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GTAPA Information & Calendar of Meetings

The GTAPA meets the fourth Wednesday of each month during the school year as outlined below:

January 22, 2003

February 26, 2003

March 26, 2003

April 23, 2003

May 28, 2003 AGM and Dinner Meeting

Meeting Locations

The GTAPA meets at various local area club sponsored locations.

Timing of Meetings

Each meeting starts at 6:00pm and ends no later than 9:00pm. All Alliance Members are encouraged to attend.

Annual Member Club Dues

Each club provides \$1.00 per active or honorary member each fiscal year (September 2002 to August 2003). This provides approximately \$325.00 of funds to support this organization and its various planned projects this fiscal year.

Newsletter Scope and Goals

The scope of this Newsletter is to provide a forum for all of our Alliance Members to share their special interests, share their success stories, issues and concerns. In addition it will provide useful information regarding philately in general and special features.

The editor encourages your comments, either by letter, email or telephone calls, to ensure that a state of the art newsletter is produced to meet the needs of the large and diverse Alliance Members

Newsletter Distribution

Your GTAPA Director is given enough copies for their respective clubs and is responsible to provide you with a copy of this newsletter. Make sure you ask for your copy!

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Section # 1 Executive Committee Corner

Welcome to GTAPA

The GTAPA officers hope you enjoyed reading the September issue of PhilJournal. Here is No. 2, with information about our member club's upcoming activities, excellent articles, and notice of a few GTAPA activities in which we hope you will consider getting involved.

We have spoken to the Ontario Tax Department regarding the legislation around collecting taxes at meetings and shows. This has been the concern of a few of our clubs wishing to have a definitive answer about collecting the PST.

Treasurer, Frank Alusio, sent a letter to all member club presidents, with the pertinent details and suggestions as to how to proceed. If you have any concerns please speak to your president or have him/her share the letter with you.

We are seeking to join interested members together for a one-day bus trip to Hanover in May, to attend the "Royal 2003 Royale" Show. Each club now has a representative responsible for getting tickets for your club's members. The tickets will be \$35.00. Please see your rep. for details.

We are in need of a logo for GTAPA. Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find information on how you can be involved in this selection. If you would like to submit a design, see the ad, and check with your reps about further details. Our Alliance is a distinctive, unique, and service-oriented organization: we need an instantly recognizable logo, to use in marketing GTAPA.

If the Alliance, in your view, isn't doing what you think it needs to be doing, please let us know. I guarantee a response and an explanation. The Alliance must respond to local needs with extra resources and benefits or it will cease to function effectively and not serve local clubs.

May I, for all the directors of the GTAPA Board, wish all our readers, the very best of good wishes for the coming holiday season. May peace and goodwill, prevail through the festive times and throughout the coming year.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Butler

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Section # 3 Member Club Activities

✉ Ajax Philatelic Society

Club Meeting Dates – At this time the Ajax Public Library is going through an extensive expansion and we are awaiting confirmation of room and meeting dates. We will advise dates in the next issue.

Slide Show – Our club plans on two slide shows this year based on the RPSC Slide Show Program.

Bourse – Our 24th Annual Bourse will be held the last Saturday in February 2003 at the Ajax Community Center. A post card is now in process of being printed for this show. Details to follow in the next issue.

✉ East Toronto Stamp Club

Founded on February 11, 1938 for the development of the hobby of stamp collecting with membership open to anyone. The club has continued to today with meetings the first and third Wednesdays of each month with the exception of July & August. The club meets at the Stan Wadlow Club House which is behind the East York Arena at Cedarvale and Cosburn Avenues with the main intersections being Woodbine and O'Connor. 7pm to 9pm
A short business meeting is held at each meeting with a membership report, introduction of any visitors, draws and then whatever program is arranged is presented. Table auctions are

available at our meetings and occasionally floor auctions. Our members also use circuit Books and many purchases are made.

East Toronto Club Listing of Events 2002/2003

18 December – Christmas Party
15 January – Floor Auction
5 February - Stamp Varieties
19 February - Topical Collection Night
5 March - First Day Covers, Philatelic Items, etc
19 March - Revenue Stamps
2 April - Philatelic Novelty Items
16 April - Elections
7 May - Floor Auctions
21 May - Closing Night

☒ North Toronto Stamp Club

Club Meeting Dates for 2002 – 2003

December 12
January 9 & 23
Jan 9 The Balkins by Andy Cronin
Jany23 – The Post office at Niagara Falls – Doug Irwin
February 13 & 27 - March 13 & 27
April 10 & 24 - May 8 & 22
June 12 & 26

Please attend our 60th Annual Exhibition and Bourse, March 22 & 23, 2003 at the Civic Centre, Edwards Gardens (Lawrence & Leslie). The show is open from 10 am to 6 pm Saturday and 10 am to 5 pm on Sunday and features a display of competitive judged one frame exhibits and a 25 dealer bourse. Door prizes, a silent auction and a selection of refreshments for weary stamp shoppers!

