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Welcome to Our New Member The Ukrainian Collectibles Society (Toronto)



We are delighted to welcome the Ukrainian Collectibles Society (Toronto) as the most recent addition to the GTAPA.

On February 21, a friend advised that a Ukrainian stamp club that had been dormant for a number of years was showing signs of new life. I responded by stating that GTAPA would be delighted to assist in any way we could.

In the last week of April I was contacted by **Jerry Kalyn**, the new President who invited me to the meeting of May 1 to represent the GTAPA. At the meeting, I enjoyed the bilingual minutes and business session following which I made my presentation (English only). Immediately following, the question of GTAPA membership was put on the table with the result being a unanimous decision to join.

The guest speaker for the evening was a member, **Dr. Ron Zelonka** who presented a fascinating array of medals, stamps, postal history and post cards under the title *Collecting "Sichovi Striltsi" Memorabilia*. The philatelic portion of this discussion was shown at **STAMPEX** in 1992 where it earned a Silver Medal.

On behalf of the Directors and Officers, I welcome the Ukrainian Collectibles Society (Toronto) to the Alliance.

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Harry Sutherland, 1930-2006



On February 14, 2006, Canadian philately lost one of its greatest members. The last issue of *PhilaJournal* was on the press at the time of Harry's death so this story is more of a tribute than news to our readers.

In his various capacities in philately, Harry Sutherland was a significant participant in the development of the GTAPA. As Chairman of the Vincent Graves Greene Foundation, Harry offered the Foundation facilities as a meeting place for the GTAPA Board. At the same time, he also offered access to and the use of the magnificent research library to members of the GTAPA.

When the GTAPA Board decided to revive STAMPEX in 2003, Harry was the first to support the cause by presenting a cash donation to augment the show treasury.

In 2004, when the GTAPA had its first Annual General Meeting at the Greene Foundation, Harry accepted the job of being the keynote speaker for the evening. He took the opportunity to discuss the Canadian position in many international stamp shows.

By creating a bridge between the highest levels of philately in the Greene Foundation and the grassroots philately of the GTAPA, Harry added one more of his many indelible marks on philately in Toronto.

Thank you Harry.

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Jerry Piotrowski

I imagine that most of us have come across a stamp in our collections or accumulations that we could not identify. Sometimes even with a good guess as to the country of origin even the most diligent search through the common catalogues proves fruitless. Occasionally a fellow collector or access to specialized catalogues can help identify that strange item.

Several months ago I logged on to a web site and while looking through the information there found information about several items that I had and additional information on several other items. This site www.raster.it/stefano/a is in the form of a question and answer where scans of stamps along with questions are submitted and answers are provided by the webmasters or by other viewers.

Over 500 items are in the stamp galleries, with another 100 in the Cinderella galleries and 20 in the revenue galleries. Although the site has not been updated for a while there is a wealth of information on it and I think it is well worth the time to look through the posted items.

Another site providing information about cinderella items can be viewed at www.cinderellas.info. This site includes an online exhibit titled "The Richard C. Witt Cinderella Reference Collection" which shows many items along with a write up.

Undoubtedly there are many other web sites that collectors can use to increase their knowledge of philately. Some might be geared to specialists or study groups while others provide general information.

Send information about other interesting philatelic websites to me at jerrypiotrowski74@hotmail.com using "Stamp websites" in the subject line and I will compile a list for a future issue of *PhilaJournal*.

IN MEMORIAM

Irving Calvin Whynot

Irving, a regular contributor to the *Canadian Stamp News* passed away peacefully on March 14, 2006. He was in his 80th year.

Although he was not a member of a GTAPA club, Irving was a believer in the GTAPA mission. He was a strong supporter of the partnership between GTAPA and the CSDA that led to the resurrection of STAMPEX. Irving was a true "*friend of the Alliance*" and will be missed.

In the newspaper notice of his passing, his family suggested that to honour Irving one should *learn a new word, spell it correctly, and use it properly in a sentence!*

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THE EDITOR'S SPACE

Another milestone has been reached with this issue – we have received letters to the editor! A new column is in the making.

The exciting thing about the incoming comments is the source: **Michael Madesker** is an internationally recognized past commissioner for Youth philately. A Google search of his name gives 89 hits! **John Peebles** is the editor of a delightful journal *The Canadiana Connection*. **Gus Knierim** is the editor of the journal of the Postal History Society of Canada. In my humble opinion, that is three pretty impressive hits for the first column!

AmeriStamp Expo is now history. It was a great example of co-operative collaboration between the GTAPA, the CSDA, the RPSC and AAPE. Kudos to the Bramalea Stamp Club who entered the team championship competition.

I am pleased to have played a small role in bringing the Ukrainian Collectibles Society into the GTAPA. I am sure we will see many positive developments from this new relationship.

Thank you to Charles Verge for giving permission to reprint his series of Philatelic Tips that were in the Brigham Auction catalogues over the past six years.

