume!

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P.B. Latour

Kitchener Waterloo Cambridge Regional Post Card Club

The Kitchener Waterloo Cambridge Regional Post Card Club wish to inform our readers and members that the annual KWCR PCC April 26 Post Card Memories Show and Sale has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus. Our May 13, 2020 regular meeting will also be cancelled.

Please monitor the KWCR PCC website: <http://www.kwcrpcc.com/> ; and Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/kwcrpcc> for information on future activities.

Gus Knierim

Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society

Per website: Post Card and Memories Show – April 26 – Cancelled
 May 13, 2020 Meeting - tentative

Owen Sound Stamp Club

Having our exciting meetings has been a little touchy this last couple of months, with the weather as unpredictable as ever - nice and sunny one day and stormy the next!

Now, to top it off, we have this COVID-19 warning all over the world. Really scary.

Our Spring Club Fair Show, (Grey, Bruce and Simcoe Area Counties,) Club Fair of the North and Annual Circuit Book Fair to be held on May 23, 2020 here in Owen Sound, has been put on hold at this time. We're waiting for everything to turn around and get under control, rather than endanger everyone to this dangerous virus.

All Clubs will be notified by email next month, if it a go or not.

John C. Lemon

President, Owen Sound Stamp Club

Oxford Philatelic Society

Good Evening Collector Friends!

Normally, this report would have given a summary of our show. But, with only a few days warning, Oxford Philatelic Society was compelled to cancel its 70th OXPEX & 40th OTEX. We had an awesome show to present to philatelic enthusiasts with about 100 6-page frames of exhibits, 15 dealers and judges already to go.

Please reserve March 20, 2021 for our next show and bourse. We already have a new and larger venue booked for 2021. Dealers can have more than one table, great space for our exhibits and silent auction and a great kitchen area. We have a speaker scheduled as well. Our meeting schedule and annual banquet have been cancelled until further notice. So, this is good time to work on some personal stamp sorting and organization. Please everyone, keep safe and healthy!

We look forward to seeing you all on March 20, 2021, in our new and larger venue!

Please keep safe and healthy!

With kindest regards,

Henny Uyl

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Oxford Philatelic Society, President

Saugeen Stamp Club

The Saugeen Stamp club has cancelled the monthly meetings for April & May - and our annual show scheduled for May 2nd 2020.

On March 7th, the club held a mini stamp fair - with the sole purpose of fostering interaction between members. There was lots of friendly chatter as attendees talked to others about their collecting interests - bought and or sold surplus material. The club provided lunch to all at this event. A good time was had by all!!

Walt Berry

St. Catharines Stamp Club

Like everyone else, I suspect, the latest report from our club is that meetings are cancelled until further notice, due to the pandemic.

At our last meeting, there was some excitement over a new club project involving all members, who wish to participate, and stamps from all over the world. More news will probably be shared as soon as we are able to get back to the project.

For now, everyone is looking at keeping well and keeping others well.

David Pitcher

Stratford Stamp Club

At our January meeting, two of our members brought in a portion of their extensive collection. It was quite interesting, and some purchases were made. A snowstorm resulted in a low attendance for our February meeting; we had a brief discussion on activities forthcoming and adjourned early. Our March meeting was cancelled due to Covid-19.

The annual Mayday Stratford Stamp Show also had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It is hoped that everyone can get caught up on their collection at home. Please stay safe and healthy.

Ron Holm, Reporter

Waterloo Region Stamp Club

Have you seen the Google Doodle illustrating the hand washing technique proposed by Dr. Ignaz Semmelweis? As we isolate ourselves to limit the spread of COVID-19, philatelists can still enjoy our hobby in many ways.

- Research Dr. Ignaz Semmelweis. Have countries issued stamps to commemorate his contributions to hygiene and medicine? Identify other stamp releases of significant medical treatments and/or discoveries. Search your collection for related material.
- Create a single page exhibit related to this theme or another subject that interests you. (See the latest two issues of Canadian Stamp News for valuable suggestions.) Post the images created by members of your club on your club's website. This will encourage collectors to visit your website and it will promote our hobby.
- Prepare a cover design to enter in the Canadian Stamp News contest next September.

