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The Birth of a Stamp

by Jorge Montalvo

In June 2005 while attending the 100th Anniversary convention of the Rotary Club in Chicago I was involved in discussion with three other members of the Willowdale Branch about the fact that the U.S. Postal Service had not recognized the occasion. I have since learned that the American policy is to allow only one issue per service club and Rotary had been recognized in 1955.

In sharing with my friends the dream that Canada would issue a stamp honouring Rotary I learned that The Winnipeg Rotary Club, the first to operate outside the U.S.A. would be celebrating its centennial soon. I was encouraged by my friends to contact Canada Post to launch the project.

I contacted **Mr. Jim Phillips** at Canada Post drawing to his attention that Rotary International had contributed more than \$600 million to the fight against polio for which Canada Post issued a stamp in September 2005. Mr. Phillips responded on October 27, 2005 indicating that my suggestion had been forwarded to the Stamp Advisory Committee. He also acknowledged that he had met with representatives of Rotary International during the launch of the Polio stamp.

One week later I met with **Mr. Robert S. Scott**, Trustee of the Royalty Foundation, when he addressed our Willowdale Club. I gave him copies of my correspondence and asked for his support for the stamp project. He then wrote to Mr. Phillips lending his support and indicating that the anniversary date should be 2010.



On June 19, 2010 at the Centennial Convention in Montreal, my dream was realized with the launch of the stamp honouring Rotary International. I met Bob Scott again for the first time since 2005 and, as I approached, he smiled, gave a “thumbs up”, and said “Jorge, we made it!”

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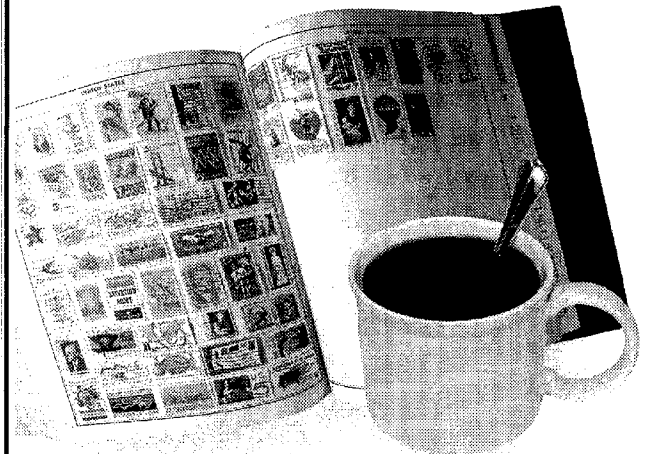
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THE EDITOR'S SPACE

Resigning the editor's position at PhilaJournal has proved to be a tougher job than I thought. No new editor has been discovered yet, but *PhilaJournal* is important to the GTAPA and we have commitments to meet.

I think it may be appropriate at this time to ask our members "Has *PhilaJournal* run its course?" and "Is it time for a new direction?" We now have the website up and running giving us a medium for the immediate exchange of information that we cannot have in print. I urge all members to give some consideration to this issue and give feedback to your representatives to take to the Directors' meeting in September.

My own opinion is that we will always have a need for *PhilaJournal*. I also believe, however, that consideration must be given to both content and format remembering that the official publication of the Alliance must meet the diverse needs of the Alliance.

An examination of the club programs of events for the new stamp season indicates to me that we are in for another exciting year of stamp collecting. Again, we are proving that (paraphrasing Mark Twain) the report of the death of the hobby is premature. I know that three of our clubs have experienced significant growth in membership in recent months.

Let's keep up the great work and continue to enjoy all aspects of our wonderful hobby. Have a great season!

gjp

DEADLINE

The Winter Issue of *PhilaJournal* will be distributed in the last week of November. Submissions must be in the editor's possession by the 7th of November, 2010.

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What Stamps Mean To Me

by Joseph C. Inguanez

Stamp collecting has always been a fascinating hobby for me. The stamps that I collect tell me a story of the country that they are from. They talk about the history of that country.

Some stamps talk about agriculture, especially the ones that show flowers, fruits and trees. Some stamps talk about birds, the kind of birds that are found in that country. They also talk about butterflies and insects that are endogenous to that region. Other stamps talk about the landscape of the specific country such as rivers and other landmarks. You can also find stamps about lighthouses that mark land for ships to avoid. There are stamps about technology and other inventions that came about through the times. Some stamps tell the passage of time. Some examples are those stamps which show old cars or trains and the new cars and trains all on the same stamp.

Then you can also find stamps of remarkable scientific

breakthrough by certain learned individuals. These remind us of those individuals that through hard work were able to create and invent procedures or machinery. Also, you can find stamps about sports and those who played sports, such as football, hockey, basketball and soccer. Then there are those stamps that are patriotic to that country such as stamps of flags and political leaders. There are stamps that talk about the rights of the people, such as women's right to vote, union's rights and other equal rights to all. There are stamps that show landmarks, such as famous buildings, statues and bridges.

All these stamps are interesting to me because they tell me about the culture of that country and what that country is all about. Stamps tell us so much about the people and the land they are from.

Joseph Inguanez is a member of the Bramalea Stamp Club.

President's Message

by Larry Friend

Welcome Back –

All clubs should be in full swing after summer hours or summer shut down.