STAMPEX is the next major undertaking for the GTAPA. As always, these shows consume an enormous amount of manpower and energy. Your President, Peter Butler, has contributed more than his fair share of both and, although he wouldn't ask, I know he will appreciate additional persons on the various committees. If you can contribute, contact Peter. I promise that your contribution will be accepted and that you will enjoy being part of a great team.

gjp

DEADLINE

The Fall Issue of *PhilaJournal* will be distributed in the last week of August. Contributions must be in the editor's possession by the **end of July**.

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President's Messages

The GTAPA Board and the STAMPEX Planning Team were very pleased to learn that the East Toronto Stamp Club gave a donation of \$175.00 to assist in the funding of our Youth Program. You will recall that *Stamp Camp USA* was to have presented the youth program for AmeriStamp Expo, so we assigned the funds to the fall STAMPEX show. **Dave Stone**, the manager of the Friday Youth Day programs will now be able to purchase more supplies for the October show.

Sincere thanks are extended to the East York Stamp Club for their generosity and their support of youth philately in the GTA. This is their second such donation and their example is truly appreciated. Perhaps the other clubs in the Alliance might take note and consider following the East Toronto lead. There isn't a worthier cause to support!

GTAPA Assists Richmond Hill's Chinese Community with Exhibit

One of the highlights of last year's STAMPEX was having the People's Republic of China's Consul General in Toronto, cut the ribbon in celebration of the joint issue of stamps between the two countries and the on-going cooperation in many of the areas of international trade and culture. You may recall that the event was covered extensively by the Chinese press and our organization was mentioned in many papers the following week. As a result of that exposure, Annie Cheng, a lawyer in the Richmond Hill Chinese community, contacted me to request assistance in mounting an exhibit of Chinese stamps at the Times Square Plaza (Highway 7 and Leslie Ave.)

The "wild cat stamps" had been officially launched in Ottawa earlier in the week of STAMPEX and the Chinese government had sent over a complete commemorative collection from 1990 to 2005 to display at the launch. Following that event, the collection was dismantled and sent to Annie Cheng. The request of GTAPA was to provide frames so the collection could be re-mounted and displayed in the Times Square Plaza.

GTAPA in cooperation with the Toyak Stamp Club, created a plan to transport eight frames from Troyak's storage to the Plaza, mount the exhibit and, following a month on display, take the exhibit down and return the frames to storage. **Dave Stone**, the Alliance's newest Board member as a representative of the Scarborough club, **Robert Owczarz**, another Board member representing Troyak and I agreed to implement the plan. Using Dave's van, Robert's strength and my directions, we completed the set-up in a few hours, and were treated to an excellent Dim Sum lunch by the organizing committee. The official opening was covered once again, by the Chinese newspapers (See the copy of the article) and the exhibit was all set to be displayed for one month to shoppers and viewers who visited the mall just to see the stamp collection.



出席中國郵票展開幕剪綵人士，左起：Nihat Isguder、Peter Butler、郝光峰、鄭愛齡。
(曾茜攝)

紀念加中建交35周年 中國郵票展時代廣場揭幕

【明報專訊】「黃河壺口大瀑布、清明上河圖、大足石刻千手佛、三國演義……」在郵票的方寸間，濃縮見證了中華上下五千年文化與歷史。一批中國紀念郵票昨日在烈治文山時代廣場大堂展出。這批珍貴郵票是由渥太華加中友協借出，以紀念加中建交35周年。

出席昨日中國郵票展開幕剪綵儀式的人士包括：中國總領館副總領事郝光峰、新聞領事孫彥、大多倫多地區郵票協會會長Peter Butler、加中協會會長大律師鄭愛齡、時代廣場董事局總經理Nihat Isguder等。

鄭愛齡表示，上述郵票是由中國政府贈給渥太華的加中友協，去年10月曾在慶祝加中建交35周年活動時於渥太華展出，現移師多倫多，先在烈市時代廣場展出1

個月，並將於今年10月在國家展覽館的全國郵票展中展出。

鄭愛齡表示，她非常感謝渥太華加中友協的負責人吳燦堅借出該批郵票，透過郵展，搭建中加文化溝通的橋梁；據悉，展覽結束後將會拍賣上述郵票。

是次郵展中展出1990年至2005年期間中國發行的部分紀念郵票，內容涉及中國文物歷史、名勝古蹟、花鳥蟲獸等，當中亦包括加中1990年聯合發行的首枚紀念郵票《白求恩大夫》，以及2005年加中兩國共同發行的第二套郵票《金錢豹》。

大多倫多地區郵票協會會長Peter Butler表示，大多倫多地區有許多集郵愛好者，他很希望《明報》的讀者能參加該會的集郵活動。詳情可瀏覽該會網頁www.gta-pa.org。

In early April, we received a call from Annie that the businessman's association wanted the exhibit taken down in preparation for a celebration of Mother's Day. On Good Friday, Dave, Robert and yours truly, jumped in the van, drove to the site, dismantled the exhibit, packed away the collection and returned the frames to storage in record time. Oh, I almost forgot to mention that following the take-down Annie, once again, asked us to have lunch with her. This time it was to a popular local restaurant where we were treated to an excellent twelve course spread. It was a lunch to remember and Annie was a wonderful host ordering all the platters and pouring the green tea! I want you to know that there was business attached to all this pleasure. We submitted an invoice for expenses which covered Dave's mileage and a donation to the GTAPA. This pleasant experience was reward enough for helping a community, many of whom are avid collectors, to view a beautiful collection of stamps from their homeland, but to be invited to two lunches and a chance to talk with many Asian people about stamp collecting, was a bonus. Are there any volunteers out there who would like to be involved with our next community assistance program?

