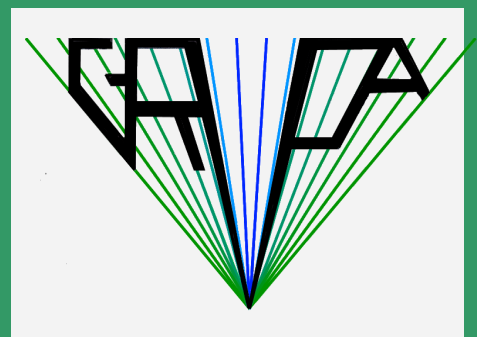


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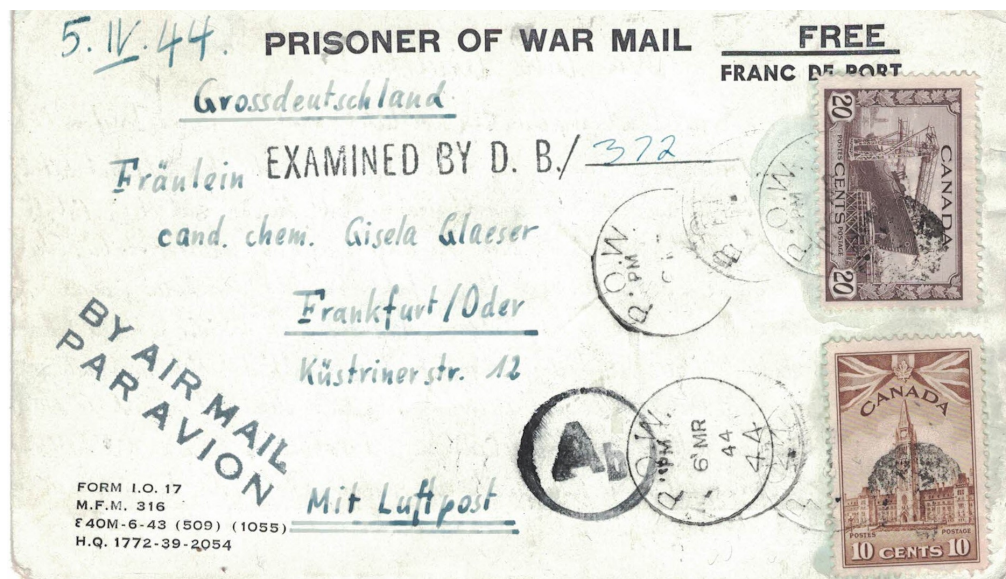
September - October 2019

Cover Story - Canada's World War II POW Camps

By Joe Servos

At the request of Great Britain, Canada agreed to accept German Prisoners of War and Civilian Internees, then held in the U.K., in order to free up local manpower to become more actively involved in the war effort.

These detainees were sent to Canada by ship and were held in 24 secure Camps in locations from New Brunswick to Alberta. In total, Canada accepted 37,934 prisoners, of whom 33,798



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Introduction to...Postal History

By Bill Longley

The Joy of Postal History – But, why?

But, why? Why do I love collecting postal history? What's in it for me, and why should you do the same? I contemplated how to provide a succinct overview of the hobby and at the same time inspire people to collect. I've taken two approaches, the first is inspirational and the second one organizational.

Part One – But, why?

It might seem a bit philosophical, “But why collect postal history?” must be answered. People collect for different reasons, both positive and negative, including for profit, nostalgia, intrigue, the thrill of the hunt, the peacock affect (look at me!), obsession, hoarding, and social outreach and a sense of belonging. (Cont.)

Introduction to...Postal History

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For me, the answer to “But Why?” is that collecting postal history can provide a sense of freedom, discovery, and creativity.



Freedom

Unchained from the bonds of little empty squares in an album that I have quietly admitted to myself will never be filled, postal history collecting gives me freedom to explore. Perhaps you start out collecting your home-town's cancels, expand it to the county level,

then discover Railway Post Office cancels and collect the RPO cancels that transit your county? The freedom to collect is yours. You set the parameters of what you want to collect, and it can and will change.

Discovery

Ordering new issues to fill an album provides me with little excitement in terms of discovery.

To me, postal history provides discovery in the form of new dates, routes, methods of transport, local and social his-

tory. Through it, one can become an expert in an area but at the same time absorb so much more information. You might discover a new early date for a duplex but then research the manufacturer, identify the proof mark, learn you have the earliest date for what was a newly-opened post office, learn more about the town it was in, discover that the writer of the letter was a famous person, then share what you have learned by writing an article for the local historical society, or giving a talk at a meeting or convention.



