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President Sid's Message

Having just returned from a month away I understand that much has happened at WTSC.

A successful election of WTSC officers and directors for 2016-2018 was held. Thank you to those who are willing and able to take on club leadership responsibilities. I look forward to working with our new board during the coming year.

As well, I understand that the WTSC Annual Exhibition was a great success. Congratulation to the winners who will be recognized and awarded their trophies at our June 14th meeting. Thank you to Frank and Garfield for their leadership and to the participants for ensuring its success.

Also congratulations to the WTSC members who participated in and to those who were award winners at the North Toronto Stamp Club 73rd Annual Club Exhibition held at the new National Postage Stamp & Coin Show.

Last but not least our West Toronto Stamp Club website was relaunched May 31st. The restructured website maintains the best of our previous website's content and appearance but has been significantly restructured and reformatted so that its revised contents can be easily navigated from either a laptop or mobile device. If you have not already done so be sure to visit your club website.

<http://www.westtorontostampclub.org/>

I look forward to an exciting final month of the 2015/1016 philatelic year.

Sid

Discussion Group Planning

I want to thank Rob Taylor for taking the chair in the discussion on May 10. The ideas offered in that meeting are critical to the formation of future programmes and for recruiting speakers.

I will address each of the comments forwarded to me as a result of the meeting

The current "Lecture Series" is well received and should be continued. I agree and this will continue to be the main thrust of the group.

Advance information should be made available. Again, I agree and remind members that I designed, produced and distributed a pamphlet outlining the schedule for the year containing dates, names of speakers, and a very brief summary of the subject matter. For the upcoming year, the website has been totally revised and that information will be presented with far more detail. It is also planned that PowerPoint presentations by the speaker will, if at all possible, be provided as a link after the fact.

The "Buy, Sell, Swap" was a disaster and should never be repeated given the quality of the regular auctions.

There should be additional emphasis on Exhibiting. Agreed.

Split Meetings. It was suggested that we could entertain the idea of having 2 or 3 "mini" presentations of 30 minutes or less. These could also take the form of an enhanced member "show & tell". This is a brilliant idea and will be pursued.

What Am I Going To Do?

The website revision is very close to being complete. There is a section dedicated to the Discussion Group where the schedule of upcoming meetings will be posted with additional detail, photos and information. I believe this is a positive development and it will replace the brochure I have prepared in the past. The website is also friendly to users of Smart phones, tablets and other media.

The Discussion Group programme is already planned and committed to January 2017. The wishes of the Group will be incorporated into the balance of 2017 and early 2018

A review session will be incorporated into the May 2017 meeting to continue this important process.

What is Committed for 2016-17?

September 20 speaker ~ Leon Mathys (North Toronto Stamp Club) on "The Halifax Explosion"

October 18 speaker ~ Ken Pugh (British Columbia) on "Canadian Fakes and Forgeries"

November 15 speaker ~ Dr. Robert Galway (WTSC) on "Semi Official Airmail - Western Canada"

December ~ no meeting scheduled (Christmas)

January 17 speaker ~ Ian Robertson (WTSC) on "Photographic Post Cards"

I thank all for their suggestions and comments. It was much appreciated.

Garfield

NTSC 73rd Annual Exhibition

As President Sid mentioned in his column, several WTSC members participated in North Toronto's 73rd Annual Club Exhibition held at Trajan Media's National Postage Stamp and Coin Show at the International Centre, May 13 - 15, and many won awards.

John Wilson ~ (Gold) "Talk to my Agent"

Frank Alusio ~ (Gold) "The Ancient Olympics"

John Wilson ~ (display only) "C is for Club Challenge"

Garfield Portch ~ (Gold) "The Expansion of the Post Office in Toronto, 1880 to 1889"

David Gooderham ~ (Vermeil) "Putting More 'Boots' to Machins: An Exhibit to Explain the 1994 Great Britain Definitive Sheet"

Chris Edwards ~ (Vermeil) "Imperial Airways Africa Route, London to Capetown, 1925 to 1931"

Don Hedger ~ (Silver) "Postcards From the Front"

Membership

As of May 24 we have a total active membership of 93 and we welcome one new member, Robert Pinet (# 1083). Amongst other things, Robert is a director of The RPSC.

WTSC 63rd Annual Exhibition

The Club's 63rd annual Stamp Exhibition took place on May 10. 45 Members and two guests were in attendance.

Eight frames were filled with the various entries. Twelve members participated, nine with Single-pages, four with Multi-pages and six with One-frames. The total pages on display were 125.

The winners were:

Joseph Perrone ~ Most popular vote in Single-page

Denzil Fernandes ~ Most popular vote in Multi-page & One-frame

Frank Alusio ~ Judged winner of One-frame applying National Criteria

Frank will provide a full report on the Exhibition at the Club meeting on June 14.

June Activities

Meetings are held on Tuesday evening unless otherwise specified. Doors open at 6:30, meetings start at 7.

June 7 ~ The Machin Study Group

June 14 ~ Regular Meeting

Report on Club Exhibition, Exchange of information, Show & Tell and Auction

June 21 ~ Discussion Group

Guest Speakers: **Charles Verge and Garfield Portch** will conduct a **POSTAL HISTORY WORKSHOP**. The meeting will provide a forum for discussing the collection of postal history, including the reading and interpretation of markings on covers and the analysis of rates.

June 28 ~ Regular Meeting

Exchange of information, Show & Tell and Auction

RPSC AGM & Convention

Do not forget this year's RPSC Convention which is being held in Waterloo, August 19 - 21. For details, see:

<http://www.kwstampclub.org/royal-2016-royale-national-stamp-exhibition/>