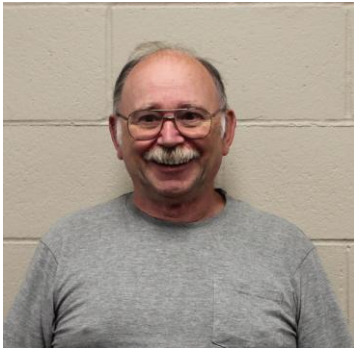


Owen Sound Stamp Club

Chapter 191
Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 17th, 2019 @ 7 PM
Summer Meeting Place
New Life Centre, 199 4th Ave West, Owen Sound
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From the President



Hello everyone, happy belated Canada's Day. Hope your enjoying the warmer weather. Hope you have some air conditioning. At our July meeting we will be having our second Silent Auction of the year. Also, we will have the honour

of having Saugeen's Circuit Books to look through. Business as usual, Should be lots of time for everyone to look through the Circuit Books.

Remember we will be at our summer location at **New Life Centre, 199 4th Ave. W. Owen Sound.** Meeting starts at 7:00 P.M. See you there.

John C. Lemon
President OSSC.

From the Editor Phil Visser

Welcome to a new newsletter! Another edition has been put to bed. Hopefully informative and will keep the stamp collecting fires burning in your hearts.

While the format remains the same, the stories are different. Please take a moment to consider what is shared with you through this instrument and perhaps will inspire others to take keyboard into hand and contribute a story from your perspective about our shared interests.

This meeting will also feature another Silent Auction where club members can bring excess philatelic items that make find an interest in some other club member's collection. If you read the story further into the newsletter, there may be something of interest there also.

A reminder for you is to look at "Upcoming Shows" section and I would like to point out the Postal

History Society of Canada Symposium in Hamilton after the club meeting. Another very good local show to remember is the date of August 8th when the Kincardine Club will be hosting their annual show.

And now for a teaser scan about a story starting on the following page:



Where were you when...?

By Phil Visser

There are times in a person's life where you will be or have been asked "where were you or perhaps what were you doing when..." Sometimes it is easy to remember and at other times the details may escape you. It really depends on the significance of the date and time. But that is the question for this article. Where were you, or what were you doing on July 20th, 1969? If you can't remember the date, the following stamps will tell the story of that time. I suspect that the media has already told you the answer, but this story has been in the planning stages for a few months and now it is time to publish it.

For me, I was working on a dairy farm near Drayton On, and on that day a team of several people hauled about 7,000 bales of hay from the fields to the barn. Yours truly was inside the barn with the boss stacking the bales. We started on the barn floor and wound up in the eaves of the roof when evening arrived. Darkness provided a respite and we asked if we could see the lunar module land on the moon. And so it was to be that the black and white TV displayed the images of lunar module landing on the Moon's surface. Somehow we felt proud of that achievement, as if we had something to do with it.

Philatelically speaking, the Apollo XI story has been well covered. One of the first series of stamps about the Moon landing was issued by the Republic of Guinea on August 1st, 1969. The series is listed as Scott # 541-5. #541 shows the blastoff of the Apollo rocket on July 16th from the Kennedy Space



Center in Florida. The Saturn V rocket is still one of the most powerful rockets in the world. Continuing on with the events of this flight to the Moon, the next stamp shows Earth Rise above the Moon's horizon, something more familiar with the Apollo 8 flight.

Another tense moment occurred when the lunar module separated from

the command capsule which is depicted on Scott #543. However, it was the climatic moment of when the module landed on the Moon's surface that is still fixed in my memory. This moment is shown on #544, but the moment of descending from the lunar module to the surface occurred some six hours later and I



did not see it first hand, but of course it was replayed so many times on news clips, it almost feels that it was seen in reel time during the wee hours of the morning.