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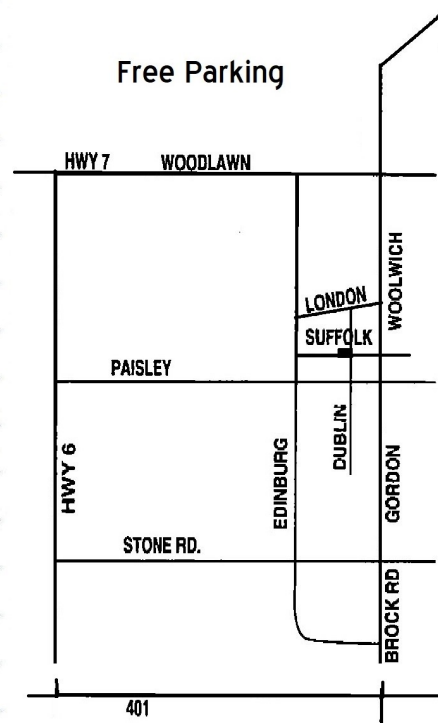
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were from the military, with the balance being civilian internees, refugees and merchant seamen. Prisoners were also held in an additional 103 Branch Camps, Labour Projects, Military Hospitals and Detention Centres.

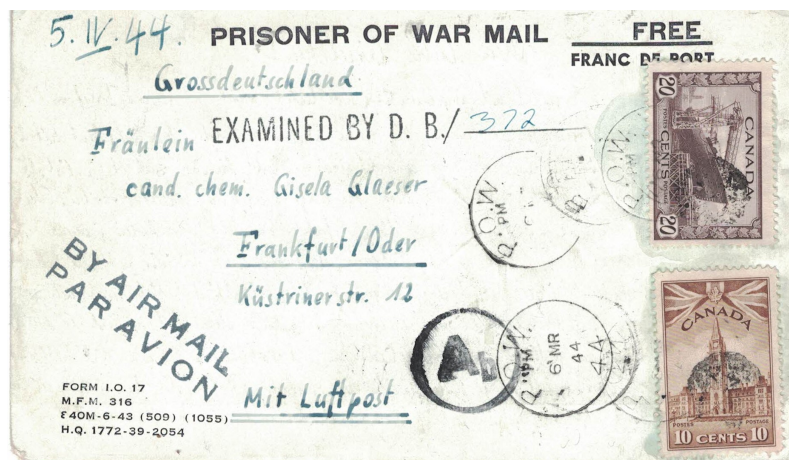
These prisoners were entitled to both send and receive mail, as permitted expressly by the Geneva Convention. Surface mail to and from the Canadian

camps was postage-free. Air mail required the addition of 30 cents postage to reflect the difference between the surface mail rate and the air mail rate. Mail from Canada was sent to Germany through neutral countries.

Below: POW 44 hammer cancel dated March 6, 1944. Censored in Canada.

This cover was sent by air mail from Camp 44, Grand Ligne Quebec, to Frankfurt, Germany. The Grand Ligne camp held 750 German officers. It was located on a 240-acre farm in a building which

was operated by the Feller Mission as a residential school for boys. The site contained a four-storey stone building, a brick gymnasium, eight frame houses, a barn and numerous smaller buildings. It was rented to the Crown for \$15,000.00 annually, and was in use from mid-1943 until 1946.



From the Grand River Valley Philatelic Association:

President's Message:

This message marks the first issue of the new GRVPA electronic edition of the GRAND NEWS. The members owe a debt of gratitude to Wendi Trauzzi for developing this concept, and volunteering to be the Editor. Thank you so much.

For this edition to work, Wendi will need to receive contributions of articles from our stamp club members and others on an ongoing and regular basis for inclusion in future issues. Let's all help make this a success.

The GRVPA also owes a huge debt of gratitude to Ken Magee, who edited the paper version of this publication, as well as to Tom Griffith, who has distributed nearly 600 copies of the Grand multiple times per year, putting them in envelopes, adding postage, and physically mailing them to the membership. Thank you to both Ken and Tom for your many years of service to our membership.

And now, it is up to you. Let's help Wendi make the new GRAND something we all look forward to receiving!

President Joe

From the Editor:

Hi Everyone!

Welcome to the new, digital incarnation of the Grand River Valley's Philatelic Association's Grand News!

I'd like to thank GRVPA President Joe Servos for his encouraging words, and the board for giving me this opportunity. I'd also like to thank Ken McGee, the outgoing editor, for his

encouragement and for allowing me this opportunity!

While I will be making every effort to continue offering you the content you've come to depend on, this format will allow the Grand News to bring you several new features:

- ◆ Out and About – been to an event lately? Saw something cool? Got an insider's tip on something exciting that's coming up? Tell us about it! I'm looking for a paragraph or two (100 to 500 words) and will do my best to include all the ones I get for each issue;
- ◆ Two regular columns:
 - ◆ Cover Story - a half-page to one page featuring a single cover (envelope) with comments on what makes it remarkable;
 - ◆ Introduction to... - one to three pages covering the basics of an aspect of stamps and philately. If there's anything you'd like to learn about (but were too embarrassed to ask?) let me know what it is, and I'll look for someone to tell us about it. (Hey - I'm probably in the same boat!) Conversely, if you're passionate about something and you'd like to share, send me an email - or corner me at an event - and volunteer!
- ◆ One or more articles! (It's going to depend on how many contributions I get!) Anything up to 10 pages, but I reserve the right to publish anything over 5 pages over 2 issues.

