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PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

The September Bulletin marks the beginning of the WTSC 2023/24 philatelic year. Another year with many opportunities for new learning and sharing knowledge, as well as renewing local and long-distance friendships.

Starting the philatelic year with an in-person meeting has long been the tradition at WTSC as a means to build and strengthen our local stamp collecting community. Our first meeting for the 2023/24 club year will take place Tuesday Sept. 12 at the Fairfield Centre, 80 Lothian Ave Etobicoke. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Please NOTE For September, as in past years, we will not have a Learning Workshop as it is the day following Labour Day.

Our four-summer excellent online sessions kept us connected with our online community. The Discussion Group and Learning Workshop sessions ("**The Postal History and Examples of Usage of Low Value Definitives**", "**Canada's First Issue: The Large Queens of 1868**", "**A Red-hot Topic**", and "**One-on-One.**") posted online at <http://www.westtorontostampclub.org/> were entertaining, interesting, knowledge filled, and definitely worth a second or perhaps a first look.

Members are reminded that September and October are the months to renew your WTSC membership. See Ted Swain's **FROM THE DESK OF THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR** note on page 3.

I am pleased to share that Bob Timberg will again be taking on the responsibility for the WTSC Monthly Bulletin beginning with the October Bulletin. That being the case; suggested content, questions about, or items to be included in future Bulletins should be directed to Bob at timberg@bell.net

I have enjoyed my role as editor but am pleased Bob is again healthy, able, and most importantly, again willing to take on this critical role. I, in turn, am happy to relinquish this additional responsibility knowing the WTSC Bulletin is in Bob's most capable hands.

Looking forward to your active participation as we anticipate a terrific 2023/24 year at the WTSC.

SEPTEMBER - PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR WTSC MEMBERS AND GUESTS



Sept. 12 - Auction & Circuit Book evening - In-person - Fairfield Centre.

Sept. 19 - DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, **Speaker Gregg Redner**, "Belgian pre-stamp mail - early sixteenth century up until 1849, when the first Belgian postage stamp was issued."

Sept 26 - Auction & member/vest pocket dealer tables - In-person - Fairfield Centre.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Frederick H. Froud
1921 – 2023

I first met Fred Froud at the (now defunct) Etobicoke Philatelic Society in October 1973. We had both turned up at that meeting to explore the possibility of joining a stamp club for the first time. As 'newbies' we sat together immersed in the new arena of organized philately.

I learned that Fred was a dental surgeon and that he and his wife Yvonne were long time residents of Etobicoke. I also learned of his interest in the postal history of Simcoe County (where he had a cottage), the history and postal history of World War II and of his additional collection of antique firearms.



This, I thought, is a man whose company I could really enjoy. In the fall of 1997 Fred and I along with a very few surviving members of a failing Club agreed to merge our members and resources with the West Toronto Stamp Club.

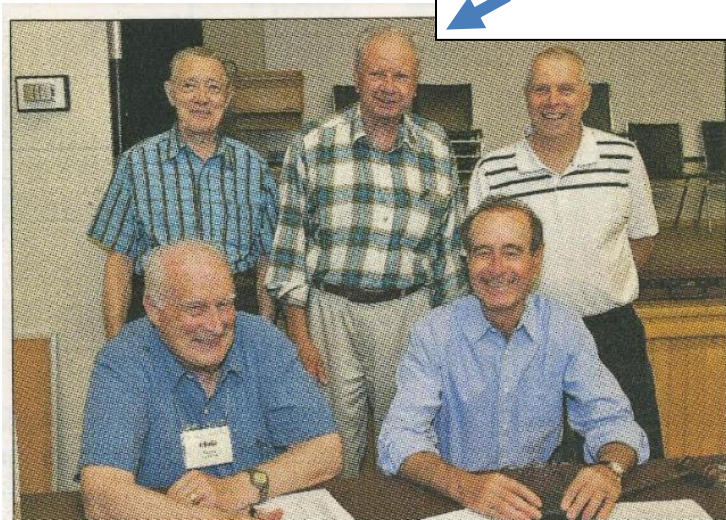
Over the next quarter century, Fred was a quiet, but active member. He and Yvonne, for many years provided coffee and cookies at all meetings and organized the Christmas dinners at the Canadiana Restaurant. Fred also served on the Club Board of Directors and generally pitched in whenever he thought he could be useful. After Fred passed his 95th birthday he began to slow down a bit. He gave up driving as his night vision deteriorated but was delighted to attend whenever I could provide chauffeur services.

