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President's Comments

Thankfully things have returned to near normal, and we are again able to attend in-person club meetings and shows. For most of us, it is the social aspect and camaraderie that makes these meetings so enjoyable.

During the pandemic, die-hard collectors were able to get part of their “philatelic fix” via the internet on YouTube or attending Zoom sessions. Opening YouTube and searching ‘stamp collecting’ or ‘philately’ delivers hundreds of links to presentations about the hobby, at no cost to the viewer.

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The **North Toronto Stamp Club** (<https://www.northtorontostampclub.ca/>) also holds a monthly Zoom session in addition to the other meetings. Invitations to these sessions can be obtained from NTSC.President@gmail.com. Previous presentations can be viewed on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/@ntscpresents1576>).

Since 2021 the **Royal Philatelic Society of Canada** has hosted two monthly Zoom presentations, namely Stamp Talks and Stamp Panels. These are free but registration is required at <https://www.rpsc.org/>. Previous Stamp Panels presentations can be viewed by all, but you must be an RPSC member to view Stamp Talks.

Another interesting monthly Zoom presentation is offered by the US-based **British Empire Study Group** (<https://bestudygroup.org/>). Invitations can be requested by contacting joan@aced-m.com. Some are on YouTube.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention the wealth of philatelic knowledge available in the form of PDF or Video (via YouTube) presentations for public viewing made by members of the **Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada** (<https://www.philatelicspecialistsociety.com/>). To date, there are over 115 items to view encompassing a myriad of subjects.

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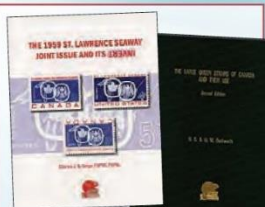


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PhilaJournal Fall 2023 issue notes.

The **GOOD READER AWARD** from issue #84 went to Frank Servas, Jr., a West Toronto Stamp Club long-distance member from Central Valley PA, USA... Yes, WTSC, thanks to its educational twice-a-month Zoom meetings, has become a Global Stamp Club with the executive team that communicates with all its members in a very timely manner.

FYI, I received very few guesses, and the location was not that hard to find. In view of this lack of participation, the rules have changed with this issue.

HOW TO GET "GOOD READER AWARD": somewhere in this issue is the GTAPA logo, this size, but not this one ☺.



The contest starts after the GTAPA Secretary (Paul Delongchamp) broadcasts to your Club's reps that *PhilaJournal* #85 is on the www.gtapa.org website. Reps, in turn, should notify their Club's members including the link or attaching a pdf version of the *PhilaJournal*. Your mission is to read the *PhilaJournal* and locate the above logo.

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All submissions are received until **Midnight of October 24, 2023, Eastern Time Zone** (hard close when the clock turns 00:00:00 October 25, 2023).

After the close, each of the correct guesses will receive a random number based on the total number of submissions (*i.e., if I receive 67 correct answers, each of the senders is assigned a number between 1 to 67, in no special order*).

The draw will take place during **GTAPA's October 25, 2023, meeting**.

Everyone is welcome to attend this Zoom meeting. One of the attendees will be asked to choose a number from the number range. The list of submitters and their assigned numbers will be sent to the President and the Secretary just before the draw takes place. The President will announce the winner. How about that for fairness?

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MORE CLUB NEWS AND ARTICLES ARE NEEDED. WHAT IS YOUR 'RABBIT HOLE'; SHARE AND GET HELP FROM OTHERS...

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Cobourg's new season is in full swing.

After a summer hiatus from Club Meetings, the Cobourg Stamp Club kicked off the fall season with a Silent Auction on the August 9th meeting. The auction started with 84 lots brought in by the club members, 42 lots were sold with money changing hands between the attendees.

The COPEX show and sale took place on September 23rd, with doors opening from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Club members had several exhibits on display, along with members' Silent Auction, Consignment Table, and Woolworth Five & Dime books. Eight Dealers set up, with Nigel Mackey, Hugh Anderson, Bob Bomhoff, David Carreira, and Mark Kanzo in attendance.



Rob Stickan presenting the Certificate to Michael Hunt (R)

On the evening of our August 9th meeting, a Certificate of Merit was presented to Michael Hunt, a long-time member of the Cobourg Stamp Club, who turned 90 years young in August. Michael has been a member of the club for over 25 years, serving as the President, and Vice President, for many of those years. He has worked tirelessly as Show Chairman; ensuring that COPEX shows are a success.