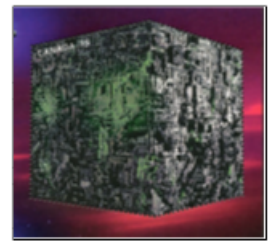
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Letter From the Editor (Cont.)

ing to learn more about a topic.

Oh, yes...Did you catch that? We're hoping to put back issues up on the GRVPA website. We may even be able to offer a place for non-members to sign up for emails advising them when a new issue is available. Maybe even make the issues searchable... We'll have to see!

The Grand News will continue to be published five times a year. **The deadline for the November - December - January issue is October 15, 2019.**

In Service,
Wendi Trauzzi,
Editor, Grand News



Grand Extras

By George Pepall

Harrison and Sons, one of the long-time printers of British stamps, went to extreme lengths to maintain security around its printing operation in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

Some of these measures have included joint keys, radioed security staff, cameras on fences and over parking lots, and razor-sharp points and wire on railings. In addition, chemicals like polyvinyl alcohol, coatings on paper, phosphorescent material and dextrin adhesive on the back of the paper have been used to prevent counterfeiting.

The Royal Mail said that there was nothing harmful in any of these substances, but they advised that stamps be moistened by a sponge rather than licked!

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As a dealer, I discover something new every single day and often share that tidbit, advancing the state of knowledge.

For example, in the last week alone, I have recorded 5 new early or late dates for Ontario town postmarks, learned that famous dealer Henry Hechler also printed picture postcards, and discovered and shared two photos of "C" Force POWs during WWII with the Hong Kong Veterans' Association. I also found a letter sent to a Canadian athlete at the English Badminton tournament in 1933 (she won!!), and researched mail for the blind because I found an unopened album mailed with a record braille label. I also found a new early date for a machine cancel, shared a firsthand report of establishing the

mail for Z Force in Iceland during WWII, and reported a few new RPO cancels to the book's editor. Figure 1 shows a small discovery of semi-official #CL30f Patricia Airways with an inverted "Red Lake" overprint used on cover. It is only priced in mint condition and not reported on cover.

Creativity

Collecting and the path you choose can also be affected by your own creativity. It can meander and change. Some collectors are regimented analysts and thrive on studying minutia, measuring paper thicknesses with a micrometer, identifying re-entries with a 20x hand lens or sorting shades of stamp (orange red, brick red, deep orange red, deep red orange and so on). But perhaps you are a creative person with a good eye or a flair for design? This type of collector is often a good storyteller, balancing the aesthetics of

a cover and recognizing its place in telling a story in their own album, an article or even an exhibit.

A creative collector can also think laterally and find areas to collect that haven't yet been explored. This fits in well with the current focus in exhibiting to "tell a story". It is especially evident in postal history exhibits that revolve around a theme, or regional space not previously considered. Creativity really comes alive in thematic and social philately where additional non-philatelic materials can now be included in exhibits.



Figure 1. Patricia Airways inverted "Red Lake" overprint.

Answer your own "But, why?"

Now, you must answer your own "But, why?". Why are you drawn to collect postal history? Is it for a sense of nostalgia, history, learning or exploration? Your answers will be different, but for me, the strongest is discovery. Once you've answered your own "But, why?" question, you can use these factors to evaluate potential areas of study.

Part Two - Organizational

For some collectors the barrier to collecting is organizational. They don't know where to begin or how they should approach it. I've provided this list as an overview of my own approach when starting a new area.

This list isn't meant to be either rigid or in any mandatory order. In fact, I use this general approach and consider a subject for a while, then discard it and start over. Think about it for a while before deciding on a subject. Read, research and learn about your subject first. Remember to revisit your own "But Why?" criteria to make sure it is a good fit.

Step 1. Select a Collecting Area

- ◆ Collect by issue:
 - ⇒ Stampless, Pence, Cents, Large Queens, Small Queens... to modern.
- ◆ Collect by Province or Territory:
 - ⇒ Alberta, Assiniboia, British Columbia, N.B., N.S., Newfoundland... to Yukon
- ◆ Collect by Region:
 - ⇒ Ontario County, Quebec Eastern Townships, BC Fraser Valley, Great Lakes;
- ◆ Collect by Topic:
 - ⇒ Advertising, Airmail, Barrel cancels, Carrier marks, Dead Letter Office, etc.