Regular Club Meetings are held the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, except for July and August (social meetings are substituted), at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, on the east side of Yonge Street one block north of St. Clair. Parking is available for members and guests who do not use the transit system.

Coffee and cookies are served and the club's extensive sales circuit is available from 6:30 p.m. on most evenings. A good working library is maintained and is available to members who wish to borrow items for research purposes. A bulletin is published approximately eight times a year, containing reports of speakers' presentations as well as features on stamp issues, postal history, and the stamp world in general. A two-day exhibition and bourse is held each March at the Civic Garden Centre at Lawrence

and Leslie, as well as several one-day dealers' shows in the same location throughout the rest of the year. Membership fees are \$15 per year.

☒ North York Philatelic Society

2002 marks the 50th Anniversary of The North York Philatelic Society. It was in 1952 that five members of the North Toronto Stamp Club decided that they should start up a club in the then Township of North York. Of the five only one is living today. They first met in a small wooden building approximately where North York Blvd. is today. The club has grown over the years and North York is now part of Metropolitan Toronto.

The society meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month except July and August when only one meeting is held on the 3rd Wednesday. Meetings are held in the Skaters Lounge of the Herb Carnegie Centennial Centre, 580 Finch Avenue West (Between Bathurst and Dufferin) North York 7pm to 9pm

Sales table, circuit books and auctions along with special speaker's make up the program. Contact Joe Malboeuf President (905) 884-5503

☒ The Scarborough Stamp Club

Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month during the school year. Dec. 3 & 17 – the club's Christmas Party.

Scarpex 2003, our annual show and bourse, will be held in April or May, date TBA.
For details, e-mail pbutler@ilap.com
or phone (416) 690-4666

Membership fee is \$10 per year.

SCC Meetings are held at the Cedarbrook Community Centre, located behind Cedarbrae Collegiate at 91 Eastpark Blvd. in Scarborough (416) 396-4028. Eastpark Blvd. is 2 blocks south of Lawrence Ave. and runs east/west from Markham Rd. to Bellamy Rd.

What Happens at the Meetings?

- *Trading Nights (First Tuesdays)*
Members attending these nights buy, sell, and trade. There is no formal meeting, special presentation, or auction. Members arrive and depart at their leisure between 6:00 and 8:30 p.m. There are usually 2 or 3 dealers present at

these trading sessions. The club's circuit books are also available as are the very popular "Woolworth Tables" (5 and 10 cent stamps).

- *Regular Meetings (Third Tuesdays)*
Members begin gathering after 7:00 p.m. Trading, viewing of the Sales Circuit books, purchasing from the dealers, perusing the auction items, and engaging in general philatelic chit-chat, occur up to 8:00 p.m. This is followed by a short meeting, which includes; a lucky draw and raffle, minutes of the previous meeting, a financial statement, items of business, and general announcements. At most meetings, members or guests present special programs on some aspect of stamp collecting. This is followed by the floor auction of member-submitted items, to those present. The meeting closes when the auction ends, around 9:00 p.m.

At These Meetings...

- Visitors are warmly welcomed and introduced to the membership.

☒ *West Toronto Stamp Club*

- Dealers are always present to sell, exchange, or purchase stamp materials.
 - Visitors may purchase materials from the Circuits, the dealers, and the auctions.
 - The member-submitted books in the Club's Sales Circuit are available for viewing and buying. As a general rule, stamps are priced at or below 50% of catalogue.
 - Refreshments are put out for all to enjoy.
- The Scarborough Stamp Club Constitution states: "the object of the club is to promote and encourage the collecting and study of all philatelic material and to cultivate fellowship among the members."*

The Scarborough Stamp Club's Annual Exhibition and Bourse will be held on Saturday, May 10th 2003, at the Cedarbrook Community Centre (Lawrence and Markham Rd area) Watch for complete details in the next issue of PhilJournal.

West Toronto Stamp Club

Fairfield Seniors' Centre, 80 Lothian Ave., Etobicoke
(3 blocks south of Bloor St. W, and 2 blocks east of Islington Ave.)