Kingston Stamp Club will be attending with an assortment of philatelic material on the November 8th meeting, the November 25th meeting will be the Christmas Party and a Charity Auction with all proceeds from the auction being donated to the Salvation Army. There will be no meet-

ings for the month of December as the Salvation Army sets up the food hamper drive in the meeting hall. The Cobourg Stamp Club welcomes all to the meetings as guests or new members.

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With the North York Philatelic Society, there are now four Stamp Clubs online auctions per month in Ontario.

The North York Philatelic Society (NYPS) is the latest club to join a monthly online auction program which was started during the Covid times by the Oxford Philatelic Society (Ed.: OPS - email: oxfordphilosociety@gmail.com for auction links and Zoom invite) and the Owen Sound Stamp Club (OSSC) and is proving to be very successful (Ed.: here is a link to their very concise calendar: <https://owensoundstampclub.org/Events.html>)

At the moment there are four online auctions which are run every month thanks to the program developed by Don at Stamp Smarter (<https://stampsmarter.org/>). Two auctions are run in the first half of the month (OSSC and OPS) and two are run in the second half of the month (NYPS and the OPS).

NYPS has only started with this program in the spring of 2023 but we are very happy with how it is growing and for the opportunities it is providing to our club members both in terms of selling and buying stamps.

The July auction took place on July 24, 2023, with 253 items for sale. At the end of the auction, there were 220 items sold and after the auction, other 12 items were sold through the “unsold” listings bringing the total of items sold to 232. That is a **91.7%** success rate of the items sold. This is an exceptional result obtained thanks to the sellers offering a high variety and diversity of auction lots by country, by topic, by catalogue value and by year range.

The selling price of the items sold went from a low of \$1 to \$35. Although in previous auctions there were items sold for \$100 or more, the above range is the most common and means that many items sold are very affordable and within the budget of the stamp collectors at our club. Our plan is to continue these monthly online auctions for the near future and to maintain the number of lots at over 250 items per auction.

To participate in the auctions email **Matt** at stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca.

The October Auction is here:

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Fenelon Stamp Club Introduces New Hardware

The Fenelon Stamp Club honoured a ‘Giant in Philately’ this year at Fenpex, the 37th Annual Stamp Show and Exhibition on August 12th, 2023, Fenelon Falls Community Centre, 27 Veterans Way, Fenelon Falls.

Marg Allen, a founding member of the FSC, was honoured with the introduction of the new, Marg Allen Memorial Trophy. With a photo of Marg and consent from her family, combined with modern laser technology and techniques, her image has been lasered into a crystal block with an inscription, to create this masterpiece of a trophy.

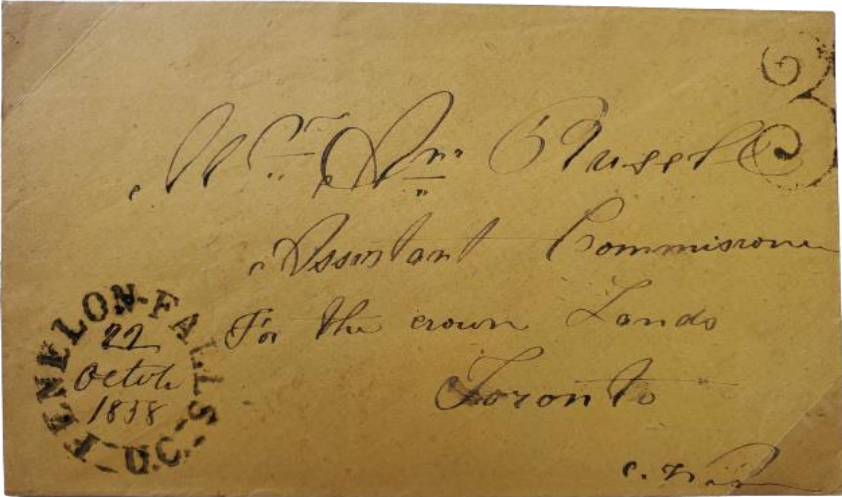
“We wanted to create a way to both honour Marg, and to encourage fellow members to participate in the ‘One Page Exhibit’ category”, said Mark Armstrong.