Step 2. Gather Resources

Gather books, postal guides, reference articles, exhibit handbook series, and most importantly contact with other collectors in your field. Excellent postal history resources are available from the Postal History Society of Canada (PHSC) and the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS).

Step 3. Explore what is available

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Visit dealers, speak to collectors, view online stores and auctions. See what is available. You won't be collecting much if it doesn't exist or rarely appears.

Step 4. Set your Parameters

Define the area, the space, the time period, the details of your study. For example, you might choose to collect the WWI era slogan cancels used in British Columbia. Another option could be searching out examples of 19th Century domestic mail carried by boat that serviced small islands. This information can be found in the Reports of the Postmaster General.

Step 5. Set your Budget and Start Buying

Set a budget and stay within it. When your

budget runs out, double it and don't tell your spouse. No, seriously enjoy the hobby within your means! Now start shopping. Separating yourself from your money makes you consider each item and the role it plays in fulfilling your collecting goals.

Step 6. Track and Record

Keep track of what you see, develop a list of what is available and consider what should exist. The most important thing is to keep track of what you have found.

Some Collecting Suggestions

One example of a little-collected area might be Edward VII to George V "postcard exchange club" postcards to foreign destinations. The goal would be to find an inbound and outbound postcard rates to each foreign

destination. It might also be a challenge to develop a list of active exchange clubs from information derived from the postcard, often in the form of rubber handstamps.

Another example would be to study the postmarks and postal routes of your region or county in its early days. For example, study the postmarks of towns along the St. Lawrence river, or cottage country where you spent your summers.

Here is a list of other subjects that I feel represent interesting collecting potential:

- ◆ Transorma sorting marks (early mechanization);
- ◆ Commercial airmail along first flight routes (very scarce);
- ◆ Railway Wars – show how railway expansion changed development of province;
- ◆ Mail Origins – Explore early surviving business mail and their contribution to postal history (Rennie Seeds, Beare, Frost Wire & Fence, CN, CPR, D.S. Kennedy, Crown Lands);
- ◆ Rural route mail (study opening and closing of routes, expansion of postal service);
- ◆ Pick a portion on PMG Stayner's 1829 rate chart and collect each town;
- ◆ Collect a Postal Road during the stampless era (Halifax to Quebec, Quebec to York).

Summary

Collecting postal history provides freedom, discovery and opportunity for creativity. Answer your own "But, why?" question, then contemplate areas that interest you. Then jump in! There is no looking back...



Online References

(Control + click to follow the links!)



Postal History Society of Canada (PHSC)

<https://www.postalhistorycanada.net/php/index.php>

British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS)

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

Postmasters and Post Offices of Canada

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What's Up In...

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X Burlington Stamp Club	X Owen Sound Stamp Club
X Cambridge Stamp Club	X Oxford Philatelic Society
X Guelph Stamp Club	X St. Catharines Stamp Club
X Hamilton Stamp Club	X Saugeen Stamp Club
X Kincardine Stamp Club	X Stratford Stamp Club
X Kitchener Waterloo Cambridge Regional Post Card Club	X Waterloo Region Stamp Club

Bramalea Stamp Club

Meets the **1st Sunday** (from 2 to 4 pm), October to June and the **3rd Tuesday** (from 7 to 9 pm) year-round at Terry Miller Recreation Complex, Williams Parkway (between Dixie Rd and Bramalea Rd.) Brampton. Visitors cordially welcome.

Information: Bob Thorne 905-792-3526 or Email bobthorne70@gmail.com

Website: www.bramaleastampclub.org or check our Facebook page under Bramalea Stamp Club.

Upcoming Meetings & Features:

September 17 - Tuesday Evening Theme: Bridges

October 6 - **New Season Opens** with Sunday Afternoon voice auction, buy/sell/trade

October 15 - Tuesday Evening Theme: Buildings

November 3 - Sunday Afternoon: Voice auction, buy/sell/trade

November 19 - Tuesday Evening: Animals

December 1 - Sunday Afternoon: Voice auction, buy/sell/trade

December 19 - Transportation (including Santa's sleigh!)

The stamp show season is almost upon us. Many regional shows of GRVPA members and some National ones such as CANPEX in London, are coming soon. Why not take a drive to a show in Southwestern Ontario? The weather is still nice, you can explore the countryside and best of all you can find new stamps and covers for your collection, meet new dealers, renew old acquaintances and get ideas for exhibits. I always look for fresh ideas from other club meetings and shows. After all, imitation is the highest form of flattery. Happy stamping!

Brantford Stamp Club

Another year has gone by and we will soon be embarking on the 2019-2020 season. Our first meeting will be September 3rd with our "meet and greet night". On September 17th, we will have a "Swap and Sales Circuit Night" where members can bring items to sell or trade. Our October meetings feature guest

speakers; Nathan Etheringham from the Brant museum will be speaking on October 1st, and member Brian Collins will be speaking on October 15th.