FALL 2002 INVITATIONAL AUCTION

Will take place on Tuesday, 10 December 2002

Viewing: 7:00-8:00pm  Bidding: 8:15pm sharp

BARGOONS GALORE

No lot is less than \$20. catalogue value

**This is an Oral Auction. Visitors will be given bidding numbers to participate.
A list of the lots being auctioned will be available prior to the auction.**

Ample free parking

Free refreshments.

For more information contact Reay Cairns at 416-742-8107

-----UPCOMING ACTIVITIES-----

Dec 03 • Xmas Party	Jan 07 • Executive Meeting	Feb 04 • No activities
Dec 10 • Invitational Auction	Jan 14 • Reg. Meeting + Auctions	Feb 11 • Reg. Meeting + Auctions
Dec 17 • No activities	Jan 21 • Study Group	Feb 18 • Study Group
Dec 24 • No activities	Jan 28 • Reg. Meeting + Auctions	Feb 25 • Reg. Meeting + Auctions

Section # 4 Serialized Article Part #2

Editor – Each year we will present a major study that will be split among the four issues of the year. Collect all four so that you will have the entire study!

Editor - Richard Weigand

Universal Postal Union (UPU)

Written by Richard Weigand

This is the history of the UPU and its effect on postal services and philatelic activities worldwide.

Cooperation between the UPU and UN took a major leap forward in 1968 when together they setup large-scale postal projects for Africa, Asia, Latin America and Middle East countries. The UPU also works in conjunction with other related UN agencies such as International Civil Aviation Organization for the transport of airmail around the world.

Today the UPU Executive Committee meets each year and their Director General is Thomas Leavey former assistant postmaster general of the US. The UPU issues a quarterly journal *Union Postale* featuring articles of interest to worldwide postal authorities. The UPU works with third world countries to improve their postal services as well as technology, business and customer service issues for the remainder of its members. Today's member countries number 189 which in practical terms the UPU covers the entire population of the world.

UPU Congresses and their contributions to postal products used worldwide

Congresses are convened in principal every five years to discuss current activities affecting the member countries.

First Congress

The first congress was held in Berne, Switzerland on Sept 15 to Oct 9, 1874 which resulted in the creation of the GPU.

Second Congress

The second congress was held in Paris, France on May 2 to June 4th 1878. Among the changes was the name change from the General Postal Union to the Universal Postal Union, which is still in use today. Article VIII adopted at this congress made life much easier for postal clerks. This article stated that the deficiency in postal charges would be based on a stable exchange rate of 5 French gold centimes for each one cent.

In addition the fee for collecting the underpaid franking would be twice the underpaid amount in the local currency. The congress also established the rule that the country of origin would set the deficiency postage amount due and payable by the receiver. Collection of the fee would be the responsibility of the receiver's country. The fees would remain in the country of the receiver of the mail item. Insured Letters and Money Order rules and regulations were established at this congress. Canada was a delegate at this congress and agreed to adhere to the UPU rules effective August 1, 1878.

Fifth Congress

The fifth congress held in Washington, DC on May 5 to June 15th, 1897 and established that three colors would denote basic international rates [remember that a large part of the population were only semiliterate]:

- a) Green was the color for printed matter
- b) Red for postcard postage
- c) Blue for single rate ordinary letter postage.
(This is why the early US stamps are the colors shown!)

There was also a general agreement that Post Cards would receive a special postal rate providing on the address side there was to be clear marking as a "Post Card". The language for the word "Post Card" would be in the country of origin followed by two other languages to signify the card met the international regulations.

July 2, 1900 – 25th Anniversary

An extraordinary congress was held in Berne, Switzerland on July 2, 1900 to mark the 25th anniversary of the UPU. The UPU uses this date to mark the beginning of the anniversary dates of the organization rather than the 1874 signing date. This extraordinary congress agreed to vote funds for the construction of the UPU monument and its placement outside of the headquarters in Berne. This monument was dedicated on October 4, 1909 by a special ceremony and remains the symbol of the UPU today. Switzerland issued the first commemorative stamps for the UPU on this anniversary occasion.

Seventh Congress

The seventh congress was held in Madrid, Spain on October 1 to November 30, 1920 and this congress dealt with repairing the postal system after World War I. This congress adopted the gold franc as the standard unit of currency. At this congress the matter of airmail was first

discussed and provisions made to create an air mail service. Pitney Bowes receives approval by the UPU effective January 1, 1922 for the use of metered mail for international use.