PhilaJournal – URGENT! - we need a new Editor – so far our search has not turn up a candidate - Garfield has generously volunteered his time and expertise to complete ONE MORE issue. HELP!

Stamp collecting – a great hobby – full of history, great stories and beautifully designed stamps - each a treasure. Stamps perhaps one of the most peaceful and rewarding ways to spend quiet hours of a day or evening.

My summer has been enhanced by visits to clubs and functions where the hobby is flourishing – a recent visit to the Karwartha Stamp Club (Peterborough) was very rewarding - he room was overflowing with members and guests. The atmosphere was electric – many new treasures went home with members who picked stamps from the clubs many 5 and 10 cent books – sales tables or the circuit books.

It was a similar story at the Trenton and Cobourg stamp clubs – I realize these are clubs outside of the GTAPA scope – but much can be learned from clubs that are growing and successful. In all cases these clubs have active and committed leadership - keep up the good work!

I have been asked to visit and speak at the Scouts on Stamps Group in November – where I will be able to update the members on the goings on at the GTAPA as well as our web site.

Also I will be able to pass on what I have learned how other clubs have been growing through innovative ideas and with the tried and true successful methods.

Help us find a new Editor for the PhilaJournal???

My Canadian Collection

by Joseph C. Inguanez

Canada is a great country. It is peaceful and rich in culture and commodities. It also has a great history and that history is reflected in the stamps it issues.

I started my Canadian Collection in 1990. I joined a stamp club and bought my stamps in bulk from a dealer. When I went home, I sorted out the stamps and picked one of every kind that I found in the bundle. I soaked my stamps and using paper towels, paper sheets and books, I would dry off the stamps. I used books to dry off the stamps and keep them flat, so they do not curl. The stamps that I cleaned, I filed in Flexo-grip sheets. These pages I kept in binders and I had two main sizes of Flexo-grip sheets, one size for small stamps and another size for larger ones. I started my two children (a boy and a girl) with their own collections when they were little. I gave my kids stamps from my stock and they were happy with their own collections. I also bought stamps from the Post Office (mint, of course) for myself and the kids. I bought some yearbooks which I like because they provide information about the stamps and their significance. Then for some reason I do not remember, I stopped collecting stamps about five years later.

Then my kids grew up and thirteen years later, I was looking through my collection and decided to start it up again. I looked up my stamp club to see if they were meeting at the same place and to my astonishment they were. I returned to the club and started buying stamps from their Canadian catalog. I said this time I am going to go pro. I bought an expensive Canadian Album from Unitrade and an old collection of Canadian stamps from eBay. This collection started from the beginning (1851 to 1975). Of course, I did not get with the collection the early stamps, but I had a pretty good collection as I found all the stamps of the latter years. This improved my Canadian collection. I also bought mint stamps and yearbooks from the Post Office.

My Canadian Collection has improved quite well. Now I have to make up and collect the thirteen years that I had stopped collecting.

Joseph Inguanez is a member of the Bramalea Stamp Club.

GTAPA MEMBER CLUBS' NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Ajax Philatelic Society

We meet the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month from 7 pm - 9 pm at the Ajax Public Library on Harwood Road South (just south of the 401).

Ajax Philatelic Society finished off the year end with a 30 lot auction. Attendance since the resurgence of the club has doubled with an average of 25+ members at each meeting. Special thanks should go to **David Goretski** and **Ron Christie** for preparing coffee and cookies at every meeting.

The club is also planning a revised sales circuit to encourage more members to sell their surplus material and to build up a good supply of stock books and binders before our next APEX in Feb 2011 for which most dealers have already booked and paid for their tables.

There is plenty of *free parking* and wheelchair accessibility - coffee and cookies *are free*

For more information contact -

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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 always welcome.

For more information contact **Bob Thorne** at 905-792-3526 or email r.thorne@sympatico.ca

Check out our web site at www.bramaleastampclub.com

Congratulations to **Garfield Portch** editor of PhilaJournal on his election as a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada at the recent annual meeting of the society. Congratulations also to

Sammy Chiu and **David Piercey** who were also elected as Fellows.

Upcoming Tuesday night themes are:

September 21 Nudes

October 19 Golf

November 16 Censored covers

December 21 Space

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.

The objective of the club is to provide a meeting place to enjoy the hobby.

Doug Cockburn

Insurance & Banking Philatelic Society

The Club meets on the third Thursday each month at the premises of Hampton Securities, 141 Adelaide Street West, Toronto. Guests are welcome, but should contact the president **Joe Janthur** (phone 416-364-4112), or secretary **Herb Kucera** (phone 416-494-1428) before attending meetings to avoid problems with the security systems at the premises.

North Toronto Stamp Club

The club welcomes guests to all its meetings, which are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month except July, August and December. Members begin arriving between 6:30 and 7:00pm to visit dealer tables, peruse club circuit books, examine table auction lots, or simply chat and trade with fellow members and visitors. A short business meeting follows at 7:30 pm (mainly announcements) followed by a pre-arranged presentation, workshop, or seminar.

There is usually time after the programme to return to the dealer tables and club sales circuit.

Visit <http://NorthTorontoStampClub.TK> for up to date details as programmes may be subject to change.

Meetings are held at the Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1858 Yonge Street, just a short walk north of the St. Clair TTC subway station.