Of course, with so many "firsts" with this flight, but not all were captured in the series of stamps issued by the Republic of Guinea. The

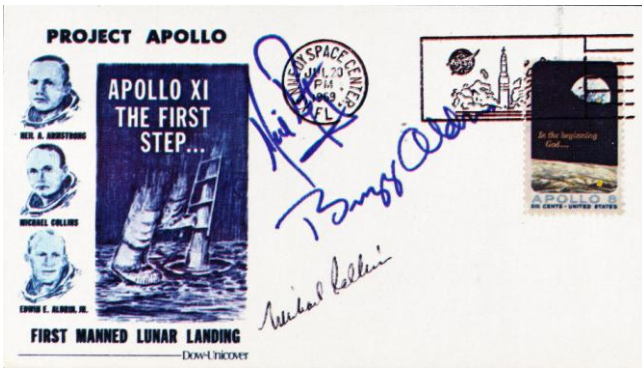


iconic moment was when Neil Armstrong took his first step on the moon. Although not quite the angle the cameras recorded, that history making first step onto the Moon's surface stands as a great achievement for the human race. Can you feel the tension when the lunar module had to separate from the landing legs to return to the command capsule? These two critical moments were illustrated in a series of stamps issued by Liberia on October 15th, 1969. They are listed in Scott's Catalogue as numbers 499 and 501.

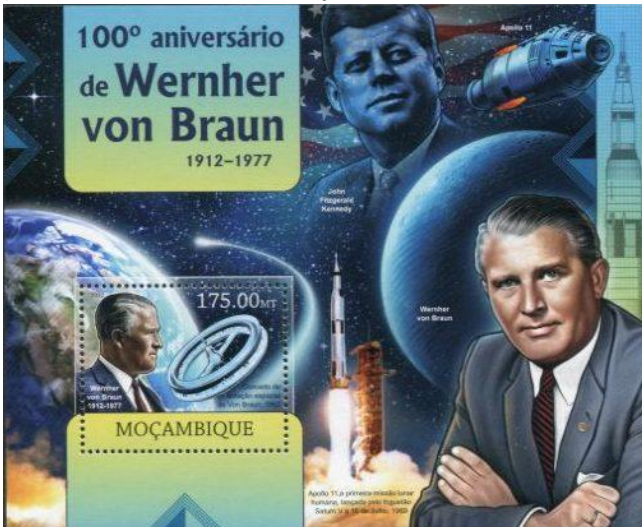
A unique philatelic item is this autographed Souvenir Cover. The stamp used to make this cover official was issued on May 5th 1969

and shows the well known photograph taken by the Apollo 8 astronauts. The picture has been simply called "Earth Rise." What makes this special is that the three Apollo XI astronauts have their pictures on the cover as well as their autographs. Note that the date of cancellation is date of the Moon landing.





This momentous occasion in human history took many years to come to its apex. Lets consider where this all started. Well, to beat the forces of gravity which keep us earth bound, a rocket was needed. The origins of rockets started in Germany in the 1940's. The scientist who brought this technology to America following the ending of the Second World War is Dr. Wernher Von Braun and several other colleagues. Searching for something philatelic to honour Dr Von Braun was a surprise, because the United States did not issue a stamp for this important figure in the great American achievement. Fortunately Google Images supplied this mini-sheet issued by Mozambique to remember the 100th Anniversary of Dr Von Braun's birth. While he was a controversial figure in the US space program he does deserve the recognition as being part of the birth of rocketry.



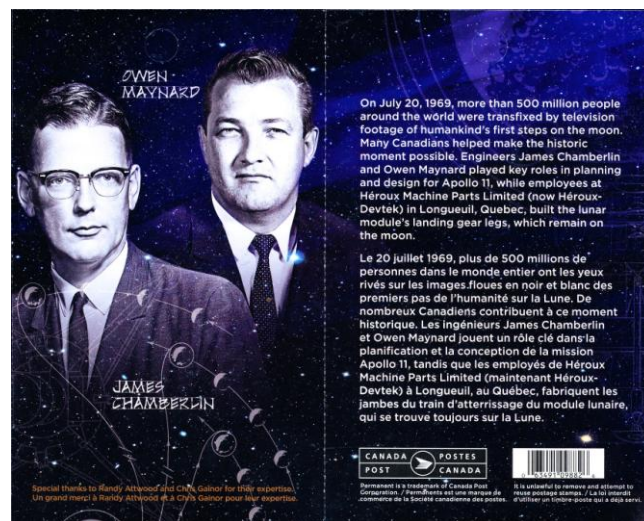
A very recently issued special cover by the Royal Philatelic Society at its 60th "Royal" has a more subtle tie into the NASA program to send man to the moon. Let's look at the cover. To the left you will see two stamps issued in 1959. The stamp is listed as #383 in the Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps. While the stamp

was issued as the 60th anniversary of Canadian flight, it shows the "Silver Dart" and in the background, the Avro Arrow. But the year of 1959 was also the year when the Arrow program was



cancelled. Many of the engineers and technicians were suddenly unemployed.