Mr. Armstrong came up with the idea a few

months ago while on a Cruise Ship in the Caribbean. “Seeing the photo-crystal-block in the ship Photo Gallery was the nucleus of this idea”, Mark said, “Returning home and doing further investigation, I discovered 3DCrystal.com on the internet, presented the idea to Marg’s family, and ran with the idea.”



Marg Allen was widely known throughout North America before her passing in 2019. She held a number of positions within the RPSC, and various other philatelic organizations, and was a prolific author of history throughout Fenelon Township. “It would be near impossible to ‘not’ find anyone in the Kawartha Lakes region who didn’t know Marg, and her passion for philately”, said Mark.



As an added feature to this year's show besides this beautiful trophy, a selection of prizes were given out including a Stampless Cover with the early first manuscript dated postmark, Fenelon-Falls 1858.

[Ed. Submitted by: Mark Armstrong, June 8th, 2023]



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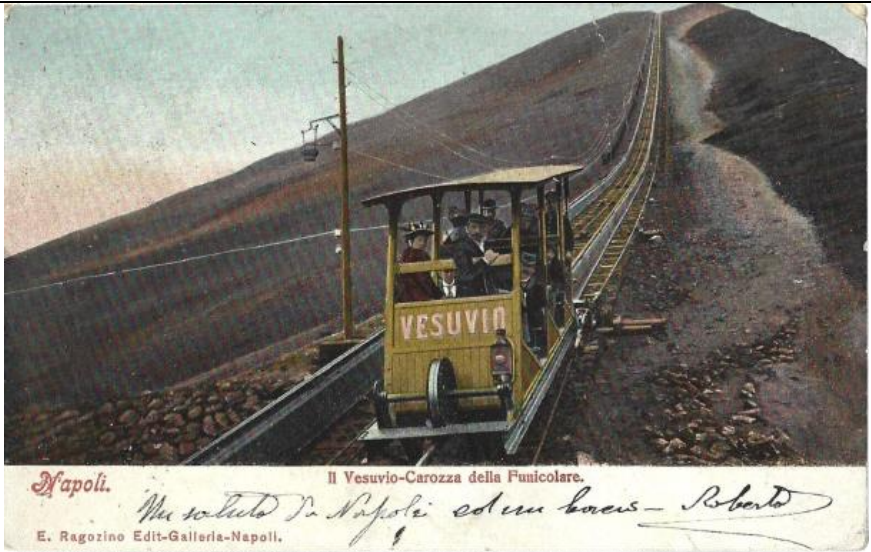
Postcards and letters from the top of a Volcano: The Vesuvio Cancels

For hundreds of years, the adventurous (and rich) tourists visiting the Naples region paid large sums of money to reach the summit of the Vesuvius Volcano and see the crater from close. Even if Vesuvius (Vesuvio in Italian) is not extremely high (about 1300 meters) the ascent to the crater was not very easy. It took quite a long time and could be achieved only by hiring guides who would transport the tourists by a donkey or by different types of "Sedan Chairs". Resting stations had to be set up along the road to allow the animals or the porters to rest and have access to some fresh water.

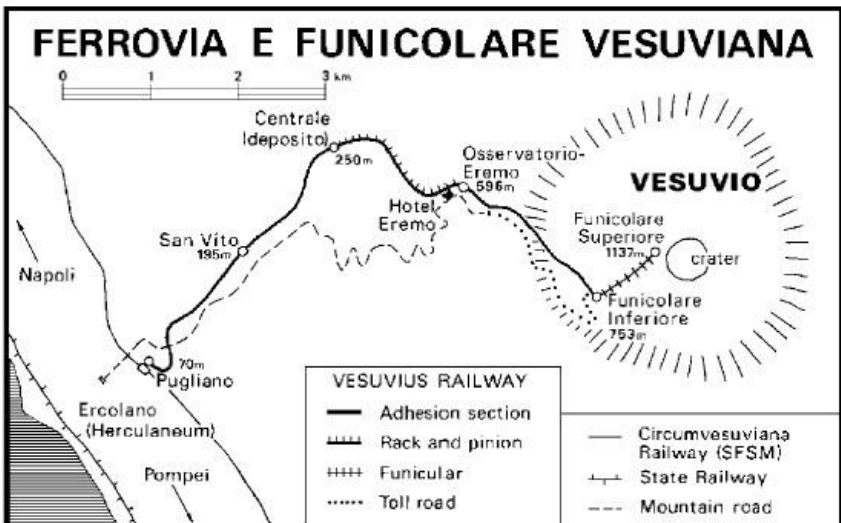


All this changed on June 6, 1880, when the new Funicular was opened. The Funicular was designed by Hernest Oblieght, a Hungarian Engineer who saw the opportunity to make access to the crater much easier for the growing number of tourists visiting the Gulf of Naples.