Twelfth Congress

The twelfth congress was held in Paris, France on May 7 to July 5, 1947. This was the largest congress to date with 272 delegates attending. Allied commissions represented the Axis Powers defeated in World War II. Spain and Morocco were excluded due to their pro Axis support during the war. This congress considered the unfinished business from the 1940 congress. In addition the vast expansion of air mail services was discussed as the war time technological developments of aircraft's were now being redirected to civilian purposes. The changes were effective July 1, 1948. The UPU was also made an agency of the UN effective November 1947.

75th Anniversary

On October 9, 1949 the UPU celebrated their 75th anniversary with many countries around the world issuing stamps to mark this silver anniversary.

Section # 5 Annual Subscriptions

If you wish to subscribe to the Philjournal we would be glad to send you this great publication for \$10.00 per year.

Please send your name, address and donation to the Editor.

Section # 6 Logo Competition

The GTAPA is looking for a unique logo to identify our philatelic association. As an example you will find on the masthead an example of a new logo.

Contest is open to all GTATA club members.

Deadline – February 1, 2003

Prize - \$100.00

Use – We will use our new logo on the Philjournal, letterheads, flyers etc. Your ideal logo will be seen by thousands over the next few years alone!

Send your logo to the Editor.

Section # 7 Ontario Retail Sales Tax Ruling

Our Treasurer Frank Alusio, has approached the Ministry of Revenue (Ontario) regarding the collection and remittance of PST.

Organizer Obligations

When hosting an event, the organizer/host plays an important role. At the time when the vendors are solicited and invited to participate, the organizer, as a good corporate citizen, has the moral obligation to ask the vendor has a vending permit.

Vendor Responsibilities

If a vendor agrees to pay the organizer a fixed flat fee for the space they rent, the vendor is responsible to collect the tax on the sale and file the return to the Ministry of Finance.

Organizer and Vendor Responsibilities

IF however, the agreement calls for a fee to be paid to the organizer, and the fee is based on a percentage of the total sales, the vendor must have a permit. If not both the vendor and organizer may be held responsible and may be summonsed.

Section # 8 Christmas Article

Christmas on Stamps

By Ernst Loewy – North York Stamp Club Member

Recent years have witnessed an enormous advance in collecting topicals. Apart from the newly created States in the developing world, it has become practically impossible to collect a country collection. Most topicals are of fairly recent date and reasonably accessible; consequently they have become increasingly popular. Airplanes, cars and trains on stamps have attracted a large number of collectors, but Christmas on Stamps is of special interest to me in that it does not depict things, but draws attention to a Person of historical event.

To Canada falls the dubious honour of issuing the world's first Christmas Stamp. Dubious is used advisedly because it was not really intended as such. Toward the end of the 19th century, penny postage was introduced the British Empire, which called for a 2 cent issue in this Dominion. The design was submitted to Her Majesty Queen Victoria for approval, which she granted. The matter should of ended there, but for the imprudent remark of an official that the stamp will be issued on the prince's birthday. This prompted the Queen to ask, what prince? The one in mind was obviously the heir presumptive to the throne who became King Edward VII, whose prodigal lifestyle was a cause of grief to his mother. Fully aware of this,

a member of the delegation replied: "The Prince of Peace," Your Majesty. That satisfied the Monarch, "X 1898" was added to the design and the first printing came off the press in good time for Christmas mailing. Incidentally, the "X" does not stand for the unknown, but is the third last letter of the Greek Alphabet, the initial for Christos.

Christmas related stamps saw the light of day in several realms, but Hungary released the first Christmas set of the 20th Century. On December 1, 1943 they issued three stamps depicting the herald angels, the Nativity scene and the 3 Magi known as Hungary - Scott 617-619. Other countries followed and in due course a goodly number of third world lands became aware of the easy, lucrative source of revenue. Even Cuba, a communist country, atheistic state yielded to the temptation. Some countries, notably Germany, are issuing semi-postals for the occasion and giving the surcharge for charity. Canada re-entered the field in 1964 and issued annual sets ranging from two to four stamps. The issue of 1974 deserves special mention in that the three stamps do not bear the customary bi-lingual, but tri-lingual inscription, Cree - English - French. Participation peaked in 1995 when no less than 110 countries issued Christmas stamps.

