



Bulletin

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President Sid's Monthly Message

November is a great time of year to pursue our hobby. I am spending many pleasurable hours sorting and pursuing my diverse other country collections / accumulations, and working hard to narrow and to better define them. What should I keep and build on? What should I get rid of?

What is your focus this month as you work on your collections, philatelic exhibits or research?

Are you:

1. Reviewing your philatelic goals for 2015/16, measuring your progress and if needed redefining what you wish to accomplish by putting revised / new specific action plans in place.
2. Increasing your knowledge by attending this month's discussion group.
3. Researching a topic at the Harry Sutherland library at the Greene.
4. Perusing a new to you philatelic website and sharing what you discovered.
5. Planning to share a resource you use or a new or interesting philatelic find or item from your collection at our regular meeting Show and Tell / Learn and Share times.
6. Going to add that special item to your collection by attending the last ever CSDA show - Canadian Stamp Dealers Association, November 6, 7 and 8, International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga.

As ardent stamp enthusiasts we are always interested in knowing what others are reading or working on. Consider sharing what you are working on with a fellow Club member. Thank you for sharing. I look forward to your participation this coming month.

Sid

Club Christmas Dinner

Plan to attend this year's Christmas festive get together and dinner on Friday, December 18 at the Canadiana Restaurant, Six Points Plaza, at 6:30 with dinner being served at 7. A great time will be had by

all as we kick off the festive season with fellow Club members and significant others. You will enjoy great conversation, and a delicious meal of roast beef, veal or salmon. There will also be a cash bar and great donated prizes. The cost will be the same as last year, \$30 per person. See Sid or Chris to sign up. Knowing actual numbers will help us complete the final planning for a great evening together.

Sid

Closed Album

It is with deep regret that we advise of the passing on September 12, 2015 of Club member and retired firefighter George Walford (# 1032). Our sincere condolences to his wife Eleanor, family and friends. George will be missed by all.

WTSC Board of Directors ~ 2014-2016

These are the sparkplugs who make things happen within the club and keep it functioning.

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Quote

The most interesting thing about a postage stamp is the persistence with which it sticks to its job.

Napoleon Hill (1883 - 1970)
American author

LAST REMINDER - Membership Renewal

The discount period has now passed and membership dues have reverted to \$20.00. Dues for new members are pro-rated based on the date of joining. Add \$5.00 for a family membership.

Payment may be made to Chris at Club meetings or via cheque sent to him at: Chris Edwards, 505, 63 Waterford Drive, Etobicoke, ON M9R 2N7.

If payment is not received by the end of November, you will be deemed to have resigned.

Currently we have sixty seven paid-up members, five new members, and eleven members still to renew, for a total active membership of eighty three. Four members have closed their albums for the last time, and one has resigned.

We welcome three new members: James Perrone (# 1050), Barbara Cantlie (# 1074) and John Tan (# 1075). Our sincere welcome to all.

Members are reminded to wear their name tags to meetings. Not everyone knows everyone else.

November Activities

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

Nov 03 ~ The Machin Study Group

Nov 10 ~ Regular Meeting

Exchange of information, Show & Tell and Auction

Nov 17 ~ Discussion Group

Guest Speaker: **John Wilson** (see opposite)

Nov 24 ~ Regular Meeting

Exchange of information, Show & Tell and Auction

Discussion Group (November 17)

Don't miss this session. Our guest speaker is Club member John Wilson who will speak on "The Postmaster Chops of Hong Kong". This is a brilliant piece of new research.

A Few Benefits of Membership in The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

Receive 6 issues per year of The Canadian Philatelist.

Become eligible to use The RPSC Sales Circuit as a buyer and a seller.

Have the right to participate and vote at the Society's AGM and to hold elected office.

Obtain insurance coverage for your collections at the lowest of group rates.

Access to the members-only website including access to the last 5 years of TCP magazine (not available to non-members).

View TCP on-line before it arrives in the mail.

Exhibit at the Society's annual convention and at international exhibitions (only open to members).

Contact Canada Post through the Society's liaison director.

Access a theft protection network if necessary.

Obtain advice on the disposition of collections.

Do not forget the Christmas Dinner!

