



Bulletin

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President Sid's Message

Our recent board meeting allowed your executive to plan for the next few months and to consider the upcoming year. Our membership is at an all time high and our finances are in good order. Our permit for the Fairfield Centre for 2019/20 has been finalized and paid, leaving ample reserves for future club activities. Members who wish specific financial details could request that information from club treasurer Lawrence Pinkney.

As we considered club activities over the next few months, the need to highlight the importance of volunteer time to ensure the ongoing success of WTSC is most timely. As president, I am most appreciative of our executive who continue to give of their creativity, time and efforts. As well, the incidental support given by members, as they see a job that needs to be done, is also appreciated and encouraged. However, over the next few months some incidental support needs to translate into a few hours of dedicated volunteer time. Thank you in advance as you consider how you might be able to give an hour or so of your time to enable the success of the events detailed in this message and newsletter.

This month you can be of help as Simon and Victoria bring our Club Circuit Books to a significant Multi-Cub Circuit Book Event to be held in Owen Sound on May 25. To make this happen, they need a few club members to help with setup and take down and to spend some time at the club table. Please contact Simon or Victoria as soon as possible if you can be of help. Plan to attend this great Circuit Book Event and at the same time volunteer an hour or so to enable WTSC participation.

As you are aware, WTSC is a co-sponsor of the Royal 2019 to be held on June 21 - 23. Not only is your attendance encouraged but also the club needs your volunteer time to ensure the success of this major philatelic event. There will be many small and some larger jobs where your assistance will be needed; these might include putting loot bags together, sitting at the ROYAL table, helping set up the exhibit frames, etc. Please contact Garfield to let him know how you might be of help to ensure the success of the ROYAL as we fulfill our responsibility as co-sponsors.

A highlight of the year is our Annual Club Exhibition to be held Tuesday, May 14. This should prove to be a most worthwhile evening as club members share

philatelic stories through a Single Page, Multi-Page or One Frame Exhibit. If you are keen to participate but have never exhibited, consider sharing from your collection in the Multi-Page (anything goes) category. As previously noted, exhibition information is on our website and fellow members are available to help.

A date to circle in your calendar is June 25, our Annual Pot Luck Dinner and Auction evening; it will be a great way to celebrate the success of the year at WTSC before we go our various ways for the summer. More details to follow.

Finally, congratulations to Doug Fraser, the winner of our Quotes on Stamps contest!

I look forward to your participation at this month's meetings.

May Activities

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

May 7 ~ Learning Workshop (starts 7 - 7:15)
Stamping Grounds - Where You've Been and Foreign Stamps You Bought

May 14 ~ Regular Meeting
Annual club exhibition

May 21 ~ Discussion Group (starts at 7)
This meeting will be a **member "show & tell" or "bring & brag"**, whichever is preferred.

May 28 ~ Regular Meeting
Club circuit books, exchange of information, show & tell, and auction

Board of Directors

President: Sid Mensinga
Vice-President: Ian Robertson
Past President: Frank Alusio
Secretary: Rhonda Kavanagh
Treasurer: Lawrence Pinkney
Membership: Patricia Blanchard

Directors: Simon Cloughton, Fred Colbourn, Jose Restrepo, Rob Taylor, Bob Timberg

Quotes on Stamps Contest

Congratulations to Doug Fraser (below left), the winner of our quotes on stamps contest. Doug receives a paid-up membership for the 2019 - 2020 club season.



Doug's choice was a 2001 Danish stamp, Scott # 1196 (above right). He explained that the stamp "quotes text from a book of children's verse by Halfdan Rasmussen. The Danish text, omitting accents, is: 'Ane lagde anemone i kanonen på Trekrøner. Ved det allerførste skud sprang Anes anemoner ud!' which translates as 'Ane put anemone flowers in the cannon in the tree tops. At the very first shot, Ane's anemones sprang out!' The purpose of the commemorative stamp was to celebrate and encourage the use of the Danish language."