The manger scene in Bethlehem was pictured repeatedly, but a change occurred when the work of medieval artists became prominent. The Jewish mother and Baby were replaced by Madonna and Child. In 1969, Botswana in Southern Africa, portrayed an African mother and her offspring looking up to the Star of Bethlehem. Subsequent issues, though marked clearly Christmas and the year, pictured water lilies in 1981, mushroom in 1982, edible wild cucumbers in 1985, a star and orchids in 1989, ferns in 1992, etc. What a cry from the One whose birth was heralded by angelic hosts, witnessed by shepherds and attested by wise men. Yet, the topic continues and will provide hours of research and pleasure to collectors. I conclude by wishing you a Blessed Christmas, Joyeux Noel, Buon Natale, Feliz Navidad and Frohe Weihnachten!

Section # 9 Stamp Show Cork Board 2002

November 2,2002 Chatham, Ontario
KENTPEX 2002 Wheels Motor Inn, Corner of Richmond and Kell in Chatham. Hours 10 - 4.
This is the 72nd Annual Show including 10 dealers, exhibits, postal history, supplies, etc.
Contact Paul Mc Donell at 519- 354-1845.

November 2,2002 Trenton, Ontario
Annual Trenton Stamp Show located at Trenton Seniors Club - 105 Bay Street. Hours 10 - 4.
Ten dealers, door prizes etc.
Contact Guy Barsi at 613-394-2024.

November 10 & December 8,2002 Ottawa, Ontario
Regular Stamp and Coin Show
Nepean Sportsplex - 1701 Woodroffe Avenue
Hours 10 - 4. 15 Dealers
Contact Brian Wolfenden 613-226-2045.

January 18-19,2003 St Catherines, Ontario
CATHEX 2003 Fairview Mall on Geneva Street
Saturday Hours 9 - 5 pm. Sunday 10 - 5pm
14 Dealers, silent auction, club circuit.
Call St Catherines Stamp Club for more info.

Don't Forget! ROYAL *2003* ROYALE,

Dates and Location - Royal Show 2003

May 30 to June 1, 2003 Friday to Sunday 10 am to 5pm daily and Sunday to 4 pm

75th RPSC Convention

The Hanover Regional Aquatic Centre and Coliseum located at 269 7th Avenue, Hanover, Ontario

For information call Peter Kritz at 519-364-4752 or email pkritztcc.on.ca

Plan to attend the 75th convention of the RPSC's national show in Hanover, Ontario, May 30 to June 1, hosted by the Saugeen Stamp Club. For reservations and show packages, Hanover Holiday Tours, 1-800-265-5530. Info: web site at <http://log.on.ca/saugeenstampclub>.

Section # 10 - Youth Corner

Gearing Up for Fun - Part 1
A generous, continuous supply of inexpensive stamps

By Scott Lough

Young philatelists attending their first stamp club meeting are embarking on an educational journey with a steep learning curve. If they are properly supplied and equipped and the club's syllabus is well designed, they may be learning

something new and growing their collection at every gathering. These junior philatelists may soon see the same rewards that you see in the hobby of kings.

While the educational content of the meetings is a topic we will discuss in a future column, suffice it to say that any youth club needs to feel less like a course of study and more like a group of friends gathering for fun and games. It is important to realize that children learn best when they are not aware that they are learning. A stamp club leader may employ a large number of tried and true teaching strategies to help the club members internalize the basics of the hobby. These will be the subjects of yet another column. However, before any of these lofty academic goals can be achieved, the kids need to get their hands on stamps: lots of stamps.

For a young person just starting out, a generous supply of stamps is just about all that is needed. Factor in a place to keep them organized and a few other pieces of equipment and reference materials and the beginner has what she needs to be an avid philatelist.

The first question a youth club leader should ask is, "Where do I get that many stamps?" You want your young charges to have as many postage stamps as possible to kick-start their collections. Ideally, you want them to receive new stamps at every meeting. The stamps they receive should be visually appealing, large and colourful, depicting themes of interest to youth. The biggest, brightest stamp will fall flat with kids if it commemorates such yawns as the fiftieth anniversary of labour unions in Sri Lanka, or the construction of Bulgaria's new parliament buildings. In addition, in order to encourage trading amongst members, the stamps you give out should be as varied as possible, with very little duplication.

