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Celebrating Summer!

Yes, summer is almost over but, not forgotten. As usual it was filled with gardening, hosting visitors, stamp shows, volunteering, cottage visiting and relaxing.

The ROYAL*2015*ROYALE in London was a wonderful way to welcome the summer. The conference centre setting in downtown London, the hotel, the theme, the exhibits and the dinners, were excellent. The Ontario location certainly was a bonus for those of us who drove to Winnipeg for ROYAL*2013*ROYALE and Halifax for ROYAL*2014*ROYALE! If you have never been to a "ROYAL", plan to attend in 2016. The Kitchener Waterloo Philatelic Society is the host. The dates are August 19 to 21, 2016.



GTAPA's own Mark Stelmachovich won both an 'AAPE Post 1980' award and a Multi-frame Vermeil for his Contemporary Ukrainian Provisional Postage Stamps. Congratulations, Mark.

Special mention also goes to John Sheffield, one of our consistent advertisers (John Sheffield Philatelist Ltd) and co-chair, with Steve Johnson, of London ROYAL*2015*ROYALE. John won a Multi-frame Gold for his Two-Ring Numeral Cancels of Canada. Congratulations, John.

Another terrific event this summer was the GTAPA Annual General Meeting in June. Larry has given details in his column. Winning a Gold for our PhilaJournal submission to APS is a tribute to all of the GTAPA members who support the production of the magazine in one way or another. Please continue to find advertisers, to send us club news and philatelic information.

In August some GTAPA members travelled to Fenelon Falls for a meeting (and social) with club members from Muskoka, Peterborough and a few others, unconfirmed at time of printing. It is definitely an idea that deserves repetition. I hope that you all enjoyed the change of pace that summer brings us and that you found time to do at least one new philatelic activity.

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The President's Viewpoint

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Closing another successful season with a bang!

The Annual General Meeting was an exciting finish to the GTAPA meetings prior to the summer break. It began with the receiving of a gold rating and certificate of congratulations from the APS Chapter Newsletter Awards to PhilaJournal editor Susan Butler. Congratulations, Susan.

Certificates of Merit were announced for Peter Wood, West Toronto Stamp Club, as well as Marg Allen and Isabel Wessell of the Fenelon Falls club.

Congratulations and trophy presentations were given to Mattia Guida and John Wilson, winners of the GTAPA PhilaJournal 2014 Writers awards.

On the donation front, it was announced that Peter Wood donated a very large accumulation of worldwide stamps and covers to the GTAPA. The stamps and covers were sold and generated \$2,107! This is a fantastic boost for GTAPA. Special thanks go to Peter. Peter Butler then presented a cheque for \$200.....proceeds from the sale of binders to club members.

More good news came with the announcement that the present GTAPA executive has agreed to serve for another year. Jim Breadner announced that the GTAPA out of town summer meeting (followed by a BBQ,) will be hosted, sponsored and funded by the Fenelon Falls Stamp Club. What terrific news!

Luckily there was time for a spirited one page exhibit contest. Winners were Don Hedger, Garfield Porch and Jim Carleton.



The meeting adjourned, coffee, cake, pie and cookies followed. How sweet was that!

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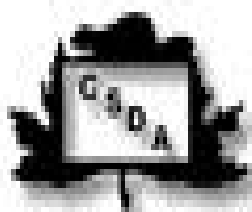
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German Societies Abroad

The Bund der Deutschen (German Society) Cinderellas are classified as propaganda fund-raising labels. Following the creation of the German Empire in 1871, the German-speaking populations in Austria wanted to be part of this new German nation. Austria-Hungary had already ceded the German Confederation to Prussia in 1866 and the remaining German states were absorbed into Germany in 1871 to complete Bismark's nation building vision. The German populations in the Austro-Hungarian Empire remained under Habsburg rule since Austria and Germany were now allied.

Kaiser Franz-Joseph ruled a linguistically diverse empire where many subject peoples began to voice their own nationalistic desires. Indeed Hungary had already achieved a level of autonomy in 1848 when it redefined its role as a personal union with Austria which meant that Hungary had an independent government but had the same monarch. For the German populations there were no neat demographic lines on a map to delineate one linguistic area from another. Cinderella labels were produced by six major societies: Lower Austria (Vienna), Tyrol (Innsbruck), Sudmark (Graz), North Moravia (Olmütz), South Moravia (Brno), and Bohemia (Prague).