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Who, When & Where

A listing of contact information, as well as meeting times and locations, for our member clubs.

BRAMALEA STAMP CLUB

Meets the **1st Sunday** (from 2 to 4 pm), October to June and the **3rd Tuesday** (from 7 to 9 pm) year round at Terry Miller Recreation Complex, Williams Parkway (between Dixie Rd and Bramalea Rd.) Brampton. Visitors cordially welcome. Information: Bob Thorne 905-792-3526 or Email bobthorne70@gmail.com
Website: www.bramaleastampclub.org or check our Facebook page under Bramalea Stamp Club.

BRANTFORD STAMP CLUB

Sept. to Nov. and January to May: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month / June & December - 1st Tuesday only
Branlyn Community Centre (phone (519) 758-1444), 238 Brantwood Park Road, Brantford. Access to the facility is via the east (on the left when facing the facility) end around the back. (doors open at 7:00 pm, meeting begins at 8:00) Web: <http://brantfordstampclub.com/> / Contact: Paul James (519-751-3513) pamjames1027@gmail.com

BURLINGTON STAMP CLUB

September to June: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month (7:00 pm). Burlington Seniors Centre, 2285 New St. (off Teen Tour Way), Burlington ON. Contact: Norm Macneall (905-336-8685) macneall@cogeco.ca

CAMBRIDGE STAMP CLUB

November to June: 1st Thursday of the month, 7:00 to 9:00 / No meetings in July & August
St. Luke's United Church, 1620 Franklin Boulevard
Currently experimenting with a second meeting on the 3rd Thursday, at another location.
<https://cambridgestampclub.weebly.com/> / Contact: Steve Klages klagesss@gmail.com

GUELPH STAMP CLUB

September to May: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30 / June to July: 1st Wednesday of the month only
Dublin Street United Church, 68 Suffolk St. W. (at Dublin St.) / Contact: Joe Servos (519-823-2578) jservos@bserv.com / guelphstampclub@gmail.com

HAMILTON STAMP CLUB

September to June: 2nd & 4th Monday (6:30 to about 8:30 pm)
Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School, 1824 Rymal Road East, Hamilton
<https://hamiltonstampclub.ca/> Contact: Charles Morreale - cmorreale@teksavvy.com - 905-664-2066

KINCARDINE STAMP CLUB

Jan. - Dec., 1st Wed. (7:00 pm),
Davidson Center (Billiards room), 601 Durham St., Kincardine

KITCHENER WATERLOO CAMBRIDGE REGIONAL POST CARD CLUB

Victoria Park Pavilion, 80 Schneider Street, Kitchener, ON
See website for meeting info: www.kwcrpcc.com Contact: rychmills@golden.net / 519 742-4990

KITCHENER WATERLOO PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society meetings are *usually* the 2nd Thursday of the month in the evening from 7 until 9 p.m. in the Community Room at Albert McCormick Arena in Waterloo. **To make attendance easier in the winter we are experimenting with afternoon meetings.** Therefore, the January meeting is now 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday January 12 and the February meet-

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ing is Sunday February 16 also from 2 until 4:00 p.m.. Thanks. <https://www.kwstampclub.org/>
7:00 pm at St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School, 255 Morden Road, Oakville ON

OWEN SOUND STAMP CLUB

September to June: 3rd Wednesday of the month (7:00pm to 9:00 pm). St. Mary's High School, Hillyer hall (student lunchroom), 555 15th Street East, Owen Sound, ON <http://www.owensoundstampclub.org/>

OXFORD PHILATELIC SOCIETY

September to May: 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month. South Gate Centre, 191 Old Wellington Street South, Woodstock ON <http://www.oxfordphilsoc.com/>

SAUGEEN STAMP CLUB

January to December: 1st Tuesday of the month (7:30 pm)
St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church, 356 9th Street, Hanover ON. Entrance to the meeting located in the northeast corner of the church complex on 11th Avenue. The club's welcome sign will be at the sidewalk.
<http://saugeenstampclub.webplus.net/>

ST. CATHARINES STAMP CLUB

September to June: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month (6:45 pm to 8:45 pm). Grantham Lion's Club, 732 Niagara Street, St. Catharines ON / <http://stcatharinesstampclub.ca/> This is expected to move to the 1st and 3rd Wednesday, starting September 2020.