The original Funicular railway was built to perform an ascent of 750 meters at a very steep angle. The concept of the Funicular was per se, very simple, with two wagons going in different directions (up and down) and being held



by a single cable that would be powered by a steam engine situated in the lower station. Of course, the system also required a very powerful braking system to make sure that the wagons would not pick up too much speed in the descending direction. The two wagons were appropriately called Vesuvio and Etna and could only hold 8 passengers (plus the conductor).



Route of Vesuvius Railway from Pugliano to crater

(Thomas Cook Archive)

There were only two stations, Stazione Inferiore (the lower station) and Stazione Superiore (the higher station) and the trip would take about 10 minutes, saving hours and hours of hard trekking to reach a point relatively close to the crater.

To commemorate the opening of the first Funicular in Italy Luigi Denza and Peppino Turco wrote a special song... and so was born the song Funiculi Funicula' which became known all over the world with millions of records sold and was even "adopted" by Richard Strauss and Rimsky Korsakov in one of their compositions.

It was only natural that the first visitors wanted to share with their friends or family the excitement of having reached the summit of the volcano by sending them letters or postcards.



As early as 1881 we found some documents with a beautiful cursive cancel "Vesuvio" in black or red. I have not been able to collect enough



information to find out if the Vesuvio cancel was an official postal cancel.

In most letters or postcards the Vesuvio cancel appears to be next to the stamp while the Town of Resina cancel (the nearest post office by rail) obliterates the stamp. However, I know of two cases, including one in my possession (see picture), where "Vesuvio" is used to cancel the stamp. It is possible that the conductor of the funicular was authorized to sell stamps and collect letters and postcards on behalf of the Town of Resina post office but then the official cancelling of the stamps would take place in Resina. The use of the Vesuvio cancel on the stamps could be an unauthorized use which the Resina post office decided to tolerate in a few exceptional instances.





In any case, the Vesuvio cancel appears on letters and postcards for about 20 years until it is progressively replaced by a circular cancel (see picture) which is known by at least two different formats and three different colours. But also in this case, the official collecting the correspondence at the Funicular station did not seem to be authorized to cancel the stamps which continued to be cancelled in Resina.



Post card from May 28, 1902

It is only with the appearance of the Vesuvio squared circle cancel in 1905



that the Funicular office appears to have been authorized to operate as a regular post office. The squared circle postmark was only used for a couple of years between 1905 and 1907. Very few of these postmarks have been preserved (less than 10) used between June 1905 and February 1907. I am adding a picture of the only one in my possession which has now been

transferred to the editor of the Gaggero Squared Circle Postmarks catalogue to be kept in their archives. It is a letter sent to Beaulieu in France with a franking of 26 cents, possibly the post office had limited availability of stamps and only had 2 cents stamps instead of the required 1 cent.

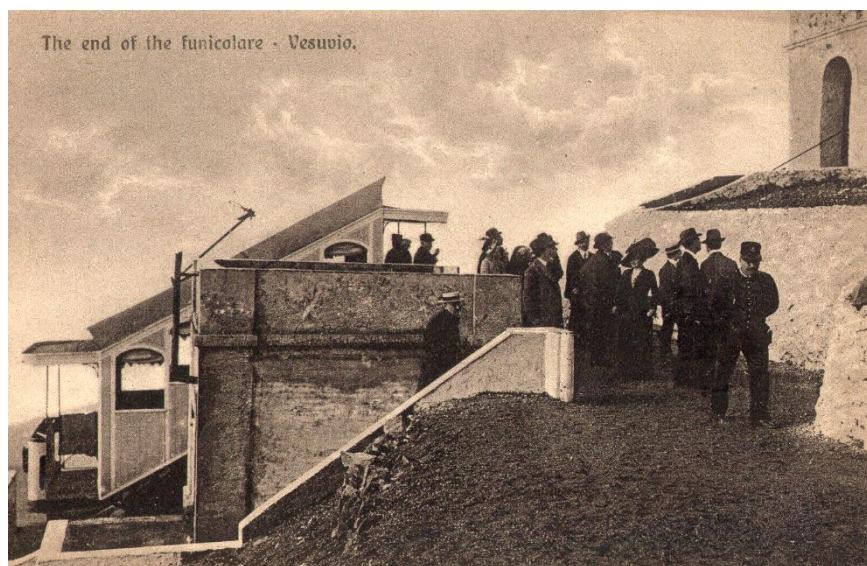
Keep in mind that documents from that period cannot be very common because in **April 1906 there was a massive eruption of the volcano** and the Funicular was badly damaged and stopped operating for some time.