All official functions were conducted in German and in 1880, the Deutscher Schulverein (German School Association) was founded to protect the German language in all crown lands in the Austrian half of the empire. Education was viewed as a method to bring order to the linguistic chaos but in fact, its purpose was to promote a shared cultural bond with the German Empire. The German societies embraced a national pride without being part of a nation.

Bowing to Czech national pressures, in 1897, Franz-Joseph allowed the Czech language equal standing with the German language in all official business in Bohemia. Georg Ritter von Schönerer, knighted in 1880 (ritter; sir) founded the Bund der Deutschen in Böhmen (BDDiB) in 1894 which produced fund-raising labels to promote a shared ideological and historical bond to instill a sense of nationhood with Germany. Arminius (Hermann) who defeated the Romans at Teutoburger Wald in 9 A.D. and Germanic knights of the Holy Roman Empire became symbols of a shared German culture. Schönerer converted from Catholicism, the state religion of Austria,

to Lutherism, the state religion of Germany. Like Martin Luther, Schönerer was disenchanted with the Jews who refused to convert to Christianity now that Luther's translation of the Bible was available. An anti-Semitic element was introduced to the German societies.

Following World War I and the reorganization of the Austro-Hungarian German societies in Czechoslovakia continued in their pursuit of unification with Germany. The lessons of nation-building: shared culture, tradition, and culture, were not lost on Adolf Hitler; the German societies achieved their goals but at the cost of a second world war.



Deutscher Schulverein (German School Association) 1880: art nouveau style depicting goddess Victoria wearing a laurel wreath and Arminius his symbolic winged helmet.

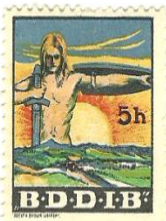


Freie Schule label commemorating the 1867 Language Law making German the language of schools in Austria. (The underprint invites subscriptions to support the Free School Society.)



Bund der Deutschen in Böhmen 1894: volksspende (public contributions) labels displaying the German colours.

BDDiB 1919: lithographed labels depicting a military theme drawing upon medieval imagery of soldiers and knights. (Below)



An On-line Data Base

Did you know that there is an on-line data base of genuine stamps that have been issued by Universal Postal Union (UPU) countries since 2002?

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The screenshot shows the WNS website interface. On the left is a sidebar with the UPU logo and navigation links. The main content area displays search results for 'CA021.02', listing details for a stamp issued by Canada on 22 March 2002. The stamp's subject is 'Masterpieces', and it features a painting of a house and a horse. A large image of the stamp is shown on the right, with a link to a full-resolution version. At the bottom, there is a link to connect to the web shop of the issuing stamp authority.

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WNS > Search Results > **CA021.02**

All registered stamps issued by Canada in 2002

CA021.02

Country / Post	Canada
Date of Issue	22 March 2002
Primary theme	Fine Arts
Subject	Masterpieces
Width	40.0 mm
Height	48.0 mm
Denomination	1.25 CAD
Number in set	1
Layout/Format	sheet
Perforations	12.5 by 13.3
Stamp issuing authority	Canada Post
Printer	

[Connect to the web shop of the issuing stamp authority](#)

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This sample page shows the type of information contained in the database.

The stamps of each country are listed by year. Each stamp is given a unique World Association for the Development of Philately (WADP) number, date issued, the theme and subject, its size, its layout, its perforation, etc. You can also see a large size image of the stamp. In addition the pages can be viewed in French or English.

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The Stamps of Campione d'Italia

Campione d'Italia is an Italian municipality in the Lombardy region, and an Italian enclave in the Swiss territory. It is separated from the rest of Italy by steep mountains and by Lake Lugano. At its closest, the enclave is less than one km from the rest of Italy, but the hilly terrain requires a journey by road of about 15 km to reach the nearest Italian town, Lanzo d'Intelvi. Because of its geographical position, Campione, while being part of the Italian territory, has always maintained special links with Switzerland. Imagine a town where the police are Italian but the ambulances and the firefighters are Swiss, where they use Italian stamps denominated in Euros but the most used currency is the Swiss Franc.