The program highlights for the Fall season are:

September 9th - The Business of Insurance for your Collections: Our guest this evening will be Gina Curro C.A.I.B., Manager, Fine Arts & Collectibles, with Hugh Wood Canada Ltd., International Insurance Brokers. Gina will talk about the options the details and the procedures for obtaining insurance for your personal collections. A Q&A session will follow her presentation.

Prior to the presentation, there will be a short "icebreaker" activity to celebrate our new members to NTSC, during 2009 - 2010.

September 23rd - Estate Planning, Wills and Liquidity: The final session in the series, "You can't take it with you!" will be presented by JoAnne Anderson, from *MPI Tax Services*. JoAnne will address the issues of what to do with the proceeds of disposition either before or following one's death, to benefit your heirs and what makes life simpler for those who inherit collections. A Q&A session will follow the presentation.

We welcome family members to both of the above sessions.

October 14th - Member's Five Minutes

Traditionally, we set aside a meeting early in the fall to have a *Member's Five Minutes* program. This fall, because of the hold over from June with the, *You can't take it with you!* programs we will have to wait until October to share what we have added to our collections over the summer. The good news is that you will have an extra month to put you "five minutes" together!

October 28th - The Fall Auction

It's not too early to begin organizing your lots for the first auction of the stamp club year. Plenty of entries make for great auction. Plan to enter the last opportunity this calendar year, to dispose of unwanted material. Someone will buy it and call it a treasure!

November 11th - "You be the judge!"

Another club that values the fun and enjoyment of creating One-Pagers has sent along several examples

of its own one page exhibits. Members will be given a score sheet to evaluate the exhibits. Using a new scoring outline should be instructional and provide a lot of fun for all the new judges... all the members attending.

November 25th - The program will be announced at a later date.

December 9th - Annual Christmas Celebration (7:00 p.m.) Members will be asked to prepare a One-Page exhibit for this evening's program. There will be prizes awarded by popular vote. As always, there will be a "Pot Luck Supper." Dishes can be kept warm in the church kitchen until the celebration begins. Note the time change for the start of the supper.

Changes to program are sometimes unavoidable. Please check the GTAPA website closer to the date to confirm the program.

For more information about the club, its meetings and programmes please contact president **Leon Matthys** (lmattlys@sympatico.ca) at 647-505-8461 or **Peter Butler** (pbutler@ilap.com) at 416-690-4666.

North York Philatelic Society

Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from September to June (July and August 3rd Wednesday only) in the Skaters' Lounge at the Carnegie Centennial Arena, 580 Finch Avenue West, Toronto, (2 blocks west of Bathurst Street). Everyone is welcome at any of our meetings. Membership is \$5.00 per year. NYPS is a member of Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

For more information about the North York Philatelic Society contact Mike Turk at 905-731-8380 or via e-mail at turkm@accessv.com.

Oshawa/Whitby Stamp Groups

The Oshawa/Whitby stamp groups meet 3 times every week, twice in Oshawa, on Wednesday evenings from 6. pm to 8.30. pm, at Conant Seniors Centre on 115 Grassmere Ave. Oshawa and Friday mornings from 10:45 am to 12:45 pm at Legends Community Centre 1661 Harmony Rd. N. Oshawa.

The Whitby Group meets every Monday morning 10 am to noon at Whitby Seniors Building, 801 Brock Street Whitby.

There are now more than 00 members with average attendance (weekly) of 75 to 85 at the 3 meetings each week. The Friday meetings is especially popular with members coming from as far away as Brighton, Trenton, Port Hope, Peterborough, Queensville, Pefferlaw, Barrie, Toronto and places in between. The Wednesday evening meeting is growing well.

At all venues there is a significant number of ladies attending.

The Group's function is to encourage seniors (and junior collectors) to start, restart and expand their collections or, if they desire the cash, assist them to dispose of their excess material or inherited collections through club auctions or public auction houses.

Our next live auction will be Sunday, November 7th - our 8th live auction. Viewing starts at 10 am - auction starts at 12.45 - hot lunch available - at the Conant Community Centre - 115 Grassmere Ave. Oshawa, Ont.

Our next Silent auction will be held late September or early October. Look for further details on the GTAPA web site

There are 2 live voice auctions yearly of approximately 400 quality lots and 2 silent auctions each year of about 200 lots. Watch for our adverts!

With our large membership you always find fresh material available at each meeting. Every meeting members offer surplus stamps and collections to each other starting at 5 cents per stamp. We are always looking for new members with more stamps.

For more information - please contact -
Jim Stevenson - 905-576-4449 - Whitby/Oshawa
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Don Beaumont -905-426-3612-
Ajax/Whitby/Oshawa
Larry Friend - 905-723-8798 - Oshawa/Whitby
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Larry Friend

Polish-Canadian Coin and Stamp Club

Club *Troyak* meets on the last Sunday of each month, except holidays, at 4:30 p.m. at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd. (just south of Hwy. 403), Mississauga, Ontario.

The Club's NEW mailing address is:
Polish-Canadian Coin & Stamp Club "Troyak"
John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre
4300 Cawthra Rd, Mississauga, ON L4Z 1V8
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 GTAPA.