Going back to the Funicular, it was not a very profitable operation until the 1900s when the railway connecting to the lower station was expanded and a new railway



connecting Naples to Pompei and Poggiomarino was opened, making access to the Funicular much easier.

In the meantime, the ownership of the funicular had been taken over by Thomas Cook and Co. [ed.: Map in this article is from their archives] which renovated the line twice, before and after the 1906 eruption. Quite a few different postmarks bearing the Cook name are known but they only had an advertising purpose and were not used as postal cancels. The Funicular continued to function until 1944 and then from 1947 to 1953, when it was replaced by a chair lift, which enabled it to increase significantly the number of people transported to the summit of the volcano. However, the opening of a new road in 1955 which allowed cars and buses to come close to the summit of the volcano made the chair lift less attractive until it was closed in 1984. Even so, between 1953 and 1984 the chair lift managed to transport an average of about 100,000 people per year.



The end of the funicolare - Vesuvio.

The Last Day

The Vesuvius Funicular marked the start of a new trend in the city of Naples. Various Funiculars were opened in the following years connecting the coastal part of the city to the hills. Four Funiculars are still operating today in the city of Naples and they offer the opportunity to rapidly reach the upper parts of the city to enjoy the magnificent views of the Gulf of Naples.

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1869 1c orange, the famous mint block of six which has graced several important collections of the past.



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In an online paper by Christopher D Ryan, titled “*Canada’s Excise Tax on Cheques and [the] other types of Commercial Paper, 1915-1953*”, it is stated that:

“During the period of 1915 to 1953, when an excise tax was imposed by Canada on commercial paper, the following items were negotiable under statute law; Promissory notes (unconditional promise to pay a specific sum of money to a specific person, bank or company) and bills of exchange.

Canada's excise stamp tax on commercial paper was part of a series of taxes imposed on April 15, 1915, by the Special War Revenue Act, which was later known as the Excise Tax Act. The use of postage stamps on documents other than postal money orders was permitted from April 15th, 1915, through September 30, 1923, and again, in most cases, from July 1, 1931, through to February 19, 1953.

Banks were forbidden to accept taxable documents that had not been stamped; banks were permitted to stamp the document and collect the tax from the person receiving the proceeds of the transaction. Adhesive or embossed revenue stamps were used throughout the lifetime of the tax.”

1898, Prior to Taxes



Tax Rate: from, April 15, 1915, 2¢ per document



Tax Rate: from, August 1, 1922, 2¢ per \$50 to a max of \$2



A beautiful example of a high-value cheque with the Excise Tax paid and stamps attached on the back side: $\$900 = 900 / 50 = 18 \times 2¢ = 36¢$



Another fine example of a multiple of Excise Stamps used.



Application of Canada's Excise Tax Negotiated through the **Union Bank of Canada** in the next issue of the *PhilaJournal*.



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A.Sader

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The June meeting and a serious request to the philatelic community for help.

The TSCC June meeting was pretty much a two-hour sprint to get it all in before our summer break. Early birds just started buying/selling and trading stamping tales with gusto till formalities and announcements turned our attention to a powerful SHOW and TELL.

Ten (10) knowledgeable philatelists took turns presenting their special items and backstories to the other nine members and two guests attending.

Then, moving right along, came the featured special presentation. The attendees turned their 11 heads and attention to the 16-page, single-frame exhibit created from the collection of Mr. Charles Wachter. The winner of the “most popular” exhibit at the NTSC Exhibition this past April. The display of prestigious Elizabethan-era Canadian printing errors.