The elementary and middle schools are Italian but the medical care is granted by Swiss hospitals. The people of Campione are Italian citizens but their cars have a Swiss plate and their phones are serviced by Swisscom.

The first stamps used in Campione were Austrian when Lombardy was part of the Austrian Empire. But then, after 1859, Campione became part of Italy and started using Italian stamps. Since then, the Italian stamps have been used in Campione for about 150 years except for a brief intermission between 1943 and 1957 when Campione used its own stamps.



It all started on September 8, 1943 when the King of Italy signed a peace agreement with the Allied Forces and Italy became split in two between the South controlled by the King and the Allied Forces and the North controlled by Mussolini and his German allies. On that day, Campione, which was located at the Northern tip of Italy and of what was going to be called the Repubblica Sociale Italiana (R.S.I., the Italian Social Republic), did not recognize the Mussolini government and remained loyal to the King. Being completely cut out from the rest of Northern Italy, Campione relied from 1943 to 1945 exclusively on the Swiss support to maintain its independence from the R.S.I.

During the 1943-5 period, the US Office of Strategic Services (OSS – the precursor to the CIA) maintained a unit in Campione and used it for infiltration operations into Northern Italy. The Swiss turned a blind eye to the situation as long as the Americans kept a low profile. At the time the RSI did not try to regain control over the enclave, probably to avoid any conflict with the Swiss, and Campione enjoyed two years of peaceful neutrality while the Northern part of Italy went through the most difficult time of its long history.

On June 20, 1944, Campione signed a postal agreement with the Swiss Post and issued its first set of five stamps (with the Campione shield), denominated in Swiss francs and valid only for correspondence addressed to Switzerland and Liechtenstein (for other destinations Swiss stamps had to be used). In this set there are two major variants: one with perforation 11 and one with perforation 11.5

On September 7, 1944, this set was followed by a second set of seven stamps, showing different views and monuments of Campione as well as other Northern Italian towns.

At the end of the war, Campione continued to retain its own stamps and the postal agreement with the Swiss Post remained in force until 1952. However, the Italian Postal Service continued for a few more years to accept the autonomy of Campione Postal service and Campione did not start using Italian stamps, again, until March 1957.

The stamps of Campione are not quoted in the Scott catalogue but are quoted in major European catalogues, including the Yvert and Tellier. They are particularly sought by Italian and Swiss stamp collectors.



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Celebrating the International Year of Light

1000 years ago it was shown that light sources emit light rays. 200 years ago it was shown that light travels in waves and 110 years ago the quantum theory of light was developed. The United Nations proclaimed 2015 as the International Year of Light and several postal administrations have issued stamps commemorating this. The stamp issued by Liechtenstein on March 2, 2015, was printed in such a way that, according to the Liechtenstein Post website (www.philatelie.li) allows one to conduct three experiments relating to the above mentioned anniversaries.



The background of the stamp glows in the dark owing to its fluorescent colour.

It turns into a source of light if it was exposed to sunlight beforehand.

The wave theory can be observed if the stamp is held up to a source of light.

The micro-perforations in the paper become easily visible as the light waves are diffracted through the small openings. For the experiment on quantum theory, the light pink colour behind the ball was printed with a special colour. When irradiated with UV light, the colour turns from pink to violet.

Thank you to John Ross of the Kawartha Stamp Club for providing information about this stamp issue.

If you have information about unusual stamps and would like me to add it to future articles on this subject please email me at jerrypiotrowski74@hotmail.com using “unusual stamps” in the subject line or give it to your club GTAPA representative to pass along to me at a GTAPA board meeting.

Save Your Scraps!

At our club auction earlier this year, an interesting item appeared. I wouldn't say that it stood out, because it is a very tattered item, and a front, not a full cover. Normally the postal historian disdains such damaged items, but...

