

The logo for the Owen Sound Stamp Club, featuring the letters "O.S.S.C." in a stylized font.

Owen Sound Stamp Club

Newsletter

Next Club Meeting: September 19th

September 2001

Have to say that the events of September 11th have made it a bit hard to concentrate on putting together the Newsletter this week, so this edition will be a bit briefer than usual. Back to normal next month, I hope.

It has become the habit of our club to hold an auction of member's philatelic material in the late fall and these have always been fun to attend (and organise). However, there are indications that few members are interested in submitting lots this year and perhaps the time has come to consider an

alternative approach to an annual auction in November. One possibility that does seem to work for other clubs is to have a mini-auction at each meeting. Perhaps the members will express their views on this at the next meeting?

Bob Watson

What's New from Canada Post

On September 19th we'll have the Shriners, and on September 21st Canada Post will issue a new set of the so-called greeting stamps, this time without a value printed on them.

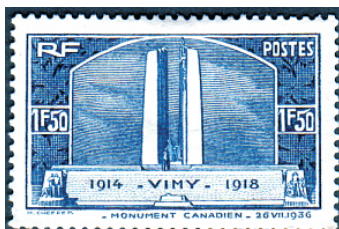
On September 28th two 47¢ se-tenant stamps for the Grand Theatre of London Ont. and Th6atre du Nouveau Monde will be released. Since the London one has a bit of a ghost theme in it, it is important to notice that Meaford is expecting an "Invasion of Scarecrows" on that day.

On October 1st four triangle stamps will take flight. The celebration of "Stamp Collecting Month" will feature hot air balloons. They will be issued in booklets of 8 and are self-adhesive.

The Christmas stamps for 2001 will be lit on November 1st. They show Christmas lights and will be available in panes of 25 and booklets of 10 @ 47¢ and 6 @ 60¢ and \$1.05.

A week later we will celebrate 150 years YMCA in North America. They opened in Montréal in November 1851 followed by Boston one month later, it will be a 47¢ stamp with a 13+ perforation.

The Royal Canadian Legion 1926-2001, will be issued on the eleventh day of the eleventh month and so will also commemorate the cease-fire and end of WW 1 in 1918. Talking about this I would like to point out that France issued two stamps on July 26, 1936, (Scott #311/2) in values of 0.75F and 1.50F showing the



Canadian War Memorial at Vimy. This monument was the inspiration for an award winning novel by Jean Urquarth, "The Stone Carvers" – worthwhile winter reading.

Last month I told you about the rate increases. A horizontal stamp showing the Flag against the background of the Canada Post Head Office in Ottawa will be one of the new 48¢ stamps and will be available in booklets of 10 and 30. The stylized Maple leaf in light, mid and dark green is the other 48¢. The latter will be in coils of 100, but I'm sure you may be able to buy them individually at a post office near you. The three other definitives to celebrate the rate increase are: 65¢, for USA, 77¢ for overweight and \$1.25 for International. They will depict traditional trades: jewellery making, basket weaving and woodcarving. They will be issued in a variety of booklets and coils, have 5 colours and measure 24×20 mm.

Please note that the Canadian Stamp News already lists Scott numbers for 2001 issues. The Royal Military College of June 1 carries #1906. Darnell numbers are not known as yet.

January 1st, 2002, will be the day we will see one of the bigger currency changes in the world. 12 countries will be exchanging their Marks, Francs, Pounds, Drachmas, Escudos, Liras, Guilders etc. into the new "EURO". They will also take, with them, a lot of smaller countries which have always been using the currency of their bigger neighbours. Countries such as Andorra, Monaco, Vatican City, San Marino, Åland and, close to home, St. Pierre and Miquelon, will all change to the Euro. I will try to get some info together as it relates to stamps for the next issue.

Charles van Rompu

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Queen's Bush Stamps (Reg Powell) will be at our September meeting (September 19th).

From Other Clubs in the Area...

The **Kincardine Stamp Club** is holding its **Annual Show** on **October 6th** at the Legion Hall in Kincardine. Further details at our September meeting.

The \$1,000,000 Dollar Question

WE HAVE A WINNER !!!!!!!!

Last month's question was: *Who was Fred Jarrett 1889-1979?*

Reg Powell, our member from Holyrood, came up with the correct answer. Fred Jarrett, according to Linn's *World Stamp Almanac (Millennium Ed.)*, was:

“A student of the stamps of his native Canada and its Provinces which he started collecting as a child. Fred Jarrett published his magnum opus *Stamps of British North America* in 1929. It remains a definitive work on the subject. Jarrett was a speed-typist who made his living with Underwood Limited and travelled extensively abroad, demonstrating his skills and promoting the Underwood name. He was a signatory (1935) of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists and recipient, in 1974, of the Order of Canada”

Reg Powell added that Fred specialized in Essays and Proofs of Canada and was co-editor of many early stamp catalogues, including the 9th edition *Specialized Philatelic Catalog of Canada and British North America 1960*.

The British North America Philatelic Society [BNAPS], which was founded by Jack Levine, dedicated a plaque to honour Fred Jarrett in the National Postal Museum in Ottawa, in September 1981.

Congratulations Reg. You should have received your prize by now.

We hope that our club may benefit from your in-depth knowledge of our hobby for a long time to come!

SORRY, this time no prizes, no stamps required, no deadline but we hope, a challenge anyway.

1. The Romans used a postal system (*Cursus Publicus*) which used small two wheeled vehicles to carry mail. When did this start ?

a: 1500 BC b: 750 BC c: 250 BC d: 1050 AD

2. A post office announced in 1997, that they will provide every citizen (over age 6) with an email address and service, as part of its postal service. Which country could this be?

a: Croatia b: Armenia c: Sweden d: Aitutaki

Charles van Rompu

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The Owen Sound Stamp Club meets at 7:00pm on the third Wednesday of each month in the basement of St. George's Anglican Church (on the corner of 10th St. E. and 4th Ave. E.). The main business of the evening is typically to check out the stamps in circuit books from the North Bay Philatelic Society, the Royal Philatelic Society and/or the Peninsula Philatelic Circuit. Members also trade stamps and covers between themselves.

There are presently about 30 active members whose interests cover just about everything at all levels from beginner to expert. New members are always most welcome.

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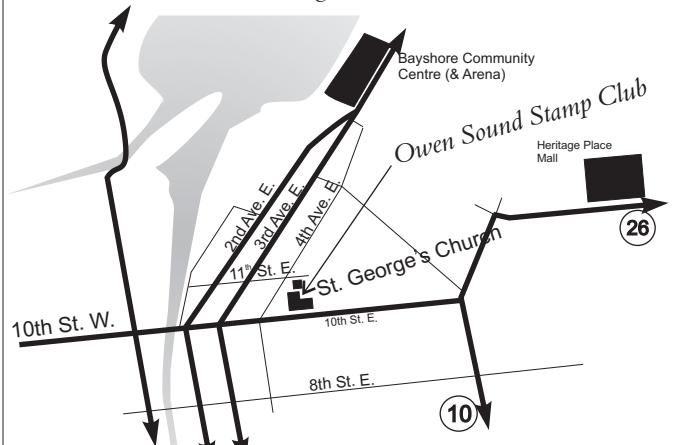
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