For many people, when one door closes another one opens. Many of the people working on the Arrow program wound up south of the American border working for NASA and were in the background of the space program. Could the Apollo program have succeeded without them is open to debate, but I think not. And Canada Post issued just a few days ago two stamps honouring the 50th



Anniversary of the Apollo XI landing on the Moon. Of course this issue came in several formats, a mini-sheet of water activated gum and a peel and stick booklet. On the cover of the peel and stick booklet two Canadian engineers are honoured. Mr James Chamberlin and Mr Owen Maynard were instrumental in the design of the Apollo XI rocket. Besides these two men, many other Canadians helped build the lunar module's landing gear legs in Longueuil, Quebec.



Undoubtedly the catalyst to the space race was the launch of the Sputnik in 1958 by the Russian space program. Without this challenge, we can only wonder if their space would have been the first to land a man on the Moon. Of course history is known so the answer is clear, but another important step to that achievement was the Cold War and finally when President John Kennedy announced in 1961 that “before this decade is out... (We will) land a man on the Moon and return him safely to the Earth.” This famous statement inspired the issue of this stamp by Ras al Khaima. Somehow information about this stamp has escaped the Scott Catalogue, but it does depict President Kennedy, the command module and the lunar module with the Moon as a backdrop.

Never mentioned is the places where the NASA radio antennas kept track of every bit of communications and flight information which was relayed back to the Houston, Texas. While the moment of the Moon landing and walk is remembered, that moment could never have come about without the contributions of many people from many different nationalities and knowledge, a truly international effort.

One final thank you is necessary. Most of the images show with this article came for Bob Ford’s collection. Without sharing these stamps and allowing me to scan them would have made this article difficult. Thanks Bob!

June Meeting Highlights

It was a lovely summer night, a bit on the cool side of things, but 16 members came to inspire each other. Bob shared a report on the financial success of the Circuit Book North Fair with money earned from the door prize tickets, luncheon counter and something else I didn’t write down.

President John thanked all the organizations that supported the club by donating door prizes, John and Judy Appleton for running the luncheon counter and the other volunteers who helped in many different ways. John also shared that Dave Roos, Al Roos’s son, had donated the cost of the new Sandwich board that was put near the road

indicating where the Circuit Book Fair was being held.

The Owen Sound Circuit Books had sales on the day. Randy then shared that new pages had been entered into the Circuit Book with stamps primarily from Germany and Canada. The “Visitor Counter” on the club website now comes to over 37,000. There was also a suggestion made that when submitting pages to the Circuit Books, to highlight the selling price over the catalogue listing, use a different colour (red was suggested). Then there was a discussion about the purging of pages from the books to keep the content fresh. Randy had asked other clubs at the Fair about having separate pages for higher priced stamps. It seems that each club has a different method, so nothing concrete was suggested for our own circuit books.

For the show and tell portion of the meeting, a mention was made that Austria had issued a set of stamps with Crypto currency as the design. A very brief discussion was held to suggest topics from the One Page Challenge at the upcoming show in September. These topics were the 200th Anniversary of the birth of Queen Victoria and the 100th anniversary of the ending of World War 1. No decision was arrived at, so possibly it will be decided in this meeting. Nothing else was mentioned, so it was a short part of the meeting. After the business end was dealt with, we had an opportunity to go through the circuit books.

Mention was made about the new RPSC electronic newsletter that has started to be circulated to members who have provided their email addresses with the Society. Members were encouraged to become part of the Royal and share their email address to receive these monthly messages. A show of hand indicated that several members present were also members of the RPSC.

Donation Received

I was contacted by Mr. Hector Lazzarotto about a stamp collection he wished to donate to the club. He, like us, discovered that an accumulation of stamps is not worth much, just the interest in geography and some history.

We had a pleasant get together over some beverages and he showed me his portfolio containing envelopes of stamps from various countries, some that needed sorting and others from Canada. Besides the envelopes there were pages from a Grossman World Wide album, and a blank Scott stock book. Hector’s parting words were, “don’t tell me you found a million dollar stamp in here!”