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 has established *Troyak Junior Philatelic Club*, and **Zygmunt (Ziggy) Borowski** is the club's director. For more information, contact: Ziggy at 416-454-2790 or bzymunt@hotmail.com.

Troyak Club next meetings are planned for September 26, 2010; October 31, 2010; November 28, 2010; December 12, 2010 and January 30, 2011.

Refreshments are always available. The Club issues monthly info bulletin on its website.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Realising that there are many non-Polish speaking collectors of Polish stamps, coins, banknotes, militaria and other collectibles, *Troyak* will hold a second monthly session in English.

Each meeting will be on a Tuesday evening between hours of 7PM and 9PM. This meeting location is easily accessible via public transit (subway to Islington Station, then Burnhamthorpe bus #50 west to The West Mall.) or by car with plenty of free parking.

Meeting location: Etobicoke Civic Centre 399 The West Mall, (South-East corner of Burnhamthorpe and The West Mall), Toronto, Ontario

www.toronto.com/other/listing/213393

2010 Dates: Tuesdays 7pm to 9pm: September 7th, November 9th, and December 14th NO Meeting in October due to the Municipal Election.

You should expect action packed meetings with one or two presentations on various topics of collecting, preserving, identifying, buying at auctions, and many, many others. Followed by member's "show and tell",

sharing “words of wisdom” or just wanting to show off their treasures. The evening will end with a vocal and silent auctions of Member’s spare treasures. All attendees will be welcome to participate in the auction.

NOTE: Troyak Club’s regular members meeting held in Polish remains as scheduled on last Sunday of the month at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre at 4300 Cawthra Rd. in Mississauga, Ontario.

For info call: **Ignacy Kania** 905-273-7313 or **Wieslaw Grzesicki** 416-258-1651 or visit our websites:

www.troyakclub.com or info@troyakclub.com
New members are always welcome.

Robert Owczarz

Scouts On Stamps Society International Maple Leaf Chapter, SOSSI

The Maple Leaf Chapter meets on the third Sunday of the month from September through May at 2:00 pm (coffee/cookies at 1:30 pm). Meetings are held in different locations within Toronto and southwestern Ontario. The Program for the 2010/2011 season is:

Sep 19 Toronto, Fairview Library – Summer Review
Oct 17 Kitchener, Scout House – Clothesline
Nov 28 Toronto, Fairview Library – GTAPA
Mar 20 Kitchener, Scout House – AGM + Trading
Apr 17 Hamilton, Scout House – Speaker
May 15 Niagara Falls, Scout House - Auction

If you would like to find out more about collecting Boy Scout and Girl Guide/Scout philatelic material, please contact

Tony Manson at (416) 447-4281 or
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Toronto Stamp Collectors’ Club

The Toronto Stamp Collectors’ Club will make a break with “tradition” with our first meeting in the Fall. We plan an afternoon meeting on our regular meeting date – the second Tuesday in September – September 14th. We will meet at 3 p.m. at the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Foundation rooms at 10 Summerhill Ave., Toronto.

Members and visitors are invited to bring items for trade, sell or exchange with other members. This activity is the first of the nature for the TSCC and our first afternoon meeting and is intended to seek the interest of Club members in having regular afternoon meetings. Visitors are welcome to join the TSCC members in this activity.

The VGG Foundation rooms are located at 10 Summerhill Ave. Limited street parking is available on Summerhill Ave. as well as on Walker Ave. which runs west from Yonge Street (almost opposite Summerhill Ave.)

For those wishing to use the TTC subway service, Summerhill Ave. is located one block north of the exit from the Summerhill Subway station.

Visitors are encouraged to join TSCC members in this trade, sell and exchange venture and also to bring any reports of your philatelic activities over the Summer.

For more information contact
Owen White at 416-481-4731
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Scarborough Stamp Club

The club will continue to meet at the Cedarbrook Community Centre at least for the remainder of the current year. We will meet in rooms #1 and #2 the first and third Tuesdays of each month except the second week of December due to our Christmas party which will be held on the first Tuesday of the month.

The first meeting each month will be a trading night and our club's circuit books will be available.

At the meeting on the third Tuesday each month, there will be a short official meeting. A member's draw (you must be present to win) will be held for which members may purchase tickets to win philatelic prizes, and an auction.

There may be a speaker to discuss some aspect of stamp collecting, and of course the circuit books will be available.

September will begin our 34th year as a club.

Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m..

Upcoming meetings will be held on September 7th and 21st, October 5th and 19th, November 2nd and

16th, December 7th and our Christmas party to be confirmed later.

The newest representative on the GTAPA Board is **Ron Dell'Agnese** joining as a director from the Scarborough Stamp Club along with him will be **Jim Carleton** and **Peter Butler**.

For Information
call **Doug Cockburn** at (416) 757-4072.

Jim Carleton

Ukrainian Collectibles Society (Toronto)

The Ukrainian Collectibles Society (Toronto) meets on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Ukrainian Canadian Social Services, 2445 Bloor Street West, Toronto. UCST is also a chapter of the Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society.

For over 20 years, our group of dedicated 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.

For more information about the Ukrainian Collectibles Society (Toronto) contact **Jerry Kalyn** at 416-251-6898 or via email at ucst@upns.org.