The single penny paying overseas postage is the best place to start. This is not a normal postage cost; it represents a concessionary rate, and indeed, the letter is clumsily addressed to a Thomas Andrews, "Privet" in C Company, 87- Royal Irish Fusiliers. At the very upper left of the tatty envelope we can see his enlistment number, which I interpret to be No. 15377. At the lower left we see the optimistic address, "Malta or orlsware", typical of the vagueness of mail addressed to soldiers and sailors.



The cover left Chatham, on the east coast of England, on January 2, 1873. It must have been recognized as a privileged-rate letter to military personnel, and so was directed to Southampton, on the south coast, where the Peninsular and Oriental steamers left fortnightly to voyage through the Mediterranean, carrying mails to Egypt and on via Suez. If sent by other than P & O or a navy warship, the letter would have had to pay a 3d. surcharge on top of the penny, and to be routed through Italy!

The first available P & O ship was the "*Ceylon*", which left on the 16th of January, stopping at Gibraltar on the night of the 23rd/24th, and reaching

Malta on the 28th. Either at Gibraltar or at Malta, an alert clerk realized that the 87th Fusiliers, 1st Battalion, had been reassigned to Halifax, Nova Scotia! Without the confirming evidence of the missing reverse of the cover we cannot be sure where the correction was made but most likely the Maltese clerk gets the credit for fast action. He crossed out “Malta”, scribbled in “Halifax” in red ink, and managed to get it on the homeward-bound P & O “*Mongolia*”, which reached Malta on the 31st and dropped its mails at Gibraltar on the 5th of February – shown by the date stamp at the right.

At Gibraltar the letter languished until an equally annoyed clerk whacked the envelope with a “Mis-Sent to Gibraltar” handstamp and dumped the letter back on to the next available homeward ship, possibly the “*Massilia*”, which left Gibraltar on the 20th February and arrived at Southampton on the 25th – but most likely the “*Indus*”, which reached Southampton on the 10th of March after a five-day journey. The next harassed clerk at that busy port did his level best and the letter sped up to Halifax in northern England!

Presumably the last of the series of exasperated clerks is he who wrote “not for Halifax, Yorkshire” in blaring red script at the top of the letter and a matching “Nova Scotia” at the bottom. And, absent the information the back of the letter surely contained, that is as much as can be said about this well-travelled and utterly fascinating scrap of paper, that voyaged far on its single penny of postage.

And the moral is that sometimes damaged items have a compelling story to tell!



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Polish Officer Prisoner of War Camp Posts WW II



Stamps issued 1943 in OFFLAG IIC Woldenberg. Part of a set of 7

After the invasion of Poland in September 1939 the Germans interned Polish military personnel in various prisoner of war camps. Officers were generally kept in the four camps designated as Offizierlagers (officer camps). In the four "Offlags" at Grossborn, Murnau, Woldenberg and Neubrandenburg the internees were permitted to operate local camp post systems which provided a method of communication between prisoners. These systems which were for internal use only undoubtedly had philatelic interests behind them.

The camp posts were run by the prisoners with the approval of the Germans. The postal workers received modest salaries to satisfy the German authorities but in fact worked for free with the money funnelled back to funds for widows and orphans of Polish soldiers.

The camp posts issued their own stamps and postal stationery was printed using single carved wooden dies although linocuts were also used. Initially the paper came from whatever sources available such as, cigarette paper or margins from newspapers or books. Oil based paint was used for inking. Cancellation devices were made from coins or rubber heels from boots.

With no consistent supply of papers or inks, varieties exist of most issues.

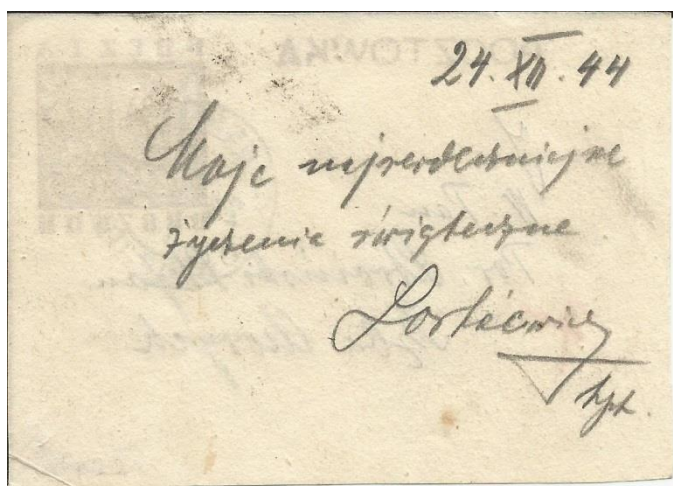
- The largest camp OFFLAG IIC Woldenberg (present day Dobiegniew in Poland) set on about 60 acres, housing over 7500 officers in 50 barracks, issued 43 stamps, 5 souvenir sheets and 6 postal stationery items.