Since our meeting will be a Silent Auction night, John suggested that these envelopes be put separately, and the highest bidder can pick and choose which envelopes they wanted and auction the rest with another opportunity to bid until the collection had been spread amongst those present. The funds raised would be added to the Club's coffers.

Upcoming Shows

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PHSC Symposium

July 18, 2019 to July 21, 2019

Hamilton Sheraton Hotel, 116 King St. W., Hamilton, ON, L8P 4V3

Building on the success of the 2018 Symposium, the Postal History Society of Canada is proud to announce the third annual PHSC Symposium. We will visit several different sites of historical interest in Hamilton and the Greater Toronto Area, where invited members will speak about a variety of postal history topics. We will also host a national-level postal history exhibition as well as a bourse with 15 dealers, breakout sessions and additional speakers and activities. The activities and meals are available at a nominal cost. Admission to the bourse and exhibition is free.

Phone: 905-690-3598

Email: symposium@postalhistorycanada.net

Web: <http://www.postalhistorycanada.net>

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APS Stamp Show

August 1, 2019 to August 4, 2019

CHI Health Center Omaha, 455 N. 10th St., Omaha, NE, 68102

Stamp Show 2019, co-hosted with the American Topical Association, in Omaha, Nebraska, marks the 133rd annual convention of the American Philatelic Society. Each year, stamp collectors, exhibitors, historians and members of the general public gather to socialize, increase philatelic knowledge, and exchange stamps. The 2019 show will feature more than 100 dealers, societies, live auctions, literature and philatelic exhibits, more than 100 meetings and seminars, and first-day-of-issue ceremonies for new stamps. The show is free and open to the public.

Phone: 814-933-3803

Email: stampshow@stamps.org

Web: <https://stamps.org/STAMPSHOW-SS>

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KINEX 2019

Davidson Centre, 601 Durham St., Kincardine, AB, N2Z 1L6

This annual stamp show and sale features upwards of 11 dealers on the bourse, exhibits, door prizes, lunch booth, a youth table and sales circuit books.

Phone: 519-395-5817

Email: jcortan@hurontel.on.ca

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BNAPEX 2019

August 30, 2019 to September 1, 2019

Delta Hotels by Marriott Ottawa City Centre, 101 Lyon St. N., Ottawa, ON, K1R 5T9

The 71st annual convention of the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS)—BNAPEX—features a 160-frame British North America competitive exhibition as well as a 20-dealer bourse and about 25 BNAPS Study Group meetings and seminars.

Phone: 905-934-8377

Email: roystamp@cogeco.ca

Web: <http://bnaps.org/>

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National Postage Stamp and Coin Show

September 7, 2019 to September 8, 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 a two-day live auction by Colonial Acres; various seminars; the Young Collectors Table, plus the popular Free Kids' Auction 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.

Phone: 1-800-408-0352

Email: info@trajan.ca

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

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Cambridge Stamp Show

Armenian Centre, 35 International Village Dr., Cambridge, Ontario, N1R 7M5

Cambridge Stamp Club Annual Show, Armenian Centre, 35 International Village Dr. between 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Visit with 10 dealers, circuit books, and a silent auction. A lunch counter is available for your convenience. Free admission and parking. Everyone welcome! For more details contact Oscar Cormier, email jocstamp@rogers.com, telephone 519-742-5892. Website: www.cambridgestampclub.weebly.com

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Another newsletter has been completed, but the first one using a different work processing software package. There was much to learn and experiment with and hopefully it meets the reader's approval with respect to readability. Following along with tradition, I encourage you to visit the club website whenever you are searching for something. Randy has a fabulous section on links that will make your philatelic knowledge grow.

Soapbox

By Randy Rogers

I spent some time over the past few weeks trying to update the club history, primarily by quickly scanning the old newsletters to identify the club officers. I've completed filling in as much as I can and would appreciate it if the membership would read through the club history ('About' on the website menu) and provide any additions, amplifications, or corrections to the content.

As I was working on this it also reminded me of another part of our website that still needs attention. The Newsletters section of the web site still needs brief content descriptions for a number of the newsletters. I would like to get some volunteers who will review the undocumented newsletters and provide a brief synopsis of their contents that I can use to update the website. We need descriptions for the newsletters published in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010.

I'll bring all this up at the meeting and attempt to secure the needed volunteers.

