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Rob Timberg, Editor

President's Message

After a long period as Editor, it has come time for me to turn over the reins. I want to introduce our new Editor, Rob Timberg, and thank him for taking on the task. Please give him the same support and assistance you gave me. I will stay connected to you through a President's message from time to time in the Bulletin.

Welcome to a new philatelic season! I anticipate and look forward, as I know you do, to a season filled with renewing friendships, swapping ideas and information, acquiring and disposing of philatelic material, presentations by special guests and in-house experts, our annual three-level stamp exhibition, and much, much more.

All that we do would not be possible without the dedication of "spark plugs" on our Board and elsewhere in the Club, including Don Hedger, Reay Cairns, Chris Edwards, Fred Colbourn and Garfield Portch among others.

All of us need to keep the hobby alive and well. Together, we can be a powerful force. Your active support and participation will enable us to deliver a program interesting to all, as efficiently as possible, and at the same time attract new members.

Let the "world" know about our Club, one of the more vibrant in the GTA. Be an ambassador. Tell people you are a stamp collector associated with a great Club. Promote the hobby, and at the same time make our Club more visible.

Have a great philatelic season!

Frank

From the Editor

The WTSC is known for the quality of its Bulletin (Vermeil Award, 2006 APS Chapter Newsletter Competition for Single-page). I look forward to continuing the tradition of excellence. Enjoy!

Financial Update

President Frank Alusio conducted the annual financial audit of the Club's books at the home of the Treasurer, Fred Colbourn.

The financial records maintained by the Treasurer, and the Club's transactions, were found to be satisfactory.

2011-12 was another positive year. Although expense (\$3,071.11) slightly exceeded income (\$2,740.76), the deficit (\$330.35) was due mainly to the unplanned purchase of a computer and projector (\$573.66) for use by the Club.

In the opinion of the Auditor, the Summary, Statement of Income and Expense, and Reserve General Fund, of the WTSC for the year ending August 31, 2012 represent fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Club.

The Annual Financial Report was approved by the Board of Directors, as was the Operating Budget for the upcoming 2012-13 year.

The 2011-12 Financial Report is available to members upon request.

GTAPA News

The WTSC representatives to the Greater Toronto Area Philatelic Alliance are George MacLean and Garfield Portch. All members of the Club are invited to attend any GTAPA Board meeting to get first-hand knowledge of what is happening in philately in the Greater Toronto Area.

The GTAPA Board meets at the Greene Foundation on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. A number of members and guests often meet beforehand at Pauly's Pub (across Yonge Street) for dinner and conversation.

Garfield or George would be happy to speak with you if you're interested in attending a meeting, or you just want to learn more about the GTAPA.

RPSC

The WTSC continues to be a strong supporter of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada with about 25 Club members having membership in the Royal.

Our Club is also well represented at the national level. Frank Alusio continues as Vice President, Peter Butler is the National Office Director, and Garfield Portch is an ex-officio Board member.

All WTSC members should seriously consider membership in the Canada's National Stamp Club.

Machin Study Group

The Machin Study Group is now in its 2nd year of operation. It has more than 20 members with about 14-15 attending regularly.

All are still in learning mode. There are no real experts although some members are becoming quite advanced.

The Study Group welcomes new members, whether already collecting Machins or not.

The Group meets in the Fairfield library the first Tuesday of each month, except July and August, and January 1, 2013, which is New Year's Day.

War of 1812

To celebrate the bicentennial of the War of 1812, the Government of Canada has created a website, one page of which, Philatelic Perspective, lists a few Canadian stamps dealing with the War. Paste this link into your browser to view the page: http://1812.gc.ca/eng/1311275440451/13112760784_07

Canada Post also celebrated the bicentennial with a se-tenant stamp (see below), issued June 15, 2012, showing British Major-General Brock and War Chief Tecumseh face-to-face. This issue is the first in a series marking the bicentennial.

As well, the Essex & Community Historical Research Society has opened a philatelic page dealing with the War on its site. (The page is sometimes down for maintenance; if you are unable to access it at first, try again another day.) Paste into your browser: <http://www.echrs.org/1-14.pdf>



Membership/Annual Dues

As of the end of the 2011-12 Club year (August 31), according to Membership Officer Chris Edwards our membership stats are as follows.

Summary		
End of 2010-11		77
Resigned	8	
Deceased	3	
New members	18	
End of 2011-12		84

Sadly, three of our members closed their albums for the final time this past year: Roger Johns (306), Hubert Werner (650) and Dr. Ross Johnson (1025). Our sincere condolences to their families.

The 2012-13 membership fee is now due to Chris. Renewals paid by October 31 are \$15.00, and \$20.00 thereafter. Please help the Club, and yourself, by renewing promptly.

Auctions

Please note, vendors wishing to have items displayed on the Club's auction page must supply scans, descriptions and tags to Messrs Cairns and Taylor well in advance of sale day. Sale items are due to Reay by auction day. No more than 5 walk-in (last minute) items per vendor are allowed per auction. Members will be issued name tags for use.

Sept — Oct 2012 Calendar		
All activities are on Tuesday (doors open 6:30 pm)		
Sept 04	7:00 pm	Machin Study Group
Sept 11	7:00 pm	Regular meeting and auctions, including reports from directors
Sept 18	7:00 pm	Discussion Group (various): "The Tools of our Hobby: An overview on specialized catalogues, perforation gauges, colour guides, UV lamps, scopes, etc."
Sept 25	7:00 pm	Regular meeting and auctions, including short information session
Oct 02	7:00 pm	Machin Study Group
Oct 09	7:00 pm	Regular meeting, show-and-tell, and auctions
Oct 16	7:00 pm	Discussion Group (Rob Taylor): "e-Bay: The Online Auction Web Site: Review of site, how it works, etc."
Oct 23	7:00 pm	Regular meeting and auctions, including short information session