Burlington Stamp Club

Welcome back to the start of the fall stamp season. Hoping all our members had an enjoyable summer away from their collections. Our first meeting on Sept 4th will be a meet & greet night & dues collecting evening. On the horizon for the second meeting in October: we are planning an Auction night, run by John Glasbergen. We've decided to limit the lots to 8 per member with a minimum value of \$1.00 per lot, and no maximum; should make for an interesting evening, and maybe some nice lots will come up for auction!

Looking forward to seeing all our members out to start the stamp season off with a bang.

Happy Collecting!

Norm Macneall (Reporter at large)

Cambridge Stamp Club

After a couple months off in the summer the Cambridge Stamp Club will resume meetings again the third Thursday of September (the 19th). It might also be a good time to remind our members (and visitors should they choose to come- welcome!) that we are now meeting only once per month. Note that our program for what is happening at what meeting is not yet determined for the year. We also are eagerly awaiting the fall season of shows around the area, including our own which is on Sept. 14. We are hoping that this will be a success thanks to our members, the dealers, and everyone else who comes through the door.

Steve Klages (Secretary, Cambridge Stamp Club)

Guelph Stamp Club

First of all, on behalf of the members of the Guelph stamp club, a big welcome and a big thank you to Wendi Trauzzi, our new editor of the GRVPA News.

Our club had a pretty good turnout for our two summer meetings in June and July.

PLEASE NOTE that the correct date for **Guelphpex 2019**, our annual show and bourse, is **Saturday October 26**, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Unfortunately, the date that appears in the Trajan Publications is incorrect, the result of the venue changing our access date after the initial info when to the printer.

[Please see the add on page 3.](#)

With our newsletter coming in digital form, there is now the opportunity and convenience of including the URL of interesting web sites which can then be accessed with a simple click of a mouse. Here is a link to a pdf document on Belgium railway stamps and World War I. <http://www.rdpypres.com/uploads/World%20War%20One%20-%20The%20Parcels%20Service.pdf>.

See you October 26th!

Paul Latour

Hamilton Stamp Club

The Hamilton Stamp Club begins the new season on Sept. 9th. We look forward to seeing you all again.

Clare Maitland, Editor

The venue offered great access to the floor with 2 sets of ground level double doors, so all of our dealers

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Kincardine Stamp Club

Hi all stamp collectors. The Kincardine stamp club just finished having its stamp show this past week, and it was a great day. We decided to increase the size of our venue - same place, but 3 times the size. Much more room to move around, more space for a lunch counter and kids' stamp table. We were aiming for 10 dealers because we had the room, but ended up with 8 who did a great business.

The venue offered great access to the floor with 2 sets of ground level double doors, so all of our dealers had a very easy time of it to set up and tear down. It was a great success and a go for next year.

Club secretary Andrew Lunshof

Kitchener Waterloo Cambridge Regional Post Card Club

There are few areas more beautiful in the fall than Ontario's Temagami region. And that district's beauty has been well-captured on post cards as well. On Tuesday September 17, George Pepall takes those at the Kitchener Waterloo Cambridge Regional Post Card Club meeting on a "post card-ian" tour of Temagami, indeed, of the entire Nipissing District. Many small communities dot the area and these, along with countless scenic lakes, islands, shores and forests, have been captured in post cards for the past 120 years. Everyone is welcome to attend! There is no admission charge and plenty of browsing time at members' sale boxes beforehand.

It's Tuesday, September 17 at Victoria Park pavilion, 80 Schneider Avenue, Kitchener. Doors open at 6:30, program begins at 7:30. The final 2019 meeting is Wednesday November 13, same time and place.

For information contact rychmills@golden.net or (519) 742-4990.

Thanks, Gus Knierim
KWCR PCC, membership secretary

Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society

With the weeks of summer now beginning to recede into the background, it is time once again, to reflect upon things philatelic. At its meeting in August, the Executive of the KW Philatelic initiated its planning for the 2019-2020 season of monthly gatherings. As always, the emphasis of our programming is to provide opportunities for the sharing of philatelic knowledge, the building of collections and the cultivation of friendships.

The meeting of September 12th brings a host of offerings which will include a Table Auction, the presence of the Stratford Sales Circuit and the RPSC circuit books. Members are also invited to note that the annual club fees are due at this meeting. In addition, a list of club members and their respective collecting interests will be distributed to all that are interested.

The gathering of October 10th will feature a Table Auction, the presence of the Cambridge Sales Circuit and a guest speaker. David Schulz will present on the topic, "Baseball on Stamps", and all members of GRVPA clubs are invited. November 14th brings us to the annual focus on Remembrance Day. On tap, will be a Table Auction, the presence of the Guelph Sales Circuit and a guest speaker that will be announced in the future. At the first gathering next month (Sept. 12) members are also given a reminder regarding the one-page exhibit on military themed material which the KW Philatelic will enter at Canpex in London ON (October 19-20, 2019). And so, as the old song says, "See You in September!"