- OFFLAG IID Grossborn (present day Borne Sulinowo in Poland) had about 5500 prisoners and issued 30 stamps, 8 souvenir sheets and 16 items of postal stationery.
- OFFLAG IIE Neubrandenburg in Germany issued 8 stamps and 4 postal cards.
- OFFLAG VIIA Murnau in Germany housed almost 5000 officers and issued 23 stamps and 7 postal stationery items.



Postal stationery of OFFLAG IID Grossborn is addressed to LT. Stefan Stionski in the infirmary, with a Christmas greeting on the reverse in December 1944 (see reverse below).

Item shows expert mark and signature of L. Schmutz at lower right.



Similar Design but Different Function

While making a presentation, recently, on the very popular Single Page Exhibit, I was asked, "Are an unused stamp and used stamp of the same design two different elements?" The answer is definitely NO! However, stamps bearing similar designs and used for different functions are considered different elements. The following example will explain why.

On September 16, 1946, the Canadian Postal Administration issued a set of seven stamps commonly known as the "Peace and Natural Resources Issue Pictorials", featuring Canada's primary industries and raw materials. These replaced the wartime pictorial postage stamps.

The 10-cent denomination was engraved by Silas Robert Allen featuring a view of Great Bear Lake, Northwest Territories. The end of the World War II provided desirable opportunities to use subjects emphasizing the new industrial importance of Canada. In 1946 the Department decided to replace Canada's wartime pictorial postage stamps with an issue intended to provide a pictorial survey of Canada's primary industries and raw materials. The issue placed emphasis on the reconversion of Canadian industry to a peacetime basis. View of Great Bear Lake, Northwest Territories, showing the point where prospector Gilbert LaBine discovered pitchblende deposits, the source of radium and uranium, a Canadian contribution to science through the mining industry.

In 1950, Canada switched from using 'OHMS' overprints on their official stamps to 'G' overprints. The switch generated three elements (as seen below): ordinary stamp, overprinted O.H.M.S., overprinted G.



In conclusion, though the stamps have similar design, they performed different applications. For displaying purposes the stamps could be either in unused or used condition; preferably all used or all unused.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BNAPEX 2015 (BNAPS Annual Convention)

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Francesco de Pinedo, Italian Aviator



On May 21, 1927, Newfoundland (not yet a part of Canada) issued a stamp in honour of an Italian aviator, Francesco de Pinedo, for his historic flight from Rome to the Cape Verde Islands, to Buenos Aires and the Caribbean, and on to Arizona. It was the first westward crossing by airplane of the Atlantic Ocean.

De Pinedo had previously flown a single engine biplane for a 34,000 mile voyage from Rome to Australia to Tokyo and back to Rome. He was accompanied by his engineer, Ernesto Campanelli.

The trip took about six months.

These flights made de Pinedo a national hero. Benito Mussolini showered him with honour as the flights proved Italy was technologically superior when it came to flight.

On the return trip to Rome in May 1927, de Pinedo flew to Newfoundland and planned to cross the Atlantic at the same time as Lindbergh was making his famous crossing. Because de Pinedo was flying a seaplane, rough seas stranded him in Newfoundland for three days. Lindbergh went on to become the first to fly the Atlantic solo, while de Pinedo was, hopefully, enjoying Newfoundland.



The stamp issued by Newfoundland in commemoration of the return flight was an overprinted 60 cent black stamp portraying King Henry VII (originally issued in 1897). The overprint, in red, stated: Air Mail DE PINEDO 1927. A total of 300 stamps were overprinted. About 33 mint stamps exist. You can say that these stamps, both mint and used are very rare and, obviously, valuable.