STRATFORD STAMP CLUB

September to June: 4th Thursday of the month (except December) 7:00 pm. at Avondale United Church, 194 Avondale Ave., Stratford N5A 6N4

WATERLOO REGION STAMP CLUB

September to June: 1st Tuesday of the month (6:30 pm to 8:30 pm) at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth Room (usually – check the TV monitor near the door to be sure), 54 Queen Street North, Kitchener ON
<https://waterlooregionstampclub.weebly.com/>



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

ANNOUNCING NEW VENUE for Oxford Philatelic Society's 2021 Exhibition & Bourse

The Oxford Philatelic Society
invites you to
71st OXPEX & 41st OTEX
on
March 20, 2021

St. Mary's Catholic High School
431 Juliana Drive
between Norwich Ave. (#59 S.)
and
Sweaburg Road (Mill Street)

- “ Double the space
- “ Bright and cheery
- “ More tables for dealers
- “ Great kitchen area
- “ Speaker: Brenda Hoyles
- “ Silent Auctions
- “ Competitive Exhibits

What's Up In...

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- Gather and set aside stamps to donate to new collectors.
- Organize a brief "Show and Tell" presentation to share at the next successful gathering of your club.
- Most of all, send Wendi Trauzzi a thank you letter or email. Our appreciation of her excellent work as editor of the Grand News needs to be expressed sincerely and often.

Sadly, our club meeting on April 7th has been cancelled. We will continue to post updates on our website.

www.waterlooregionstampclub.weebly.com

Robert Hadley Reporter

Upcoming Events

As many upcoming events are being impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, you are urged to check with organizers before travelling to any shows in the next couple of months.

STAMPFEST – April 18, 2020 - CANCELLED

Trillium Lutheran Church, 22 Willow Street, Waterloo ON

<http://www.kwstampclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/2019-Map.jpg>

April 28, 2020 - WTSC Circuit Book Event - CANCELLED

West Toronto Stamp Club regrets that due to the ongoing COVID-19 threat to attendees and closure of the venue, the WTSC Circuit Book Event scheduled for Tuesday April 28 is cancelled.

Saugeen Stamp Club Annual Show- CANCELLED

Saturday May 2 2020,

Mayday Stamp Show - CANCELLED

May 3, 2020 at the Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans Unit 261, Stratford ON

Orapex - CANCELLED

Ottawa, May 2 & 3, 2020 - tentative

Lampex – CANCELLED

Sarnia, May 9, 2020

Royal 2020 Royale - CANCELLED

Scheduled for June, 2020

Cambridge Club Show

September 19, 2020 – tentative

Oxford Philatelic Society's 2021 Exhibition & Bourse

March 20, 2021 – see ad on page 13 for details.

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From the Bramalea Stamp Club Show on February 1, 2020:



Jerry Piotrowski manning the welcome desk. (Photo credit: Joe Trauzzi)



Joe Trauzzi presented with GTAPA Certificate of Merit. (Photo credit Mike Lalonde)

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May 2020

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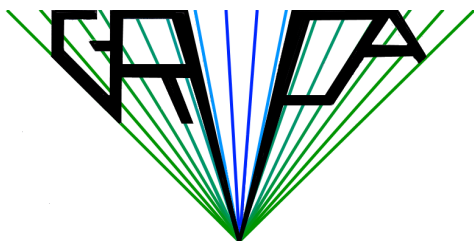
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