Jerry Kalyn

West Toronto Stamp Club

Meetings are held on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays from September to June at:

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We welcome members of GTAPA affiliated Clubs

Meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays will all feature both a silent and voice auction with **Reay Cairns** as auctioneer. The doors will open at 6:30 pm for 10

setup, socializing and trading. All members and guests are encouraged to participate in a show-and-tell session at most meetings.

Scheduled show-and-tell themes are:

September 28 Your Favourite Postal Item
October 26 Canada's Icons
November 9 Remembrance Day
November 23 Ice Hockey
December 14 Christmas

Meetings on the 3rd Tuesday feature a return to our Discussion Groups. These meetings are held in the library at Fairfield and begin at 7:30 pm

Scheduled programs for the Discussion Group are:

September 21 A Stamp Collecting Overview
October 19 Speaker - **Steve Johnson**
Yukon Airways
November 16 Show & Tell
January 18 A Night at the Greene Foundation
Expertizing, Ted Nixon, FRPSC
Library Research, Eshe Mercer-James
February 15 Speaker - **David Hobden**
In Defence of the Border (War of 1812)
March 15 Speaker: **Dr. David Foot**
Thursday Island
April 19 Presenters - **John Wilson & Garfield Portch, FRPSC**
Understanding Postal History
May 17 Presenter - **Frank Alusio, FRPSC**
Three Levels of Exhibiting
• *One Page* for the Alusio Trophy
• *Anything Goes* for the Allan Trophy
• *One Frame* for the Drake Trophy
June 21 Presenters - **Peter Butler, FRPSC & Robert Traquair**
Insurance and Estate Planning

Further information on the Discussion Group can be found on both the West Toronto Web Site and the Events Calendar on the GTAPA Web Site.

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Sweden Prints Joint Issue Stamps for Canada

By Peter Butler, FRPSC

(Notes for this article were taken from a front page article of June 8th, by Bret Evans, Editor of CSN.)

It has been six years since Canada Post has issued a booklet with water-activated stamps. The last one was the University of PEI commemorative in May, 2004. The latest booklet, issued on May 8th, was a joint issue celebrating Marine Mammals and was printed by Swedish Post. The aquatic mammals are the sea otter and the harbour porpoise. It is the first joint issue between Canada and Sweden.

The booklet stamps and those in the souvenir sheets have elliptical perforations - another first for Canadian stamps. The issue was designed by Swedish freelancer Martin Mörck and engraved by Swedish master engraver, Lars Sjooblom. The maple leaf perforation between the two stamps on the souvenir sheet, is the fourth Canadian souvenir sheet to have such perforations although this issue's leaf perforation was created using a new high air pressure technique rather than the usual method.

Within a few days of the stamp being issued, collectors noticed two types of numbers printed on the right side of the booklet stamps. Attendees at the ROYAL 2010 Convention (Windsor, May 28-30) were lined up the first morning at the Canada Post booth to try and buy copies of the varieties. These were identified soon after, by **Robin Harris** (Editor of the *Unitrade* catalogue) who sent an email to members of the Elizabethan II Study Group explaining the varieties available. He summarized the different booklets in the *Corgi Times*, the May/June 2010 issue, as follows:

- a cylinder number "1" or "2" in blue, on the right-hand selvedge of the pane
- a black, six digit dot-matrix style control number appearing in the same location as the large numbers 1 and 2 listed above.
- a black "counting tab" spans the fold of the booklet cover at the lower right corner of the front of the booklet.

You might ask, "Why all the hype about this issue?" The answer lies in the fact that Canada Post has never printed booklets with any kind of numbering or tracking system on them, thus creating, for the specialist of Canadian commemorative issues, an opportunity to collect several varieties in the printing. This type of numbering system is well-known to collectors of Swedish booklets because their printing procedures include this step in their tracking program.



The top booklet shows a cylinder number, the second booklet shows the control numbers, the third booklet shows a combination of both the cylinder and control numbers and the fourth booklet shows the counting tab. (The counting tab is the black rectangle to the left at the top of the Canada Post logo.)

There's another reason for the excitement. Robin Harris has let it be known that the new *Unitrade* catalogue, to be issued this fall, will list these varieties, some at a hefty catalogue value. The combinations of cylinder numbers, control numbers and counting tabs on a single booklet will be the difficult ones to find and could list at \$30.00 to \$60.00. That's a good reason to continue looking at the stock of your favourite post office. I visited a rural post office in early August to find two booklets with combined numberings. I asked the clerk if she had any other packs of booklets that I could check and she responded with "Yes, but I won't be opening them 'til this lot is sold. Canada Post only accepts returns for credit of unopened packages. Come back in October and you can have a look then." I didn't have the heart to tell her I was only passing through and wouldn't be back. Evidence enough not to lose hope!

A recent guest speaker at the North Toronto Stamp Club told us that if we wanted some excitement to add to our collecting of Canadian stamps, check out the varieties of definitives listed in the catalogues and forget about commemoratives. They seldom have varieties. It's still good advice, but a few varieties in commemoratives won't hurt along the way.

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Covers Closely Examined

by John Wilson



At first glance, this multi-franked envelope is just a piece of philatelic “junk mail”. It is not even addressed. Even so, it has a hidden history that makes it fascinating – and extremely collectible.