Do you have a copy??

Our Cover.....What's going on here?

At a club meeting last April, the North Toronto Stamp Club held a written survey session to ask members what activities they valued the most and what suggestions they would make for future evening programming. Following the survey a session was held for members to verbally elaborate on the suggestions.

Mattia Guida and I, the members responsible for planning NTSC programs, categorized the input from the surveys and the follow up discussions. At a later meeting the results were shared and a commitment was made to implement some of the findings. We made it clear that some of the suggestions that had been made were excellent but required more volunteer time. As volunteers come forward, new ideas will be considered.

On a ten point scale, 90 per cent of the surveys rated our current total programming at eight, nine or ten points. This gratifying result is a positive vote for those who work the various club programs, which include: circuit books, sales tables, dealer tables, presentations/workshops, club auctions, Saturday bourses, exhibiting, social events and fund-raising lucky draws.

At our final meeting before the summer break, we decided to incorporate several suggestions about the sharing of what members collect. We asked three members if they would like to share items from their collections. They were told to plan on using ten to fifteen minutes to explain what they collect, how they organize and mount it, how long they've been collecting it and to bring samples from their collection to the meeting. The plan was to have each presenter sit at one of the three card tables at the front of the room. We re-arranged the room in a forum style (u-shaped) instead of the usual straight row theatre style. Malta, Vatican City, Hong Kong, Bangkok cancellations were a few of the topics that were presented.

The results were amazing! The presenters kept to the time limit (they were comfortable with the short time limit and told us that doing a 30 minute talk or a PowerPoint presentation was a scary proposition!). They enjoyed sitting down at their own table and they were overwhelmed with the positive response. Following each presentation was a short Q&A session then following the presentations, members had the opportunity to congregate around the card tables for a closer view of the collections and to ask more questions.



Frank Deldun (above) and Michel Houde (right) speak with interested members. Presenter John Robertson is not shown.



Several members were quick to tell us what a great program we had organized. It is something we will definitely plan for the coming months. We will have to. We already have volunteers for 2015-2016!

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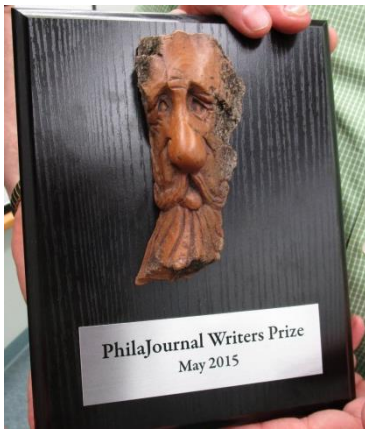


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This new GTAPA award was initiated by Michael Madesker, (Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada), who donated the Wood Spirit carvings by Winnipeg artist Murray Watson. Michael donated ten of these carvings as an example of his appreciation of the work that GTAPA, and the PhilaJournal, do to strengthen the hobby.

In this first year, one was awarded for a regular contributor and one for an occasional contributor from last year's PhilaJournals. Our three expert volunteer judges, Michel Houde, Sid Mensinga and Sheila Moll, were challenged to examine articles for suitability of content, novelty, evidence of background knowledge, writing style and general interest. They were given a chart to compile their responses and all agreed that the scores were very close.

Final winners were Mattia Guida for his article, Bogus Stamps of Cerigo in the Summer 2014 Issue and regular feature contributor John Wilson for his Coveting Covers column. John and Mattia are seen below with judges, Sid Mensinga (left) and Michel Houde (right).



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SOSSI Meets at ROYAL*2015*ROYALE

The Maple Leaf Chapter invited their parent international society, SOSSI (Scouts On Stamps Society International) to have their Annual General Meeting (AGM) and other events at the ROYAL*2015*ROYALE show in London, Ontario, May 22-24. This was the third time these events have been held in Canada at a stamp show. The two previous times were at CAPEX'96 in Toronto, and at PIPEX'02 in Richmond, BC. As well, SOSSI held their first International Convention at the 8th Boy Scout World Jamboree in Niagara-on-the-Lake on August 21, 1955.