Yours in Philately,
Peter Butler

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

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PHILATELIC TIPS

by *Charles J. G. Verge, FRPSC, FRPSL*

*(This series of tips was originally published in **The Brigham Auction catalogues** starting in April 2000. Some have been revised).*

Philatelic Tip #1: Low bidding at auctions.

From time to time we will be providing you with philatelic tips in this column. They are answers to comments or questions we receive from you. This issue, I will write about low bidding at auctions. One correspondent has been complaining that he has not been successful during our auctions. It is not surprising since all of his bids are 60 to 80% below the estimate. This type of low-ball bid is not productive for the bidder, the seller or the auction house. As a collector, would you like your consigned items to be sold at 20% of the estimate? Many auction houses disqualify bids submitted at lower than 70 or 80% of the estimate. If you consistently put in low bids, you will get nothing, you are wasting your time and that of the auction firm and it will not keep you on the mailing list for catalogues.



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CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

At the Board meeting in April, 2006, **Robert Owczarz** and **Stan Korzepa** were presented with Certificates of Merit.



Stan applying a cancellation to one of the special cachet prepared for AmeriStamp Expo.

The award recognized the extraordinary effort made by these two men to present their exhibit entitled **Pope John Paul II Legacy on World Stamps** at AmeriStamp Expo. This huge 114-frame exhibit could only be shown as an invited display as there is no classification in which it can be judged!



Robert receives his Certificate from Peter Butler

The mounting of the exhibit took Robert, Stan and a large crew from **Troyak** about 10 hours (finishing at about 3 o'clock Friday morning).

During each of the three days of the show, I observed a steady flow of visitors to the exhibit. Robert and Stan also acted as docents and conducted several guided tours of the exhibit. Well done!

Apologies are due to Stan as gremlins crept into the production of the AmeriStamp Expo program and caused his name to be deleted from the list of exhibitors.



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Check out our web site at www.bramaleastampclub.com

The AmeriStamp Expo 2006 held April 7-9 at the Queen Elizabeth Building, Exhibition Place, Toronto included a Single Frame Team Competition. Nine teams including one each from Australia and France entered exhibits. The Bramalea Stamp Club, one of two Canadian entries (the other being from Calgary, Alberta), entered the following exhibits:

The Opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway, **Paul Nicholls**
The Story of A.V. Roe Canada Ltd., **Geoff Green**
Canadian Semi-Official Stamps & Delivery, **Steve Johnson**
Elizabethan Canada: Selected Wilding Rates, **Ingo Nessel**
Censor markings on Polish Mail, **Jerry Piotrowski**

Congratulations to the *Collectors Club of New York*, winners of the Single Frame Team Award.

Sunday June 4 will be the last Sunday meeting before the summer break. Sunday meetings will recommence October 1. The meetings on the third Tuesday of each month continue throughout the summer months.

Jerry Piotrowski



EAST TORONTO STAMP CLUB

Meetings are at Stan Wadlow Senior's Action Centre on Cedarvale Ave., (Woodbine & Cosburn area) on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, October to May, at 9:30 to 11 :00 a.m.

The membership fee is \$5.00 yearly, payable to the Stan Wadlow Clubhouse for Seniors.

Activities include stamp exchanges, a stamp dealer who buys and sells stamps, estate evaluations and disposals, stamp chats and fellowship.

Full benefits at the centre are available to the members including: social events, bus trips, card playing and exercise classes.

The objective of the club is to provide a meeting place to enjoy the hobby. Stamp collecting is often a solitary hobby so having a place to meet and enjoy the various activities, in a social atmosphere, is very worthwhile.

Doug Cockburn



INSURANCE & BANKING PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Meets at 6:00 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from September to June. Meetings are held in the offices of Canaccord Capital Corporation, 29th floor, 161 Bay Street (BCE Place) in Toronto.

At the meeting of April 12, 2006, President **Joe Janthur** introduced **Hugh Lawrence**, PhD. who presented "A Study of Printings" of the 2¢ carmine Queen Victoria Numeral Issue.

Josh Hodgson also presented a Show & Tell of Cinderella stamps commemorating the first Canadian rocket flight from Canada to the U.S.A. which was shot over Niagara Falls in May 1936.



NORTH TORONTO STAMP CLUB

The North Toronto Stamp Club holds its meeting at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, Yonge Street at Heath Street, on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

The 63rd Annual Exhibition of the North Toronto Stamp Club was held on Saturday, March 18th at the Cedarbrook Community Centre (91 Eastbrook Blvd., Scarborough.).

