

PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

You will note that this month's Bulletin is a modified version of what normally goes out. Any errors or omissions are mine as I compile the WTSC Bulletin during Bob's temporary absence as editor.

As Omicron starts to diminish, we can hopefully soon set a date for a WTSC meeting at the Fairfield Centre, a welcomed Auction and Circuit Book evening. Despite not yet being able to meet face to face, I am sure you will agree that these past two years have a philatelic "silver lining." That "silver lining" might have enabled you to:

- Maximize "found" time, writing, mounting, and organizing your collections/ accumulations. And in this process recognize/ find a treasure as you research and work to understand a stamp or cover's significance or story.
- Build new and deeper personal connections and friendships with like-minded collectors and experts as you participated in the WTSC and the many other philatelic online sessions.
- Share philatelic items or knowledge online and when doing so, deepen your own understandings, broaden your collecting interests, or learn how to better display items in an album or exhibit.
- Become increasingly aware of the many superb dealer and national level philatelic websites/ and listings. Doing so increases your learning and depth of understanding, allowing you to better recognize significant items and gaps that exist in your collections or philatelic projects.
- Clear out/donate / find new homes for those dusty long-forgotten philatelic items that no longer capture your imagination /interest or ones you will never make time for.

For me personally the "silver lining" continues to be a time of digging deeper, doing more research as I write up my postal history projects and prepare PowerPoint presentations to share. As well, and probably more significant, has been building deeper and new connections with philatelic fiends and acquaintances.

What does your pandemic philatelic "silver lining" look like? Consider sharing a few sentences describing your "silver lining;" experience, new philatelic learning or found treasure to be included in next months WTSC Bulletin. (Text and images can be sent to sidmensinga@gmail.com)

February - Philatelic opportunities for WTSC members via Zoom.

1. **Learning Workshop, 7 p.m., Tuesday, February 1, 2022 - *Canada's Centennials: A significant definitive issue to study.*** The zoom link and reminder have been emailed to all members. The Learning Workshop for March 1 is detailed on pages 3&4.
2. **Discussion Group, 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 15, 2022 – *Show & Tell – Registered Mail.*** Again, an opportunity for member and guest participation. See pages 2 &3 for details about upcoming Discussion Group meetings.
3. **(RPSC) Stamp Talk and Stamp Panel sessions.** Registration in advance required. <https://www.rpsc.org/>
 - a. **Monday February 14** – Jean Wang – "*Pandemic Philately: Beyond COVID-19 Stamps*"
 - b. **Monday February 21** – "*Perfins and Precancels*"- Jim Graham, Gary Steele, Ron Pazdzeiski, Jon Johnson

CONGRATULATIONS to Lawrence Pinkney on his most interesting, informative article, "***Unauthorized Precancel Stamps and Covers***" published in the January 2022 "Maple Leaves Journal of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain".

CLOSED ALBUM

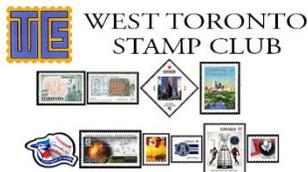
As recently communicated by email, we were saddened to learn that WTSC member Stan Shakespeare passed away Monday January 17, 2022, at the age of 96.

Stan, WTSC member # 907, joined the club in 1995/96. He served on the Board of Directors as Secretary for seven consecutive years (2005 to 2012), assisted with the auctions and was personally involved with the design of the 2010 WTSC 75th Anniversary logo and pin design.



Stan was an enthusiastic, active club member, a willing worker, whose kind manner, and fine sense of humour were always evident. His contributions to the club's success were significant. He will be missed and long remembered. I am sure you will all have your own fond memories of this fine gentleman and great philatelist and his many contributions to the West Toronto Stamp Club. Condolences have been extended to his family.

CAPEX 22 WHAT'S NEW <https://capex22.org/our-story/whats-new/>



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Society Spotlight

This is the first of a regular feature with the Spotlight on each Society participating at CAPEX 22. We are launching this special feature with the first SPOTLIGHT on the West Toronto Stamp Club. Click here for details. [Continue Reading >](#)

CAPEX 22 puts the spotlight on the WTSC as a participating society

As well as connecting viewers to our website, the spotlight details our WTSC Capex Seminar to be held Friday June 10 – 2-4 p.m.

The Title of our seminar is: "**The Local Stamp Club / Building Participation**"
The format will include Meet and Greet /Sharing and Discussion / Social Time

components.

Our seminar's intent is to show that a club that maintains a strong and vibrant program with diversified interests will not only survive hard times but will in fact grow to build a strong collaborative philatelic community with far-reaching influence and participation.

WTSC Capex 22 Exhibit Entries. Congratulations to Don Hedger, Garfield Portch, Mark Stelmacovich, and frequent guest Ingo Nessel whose exhibits have been approved to be exhibited at this International Level One Frame Stamp



Championship Exhibition. Attending [June 9-12, 2022](https://capex22.org/event/capex-22-international-one-frame-stamp-championship-exhibition/), will give you a "once in a lifetime" opportunity to see 400 plus international level world class exhibits. <https://capex22.org/event/capex-22-international-one-frame-stamp-championship-exhibition/>

CONGRATULATIONS- Exhibiting Excellence

At the Emirates 2022 stamp show that has just concluded, two West Toronto members were successful exhibitors: **Mark Stelmacovich**: The KLCs, Kylv's Souvenir Sheets (71 points) **Don Hedger**: A Canadian Soldier's Postcards (74 points). Well done gentlemen

UPCOMING DISCUSSION GROUP MEETINGS

The Discussion Group will continue using the current ZOOM format even if we are able to return to our 'in person' meetings. We have learned that the electronic format has extended the range of our meetings to include both Canadian coasts, several locations outside the Greater Toronto Area, and into the U.S.A. Not only do we obtain participation from these new members and guests, but we also extend our sources of available presenters.