On July 26, 2023, in his 102nd year Fred passed away at his home in the Kingsway. At his request, there was no visitation or funeral. A private service was held at Prospect Cemetery where he is now buried beside Yvonne.

I will miss Fred. We weren't really super-close but that 50-year friendship sure passed in a hurry.

Album Closed
GJP

Fred (WTSC member # 933) with some of his friends Aug 2011



Reay, Fred, Fred, Chris & Frank are members of the West Toronto Stamp Club

FROM THE DESK OF THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Greetings and I trust that everyone had a good summer and is looking forward to the renewal of activities as the West Toronto Stamp Club heads into its 2023/24 season.

Now is the time to renew your membership and I can save you money!! Renew now for the 2023/24 session for just \$15. After October 31st it will cost you \$20.

At our first in person meeting (scheduled for September 12th), I will be at the membership table and be happy to meet you and take your money!



Now I know that not everyone can attend in person, so following are some other ways you can renew your membership.

Payment can be made by e-transfer or by cheque.

Details are as follows:

E-TRANSFER: The WTSC email for e-transfer is: president@westtorontostampclub.org

CHEQUES: Make your cheque payable to WEST TORONTO STAMP CLUB

And send it to:

West Toronto Stamp Club

c/o Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation

10 Summerhill Avenue

Toronto, Ontario M4T 1A8

We have a great mix of members from both near and far. For those whom I don't see at my membership table, I look forward to seeing you on one of our great zoom sessions!

Happy Stamping!

Ted Swain

Membership Director

UPCOMING DISCUSSION GROUP TOPIC

September 19 will be a ZOOM Discussion Group featuring Gregg Redner as the speaker.

Join RPSC President, Gregg Redner for a discussion about how prepayment was indicated on pre-stamp mail. Over the past twenty years Gregg has amassed one of the largest collections of pre-philatelic Belgian covers in private hands. He will draw from this to illustrate the manner in which prepayment was indicated prior to the use of stamps. Gregg's talk will cover mail from the early sixteenth century up until 1849, when the first Belgian postage stamp was issued.



1842, Folding invoice from Belgium to Schiedam

CIRCUIT BOOK REPORT- Simon Cloughton

Thanks must go to the team members who helped with the circuit; Victoria Cloughton, Janice White, Lawrence Pinkney, and Ted Swain.

There were 23 members who had sales during the year.

The top 5 countries by total sales were; Canada, Great Britain, Netherlands, Newfoundland and Australia.

The top 5 countries by sales per page of available stamps were; Macau, Newfoundland, Western Australia, Morocco Agencies, and the Indian states.

Please check with the circuit team to see what other countries that have high per page sales that could have more pages in the circuit.



The 2022 - 2023 year was a good one, here a summary of the 4 years to date;

Year	Start	End	Sales
1	June 2017	June 2018	\$1,296.00
2	Sept 2018	June 2019	\$1,998.00
3 CoVid	Sept 2019	June 2022	\$1,870.00
4	Sept 2022	June 2023	\$1,860.00

Total sales to date \$7,024.00

We also had some successful visits to other clubs during the 2022 - 2023 year;

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sales</u>	<u>Event</u>
September 17, 2022	\$295.20	Owen Sound
November 4, 2022	\$383.10	Hamilton
March 1, 2023	\$143.80	North York
March 9, 2023	\$39.50	North Toronto
April 22, 2023	\$93.30	Wasaga
Totals	\$954.90	

We are on track to visit 5 or 6 clubs during the 2023 – 2024 year.