There were tables for 24 dealers and they were busy throughout the day because, for the first time in a few years, we had over 200 visitors come through the front entrance (we estimate that perhaps another 20 or so entered through a back door).

One of those attending was long time member of the club and for many years its exhibition chairman, Stu Sheppard. He enjoyed the day as did his many friends and acquaintances who had a chance to talk with him. A couple of months ago Stu told me that he thought he might not be able to attend this year's exhibition which would have been the first he had missed since 1978. The string is still alive.

This year Geoff Ewing and John Wilson served as joint exhibition chairmen. In a continuation of the club's efforts over the last couple of years to encourage members to begin exhibiting, exhibits were limited to those of one-frame (16 pages) and 1-

page. As well, knowing that the number of exhibiting frames required would be smaller than in the past, no frame fees were charged. Next year frame fees will be in effect again (they are used to pay for the transportation of the frames); multi-frame exhibits will be welcomed; and many of our individual awards will be re-activated including the Harold Gosney Award for most popular exhibit as voted for by the viewing public.

Peter Madej and Alan Hanks served as the judging panel.

Although the exhibits were few in number, they were of excellent quality.

One-frame exhibits:

Sam Chiu *Detained in Hong Kong and the Ones That Got Away* GOLD (and Grand Award)

Geoff Ewing and John Wilson *Security Markings on the Postage and Revenue Adhesives of the Malay Peninsula, 1867 - 1942* VERMEIL

John Wilson *Hong Kong: The Treaty Ports* VERMEIL

Robert Pinet *Twentieth Century Refugees: A Philatelic Retrospective* SILVER

John Wilson *Zanzibar: Whose Face Is That Anyway?* SILVER-BRONZE

Note: Robert Pinet was a novice exhibitor

One-page exhibits:

John Wilson *Hong Kong Reacts to the Silver Crisis of 1929-1931* GOLD (winner)

Leon Matthys *Christmas Island - The Other One* GOLD

Raj Ramphal *Simple Solutions to Stamp Shortages* GOLD

John Wilson *Provisionally Yours: Resourcefulness of the Post Office* GOLD

Peter Butler *Canada's Christmas Snowman* SILVER

Geoff Ewing *Significance of Greek Perfins* BRONZE

Notes: the top four exhibits were all judged as meriting 9 points out of ten,

Leon Matthys was a novice exhibitor.

Many people contributed to the success of the show.

Julia Blunk, with the help of **Hilja Ekberg** ran the food concession which did land office business. **Leon Matthys** transported, and helped set-up and take down our backing tables and the four exhibition frames. **Tony Grinivicius** acted as greeter all day long. **John Laraway** provided storage for the frames; **Geoff Ewing** produced the program. **Geoff Ewing**, **Robert Pinet**, **Leon Matthys** and **John Laraway** set up the frames, cleaned the 'glass', mounted and dismounted exhibits and took down the frames.

Doug Irwin produced the Certificates of Award for exhibitors.

Herb Letsche, chairman of the Sales Circuit and

Bourse committee, with the assistance of **John Robertson**, **John Chabrol** and others, continues to run the 'most professional' club shows of perhaps any in Ontario. This year, advertising in the Canadian Stamp News and the *PhilaJournal* brought in some of the philatelic public who had not attended our shows before. The club circuit books were busy all day and the 10-cent books, occupying about 30 feet of table space, were avidly picked over. One of the good things about this exhibition and bourse was that the old adage 'many hands make light work' was proven several times.

Recent Club Meetings:

Feb. 9, **John Wilson** spoke on Zanzibar: Whose Head is that anyway? describing the historical and political background to the succession of rulers whose heads were shown in turn on the stamps of the country. It is not always easy to find out one ruler's relationship to his predecessors.

Feb 23, **Doug Irwin**, **Alan Hanks** and **Peter Butler** formed the panel for a discussion on mounting for exhibiting. They each showed examples from their own exhibits and provided insights into problems an exhibitor might face and how he or she might address them. There followed a lively question and answer period.

Five members contributed items to the Mar. 9 clothes line exhibit.

Peter Butler showed a draft version of his 1-page exhibit Canada's Christmas Snowman.

Robert Pinet had a 1-page exhibit on mail related to official Refugee Organizations.

Derek Paul displayed a recently acquired early New Zealand 2d blue Chalon head. It is the cleanest, freshest copy he has ever seen.

Herb Letsche showed a cover carried on one of the trans-Atlantic Zeppelin flights.

Leon Matthys had a 1-page exhibit on The Other Christmas Island (about the one off the coast of Nova Scotia, not in the Indian or Pacific Ocean). The audience voted Leon's exhibit the winner.

Mar 23, **Geoff Ewing** spoke on Why I Collect Perfins - mystery and history. He showed several examples from his collection including a GB perfin folded before being perfined resulting in a comic face which he was able to identify after spotting the fold.