Tristan da Cunha is an extraordinarily isolated island in the South Atlantic – its next nearest neighbour, St. Helena, is about 1300 miles to the north – and it has no harbour. There is one beach, partially protected by two small reefs and a large belt of kelp that allow small boats to land. The mass of the island is an enormous mountain, whose top can usually be sighted from about sixty miles away.

The population is small and, obviously, rather inbred. The permanent population stem from one soldier who wanted to remain on the island after the garrison was removed at the end of the Napoleonic Wars. The place was never really a colony, and received its only support from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, which raised funds for the population. They were poor enough – the only crop was potatoes.

Clergymen were sent to the island and took with them various cachets with which to mark their mail, which of necessity was unpaid. Despite repeated urgings, no postal service was provided until 1952, when the current stamps of St. Helena were overprinted. When Queen Elizabeth came to the throne, a very attractive set of values up to an utterly unnecessary ten shillings were issued. A full kit for the use of the Postmaster (also the islands Administrator) was provided.

Early in 1958, a warship, the HMS Burghead Bay, dropped anchor off Tristan and the Administrator went

out to her in a “Tristan Boat”, a small canvas-covered craft able to be rowed through the narrow passage to the sea. The ship then took a three-day cruise to one of Tristan’s companions in desolation, the aptly named Inaccessible Island. It returned on January 23rd and the Administrator returned to Tristan. It was customary for the Postmaster to go out to the ship with his cachet – latterly, his date-stamp – to cancel any mail posted on board, and this was what Mr. Harris, the Administrator, had done. He left the date-stamp aboard, intending to take last-minute island mails out to her in the morning.

Alas, a heavy gale blew up and the Burghead Bay, on a lee shore, upped anchor and returned to South Africa – not to be seen again until May. Between her departure and re-appearance, though, one ship did attempt to visit Tristan. This was the Cunard steamer Caronia, which followed in the tradition of Cunard cruises going back to the 1930s, trying to at least sight Tristan and if possible bring some of the islanders aboard as a diversion for the passengers.

There was a spare date-stamp, and Administrator Harris had recourse to it. Unfortunately, it had no year slug, so this was left blank. (The spare date-stamp has a wider distance between the “n” and “D” of Tristan da Cunha). It was reported that only twenty letters were made up to be sent away and these were all given the Caronia’s ship marking plus a handwritten “paquebot” marking applied by Mr Harris. The cover I have is from the collection of one of the crew of the Caronia, who worked as a Thomas Cook agent for thirty years on such cruises. I am extraordinarily fortunate to have this rare cancel, only used for a single mail, in my collection.

Newfoundland: A Collecting Option

by Rob Taylor

Are you frustrated trying to stay current with the new issues from Canada Post? Are you in a state of shock knowing that, when it is time to sell, you will be lucky to get a return of 60¢ on the dollar? Are you finding yourself looking for an alternative to collecting mint Canada?

Here is some food for thought for you. Newfoundland stopped issuing stamps in 1947 and joined Confederation in 1949. A general collection of Newfoundland consists of 270 regular issues, 19 Airmails, 7 Postage Due and one Officially Sealed. Specialists can enjoy adding Revenues, Printers' Plate Proofs, Trial Colour samples, Essays, Booklets and Official Postal Cards. Without even considering Postal History the potential for an interesting and varied collection is limitless.

Collectors of Newfoundland are given a good selection of catalogues in that the standard listings are carried by both Scott and Stanley Gibbons. The Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canada offers 30 pages of colour illustrations, excellent information, and details of major varieties

The Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalogue has 343 pages covering every imaginable aspect of Newfoundland philately. This catalogue uses its own numbering system.

Newfoundland used a number of printers over the 96 year stamp issuing period. Perkins, Bacon & Co. Ltd. and Waterlow (England), American Bank Note Company (New York), and British American Bank Note Company (Montreal) were the key printers. Printing techniques include typography, lithography and intaglio. Stamps were issued imperforate, rouletted and perforated on both plain and watermarked paper.

With the exception of the early pence issues and some of the pioneer airmail issues, Newfoundland is one of the most affordable countries or colonies to collect. Most complete sets after 1897 have a total catalogue value of less than \$500 in Mint, Very Fine condition.

The Pence Issues of 1857 to 1862 tend to be confusing to the average collector. Of the 23 catalogue numbers, 10 are considered rare and carry \$1000++ price tags. The other 13 are surprisingly affordable with catalogue values ranging between \$30 and \$600.

The Guy Issue of 1910 was lithographed, but following public criticism of quality, was re-issued in 1911 printed by intaglio.

In 1919, following the War, the Trail of the Caribou Issue was released to honour the services of the Newfoundland contingent. Names of battles and actions are included on several values.



Surcharges and overprints is a ripe field of study for the Newfoundland philatelist. Because of the lead times required to have stamps printed abroad and because of rate changes, overprints became the local solution. Twelve regular issue stamps were overprinted in differing configurations giving rise to position studies, inverted overprints, multiple overprints and other odd varieties.



Newfoundland has the distinction of being the first British colony to issue an airmail stamp. With the east coast of the country being the shortest trans Atlantic distance to Europe, several pioneer air flights either started there or made a final stop in Newfoundland. For the average Newfoundland collector it is unfortunate that the stamps and postal history relating to some of these early flights are prized in the world of aerophilately and carry prices in excess of \$10,000!