So far, we have;

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
September 14 th , 2023	North Toronto Stamp Club
September 20 th , 2023	North York Philatelic Society
September 23 rd , 2023	Owen Sound Stamp Club
	Circuit Book Fair
October 21 st , 2023	Woodstock Stamp Club

NOTES TO MEMBERS

- This year 5–6-year-old pages, and pages with most items sold, are being removed and returned to members. Total number returned is 1,498 pages.
- Members are encouraged to submit new pages for the coming season. Circuit Book templates are available online at <http://www.westtorontostampclub.org/meetings.htm#circuit-books>
- Completed pages should be brought to the Sept 12 meeting to take advantage of the 4 out of town trips planned by the Circuit Book team.
- **Note:** Stamps with low catalog value from the 1950's to 2000 from the following countries: Australia, Canada, Great Britain, and USA do not sell well. Classic period up to 1950 and new issues 2010 to 2023 usually do better.

GUIDELINES FOR FUTURE CIRCUIT BOOK SUBMISSIONS BASED ON OUR OBSERVATIONS OVER THE LAST 5 YEARS:

- *One country* only per page, preferably in Scott order (with a few pricing-related exceptions, as noted below).
- Stamps should have a minimum Scott value of 0.45-0.50. Sales are best when stamps in decent shape are priced at about 1/3 Scott (using a reasonably recent catalogue). High value slightly damaged or thinned stamps should be priced at less, at your discretion.
- Mint never hinged stamps should be in mounts. If using mounts, ensure that the stamp cannot fall out, by securing edges with tape that doesn't touch the stamp. Mint hinged can be put into circuit pages with hinges but try to place your hinge where the previous one was.
- Sets should be submitted in 102 or similar cards, and on our 1x3 or 1x2 pages. Smaller sets can be on cut-down 102s and entered on 2x3 or 2x2 pages.
- Don't mount a set individually and then price it as the whole set; other clubs have seen buyers take only the high value and price it at the average over the set. Put the whole set in a 102 or part thereof.
- Try to group all expensive stamps (greater than \$5) on a page of their own and don't put lower priced stamps on the same page; cheaper stamps that wind up in sequestered pages don't get sold easily. You can use pages with the number of cells required, if you have only a few valuable items, and mount them in an entire or cut-down 102 card.
- Note, pages with total value greater than \$40 are presented as photocopies and kept in the sequestered binder. Pages \$20 to \$40 are kept in page protectors. Try to keep cheaper stamps easily accessible to buyers, in pages with total sale value less than \$20.
- Use the WTSC circuit book page template that best fits the majority of the stamps. Don't crowd the stamps and be sure the catalog number and sale price are visible on all items.
- No unusual page formatting or non-standard page sizes. In the past we have accepted hand-made pages or pages repurposed from other clubs, but prefer not to do that any longer.
- If you have only a few stamps to submit for a country (less than two lines on the page) save them until you have more. If they are particularly special, just use a 2x3 or 2x2 page and cut-down 102 cards.
- Leave the fields at the top of the pages for date entered and page number *blank*; the book admins will add these.
- Punch your pages *before* mounting stamps; so as not to accidentally punch stamps. Try to keep punches balanced vertically (otherwise pages may stick out of the binder).
- If using hinges, use the full hinge; hinges cut in half don't hold well. Give your page a shake before submitting; if anything falls off you can repair it right away.

WTSC MEMBER PRESENTATION EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to WTSC member Douglas Hill for his recent online presentation entitled *An Introduction to Canadian Stamp Colours*.

This 33-min presentation is the first in the RPSC intermediate-level instructional videos for new collectors.