Please note: our January 11 meeting will be at 2:00 in the afternoon. February will be the 15th at 2 pm.

Olaf J. Poulsen, KW Philatelic Society

Oakville Stamp Club

I wish to thank the Cambridge, Burlington and Hamilton stamp clubs for coming to our rescue in March, April and May due to Tom Griffith's sad absence. We all wish him and his wife well.

Hopefully things will have cooled down a little by the time of our first meeting on Tuesday, September 24th. Don't forget to bring your annual dues and I am looking forward to seeing you all again.

Roy Honess

P.S. Next meetings October 22nd, November 26th.

Owen Sound Stamp Club

Hello Everyone, things are going well since we got some cooler and not so humid of weather around us. Things were great at the last meeting, a little small attendance, a few members were on holidays, we had our one member join us as she usually does every year a this time, as she comes up from Pennsylvania, USA.

We were discussing what we can or have to change for our Fall show. Everyone by now will know that our Fall Stamp Show is happening on Sept. 28th, 2019, here in Owen Sound is at the St. Mary's High School, 555 15th St. East, Owen Sound. We have 9 dealers, few exhibits, a lunch counter, but the best part is we have FREE Parking and FREE Admittance. So just look for the Sandwich Board showing the way to the parking lot.

So, load up the car with friends and your stamp buddies and head north, you never know, you just might find that diamond in the rough! Take the opportunity to check on the cottage, if you have one in the area, or put your fishing pole in the car and try and catch a fish a little bigger than they caught in the Derby three weeks ago. It will also be a great chance to just sit back and enjoy the start of the fall colours!

Hope to see everyone at the Stamp Show on Sept. 28th, 2019!

John C. Lemon
Pres. Owen Sound Stamp Club

Oxford Philatelic Society

How does one shake the 'dog days of summer' out of their head, and focus on philately? Well, the 2019-2020 stamp season is almost here and The Oxford Philatelic Society is preparing for an exciting stamp season. So, it's time to dust off your stock books and pull out those shoe boxes full of stamps!

The Oxford Club was able to acquire some awesome philatelic material during the spring, so, we are hosting a "**Legacy Stamp Sale**" at our regular meeting on Wednesday, October 23, 2019. It will include a silent auction and items from these collections will be for sale. Most of the items will be priced at 20% of catalogue value. These include mint stamps, stamp sheets, souvenir folders, worldwide stamps and more. The club is also raising money for the Canadian Cancer Society, so some proceeds of the sale are earmarked for this cause. All our philatelic friends are invited to this sale. The doors open for viewing at 7:00 pm and the sale begins at 7:30. Please mark the date on your calendars!

Our fall program includes presentations, a speaker, circuit books, G & B stamps and two large auctions. Be sure to check our website at www.oxfordphilsoc.com for the completed fall schedule. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month and are always pleased to welcome guests.

Please also mark March 21, 2020 on your calendars for our annual show and bourse. The "Woodstock Show" is considered to be one of the best and we hope you will consider entering an exhibit. Show entry forms and the Rules and Regulations will be updated and, on the website, soon.

Kindly, Henny Uyl, President

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Saugeen Stamp Club

The Saugeen Stamp Club continues to have good attendance at our year-round meetings – and extend an invitation to all persons interested in stamp collecting to visit on the first Tuesday of the month at St Matthews Lutheran Church 356 9th St Hanover ON.

We have a great base of willing volunteers ready to step in as needed to make our meetings fun and informative. There is a 50/50 draw; door prizes; show & tell and a spirited auction of member material. The September meeting will be a change insomuch as there will be a member buy/sell & trade event in place of the usual auction. In the absence of our sales circuit, friends from the Owen Sound club will bring along their sales circuit books.

Come on up – enjoy the fresh country air and perhaps even pick up a new addition to your collection.

Walt Berry

St. Catharines Stamp Club

Startup dates for the St. Catharines Club are the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in September. The annual election will be held in October. There is still a need for a circuit manager for the club. The club also needs more Circuit Sheets for countries other than Canada (especially recent USA, GB, and such). There are not enough from countries other than Canada currently coming in. All club members please consider this issue and the importance of the same.

If anyone has a special interest that hasn't been addressed for a while (or ever) and would be interested in doing a brief talk or presentation on the topic, featured local presenters are always being sought and are highly welcomed. A five-minute presentation about something a collector is passionate about, or of wider philatelic interest, is always welcome in one of our club meetings. Please share your idea with the president or one of the members of the executive.

Looking forward to another great series of 'learning from stamps' meetings starting again in the fall. Happy collecting!