The Maple Leaf Chapter is the only SOSSI Chapter in Canada, and, therefore has members across Canada. This became an opportunity for them to gather together. Chapter members travelled from New Brunswick, Montreal, Calgary, Vancouver and all over Ontario. American SOSSI members came from New York, South Carolina, California, Arizona, Washington State. The record for distance travelled belonged to a SOSSI member, and spouse, who came from Colombia in South America.

SOSSI set up a Society Booth at the show. It became a natural gathering place for members during the weekend. The many SOSSI events included a dinner, Board of Directors meeting, an AGM and a seminar/presentation.



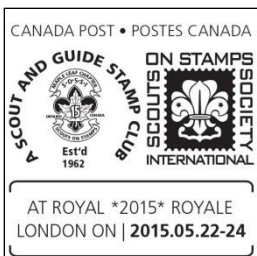
SOSSI members relax at the SOSSI Dinner in the Marienbad Restaurant

There were four Scouting Exhibits, with two of them earning Vermeil Awards (Alex Hadden and Hazel Elmslie), one Silver (Bill Bartlet) and one Silver-Bronze (David Bartlet). As well there was a two frame non-competitive exhibit at the SOSSI Booth.



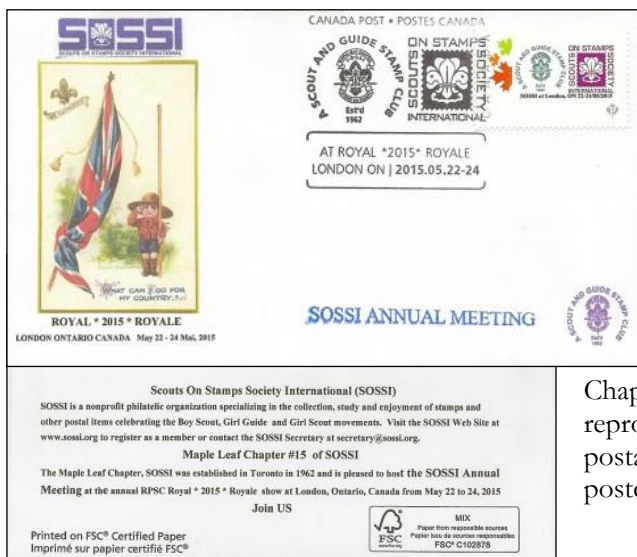
A number of SOSSI philatelic souvenirs were created for the show. Picture Post stamps with logos of both SOSSI and the Maple Leaf Chapter, were available at all three rates: Domestic, USA and International.

A “variety” was found where the three stamps along the bottom of the booklet of 12 stamps, had a very light gray line across the stamp, as faintly seen in this image. This was true for all three rates.



Two special cancels had the SOSSI logo on one and both SOSSI and Chapter logos on the other.

A matched set of three covers were designed reflecting the show’s theme of *Remembering “In Flanders Field”*. Three patriotic Scout postcards were used as cachets. All three were mailed in 1915 – one from Tavistock to Stratford, and the other two “On Active Service” with a red Censor hand stamp.



“What Can I Do For My Country?”

The back of all three covers had some information about SOSSI & the Maple Leaf

Chapter, along with a reproduction of the postal markings of the postcards.



The other two cachets used were
**“Every Scout A Little Man
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 and
“Duty First!”

A special S/S gummed label was printed to welcome SOSSI and to recognize the 60th Anniversary of the 8th World Jamboree in 1955. This label was often applied to an envelope as a cachet. The unique use of it as a cachet on a piece of birch bark was created by New Brunswick member member, Yvon Cyr. He arrived with birch bark cut to postcard/envelope sizes. One result is shown below, using as a cachet, a gummed souvenir sheet label that was ordered through Larry Friend, GTAPA President.



This example is #2. Yvon autographed and numbered all 16 that were made. This was the third time Yvon has done this. The other two from 1989 and 2007 were written up in the Summer 2013 PhilaJournal.

All SOSSI events went very well and members from all countries were happy to finally meet others whose names were prominent in the Society and/or in the SOSSI Journal.

Treskilling Yellow: The Toronto Connection



You might know that the Treskilling Yellow is one of the rarest stamps. What you undoubtedly do not know is that it was once in a collection here in the GTA!