Topics include eras in Canadian stamp colours, the old UPU colour requirements, colour guides for individual sets, generic colour guides, colour changelings, missing colours, and colours revealed by UV light.

Our new RPSC President, Gregg Redner, is organizing these talks, and putting them on the new Royal Philatelic YouTube channel, intermediate collectors and young people are more likely to see them.

The link for the RPSC channel is https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvwbOtiJ54nxFej4R_9qONQ

The link to Douglas Hill's talk is

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-CVDZWYot3E&list=PLn9Xfv19Be6QYwillKgEbg4YPNFJdVJVH>



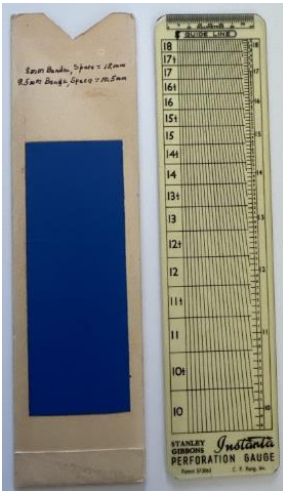
OCTOBER LEARNING WORKSHOP

Starting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023 via Zoom, our first virtual Learning Workshop topic of the 2023-2024 season is "Everything and anything that starts with G."

Choosing such subjects doesn't limit discussions to a single stamp. Gosh, no!

'G' countries: There are numerous countries with names beginning with the letter 'G', plus quite a few former stamp-issuing countries.

——'G' TERMS——



'Gauge': Flat plastic, cardboard or metal imprinted with lines and dots indicating a mathematical formula for determining the number of perforations in the space of two centimetres on a stamp.

'General collecting': Acquisition of stamps from anywhere.

'General Delivery': Mail addressed to a person in care of 'General Delivery' at a post office, where it can be picked up.

'Genuine': An unaltered mint or used stamp. When submitted for expertization, those that pass scrutiny are sometimes described as 'Genuine in all respects.'

Gibbons: An incorporated company founded in 1856 as a stamp store in Plymouth, England by Edward Stanley Gibbons. The current London-based Stanley Gibbons Group Plc produces catalogues and is a major stamp dealer.

Glassine envelopes, used to store stamps and for many years as strips in stock books, are made of tough, semi-transparent paper. Not recommended for long-term use due to possible discoloration of stamps.

'Good' can describe a stamp, cover, or postcard in decent condition, but it is also regarded as a lower-end term, exceeded by 'Fine', 'Very Fine' and 'Excellent'. Nonetheless, it can refer to a sound collectible, just not a top-ranker.

'Geometric Engraving' refers to a mechanically-controlled engine-turning carving system used to provide decorative scrolls and lines during plate preparation.



Graphite Lines, consisting of black lines printed with ink that includes a crystalline form of the element carbon, were applied to the backs of Queen Elizabeth II definitives Great Britain issued as an experiment to trigger mail-handling equipment between 1957 and 1959.

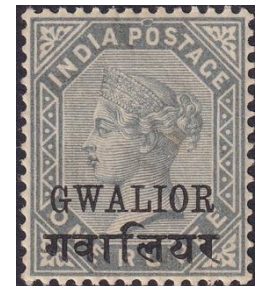
'Grill': Embossed letters applied to United States stamps between 1867 and 1871 by the National Bank Note Co. to prevent reuse, since the broken surface absorbed postmark ink. Some Peru stamps also had grills later applied by that firm.

'Guide Arrow': A narrow horizontal or vertical line imprinted on an engraved pane's edge, often applied as a guide for cutting sheets, which were sometimes left inadvertently at least in part on the edge of a stamp.

'Guide Dots' are microscopic dots on printing plates, which helped staff get stamp designs properly positioned. They are particularly noticeable on the bottom of Canadian 1870-1893 Small Queen definitives with Queen Victoria's portrait.