Visitors are always welcome. The Sales Circuit and members' bourse opens at about 7 p.m. in the Gymnasium of the Yorkminster Park Baptist Church on the east side of Yonge Street two blocks north of St. Clair. There is a short business meeting at 8 p.m. followed by the speaker, panel, or floor auction. May 25: **Michael Millar**, The Squared Circle Cancellations of India

June 8: Members' Buy, Sell and Trade (Guests are welcome)

June 17: Summer Bourse, held at Cedarbrook Community Centre, 91 Eastpark Blvd., Scarborough, 10 a.m - 4 p.m.

June 22: A History of "Finds"

Summer Meetings, July 20 and August 17, to be held at a location still to be determined -- contact John Wilson, wilsonjn@sympatico.ca, for details or go to the North Toronto website.

Visitors are always welcome and coffee and cookies are provided. Membership is \$15 per year. E-mail us at ntstampclub@yahoo.ca!



NORTH YORK PHILATELIC SOCIETY



Meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from September to June (July & August, 3rd Wednesday only) in the Skaters' Lounge at the Carnegie Centennial Arena, 580 Finch Avenue West, Toronto (1½ blocks west of Bathurst Street).

Meetings feature convivial atmosphere (try the coffee!), auctions, sales circuit, and a number of dealer members. Membership is \$10 per year. Ample free parking. NYPS is a member of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada as well as the GTAPA.

Recent activities have included a Stamp Auction on April 5. Our annual show, NYPEX, which has traditionally taken place in May, was held this year on April 22.

Harvey Shuter designed two show covers for AmeriStamp Expo 2006. Several NYPS members provided assistance during the show.

For more information, contact **Mike Turk** at (905) 731-8380 or via e-mail at turkm@accessv.com.



POLISH-CANADIAN COIN AND STAMP CLUB "TROYAK"

Club "Troyak", meets on the last Sunday of each month, except holidays, at John Paul II Polish

Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd. (just south of Hwy. 403), Mississauga, Ontario.

Club's mailing address is: 2550 Goldenridge Road, Unit 14, Mississauga, ON L4X 2S3 Canada.

"Troyak" was established with goals towards education, collecting and preservation of coins, stamps, paper money, orders and medals of Poland's history.

The Club is officially registered member at the Ontario Numismatic Association and is an active member of the Greater Toronto Area Philatelic Alliance.

The Polish - Canadian Coin and Stamp Club "Troyak" is a non - profit organization which can always provide assistance in dealing with issues concerning coins and stamps. Persons who are interested in the education and study in numismatic and philatelic matters are welcome.

"Troyak's" Executive Team established in February 2005, "Troyak Junior" Philatelic Club, and **Zygmunt (Ziggy) Borowski** is club's director. For more information, contact: Ziggy at 416-454-2790 or bzygmunt@hotmail.com

"Troyak" next meetings are: May 28, 2006: June 25, 2006, at 4:30 p.m. Refreshments are always available. During July and August 2006 "Troyak's" members are having summer break; next meeting is September 24, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. Club issues monthly info/bulletin on its website and also publishes bulletin for the members who attend club meetings. For more information, contact: Ignac K. at 905-273-5561 or, Wieslaw G. at 416-258-1651 or, Janusz M. at 647-400-7857. www.troyakclub.com info@troyakclub.com New members are always welcome.



TORONTO STAMP COLLECTORS CLUB

Toronto Stamp Collectors Club meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month from September to, and including, June. Our regular meetings are held at the Royal Canadian Military Institute, 426 University Avenue, Toronto, starting at 8pm. Business attire with a tie is a required dress code at the RCMI.

Congratulations to **Fred Fawn** who won the "Champion of Champions" at AmeriStamp Expo in April.

For more information contact **John Talman** at 416-363-9997 or by email at jtalman@interlog.com



SCARBOROUGH STAMP CLUB

The first Tuesday of each month is an opportunity for informal trading, buying and selling of material among members, to purchase material from the circuit books and the Woolworth Tables (5 & 10 cent books). As always, visitors are most welcome to join us for all of the activities. Meeting dates for the remainder of the year are May 2nd and June 6th.

The third Tuesday of each month has a short business meeting, followed by a pre-arranged program of workshops, presentations, slide shows etc. Members may visit the circuit book and Woolworth Tables prior to the start of the meeting which will begin at 7:30 p.m. There will also be a floor auction each night. Refreshments are provided and guests are always welcome. Meeting nights for the business sessions for the remainder of the year are May 16th and June 20th.

The doors are open at 6:00 p.m. and are held at the Cedarbrook Community Centre, 91 East Park Blvd., (Lawrence and Markham area) in Scarborough. For more information call **Doug Cockburn** at 416-757-4072

As announced, the club held its bi-annual elections at the February meeting. President **Peter Butler** and Secretary **Jim Carleton** had announced that they would not seek re-election. There were no candidates for those two positions. Doug Cockburn volunteered to chair future business meetings. There has not been a secretary appointed.

Tony Mason of the East Toronto Stamp Club was to have given a talk on the *Machin Stamps of the UK* but was unable to attend the April meeting. We hope he can make it in the fall. Those of us who collect the "Machins" will have a few extra months to get caught up with our collection before he presents the topic.

The floor auctions which were changed to the first monthly meetings have been returned to the third Tuesday meetings. It was felt that the larger gathering at the "Business Night" was better for the sellers.