The presenter asked the question: “What are the chances of obtaining such treasured material? What are the odds?” Mr. Wachter went on to demonstrate through maths probability theory this fascinating proposition utilizing the iconic Seaway Invert, the wonderful “White Queen (missing red colour)” “as well as ALL 6 (six) of the high-value National Park Definitives missing black inscriptions and grouped together as a visually stunning block, to just mention some highlights. A lively Q&A finished the evening that no one seemed willing to end!

As a follow-up to an interesting donation of “Bayleyana” (see picture) material received at a previous meeting. See the illustration attached as an example of bogus fantasy items created by our infamous old-time member Walter S. Bayley. He was also party to a fake Invert Sheet episode.

Member Michel Houde proposed we establish a club archive. Acting on this



idea, we have commenced our efforts with an **advertisement in this PhilaJournal on pg.28**. The mission is intended to supplement the TSCC history published by Gray Scrimgeour for our centennial in 1992. Hoping to publish an addendum for our 150th year!?! [Ed.: That it will be in 2042, and 19 years from this year].



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GTAPA CLUBS – WHAT IS NEW – FALL 2023

Ajax-Pickering Stamp Club

By Editor

Check the Club's website at <https://ajax-stamp-club.webnode.page/> for the latest news and upcoming events.

Bramalea Stamp Club

By Editor

Check Club's website, its all nice and new: <https://bramaleastampclub.org/>

Cobourg Stamp Club

Rob Stickan <Chevy4Life@hotmail.com>

See page 5 in this issue.

Fenelon Stamp Club, The

By Mark Armstrong <msaphilatellicstudio@msn.com>

See pages 9 and 10 in this issue.

Markham Stamp Club

By Larry Friend <lfriend@sympatico.ca> and Klaus Hintz <klaushintz7@gmail.com>

The Club resumed its regular in-person meetings on September 13 after a summer break. The club meets every second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the Markham Village Community Centre, 6041 Hwy 7, Markham (South-East corner of Highway 7 and Markham Road) from 10 - 12. Contact: Klaus; e-mail: klaushintz7@gmail.com



On June 7, 2023, Larry Friend presented a GTAPA Certificate of Merit to Joe Than (left). Joe is responsible for starting and growing the Markham Stamp Club. He works hard at expanding the membership and always makes sure there is new material for club members to look through. He is a member of many of the GTAPA clubs and a real asset to the philatelic community.

North Toronto Stamp Club

By Klaus Hintz <ntsc.president@gmail.com>

The North Toronto Stamp Club is celebrating its 85th year of existence.

We plan a special gala on October 26, which would be our usual club meeting day, however, instead of meeting at our regular location a more festive banquet hall was selected to meet. It will be a dinner to which spouses/partners are invited to join in the celebration. Also, non-members are welcome to join us for this special event.

The venue for the gala is at a central Toronto location and is easily accessible by public transportation. See website: <https://www.northtorontostampclub.ca/events-calendar/2023-program/2023-10-26-ntscs-85th-anniversary-dinner>

North York Philatelic Society

By Mattia Guida <stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca>

See Page 7 in this issue.

Oshawa/Whitby/Stamp Group

By Larry Friend <lfriend@sympatico.ca>

See page 8 in this issue.

Polish Canadian Coin & Stamp Club “Troyak”

By Tom Malicki <tom.malicki@gmail.com>

The next show is on December 3, 2023. Few tables are still available if you are a stamp dealer. See the advertisement in this issue or go to the website at www.troyakclub.com.

Toronto Stamp Collectors’ Club

By Editor

See page 24 in this issue.

Trenton Stamp Club

By Editor

See page 6 in this issue.

Ukrainian Collectibles Society (Toronto)

By Editor

Please visit their website for the latest news and information. It is very elaborate and filled with diverse content <https://www.upns.org/>

West Toronto Stamp Club

By Editor

Check the website (<http://www.westtorontostampclub.org/index.htm>) and read the regularly issued and widely distributed Bulletin.

GTAPA October to December 2023 Zoom Meetings:
October 25, 2023, Zoom Meeting @ 19:30 (7:30 pm) ET.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89850319199>

Nov. 22, 2023, Zoom Meeting @ 19:30 (7:30 pm) ET.
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No Meeting in December. Happy New Year!