1889 Grenada 1883 7 1/2 d rate cover to London with a scarce Parish G mark



'Gum', the adhesive on the back of stamps which, when moistened, can be applied to envelopes or packages. Modern issues have self-stick gum, which requires a stamp to be peeled from its folder and pressed onto a surface. As for soaking free of paper in water, old-style adhesives were easier to get free, unlike some country's modern issues, which either won't yield or require special treatment — while Canada's versions, luckily, come unglued fairly easily. Most of the time.

'Gutter', the central part of a sheet divided into two or more panes printed with old-style perforations and moisture-activated gum, some with printing, some with blank surfaces.



'G' overprints: G-terms or initials representing government agency mail use have been applied to the fronts of stamps around the world, including a black 'G' on Canadian definitives starting in 1950 and ending with four Queen Elizabeth II 'Cameo' definitives in 1963. Another example in 1877 were 'G' letters on Cape of Good Hope stamps used in Griqualand West, before it joined the Cape Colony in 1880. Such overprints were intended to discourage private use and theft of stamps.

As with all Learning Workshops, we welcome the involvement of members and guests, so tune in and join in for another Great evening.

- Ian Robertson

OTHER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA: STAMP TALK AND STAMP PANEL SESSIONS. Registration in advance required. <https://www.rpsc.org/>

Sept.11th, 8 p.m. Duncan Barber, "GB Machins: an overview."

Sept.18th, 8 p.m., "Clubs and societies: why join in with organized philately?"



- **Sept 16** NTSC Bourse
- **Sept 21** Zoom meeting 7 pm Ken Pugh, Fakes and Forgeries of the Small Queens
- **Sept 28**, in person 7:30, Ian Robertson, The Stories Behind the Stamps. Ian will highlight aspects of his career as a stamp columnist.

Ian, Vice-President of the West Toronto Stamp Club, will talk about his longtime — 36+ years — as a freelance columnist and Consulting Editor with Canadian Stamp News. He has written more than 1,800 articles since March 1987, each edition including his Looking Back column, which tells stories about subjects on Canadian stamps. Second columns have three titles, the most frequent Stamping Grounds, which features a wide variety of topics, plus two occasional ones: News Briefs, about people and incidents in the news which are on stamps; and Pot Pourri, which contains hobby-related anecdotes. The NTSC meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Yorkminster Baptist Church on Yonge Street just north of the TTC's St. Clair subway station.

National Postage Stamp & Coin Show

September 9, 2023 to September 10, 2023

Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale, 6750 Mississauga Road, Mississauga, ON, L5N 2L3

Canada's best coin and stamp show features 50 dealers and more than 100 tables of coins, medals, tokens, banknotes, stamps, FDCs, postal history, postcards, militaria, coin and stamp supplies, and much more. The show opens on Friday with Colonial Acres Premier Auction on Friday and Saturday evenings. The bourse opens Saturday and Sunday. Check out the website for details on Seminars and other special events. Something for all ages, including the young collectors table and the popular Youth Auction.

Phone: 905-646-7744

Email: mwalsh@trajan.ca

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

WTSC MARKET PLACE: FREE/FORSALE/WANTED FOR SALE:

A collection of First Day Covers.

Canada: 1964-71 (112), 1972- 82 (58),1976-80 (79), 1980-81 (113), in four three ring binders.

US: 1948 68 (80), 1964-69 (23).

United Nations: 1964-68 (45).

One binder with a variety of FDC and early postmarked letters and postcards.

Ernest at

etypeprinter@gmail.com.

Contact me, and we can discuss the price.

Extensive, worldwide Princess Diana topical collection looking for a new home.

Contact Sid at sidmensinga@gmail.com

WANTED:

EKKO radio reception stamps for Canadian Radio stations



Issued by radio stations to confirm station reception.

circa 1920's. Mint; used; on cover or card.

Example CFCA 1921 became CFRB in 1928

Contact- Don Hedger; don.hedger@gmail.com

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