If there is anything good that has come from COVID, this may be it.

The next meetings will be:

February 15: Registered Mail

A 'show & tell' with a specific theme will provide the format for this discussion. The registration of mail is a broad subject that is part of every nation's postal system. For this meeting we would like members and guests to provide a short presentation of some aspect of Registered Mail as it applies to their collection. Suggestions for mini topics could include stampless mail, special purpose stamps, registration markings, forwarding of registered mail, rates and routes. This subject is not restricted to North American topics.

March 15: Foreign Mail from Anywhere to Anywhere

Another member and guest 'show & tell' that will encourage attendees to show some of the magnificent covers that sit in every postal history collection. The only rule for this gathering is that material presented must be addressed to a destination outside the country of origin. Again, it is expected that presenters will show an extensive array of material that others would not have an opportunity to see under normal circumstances.

April 19: Trans Atlantic Airmail

Our presenter for this evening's meeting will be Chris Hargreaves, a recognized expert in the field of Canadian aerophilately. Further details and a synopsis of the presentation will be posted in next month's Bulletin.

May 17: Town Hall and CAPEX22

It has been traditional to set aside one meeting per year to provide our members with an opportunity to present feedback, comments, and requests. The opening segment of this meeting will provide that opportunity. Input is requested to ensure that the Discussion Group meetings and topics are meeting the interests and requirements of our members.

The second portion of this meeting will be a discussion of the upcoming CAPEX22, Canada's first international stamp show of the 21st century. The West Toronto Stamp Club is an active participant in this show through relationships with the organizing committee members, through participation via an information meeting scheduled for Friday afternoon, and through a number of members participating as exhibitors. This will be an event not to be missed.

MARCH LEARNING WORKSHOP

Beginning at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2022, via Zoom, our 6th virtual Learning Workshop of the 2021-2022 season is entitled "Salute to Admiral stamps of Canada."

The first definitives featuring King George V were introduced in Canadian post offices in December, 1911, nineteen months after he succeeded his father, the late King Edward VII.

Shown wearing the Royal Navy uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet, the vignette used for all of the regular "Admiral" stamps, plus coil, partially-perforated, imperforate, booklet and War Tax versions is an engraved composite based on two photographs. The vignette was prepared by the American Bank Note Company in Ottawa, which printed more than 15 billion of the stamps over 17 years.

Due to frequent postage rate changes, additional denominations were added, and some denominations were printed in different colours, to adhere to Universal Postal Union regulations.

The First World War interrupted supplies of ink pigments and high-quality steel from Europe — leaving the printers scrambling to find alternate supplies and regularly preparing replacement plates. Those shortages, the switch to dry printing, plus an increasing demand for stamps as Canada's population grew and mail use increased, resulted in specialty hobbyists identifying myriad varieties. While new discoveries are still made, several worthwhile books can be of great assistance for anyone launching a collection based on this fascinating topic.

Online sources include the Admiral Study Group of the British North America Philatelic Society. Check the website: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/admirals/ASG-About.htm>

Some "Admirals" are relatively easy to find and inexpensive, but those printed in limited numbers or with significant varieties can be difficult to obtain and pricey.

Club member Garfield Portch kindly offered to show his album pages, which will provide a very informative starting point for our evening. President Sid Mensinga also has particular "Admiral" interests, which he is eager to share. What aspects of this definitive issue could you share that would be of interest to fellow club members and guest participants?

With all this in mind, sign on at the appointed hour for what promises to be an admirable evening.

Ian Robertson



GTAPA REMINDER: The PhilaJournal is distributed in PDF format only, with no printed issues, and it is available via this link: <http://gtapa.org/philajournal>. If required, the individual pages and articles can be printed by the reader or a colleague with a printer.

FEB 6TH ANOTHER ZOOM OPPORTUNITY FOR WTSC MEMBERS AND GUESTS

The Canadian Aerophilatelic Society and the BNAPS Air Mail Study Group will hold a joint meeting

Feb 6, 2022, Sunday 11:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada) - Alec Globe ***How Research Furthers Knowledge about Canada's Semi-Official Airlines, 1924-1934.***

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87514781743?pwd=dnBZNDIyZG5ZWmdOSnhFTEhaazFIZz09>.

WTSC MARKETPLACE:

FREE/FOR SALE/WANTED

FREE – worldwide collection 3 large binders; stuck down but many can be soaked off and salvaged.

Contact Sid: sidmensinga@gmail.com

FOR SALE:

"Canada Post Offices 1755/1895" - Frank W.

Campbell- an invaluable reference for the serious Canadian Collector – *Quarterman Publications Inc* 1972 – **\$15 or best offer** Contact Sid:

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"The Squared Circle Postmarks of Canada" – Dr. W.G. Moffatt and G.F Hansen 1981 first printing edition – **\$15 or best offer on any of these books.**

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WANTED: Covers with corner cache "Harbord Stamp & Coin Store, 203 Harbord St., Toronto" - Circa 1925 – 1950. Contact Don Hedger at don.hedger@gmail.com

WANTED: – Vimy Pilgrimage (1936) FDCs, postcards, medals, badges, and ephemera. Contact Don Hedger at don.hedger@gmail.com

WANTED: Canadian Centennial covers 1967-1972 to foreign destinations other than Europe. Contact Sid at sidmensinga@gmail.com

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