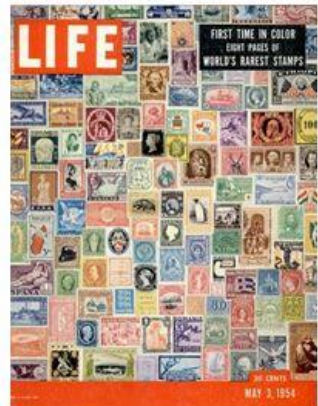
This is the only copy of the Treskilling Yellow, or three schilling banco error, of color known. It was cancelled at Nya Kopparberget (now known as Kopparberg) on July 13, 1857.

In 1855, Sweden issued its first postage stamps in a set of five values depicting the Swedish coat of arms, with denominations ranging from 3 to 24 Swedish skillings. The 3 skilling stamp was printed in blue-green and the 8 skilling in yellow-orange. The most likely explanation of how this error occurred is that a stereotype of the 8 skilling printing plate was damaged and it was mistakenly replaced with a 3 skilling.

The story of how it was found is one we all dream about. In 1886, a young stamp collector named Georg Wilhelm Backman was going through covers in his grandmother's attic when he came across the stamp. He sold it to the Stockholm stamp dealer Heinrich Lichtenstein. The rarity then had a series of owners including Philipp von Ferrary (1894), the Swedish Baron Eric Leijonhufvud (1926) and King Carol II of Romania (1937). In 2010, David Feldman sold the stamp to the entrepreneur Armand Rousso for \$2.3 million. Finally in May 2013, it was sold by private sale to Count Gustaf Douglas of Sweden for an undisclosed sum.

Sometime in the 1950s Dr. Hans Torkel Fredrik Lundberg (1893-1971) of Toronto acquired the stamp. He was a very successful geologist who is credited with finding mines valued at over \$5 billion during his career.

Dr. Lundberg is mentioned as the owner of the Treskilling Yellow in the Life magazine issue of May 1954 featuring stamps.





**Dr. Hans Torkel Fredrik Lundberg
in his stamp room in Toronto in 1957**

In his retirement, Hans spent most of his leisure time expanding his stamp collection. He kept his stamps in over 200 albums stored in a walk-in safe behind a wall in the living-room of his house he had built to his specifications which included a helicopter pad on the roof. His collection included stamps from many of the sixty balloon ascents out of Paris during the 1870 siege.

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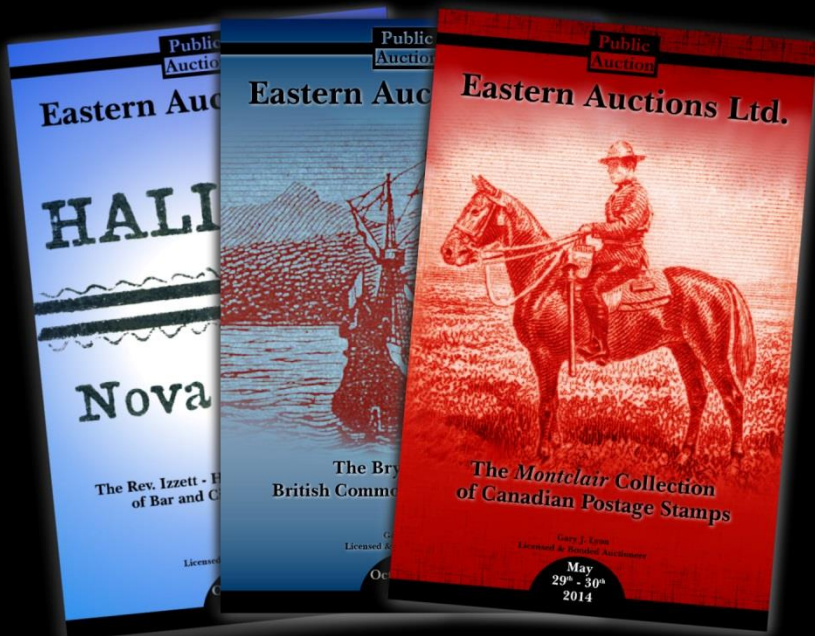
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