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President Sid's Monthly Message

Each month continues to be filled with opportunities to get deeper into this hobby of ours. We might do that by searching for those elusive treasures, by expanding and sharing our philatelic knowledge, by taking on a new or expanded responsibility within the philatelic community and or by participating in a philatelic contest or exhibition.

May 2015 was such a month. A number of events this past month deserve special recognition and celebration.

On May 12 we again had a very successful WTSC Annual Exhibition. A special thank you to Frank Alusio, our exhibition chair, for his leadership and enthusiasm and for encouraging us to exhibit and to share our philatelic knowledge and interests. The Presentation of Awards -The Drake Trophy, The Ted Allen Cup and The Frank Alusio Plaque will take place in June 9th. Some of the exhibits will be posted on our Web-Site shortly.

The May 22, 23, 24 Annual Convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada was well attended by our members. Those I spoke to agreed that we were fortunate to peruse many incredible exhibits. The research and depth of knowledge shared was impressive. At our recent meeting I was especially pleased to announce that member Mark Stelmacovich won a Vermeil for his multi-frame exhibit, "Contemporary Ukrainian Provisional Postage Stamps". Thank you Mark for sharing the highlights of your winning exhibit with us.

Garfield's brief report of the Convention made me realize and reflect on the fact that WTSC members are significant players and positively support our national society and its annual convention. Many of you are members of the Royal, a good number attended the convention, and two of our members Peter Piszko and Rob Taylor were dealers at the convention ready to provide attendees with the opportunity to find those elusive treasures. As well a few of members provide significant leadership. WTSC member Robert Timburg, executive manager of the Royal, made special mention of Garfield Portch for his outstanding work in the national office. As well four of our members, Frank Alusio, Peter Butler, Garfield Portch, and Charles Verge are Fellows of the Royal. As Fellows they chair and sit on various committees and promote Canadian philately extensively both in Canada and Internationally. We are fortunate to have them as active members of our club. <http://www.rpsc.org/>

On May 27th at the GTAPA AGM, I as one of the three judges was pleased to present one of two GTAPA Literary Awards to member Mattia Guida for his article

"The fantasy bogus stamps of Cerigo" published in the Philajournal. Congratulations Mattia and thank you to those of our members who are regular and sometime contributors to the Philajournal.

As we look to June; not to be missed will be the VGG Anniversary Celebration Open House June 20th and the June 24th Harry Sutherland Philatelic Lecture with Dr. John Barwis. Contact the VGG for tickets. (Yes rumours of another BOOK SALE on the 20th are TRUE!) <http://www.greenefoundation.ca/>

The month of June will undoubtedly be another terrific month at WTSC. I will craft a final President's message at the end of the month to allow us to recognize and celebrate the philatelic accomplishments of the month and to point us to a restful summer and the upcoming philatelic year at WTSC.

2015 Annual Exhibition

The 62nd Annual Stamp Exhibition took place on 12 May 2015 in the Fairfield Seniors' Centre Auditorium.



Coordinated by Frank in collaboration with Sid Mensinga and Garfield Portch the committee brought together seven (7) members who participated with sixteen (16) entries:

- 7 with Single-pages,
- 4 with Multi-pages, and
- 5 with One-frame.

The total pages on display were 112.

35 members were in attendance. A ballot was then distributed to all attendees to cast their preferences. After the counting, the popular vote chose:

- Single-page ~ Garfield Portch for displaying "The Royal William"
- Multi-page ~ Sid Mensinga for displaying "Competition for Air Mail Service Amsterdam to Dutch Indies"
- One-frame ~ Don Hedger for displaying "Epic of Vimy - A Canadian Pilgrimage."

Congratulations are extended to all exhibitors for sharing their efforts and showing the other dimension of our exiting hobby with fellow members. The presentation of the three awards and certificates will be made at the Regular Meeting of June 9.

Membership

Chris Edwards, our Membership Officer, reports that as at the end of May 2015 the number of paid-up members has grown to 94. Here is the breakdown:

End of August 2014		78
Renewals	76	
Reinstated	3	
New members	15	
Members paid-up to end of May		94

A friendly welcome is extended to:

Yun Shen Bau
Moshe Traikovic
Ken Mark

who recently have joined our Club.

June Activities

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

Jun 02 ~ The Machin Study Group,
 7:00 pm. (Room 1)

Jun 09 ~ Regular Meeting ~ Exchange of information, Show-&-tell and Auction.
 The Auction starts at 7:30 pm. (Auditorium)

Jun 16 ~ Round Table Discussion ~ members are encouraged to attend and suggest topics for discussion or presentations in order to schedule the activities for 2015-16.

Jun 23 ~ Regular Meeting ~ Exchange of information, Show-&-tell and Auction.
 The Auction starts at 7:30 pm. (Auditorium)



After another great 2014-15 philatelic season, the Club will pause for the months of July and August. But, will resume on **September 1** with another exciting program.

The Coffee Club group will continue to meet weekly.

Whatever you have
 planned to do
ENJOY IT!



Life is like an ice
 cream;
 enjoy it before it
 melts.