Rob Taylor is a member of the Bramalea Stamp Club and the West Toronto Stamp Club. He is also a dealer and a member of the Greene Foundation Expert Committee.

Parents & Grandparents Unite

by Rhonda E. Kavanagh

Revitalation of our hobby is needed now! Our aging participants in stamp collecting need to get our youth involved. In a few short years there will be fewer young collectors. We as the matriarchs of our hobby need to actively start getting our youth involved.

The computer age has changed family life, our young would much rather spend hours in front of a computer screen then engage in conversation or physical contact with their surrounding world.

Active participation need to be promoted starting NOW. Set up a night a week to develop interest in stamping. Start with a subject of their choosing. Explain the use of stamps, how to soak them off envelopes or card as required. Demonstrate the technique of hinging and mounting stamps in an album.

Creative artwork will get their interest if children are allowed to design their own album covers. Bring them with you to the larger shows, most of them have youth booths with enthusiast volunteers who will assist you in developing interest. Bins of stamps are available for the discovery of the hunt. Finding the allusive find to fill that space on your page., Draws are usually part of the fun, also an educational experience for the youngsters as they fill out the ballots themselves thus encouraging printing and writing skills.

Page layouts for the album promotes spatial layout and design thought processes, finger movement and co-ordination improve with the hinging and stamp placement.

Numerous youth opportunities also exist for the older child to get stamps for free or at a reasonable price from the various societies such as the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

Once the interest has been established its time for the serious collection to begin. Here an opportunity exists to give financial support to these novice collectors. Birthday/Christmas gifts can be gift certificates as you bring them to the shows. Allow them to talk to the dealers(We Love It) as they will impart knowledge and offer the chance to see the older they have for sale; most will take the time to explain and show stamp certificates(Vincent Green Certifications for example, similar to jeweler appraisals). Amazing as it seems you will probably learn more about your hobby along the way too as you develop their interest.

History and research now come into play as the youth develops their collection. Again a great way to encourage

life skills that will assist them in school projects and research techniques.

Let's start promoting our hobby; the enthusiasm we show today will guarantee growth in our hobby for tomorrow.



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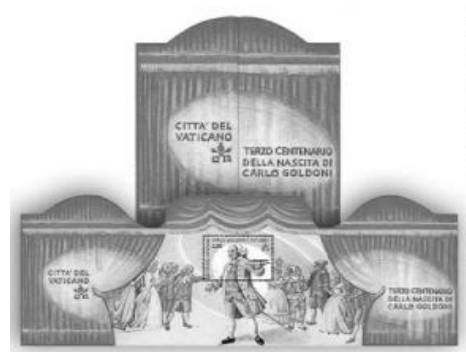


Unusual Postage Stamps

by Jerry Piotrowski

It has become quite popular for countries to issue stamps with embedded materials such as ashes from burnt timbers, pulverized granite and meteor dust to name a few. Iceland recently jumped on the bandwagon when it issued a set of three stamps marking the volcanic eruption at Eyjafjallajökull from March to May 2010. Issued on July 22 the stamps had ash from the volcano silkscreened onto them.

In June 2007 the Vatican issued a large and unusual format souvenir sheet to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birthdate of Carlo Goldoni a celebrated Venetian playwright. The stamp in the sheet measures 45 by 33 millimeters while the folded panoramic souvenir sheet measures 95 by 109 millimeters and opens up to a whopping 285 millimeters in width. For several years France issued similar sheets in their Parks and Gardens of France series. While these folded items fit nicely on an album page their opened size would preclude mounting one on most album pages let alone seeing one on a cover.



If you have information about unusual stamps and would like me to add it to future articles please email me at jerrypiotrowski74@hotmail.com using 'unusual stamps' in the subject line or send the information to me at 74 Glenmore Crescent, Brampton Ontario L6S 1H8

Handling Stamps with Pride and Care

by Peter Butler, FRPSC

Many times, when I see a stamp that has obviously been badly treated, I think of several experiences of my own and those of a few close collector friends and how careless we have been with our stamps that result in damage, although usually quite unintentional. I have, over the years, jotted down a few words in my notebook about such careless behavior. I now have enough pointers in my book to merit a short article on the attention to good handling practices to prevent the damage of stamps by collectors.

- If you are handling classic stamps, get into the habit of using tongs not fingers to move your stamps around. Realistically, most of us handle many stamps on a daily basis and for the most part, neglect that advice but eating potato chips while filing stamps in a stock book is not a good idea, even though they are of the modern, “indestructible” variety. Get in the habit of using tongs on all your stamps.
- All collectors would agree that there is no alternative to storing their stamps and pages but in albums that are placed vertical on shelves. Storage, however, doesn’t end there. Remember, you are seeking a stable environment (heat and humidity) for your collection. Keep albums away from extreme heat and cold. Do not keep albums in the attic particularly in the summer without exhaust fans or the basement in winter without de-humidifiers. Some advocates of healthy stamp album storage suggest we consider “air spacing” such as turning the pages of albums every six months to keep air circulation around pages at a good level. This will also give you a regular opportunity to spot any deterioration at an early stage. A ceiling fan at a low speed all year long in your stamp room is another good idea.
- We probably all work on our stamps at a favourite desk, with room for stock books, albums, catalogues and research books. And there’s nothing better than having a spot for a cup of coffee and a biscuit or two after dinner to make the scene complete. That is definitely a “no -no!” Spills happen and coffee on albums, let alone a pile of stamps, can be a disaster and cookie crumbs can add a grease spot to a cover that can never be removed. Bugs can be ravenous paper eaters, especially when the paper has been exposed to sugar or fat. Have dessert at the dinner table before you begin work on your stamps.