At first blush, these may seem like impossible requirements. However, once you realize that every stamp is of equal value to a beginner, low value stamps will serve as well as ones that are more expensive. Inexpensive postage stamps are available from several sources. In some cases, large numbers of these stamps have been assembled into bulk lots to save you time and money. Take this typical example of a worldwide mixture available from a popular online philatelic auction:

Worldwide Mixture: One pound of loose unsorted world mixture. All off paper. Loaded with larger size, topicals, CTO's, etc. No high values but looks like a lot of fun (1,000's)....Estimate \$50.00

I consider myself fortunate if I manage to purchase package-ready stamps for less than 5 cents each. If you are willing to do some bulk soaking, you can find similar assortments of stamps on-paper for much less money. Just be aware that when you buy on-paper stamps (ones with the corner of the envelope still attached) you are purchasing mostly envelope. As a result, bulk lots contain fewer stamps per pound.

When buying stamps in bulk sight unseen, key terms to look for are; worldwide, lot, assortment, CTO (cancelled to order), all different, off-paper, worldwide mixture, large size stamps, commemoratives, fun, as well as a large variety of countries and topics. These are not terms indicating high quality. However, they do indicate the perfect stamps for beginners: large, pretty topicals from around the world and lots of them. Terms to avoid when purchasing bulk stamps include; accumulation, duplication, better, high value, and on paper (unless you like to soak stamps.)

Auction houses are not the only source of stamps in bulk. Some dealers package low-value commemoratives by topic, country, or even worldwide. These assortments usually contain a large percentage of the kinds of stamps that appeal to young collectors. You may even find topical packages with such hot themes as Disney characters, sports, dogs, horses, and the ever-popular dinosaurs. The trade off is in the price, which may be higher than the 5 cents per stamp threshold. I try to augment my supply of stamps with a small number of these desirable but costlier themed stamps.

Stamp dealers who have reasonable selections of such mixtures are becoming harder and harder to find. Even rarer are dealers who *specialize* in topicals. I know of only one, and they are not local. I have been compiling a list of stamp dealers who have a healthy selection of such material *and* welcome children into their shop. It is a very short list! If you know of any, please contact me.

Do not forget that the post office sells stamps. When gathering stamps for a youth club, I always augment my stamp supply with low-value definitives from Canada Post. I will spend a loonie and buy one each of the current 1-cent and 2-cent definitives for every member of the club.

Another source of stamps in bulk is local stamp clubs. Over the years, philatelists in my junior clubs have been the recipients of large numbers of postage stamps donated by considerate members of Toronto's established stamp clubs.

The generosity of philatelists never fails to amaze me. Most will do anything to bring the hobby back into the lives of young people. Where it was when they were young. Where it belongs.

Scott Lough uses his enthusiasm for the hobby, and his teaching experience, to get kids hooked on stamp collecting before they realize that it involves a lot of geography and history.

Section # 11 Advertising Section

This philatelic journal will be published four times a year Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. It will be distributed free of charge to all members of clubs in the Alliance plus the trade and other organizations.

We will reach close to 400 stamp collectors in the Greater Toronto Area alone. We will be relying on support for this Philjournal from our advertisers. Please support our advertisers and make them aware that you saw their ad in this publication.

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 One Issue \$40.00
 Four Issues \$150.00

Full Page
 One Issue \$80.00
 Four Issues \$300.00

If you are a potential advertiser (philatelic or otherwise) and are looking for a way to promote your product or service in a cost effective way, please contact Richard Weigand Editor at richard.weigand@sympatico.ca or Arthur Bone, arthur.bone@sympatico.ca or any member of the executive committee.

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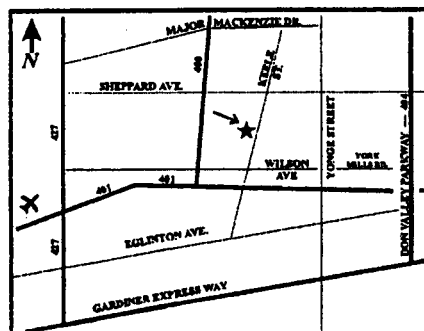
January 10, 11, 12, 2003

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GERMAN STAMPS BOUGHT AND SOLD

ALL COLLECTIONS GIVEN EQUAL AND FAIR CONSIDERATION

Over the last 30 years I have amassed a very nice collection of stamps, souvenir sheets, philatelic literature, covers/postal history, et cetera from my numerous contacts in Germany and around the world.

German States, Germania, Weimar, Third Reich, Post-WWII, Locals, Bundespost, DDR and Berlin, as well as covers, are all bought and sold.

Perhaps I can help you expand your German collection. If you have specific needs, I can work off your want list in either Scott or Michel numbering systems. GPS # 8639. Please contact me in any of the following formats for more information.

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