UKRAINIAN COLLECTIBLES SOCIETY (TORONTO)

For over 20 years, our group of collectors from Toronto and surrounding municipalities has shared the common goal of preserving the cultural history of Ukraine and its people around the world.

Our Society works to unite Ukraine collectors, whatever their collecting interests: stamps, postal

history, banknotes, coins, postcards, badges, orders and other memorabilia.

We aim to facilitate exchanges of knowledge, opinions and news with respect to each collector's area of interest. We also provide a forum for exchange of collectible materials where members can buy new items, trade or sell duplicate material.

Over the years our Society has hosted several exhibitions open to the public. The largest was in 1988 in conjunction with the Ukrainian Millennium Celebration of Christianity.

Society meetings are held the first Monday of every month. Attend and meet people with similar interests.

For information call Jerry Kalyn at 416-251-6898. We meet at:

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WEST TORONTO STAMP CLUB

Activities are held on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesday at 7:30pm, from September to June, at Fairfield Seniors' Centre, 80 Lothian Avenue, Etobicoke (3 blocks south of Bloor St. West, and 2 blocks east of Islington Ave.).

Membership Dues

\$20 per year, for new members
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- Dealers Tables • Exhibitions •

For more information, contact Frank Alusio at 416-621-8232, or e-mail: falusio@sympatico.ca.

On the evening of March 14, 2006, 31 members attended a Study Group meeting that featured an experimental Single-Page Team Competition.

Team "A" was Frank Alusio, Reay Cairns, Milton Dorman, Denzil Fernandes, Ernie French, Fred Froud, Doris Lowry and George MacLean.

Team "B" included Aulis Narhi, Gord Payne, Garfield Portch, Gerry Quidzinski, Stan Shakespeare, Victor Skidra and Anne Westhouse.

These members and their exhibits are the team that will represent West Toronto at the Single-Page competition at STAMPEX.



CORRESPONDENCE

Gentlemen,

The latest edition of *PhilaJournal* landed in my mail box this morning. Please accept my sincere appreciation for allowing me to enjoy the fruits of your labour. The Journal is well composed, highly readable and, what is most important in this type of publication, informative.

In the passing of my very dear friend, Harry Sutherland, we are not only mourning the death of an outstanding human being but also a pillar of philately who guided us for nearly a half a century. The generation that gave us Harry is dwindling, most of us, who still survive, are no longer able to carry the responsibilities of guiding philately in Canada or implement the required innovations. This is a task that is now in your hands and the generation that follows us.

Best of luck in all your philatelic endeavors to keep Canada's name strong and proud in the world of philately.

Best wishes,

Michael Madesker

Thank you Michael. Your comments with respect to PhilaJournal are appreciated. Your public support of GTAPA's efforts to promote excellence in Canadian philately is doubly appreciated.

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E-mail sent to President, Peter Butler

I have just finished reading my copy of the spring issue of *Phila Journal*. The publication has certainly become a quality product and everyone associated with it is to be commended. I particularly enjoyed the two pieces by Alena Pascual.

John Peebles

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From the PHSC Journal's editor, Gus Knierim

At STAMPEX 2005 I picked up the last newsletter from GTAPA. Before we look at the newsletter I must say what a great show, with absolutely superb exhibits, this event turned out to be. Congratulations to the exhibitors. There are now ten clubs that make up the membership of GTAPA. The newsletter informs members of the various clubs about what is going on in the member clubs. Not only that, we find articles about "Surcharged German Stamps, 1938-1945"; and, the World Numbering System for postage stamps that has been developed in part by the Universal Postal Union to deal with the ever increasing fraudulent production of postage stamps.

The PhilaJournal concludes with an article on "Censor Markings Types on Polish Mail, 1945-1946". A well-done newsletter that exhibits a lot of energy.

Thank you Gus.

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Larry Davidson, an exhibitor at AmeriStamp Expo wrote to Peter Butler:

What a great show! Congratulations to all involved in making it happen. There were many extra touches that take time to arrange, and you guys did it!!

And your article in Canadian Stamp News was a very fine write-up - it summed up the highlights of the show very well.

Now if we could only get more of our K-W club members to attend these shows, I'm sure they would benefit greatly and might even catch the exhibiting bug.

Larry was given an AAPE Award of Honour for his five-frame exhibit "Beavers: Natures Engineers"

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Youth Program a Success

On April 7, twenty-eight members of the Ellesmere-Statton Stamp Club attended AmeriStamp Expo at the invitation of Peter Butler and Dave Stone. A special kid's activity area was set up to welcome our very excited group. Dave Stone presented the students with a well organized, educational and fun program that included:

- the selection, mounting and soaking of stamps
- locating stamps using a stamp identifier
- creating their own stamp
- completing a fact sheet based on the exhibits
- working at the Kid's Table and
- visiting participating dealer's booths.

All of this was accomplished with the help of Mr. Stone and his team of volunteers, Ron Dell'Agnese, Leon Matthys, and Gary Collins.