- If you are a smoker or there’s someone in the house that smokes, you have a problem. Have you ever looked through a colleague’s stock book to notice the strong smell of stale cigarette smoke emanating from the pages of stamps? No trading to be done there, that’s for sure!
- It’s a good idea to protect your albums and stamps from direct sunlight or prolonged exposure to artificial light. We continue to be amazed at how quickly some stamps can fade. Album slipcases are a great idea but using them does add further expense to your hobby budget. An alternative to slip covers is the consideration of providing doors to your book shelves or perhaps using an unused closet with a door.
- Remember that glassine envelopes are a temporary item to store stamps. Over time they do discolour and become brittle. This obviously affects the contents in a similar way.
- Finally, and perhaps the most common mistake in storing stamps, is the over-crowding of stamps in stock sheets. At auctions and club trading sessions, I often see stock sheets jammed with stamps, several deep, thirty or forty to a row. Creased stamps, folded corners, bent perfs and stamps stuck together can all be the result of over-crowding. Stock sheets are inexpensive and cheaper still if you buy them in the hundreds. Give stamps space and let them breathe! People will realize that you take good care of your collections, even traders, and will understand you have well-handled material.

Take a few minutes to review your present practices in handling your stamps and see if there’s any room for improvement. Over time, you can make changes to how you treat your treasures. Your stamps and covers will appreciate it and so will other collectors who will purchase them eventually.

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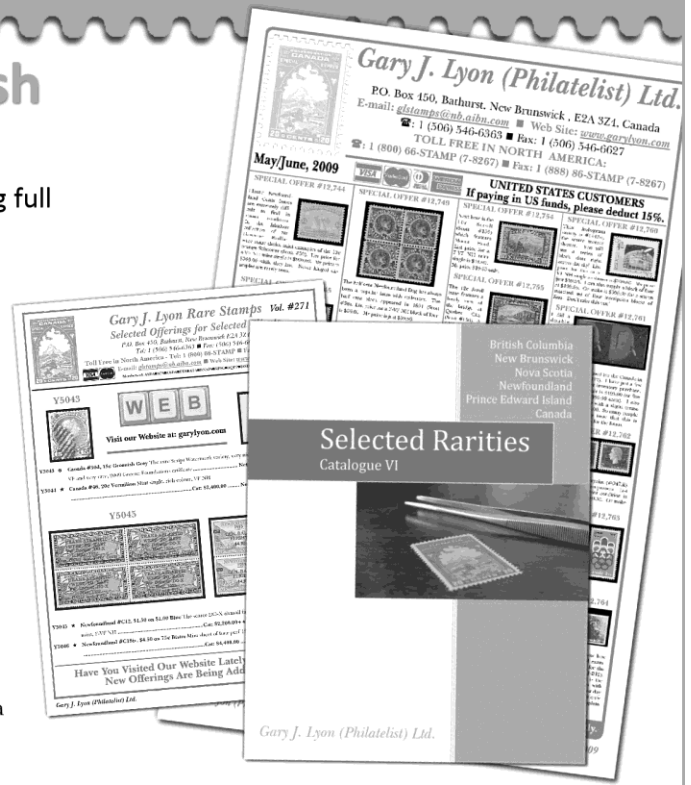
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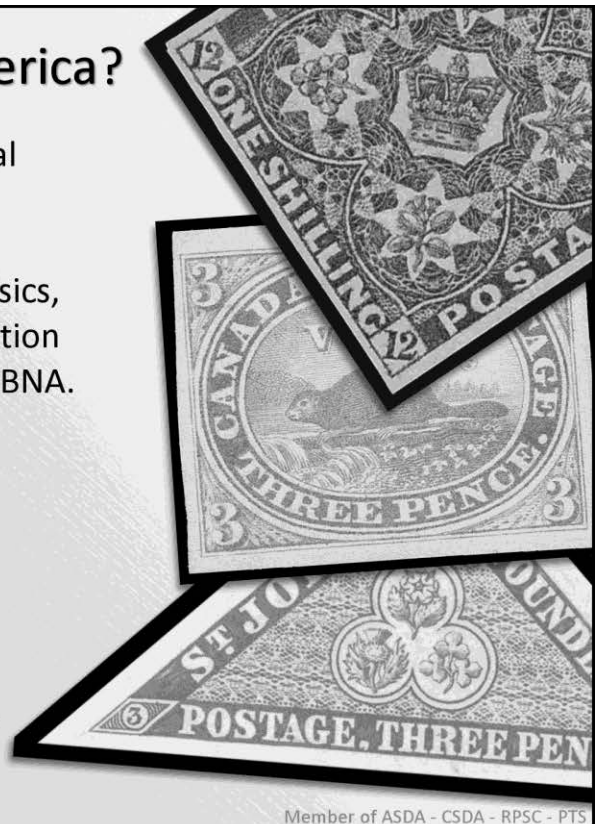
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