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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Winthrop S. Boggs opens his book "The Foundations of Philately" noting that "The value of a hobby is to off-set the strain of modern life". I trust that your passion for stamp collecting and your growing interest in the many aspects of this hobby provides you with rest relaxation and many / some enjoyable hours during this winter season. For me building a philatelic library, cruising various philatelic web sites provides endless hours of fun and learning. The publication noted above is well worth the read and is available from the Vincent Greene Foundation library.

At our recent discussion group evening, one of our members shared amazing detail regarding the ill-fated London to London flight of 1927. If you have an interest in aero philately, be sure to check out this web site.

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

Commitment and dedication are always noteworthy. Thank you to our club historian and archivist Frank for providing us with interesting club historical information as we approach WTSC's 80th Birthday on March 10, and for challenging each of us to put together a one page show and tell item or exhibit honouring Sir John A. Mc Donald whose 200th birthday coincides with that day. What will you share on the 10th?

As you plan your show and tell and consider how you will participate in this year's exhibit opportunities in May, you will want to be sure to attend this month discussion group session when Frank will present Part 2 on Exhibiting. And finally, yes coffee is important: thank you to **Art Leduc** for ensuring that yes there will be coffee and treats at our regular meetings. If you can be of assistance let him know.

MEMBERSHIP

As at the end of January 2015, the current membership is as follows:

At the end of August 2014			78
Renewals	75	(+)	
Reinstated	2	(+)	
New members	9	(+)	
Resigned	1	(-)	
Closed Album	1	(-)	
Members paid-up to date			84

There are still two (2) members who have not yet renewed. The Club welcomes new members

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

All meetings are held on Tuesday evening.
Doors open 6:30 pm, meeting start 7:00 pm.

Feb. 03 ~ The Machin Study Group, under the leadership of David Gooderham, will meet at 7:00 pm. (Room 1)

Feb. 10 ~ Regular Meeting, Exchange of information, Show-&-tell and Auction. The Auction starts at 7:15 pm.

Feb. 17 ~ Discussion Group. The session will focus on "Mounting stamps and other postal philatelic elements for exhibiting."
(See below)

Feb. 24 ~ Regular Meeting, Exchange of information, Show-&-tell and Auction. The Auction starts at 7:15 pm.

80TH ANNIVERSARY PROJECTS



1. History ~ The Club's Historian Frank Alusio has assembled a document showing ALL the Officers of the Club from 1935 to 2015. This labour of love is attached to this bulletin as part of sharing the history with the membership.

2. Single-page Display ~ Frank has launched a challenge to the members of the Club to assemble a Single-page showing Sir John A. Macdonald.

Why all this? Because there is a coincidence. 2015 not only is the 200th birthday of the first Prime Minister of Canada and one of the Fathers of Confederation, but also the 80th anniversary of West Toronto Stamp Club. Are you preparing one? Let's see how many of you will respond to the challenge. Bring the page to the Club on the evening of 10 March 2015 - the actual day of our Club's anniversary.

HOW-TO

One of the activities associated with our hobby is how-to mount stamps and other philatelic elements for display. The February 2015 Discussion Group session will focus on this subject. The discussion will be in the form of Power Point presentation and hands on demonstration conducted by an experienced collector and national and international exhibitor