Stratford Stamp Club

At our May meeting our annual Mayday show was reviewed. Howie Mason presented a very informative slide show "A Look at Canada's Coil Stamps". He showed examples of coil stamps when they first came out in rolls of 500. The coils could be perforated vertically or horizontally. Circuit Books were once again used by members. At our June meeting attendance was low. Elly, our recording secretary for many years resigned. We thank her for her service in a wide variety of activities over the years. The club has put out a request for someone to fill this position. Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 26, 2019.

Ron Holm, Reporter

Waterloo Region Stamp Club

We invite you to enjoy STAMPFUN 2019 on Saturday, Nov. 23rd at the Royal Canadian Legion, 316 Marsland Dr., Waterloo, ON between 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Visit with 10 dealers, a silent auction, circuit books, and door prizes. We serve free coffee in the morning and lunch can be purchased from the Legion kitchen. Free admission and free parking. Share the day with friends!

For more details please contact Oscar Cormier 519-742-5892 or email: jocstamp@rogers.com

club website: www.waterlooregionstampclub.weebly.com

Reporter Robert Hadley

Who, What & When

A listing of contact information, as well as meeting times and locations, for our member clubs.

[Bramalea Stamp Club \(GRVPA Ch. 13 / RPSC Ch. 144\)](#)

Meets the **1st Sunday** (from 2 to 4 pm), October to June and the **3rd Tuesday** (from 7 to 9 pm) year-round at Terry Miller Recreation Complex, Williams Parkway (between Dixie Rd and Bramalea Rd.) Brampton. Visitors cordially welcome.

Information: Bob Thorne 905-792-3526 or Email bobthorne70@gmail.com

Website: www.bramaleastampclub.org or check our Facebook page under Bramalea Stamp Club

[Brantford Stamp Club \(GRVPA Ch. 3 / RPSC Ch. 1\)](#)

Sept. to Nov. and January to May: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month

June & December - 1st Tuesday only

Branlyn Community Centre (phone (519) 758-1444), 238 Brantwood Park Road, Brantford. Access to the facility is via the east (on the left when facing the facility) end around the back. (doors open at 7:00 pm, meeting begins at 8:00)

Web: <http://brantfordstampclub.com/>

Contact: Ed Kimberley esuekimberley@gmail.com

[Burlington Stamp Club \(GRVPA Ch. 16 / RPSC Ch. 200\)](#)

September to June: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month (7:00 pm)

Burlington Seniors Centre, 2285 New St. (off Teen Tour Way), Burlington ON

Contact: Norm Macneall (905-336-8685) macneall@cogeco.ca

[Cambridge Stamp Club \(GRVPA Ch. 2 / RSPC Ch. 4\)](#)

September to June: 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:30 to 9:00

No meetings in July & August

Allan Reuter Centre, 507 King Street East, 2nd Floor., Cambridge ON

<https://cambridgestampclub.weebly.com/> Contact: Steve Klages klagess@gmail.com

[Guelph Stamp Club \(GRVPA Ch. 4 / RSPC Ch. 98\)](#)

September to May: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 6:30

June to August: 3rd Wednesday of the month

The Optimist Club Hall, 89 Beechwood Ave., Guelph, ON

Contact: Joe Servos (519-823-2578) jservos@bserv.com / guelphstampclub@gmail.com

[Hamilton Stamp Club \(GRVPA Ch. 6 / RSPC Ch. 51 / APS Ch. 1049\)](#)

September to June: 2nd & 4th Monday (6:30 to about 8:30 pm)

Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School, 1824 Rymal Road East, Hamilton

<https://hamiltonstampclub.ca/>

Contact: (Mrs.) Brenda Froome (905-393-1195) bfroome@outlook.com

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Kincardine Stamp Club

Jan. - Dec., 1st Wed. (7:00 pm),
Davidson Center (Billiards room), 601 Durham St.,
Kincardine

Kitchener Waterloo Cambridge Regional Post Card Club

Victoria Park Pavilion, 80 Schneider Street, Kitchener, ON
See website for meeting info: www.kwcrpcc.com
Contact: rychmills@golden.net / 519 742-4990

Kitchener Waterloo Philatelic Society

September to June, 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm

Albert McCormic Arena, Community Room, 500
Parkside Drive, Waterloo ON

<https://www.kwstampclub.org/>

Oakville Stamp Club

September to November: 4th Tuesday of each month

January to May: 4th Tuesday of each month

7:00 pm at St. James Catholic Elementary School,
255 Morden Road, Oakville ON

Owen Sound Stamp Club

September to June: 3rd Wednesday of the month
(7:00pm to 9:00 pm)

St. Mary's High School, Hillyer hall (student lunchroom),
555 15th Street East, Owen Sound, ON

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

Oxford Philatelic Society

September to May: 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month

South Gate Centre, 191 Old Wellington Street
South, Woodstock ON

<http://www.oxfordphilsoc.com/>

Saugeen Stamp Club

January to December: 1st Tuesday of the month
(7:30 pm)

St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church,
356 9th Street, Hanover ON. Entrance to the
meeting located in the northeast corner of the
church complex on 11th Avenue. The club's welcome
sign will be at the sidewalk.

