



Bulletin

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President Sid's Monthly Message

Fall is upon us. The various greens of summer are giving way to vibrant reds, oranges and yellows. Soon we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. As residents of this great democratic country, we have much to be thankful for. At the national level, we have the right to vote, and the right to freely associate, to name but two. And our freedoms are protected by a Charter.

At the Club level, we have much to be thankful for too. Our Club is a success due to the continued efforts of many members.

Our auctions under the able leadership of Reay continue to be a highlight. They are profitable to both sellers and buyers, and entertaining to all. My sincere thanks to Reay and all who work with him.

Our Discussion Group is off to an excellent start. Club member Dr. Robert Galway's presentation last month was most interesting and informative and has us looking forward to part 2 in February. This month we are fortunate to have another Club member, Lawrence Pinkney, speaking to us on the Large Queens. It never ceases to amaze me how lucky we are to have members with expertise who are willing to share and educate, and I'm sure we've only scratched the tip of the iceberg. My sincere thanks to Garfield for arranging this year's discussion group program and the newly designed brochure. If you haven't picked up a program brochure, please be sure to do so.

As well, many thanks to everyone who participates in the Show and Tell / Learn and Share during our regular meetings. If you have an interesting philatelic item, or news to share, consider doing so this coming month.

Finally, but not least, the Machin Group has a real treat in store for all of us. Robin Harris is in town to speak at their meeting. See the next page for details.

Over the past month I had the pleasure of chatting with a number of members who are topical or thematic collectors. It was most interesting to learn about the scope of your collections and why you collect a particular theme or topic. For those wanting to learn more about this type of collecting, check out the following links:

<http://www.americantopicalassn.org/>

<http://www.djmcadam.com/thematic-stamp-collecting.html>

I am saddened to have to advise of the recent passing of long time and valued member, Victor Skidra (# 937). Victor was a keen exhibitor, winning the Club's Ted Allan Cup for his multi-page exhibits (2003 and 2005) as well as a Bronze at the Royal 2010 for his 2-frame exhibit on Latvian literature. Our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

I look forward to meeting you at our meetings this month. Enjoy your time with us as you continue to build your collections and your philatelic friendships. As always, please feel free to speak to me at any time, on anything, and to pass on any and all suggestions.

Sid

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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REMINDER - Membership Renewal

Membership dues remain unchanged from last year - \$15.00 if paid by October 31, and \$ 20.00 thereafter. **If you renew now, you save \$5.00.** For a family membership, add \$5.00. Dues for new members are pro-rated based on the date of joining.

Payment may be made to Chris at Club meetings or via cheque sent to him at 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.

As of September 30, our paid-up membership stands at 59, including 2 new members: Ian Robertson (# 1072) and Baird Kechtel (# 1073). Our sincere welcome to both. We hope you enjoy the Club.

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

October Activities

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

Oct 06 ~ The Machin Study Group

Guest Speaker: **Robin Harris** (see below)

Oct 13 ~ Regular Meeting

Exchange of information, Show & Tell and Auction

Oct 20 ~ Discussion Group

Guest Speaker: **Lawrence Pinkney** (see below)

Oct 27 ~ Regular Meeting

Exchange of information, Show & Tell and Auction

Machin Study Group & Robin Harris

Robin Harris will speak to the Machin Study Group on "Simplifying the Machins" (October 6).

Later in the week he will speak on the "History of the Unitrade Catalogue (Meet the Editor)" (October 7) at the VGG Foundation, and on "Lowe-Martin Serpentine Die Cutting" (October 8) at the North Toronto Stamp Club. Both are free and open to the public.

Discussion Group (October 20)

Don't miss this session. Our guest speaker is Club member **Lawrence Pinkney** who will speak on "An Introduction to the Large Queens of Canada". This presentation will provide an overview of the stamps of the Large Queen definitive issue of 1868, as well as the complex issue of paper types.

Dr. Robert Galway

Those of you who attended the September Discussion Group meeting were treated to a memorable presentation by Club member Robert Galway. Although this newsletter will arrive too late for members to attend, Dr. Galway spoke on Saturday, October 3 at 1 pm to the Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society on "The Early Airfields of Toronto: de Lesseps to de Havilland and Beyond" (Canadian Forces College, 215 Yonge Boulevard (at Wilson Avenue), Toronto).

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.