



Bulletin

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President Sid's Message

In preparation for our upcoming "Admirals" Learning Workshop on November 7, I have started to read in earnest Hans Reiche's book *Canada: The Admiral Stamps of 1911 to 1925*. This book, a follow up to George Marler's initial and more detailed work on the *Admiral Issue of Canada*, is easy to read yet full of detail to help one get a better grip on the Admiral accumulation/collection many of us will have in our stamp rooms/dens.

For example, Reiche clearly answers the question, if the stamp has a straight edge, is it from a booklet or is it a sheet stamp. He also provides significant information about hairlines and re-entries.

Reading Reiche's and Marler's definitive works is more than just informative. They help us appreciate the phrase "knowledge is power" as it relates to the Canadian Admiral Issue of 1911-1925. As I am sure you would agree, building and making use of one's personal stamp library provides great pleasure.

This month's learning workshop should be most informative as we look forward to the knowledge and philatelic items members will bring to share and show to all of us.

I look forward to your participation this coming month.

WTSC Christmas Dinner- Friday, December 8

Be sure to circle this date on your calendar and plan to attend the WTSC **Christmas festive get together and dinner**, at the **Canadiana Restaurant, Six Points Plaza**. Plan to **arrive between 6:00 and 6:30**. **Dinner is at 7**. If last year was any indication, a great time will be had by all as we visit with fellow club members and their significant others while enjoying a delicious festive meal together. There will also be a cash bar and many donated prizes. The cost will be \$35 a person, a slight increase from last year. Sign up during the upcoming meetings or contact Sid at sidmensinga@gmail.com

Sid

Membership Renewal

REMINDER – Please renew your membership. Dues are unchanged from last year - **\$15.00 if paid by October 31, and \$20.00 thereafter.** For each additional family member, add \$5.00.

Payment may be made to Patricia Blanchard at club meetings or via cheque payable to West Toronto Stamp Club mailed to her at 84 Gulliver Crescent, Brampton, ON L6S 1S9. **If payment is not received by November 30, you will be deemed to have resigned.**

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Titanic Letter

A letter written aboard RMS Titanic by a first class passenger has sold at auction for £126,000. For the story, see:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/10/22/titanic-letter-recovered-first-class-passengers-body-sells-world/>

November Activities

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

Nov 7 ~ Learning Workshop (starts 7 – 7:15)
An Admirable Stamp Series

Nov 14 ~ Regular Meeting
Club circuit books, exchange of information, show & tell, and auction

Nov 21 ~ Discussion Group
Guest speaker **Joe Trauzzi** from the Bramalea Stamp Club will present on **The Royal Visit of 1937**.

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

Discussion Group Schedule (January – June)

January 16 ~ Various

Exhibiting Workshop - This workshop is intended to provide assistance to those planning to enter an exhibit in the club exhibition in May.

February 20 ~ Dr. Jean Wang

The Story of Blood – Jean is from the North Toronto Stamp Club and is a member of the PSSC. She will present her award-winning exhibit.

March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19 ~ TBA

December Learning Workshop

“EFOs” is the topic of our third Learning Workshop of the 2017-2018 club season. This has nothing to do with space aliens and what their albums may contain, though Star Trek and Star Wars on stamps is a hot topic in recent years, especially with Canada Post the past two years. EFO refers to “Errors, Freaks and Oddities.”

In the 177 years since Great Britain introduced postage stamps, millions and millions of stamps have been produced around the world. Despite care and attention to quality, mistakes have happened during printing runs. Many were caught, many were not.

Collectors looking for perfect examples tended to overlook off-centre, misperforated stamps and those with colours wandering all over the surface. Other collectors, including some of our members, perhaps more than you might imagine, have enjoyed collecting such oddities because they don't quite fit into the normal pattern of collecting.

But what is normal? There really are no restrictions, though guidelines are certainly helpful. What this all boils down to is an emphasis on having fun. And sharing it with others. That's the basis for this month's subject.

Whether you want to show members your stamps that fit the EFO category, or odd covers, there really is no limit.

So come, one and all, to our Tuesday, December 5 learning workshop. It will provide a great opportunity to salute this fine subject. Doors open at 7. Come early, get a good seat and prepare to tell us about your interesting sideline. Even alien subjects will be welcome.

Ian

Examples of EFO's

Queen Victoria \$1 Canadian revenue stamp, with bottom margin sliced instead of perforated



13-cent JFK U.S. stamp 'became' a 3-cent stamp when '1' was eliminated by vertical perf shift



1975 Canadian definitive with major shift of red colour on Maple Leaves, minor shift of green colour on adjacent 1-cent



1-cent 1901 U.S. 'Fast Lake Navigation' stamp show dramatic shift of black engraving, putting ship on upper left of green oval frame



2-for-1 EFO - A 1930-31 2-cent 'jumbo' margin KG V definitive with a misplaced 'Peterboro' precancel overprint



3-cent U.S. Mail Train movie prop stamp from a set banned in 1946 after one was used on an envelope by a collectibles-seeking sender



Dramatic pre-printing paper fold on two British half-pence Queen Victoria definitives in block-of-four



Bangladesh unaddressed cover with round, perforated bird stamps



Oversized 'Jumbo' Canadian six-cent Small Queen definitive