<http://saugeenstampclub.webplus.net/>

St. Catharines Stamp Club

September to June: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the
month (6:45 pm to 8:45 pm)

Grantham Lion's Club, 732 Niagara Street, St.
Catharines ON

<http://stcatharinesstampclub.ca/>

Stratford Stamp Club

September to June: 4th Thursday of the month
(7:00 pm), Avondale United Church

194 Avondale Ave., Stratford N5A 6N4

Waterloo Region Stamp Club

September to June: 1st Tuesday of the month
(6:30 pm to 8:30 pm)

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth
Room (usually – check the TV monitor near the
door to be sure), 54 Queen Street North, Kitchener
ON

<https://waterlooregionstampclub.weebly.com/>



Upcoming Events

BNAPEX 2019

When: Fri, August 30, 10am – 6pm to September 1, 2019

Where: Delta Hotels by Marriott Ottawa City Centre, 101 Lyon St N, Ottawa, ON K1R 5T9, Canada

Description: The 71st annual convention of the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS)—BNAPEX—features a 160-frame British North America competitive exhibition as well as a 20-dealer bourse and about 25 BNAPS Study Group meetings and seminars. Phone: 905-934-8377 Email: roystamp@cogeco.ca Web: <http://bnaps.org>

National Postage Stamp and Coin Show

When: Sat, September 7 & 8

Where: Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale, 6750 Mississauga Rd, Mississauga, ON L5N 2L3, Canada

Description: National Postage Stamp and Coin Show featuring about 50 professional coin and stamp dealers from across Canada. Highlights include a two-day live auction by Colonial Acres; various seminars; the Young Collectors Table, plus the popular Free Kids' Auction on Sunday. Admission \$3 on Saturday and FREE on Sunday. Show hours 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday. Parking is Free. For show updates, visit website. Presented by Canadian Coin News and Canadian Stamp News. Phone: 1-800-408-0352 Email: info@trajan.ca Web: <http://www.stampandcoinshow.com>

Fall Show - Hamilton Stamp Club

When: Friday, November 1 and Saturday, November 2, 2019

For details: www.hamiltonstampclub.com

5th Annual STAMPFUN Show 2019 - WATERLOO REGION STAMP CLUB SHOW

When: Saturday, 23th November 2019

Where: The Royal Canadian Legion, 316 Marsland Dr., Waterloo ON

Time: 10 am to 4 pm

Website: <https://waterlooregionstampclub.weebly.com/annual-stamp-show1.html>

Woodstock Stamp Show

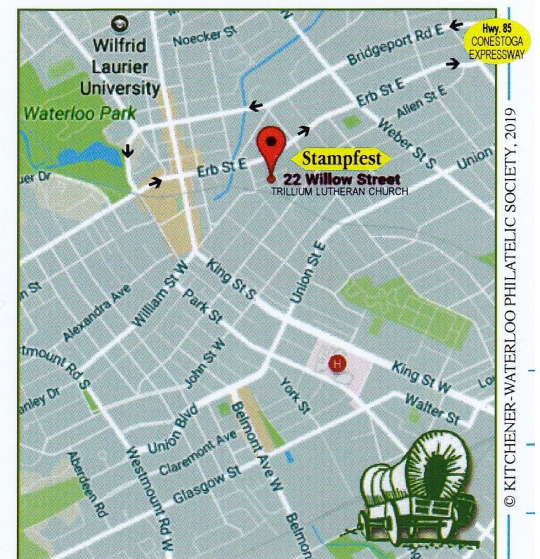
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STAMPFEST – April 18, 2020

Trillium Lutheran Church, 22 Willow Street, Waterloo ON

Royal 2020 Royale

Will be hosted by the Fredericton District Stamp Club. Details will be posted on www.rpscroyal.com as available.



STAMPFEST (Trillium Luth. Church), 22 Willow St., Waterloo, just off William St., east of King Street, in Uptown Waterloo.

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September 2019

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1 BNAPEX - Ottawa (Aug 30 to Sept. 1)	2	3 Brantford - 7:00 Saugeen - 7:30 St. Catharines - 6:45 Waterloo - 6:30	4 Burlington Stamp Club - 7:00 pm Guelph - 6:30 Kincardine Stamp Club - 7:00	5	6	7
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October 2019

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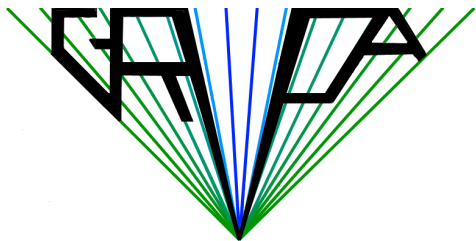
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