Multi-Club Circuit Book Fair

Brought to you by the Grey, Bruce, Simcoe and Area Stamp Clubs

When - Saturday, May 25, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Where - St. Mary's High School, 555 15th Street East, Owen Sound, ON N4K 1X2

Description

- Circuit books from at least 10 different stamp clubs
- Door prizes, lunch counter
- Free admission and parking

Circuits attending - Owen Sound Stamp Club, WTSC, Hamilton Stamp Club, St Catharines Stamp Club, and others

2019 Shows (GTA & Vicinity)

ORAPEX 2019, the 58th edition of the **Ottawa RA Centre Philatelic Exhibition (ORAPEX)**, will take place in **Ottawa** on **May 4 - 5**.

<http://www.orapex.ca/>

Royal *2019* Royale, the 91st annual convention and AGM of the RPSC, will take place in **Mississauga** on **June 21 - 23**.

<http://rpscopyal.com/>

The **PHSC Symposium 2019** will take place in **Hamilton** and vicinity on **July 18 - 21**.

<http://www.postalhistorycanada.net/php/Symposium/>

BNAPEX 2019, the 2019 convention, exhibition and bourse of the British North America Philatelic Society, will take place in **Ottawa** on **August 30 - September 1**.

<http://www.bnaps.org/bnapex/bnapex2019-Ottawa/>

Trajan Media's **National Postage Stamp and Coin Show** will take place in **Mississauga** on **September 7 - 8**.

CANPEX 2019 will take place in **London** on **October 19 - 20**.

<http://www.canpex.ca/>

The Canadian Aerophilatelic Society's **Toronto Day of Aerophilately** will take place in **Toronto** at the Greene on **November 3**.

Annual Club Exhibition

The **annual club exhibition** will be held on **May 14**.

Three types of exhibits are welcome:

- Single page (for the Alusio Trophy)
- Single frame (for the Drake Trophy)
- Multi-page, open class (for the Allan Cup, to be determined by popular vote at the meeting)

Robert Pinet will be the guest judge.

Volunteers Needed

The club requires volunteers for two coming events, first in May and then in June.

On May 25, West Toronto is participating in a multi-club circuit book event in Owen Sound. Simon and Victoria, who manage our circuit books, would very much appreciate assistance in setting up and taking down the club table, and staffing it for an hour or so. If you can assist, please speak to them. Owen Sound is a great little town near the Bruce Peninsula on Georgian Bay. Not only will you have a chance to check out other club circuit books, you will be able to spend an afternoon in scenic rural Ontario.

The Royal will be held in Mississauga on June 21 - 23. WTSC is a co-sponsor. We need volunteers for various tasks, including setting up and taking down, setting up exhibits, staffing a table for an hour or two, etc. If you can assist, please speak to Garfield. If all of us help, even in a small way, we can ensure the Royal is a success.

April Discussion Group

Twenty-five club members met in the library of the Fairfield Centre on April 16 to hear Dr. Sam Chiu, FRPSC present his award-winning exhibit, Canada's C Force in Hong Kong, 1941 - 1945. Club members were treated to a fascinating presentation. Sam is one of the most accomplished exhibitors in Canada. His exhibits have received twenty Large Gold and forty-five Gold medals in national or international exhibitions.

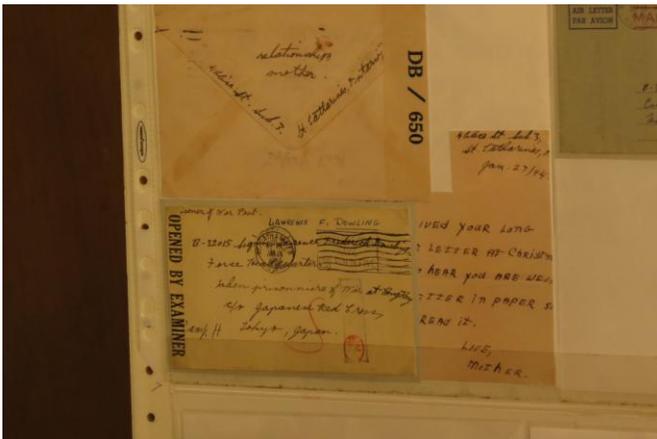
The following pictures from the meeting are courtesy vice-president Ian Robertson.