The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and are more than ever before motivated to continue their philatelic endeavours. Their great appreciation was expressed in their unsolicited but unanimous statement that it was their best trip, ever!

I would like to extend my thanks to all of those involved with the planning and presentation of this program and to express my hopes that we can introduce new collectors to a similar experience in the future.

Bev Tenenbaum

Ellesmere-Statton Junior & Senior P. S.

Thanks Bev. Your recognition of the volunteers who put forth the effort for the students is appreciated. Dave Stone and Ron Dell'Agnese are members of the Scarborough Stamp Club. Leon Matthys, and Gary Collins are members of the North Toronto Stamp Club

AmeriStamp Expo, 2006

The Show That Almost Wasn't

As I reflect on the success of AmeriStamp Expo, I cannot help but think back to a planning meeting in December of 2005. The team had some really tough decisions to make – the biggest being “should we go on, or should we call it off and simply take the loss and the embarrassment?”

The situation was, simply, we only had thirty frames of competitive exhibits committed in an exhibition that enjoyed almost 350 frames last year in Atlanta. We expected significantly fewer frames here due to the competition expected from Washington, 2006 and the fact that Toronto is a foreign venue for American exhibitors.

Our decision was to postpone the final decision until the end of January, 2006 at which time we would be against hard deadlines. As it turned out, that was the best decision we could have made. As the end of January approached, **Alan Hanks**, our Exhibit Chairman, advised that we were approaching 200 frames of competitive exhibits. We also knew that we would have more than 100 frames featuring Pope John Paul that would show in a non-competitive environment.

As they say, the rest is history. We opened the show with a total of 314 frames of exhibits that included:

- a 5 frame Court of Honour entitled *The Golden Age of Postcards, 1898 – 1918* by Barbara Harrison
- 8 single frames in a Single-Frame Championship
- 35 competitive Single Frame exhibits
- 9 Display Class exhibits
- 2 Thematic Class exhibits
- 8 Post Card exhibits
- 4 Illustrated Mail exhibits
- 1 Cinderella class, and
- 9 entries in the Single Frame Team Competition including an entry from the Bramalea Stamp Club

The partners involved in the show were the **Canadian Stamp Dealers Association** with whom the **Greater Toronto Area Philatelic Alliance** have combined to produce STAMPEX for the past three years, **The American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors**, and the **Royal Philatelic Society of Canada**.

We enjoyed the services of an international jury with **Patricia Stilwell Walker** (USA) as the Chair. Other members were **Tim Bartshe** (USA), **Bernard Jimenez** (France), **John Keenlyside** (Canada), **David Piercey** (Canada), and **Philip Stager** (USA). After the judging critique and on Sunday, it was a pleasure to have some members of the jury conduct guided tours of the exhibits. These well-attended tours provided an opportunity for the public to gather some insight into the art of exhibiting and the challenges of judging.

Organizing & Management Team

Chairman (plus other duties): Peter Butler
Exhibits & Jury: Alan Hanks
Awards: Garfield Portch
Palmares: Rodney Paige
Program: Ernie Nyitrai & Garfield Portch
GTAPA Booth: Jim Carleton
Reception & Volunteers: Elaine Skinner
Frames: Doug Irwin, John Laraway, Robert Owczarz, and Bob Thorne
Treasurer: Joe Janthur
Commemorative Covers: Harvey Shuter

Volunteers

Congratulations and thanks to all the volunteers who assisted as greeters and guides, distributed programs, staffed the booth and so forth.

As reported in the *Correspondence* section on page 11, a great job was done with a successful youth program on Friday.

Special additional thanks to those who worked on the set-up and take-down of the frames. That is hard and heavy work that takes place out of sight of the show attendees.

Awards

Thanks to Mike Moffat of the Trophy Centre who produced laser-engraved for the medallions in record time and delivered them to the show 2 hours before the awards ceremony. Great job Mike!



Photo: W.Lorimer

Thanks to Jim Harkness of Stayner, Ontario, we were able to provide carved ducks for about a dozen of the higher awards. These attractive and individually unique pieces of Canadian art were appreciated by the winners.

Palmares

The Palmares appears on the GTAPA web site at www.gtapa.org

Photographs

Photos in this report were taken by **Wesley Lorimer** and **Garfield Portch**.

