



Bulletin

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President Sid's Monthly Message

This month, the first of our Club season, is a perfect time to focus and set goals. Consider listing the 2 or 3 goals you want to achieve this year as a collector or philatelist, then decide what you must do to achieve success. If you are like me, you will have to change "I will try" to "I will".

Your goals might include, I will:

1. go through my collection to create a detailed want list to fill specific holes or gaps;
2. delve deeper into a definitive series by writing up what I have and know, and want to learn;
3. remount or mount parts of my collection by designing and using my own pages;
4. build my personal philatelic library and at the same time make better use of the Harry Sutherland Library at the Greene Foundation;
5. assemble the components for a one-page or multi-page or one-frame exhibit so that I will be ready come May to participate in the Club's Annual Exhibition;
6. join a new study group or philatelic society;
7. seek out a mentor, or be a mentor myself.

Consider sharing your goals and plans with the Club. Who knows, you may develop new friendships, and you might find those items you've been looking for.

I have two announcements. First, after many years of diligent and great work, Frank Alusio is stepping down as editor of the Bulletin. He is turning over his pen, so to speak, to Rob Timberg. I want to sincerely thank Frank for everything he has done to make the Bulletin what it is today, and to welcome Rob to the role. Frank is remaining on the board as a director, and treasurer, so will continue to be available to provide valuable assistance and advice.

Finally, it is with considerable regret that I have to advise of the passing of long time and valued member, and friend to many, Gord Payne (# 893). Gord passed away peacefully on Monday, September 7, 2015 in his 90th year. Our sincere condolences to his family and friends. Gord will be greatly missed.

I look forward to meeting you at our meetings. Let's do everything we can to make this a great year! And as always, please feel free to speak to me at any time, 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.

President: Sid Mensinga
Vice-President: Chris Edwards
Past President: Frank Alusio
Secretary: Rhonda Kavanagh
Treasurer: Frank Alusio
Membership: Chris Edwards

Directors: Fred Colbourn, Art Leduc, Rob Taylor, Vijay Vijayakumar

Appointees: Reay Cairns (Auctions); Garfield Portch (Program); Denzel Fernandes (Webmaster); Rob Timberg (Bulletin Editor)

Board Meeting

The Board held its summer meeting on August 25, 2015. Highlights of the meeting include:

Auctions ~ Reay Cairns presented a summary of the auctions that took place during 2014-15 Club year.

- 1,585 lots were submitted and 1,075 sold.
- The total sale price was \$6,220.50.
- The average lot selling price was \$5.79.
- The Club's commission was \$565.30.

Membership ~ Chris Edwards presented membership stats as of the end of the Club year (August 31): renewed members 78; new members 16; closed album 1; making for a total membership of 93 as of the end of August.

Finances ~ Frank Alusio presented various financial reports as at the end of August 2015 including:

- Summary – The Club is solid financially.
- Statement of Income and Expense: Income of \$3,723.94, Expense of \$3,442.49, for a Surplus of \$381.45.
- 2015-16 Budget – Income and Expense are anticipated to be \$2,875.00

Copies of the reports are available to members upon request

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.

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

September Activities

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

Sep 01 ~ The Machin Study Group

Sep 08 ~ Regular Meeting

Exchange of information, Show-&-Tell and Auction

Sep 15 ~ Discussion Group

Guest Speaker: **Dr. Robert Galway** (see below)

Sep 22 ~ Regular Meeting

Exchange of information, Show-&-Tell and Auction

Discussion Group (September 15)

Don't miss this session. Our guest speaker is **Club member Dr. Robert Galway** who will speak on "The formative years of air transport in Canada, and the early days in the history of air mail". This will be an introduction to the world of semi-official airmail and the people, companies and aircraft who made it all possible.

Events Coming in October

As advised by President Sid in his September 1 FlashInfo, circle October 6, 7 and 8 in your calendars.

Robin Harris will be in Toronto speaking on "Simplifying the Machins" (October 6 at the West Toronto Stamp Club), "History of the Unitrade Catalogue (Meet the Editor)" (October 7 at the Greene Foundation), and "Lowe-Martin Serpentine Die Cutting" (October 8 at the North Toronto Stamp Club).

Canadian Stamp News

The latest issue of CSN (September 22 – October 5) has a philatelic profile of Susan Butler, editor of the GTAPA PhilaJournal, and wife of Club member Peter Butler. Mentioned in the profile are Club members Garfield Portch and Frank Alusio, past editors of the PhilaJournal.