Setting up the exhibit



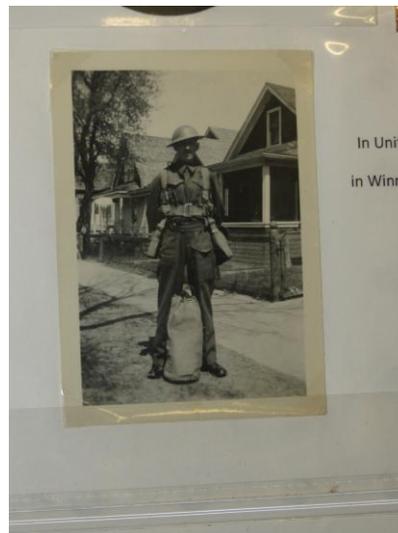
Discussing the exhibit



POW mail (Dowling correspondence)



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Soldier from the Winnipeg Rifles (the Rifles were part of C Force)



POW undergarments required by Japanese overseers

June Learning Workshop

The title for our eighth and final learning workshop of the 2018 - 2019 season, on Tuesday, June 4, is "A Good Cover Story".

This is a wide-ranging topic, which keeps the door open for as many members as possible to whet our appetites with interesting subjects from the depths of your collections — or right off the top, as the case may be.

Now let's see ... what kind of topics could we cover, so to speak?

How about ...

- 1) Interesting rate
- 2) Interesting recipient
- 3) Interesting or unusual destination, name or origin name
- 4) Stories that could be told by what is on the front or back, with postal markings such as 'Return to Sender', 'Insufficient Postage', 'Stamp fallen off', 'Not Called For', 'Mail Delayed Due to Postal Strike'
- 5) Folded letter
- 6) Wrapper
- 7) Cover from a relative
- 8) Cover whose contents have a significant personal meaning
- 9) Perfin stamp on cover, from a company or government agency
- 10) Precanceled stamp on cover

Bring your examples for another fun evening of show-and-tell and brighten our evening with related stories.

Or bring something not on this list.

And a big 'Thank You' to all members who gathered around the Learning Workshop table, to share interesting items from their collections, to listen with keen interest, make observations, and ask good questions.

Participation. That's what it's all about, folks.

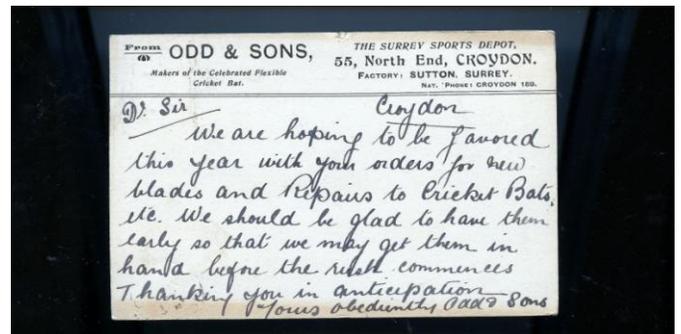
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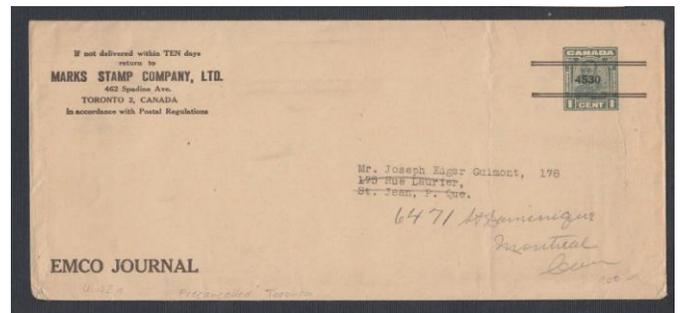
Mouth of Jemsege, N.B. postmark — in the 'Unusual Origin Name' category



Ship cancel on U.S. cover addressed to Oradell, NJ - marked 'Missent to Korea', in the 'Unusual Destination' category (even better, in the 'Howcum?' category)



That's Odd! 1910 business postcard from Odd & Sons, Makers of Celebrated Flexible Cricket Bat in Croydon, England - in the 'Unusual Name' category



Well-known 1930's Marks Stamp Company cover with precanceled 1-cent King George V postal stationery stamp overprinted with number 4530 identifying origin as Toronto, containing EMCO Journal, a popular stamp publication



'Interesting Person' category - 1986 letter from Pierre Trudeau's secretary, with ex-prime minister's autograph requested on index card; since envelope was mailed with free parliamentary privilege, a \$1 bill for postage was also returned