AmeriStamp Expo, 2006



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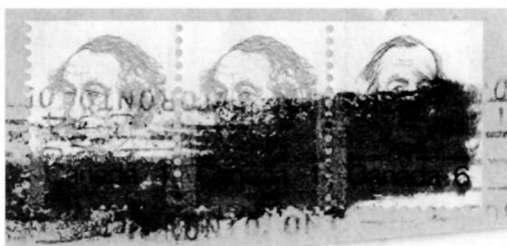
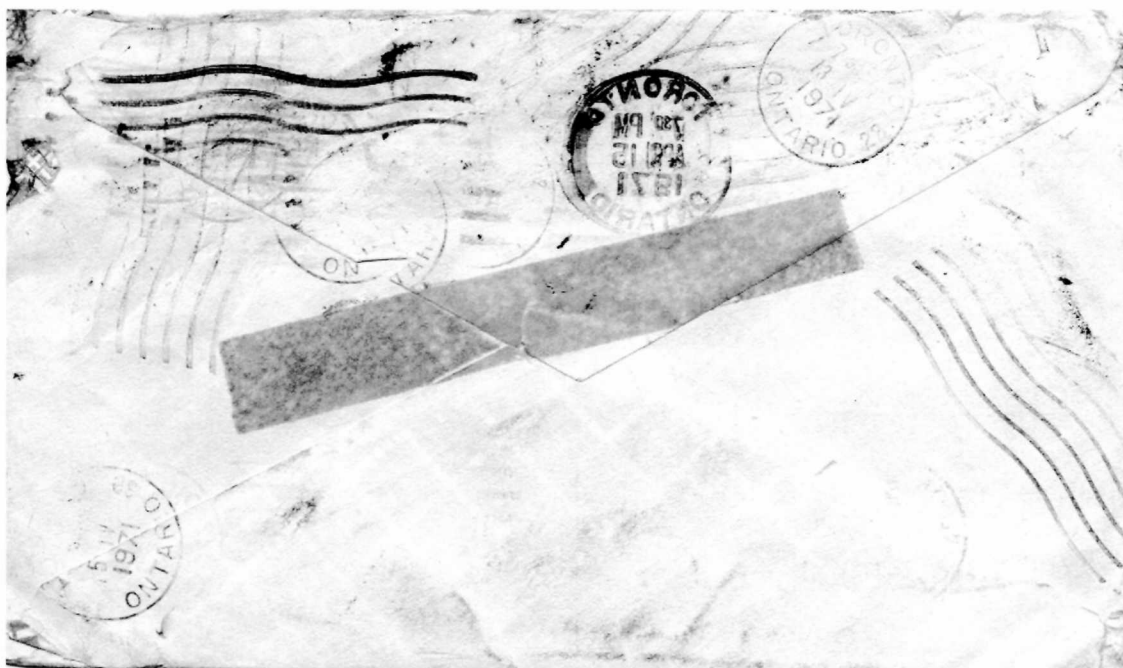
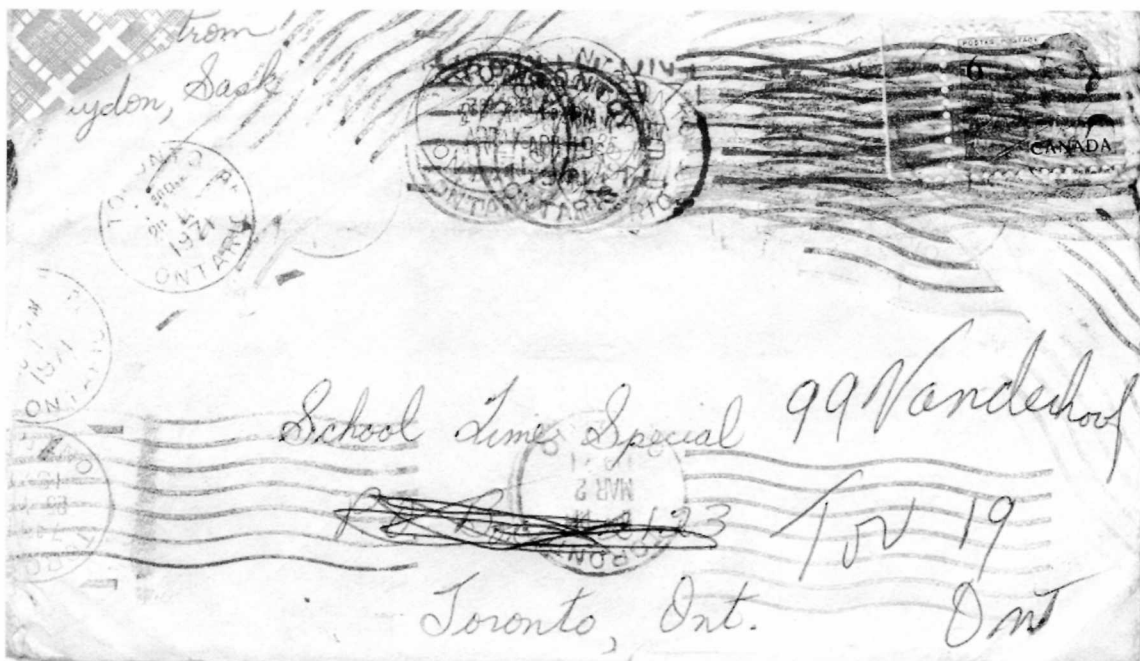
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John Laraway

John came across this interesting table while reading a Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal printed in 1903. It is obvious that penmanship gave way to speed but, there was an element of consistency amongst postmasters.

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TABLEAU N°1

Tableau de la base de lettres employées en chiffres



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Sure Beats A Ball Pen!



Jack Lyons discovered an interesting obliterator. It appears as though the letter carrier has used a child's rubber stamp rather than a ball pen to ensure that a lightly cancelled stamp will not get re-used.

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