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WANTED: EKKO radio reception stamps for Canadian Radio stations issued by radio stations to confirm station reception circa the 1920s. Mint; used; on cover or card. Contact: Don Hedger don.hedger@gmail.com (3)

JOKE: Did you hear that joke about the letter that didn't have a stamp?
— No. — Never mind, you won't get it. (upjoke.com)

FOR SALE: One FDC – USA First Man on the Moon on 9 Sept. 1969. Contact for details: imcruer@gmail.com (3)

FOR SALE: CANADA 1927 to 1947 VARIOUS ISSUES; 1948 to 1966 ALMOST ALL ISSUES. Different corners and plate numbers. Email me your Want List. Contact Norm Pemberton at normpem@yahoo.com (3)

JOKE: A woman went to the Post Office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards.
“What denomination?” asked the clerk.
“Oh, good heavens! Have we come to this?” said the woman.
“Well, give me 50 Catholic and 50 Baptist ones.” (upjoke.com)

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eBay SELLER: I am a member of the North Toronto, West Toronto, and Markham stamp clubs. Please see my eBay lots. I am selling worldwide covers, postcards, and stamps at very competitive prices. You can find my items for sale at <https://www.ebay.ca/usr/stampseurope> (2)

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FREE CLASSIFIED ADS FOR CLUB MEMBERS

JOKE: What did the envelope say to the stamp?
Stick with me baby, we're going places

FOR SALE – SELDOM OFFERED: Paul Hellyer, MP - more recent FDCs on Government of Canada covers (!) some with autographs.
Contact for details: imcruer@gmail.com (3)

WANTED: Italian squared circles, Italy, Vatican and San Marino, and Venetia FDCs. Pre-WW2 Italian postcards were used and unused.
Contact: Mattia Guida - stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca (3)

WANTED: CANADA MINT POSTAGE, ANY QUANTITY.
Contact: Mattia Guida - stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca (2)

BEST OFFER: Canadian plate blocks 1973 to 1982 (30-cent Canada Day sheets) all PO fresh. PLUS Canadian FDCs from mid-1974 onwards.
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Contact for details: imcruer@gmail.com (3)

WANTED: Australian annual stamp books for the years 1982 & 1990.
Contact: imcruer@gmail.com (3)

FOR SALE: Canada Postage, any denomination. One advanced collection of Italy, one of Vatican and one of the SMOM, Order of Malta
Contact: Mattia Guida - stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca (3)

FOR SALE: Boy Scout and Girl Guide stamps and covers plus some religious-themed stamps. I also have Canadian machine slogan cancels either on the envelope or cut squares for sale.
Contact: Alex Hadden email: alex-hadden@shaw.ca (3)

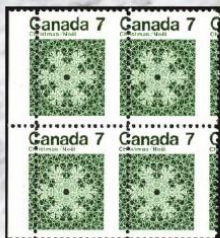
JOKE: Why did the motivational speaker have a shirt made of stamps?
Because he is an outgoing male. (upjoke.com)

WANTED: Older Ontario Agriculture College Covers after it became OAC. It originated in the Toronto Normal School in the Laboratories. It tied into the U of G in 1964 - could be a few covers with the U of T.
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Ajax-Pickering Stamp Club

RPSC Chapter #163

Meets the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month, 5 to 9 pm at Ajax Public Library on 55 Harwood Rd. S. (south of 401). Free parking & wheelchair access

Don Beaumont 905-426-3612 donaldbeaumont@yahoo.com

Paul Delongchamp 905-430-2942 paul_delongchamp@hotmail.com

<https://ajax-stamp-club.webnode.page/>

Bramalea Stamp Club

RPSC Chapter #144

Meets twice a month. On the 1st Sun. from 2 to 4 pm (October to June) and the 3rd Tue. from 7 to 9 pm (year-round) at Terry Miller Recreation Complex, Williams Parkway (between Dixie Rd and Bramalea Rd.), Brampton.

Bob Thorne, FRPSC 905-792-3526 bobthorne70@gmail.com

www.bramaleastampclub.org **Jerry Piotrowski:** jerrypiotrowski74@hotmail.com

Mike Lalonde: Mike17centCanadastamps@gmail.com

Cobourg Stamp Club

RPSC Chapter #106

Meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month (except July and December) from 6 to 8:30 pm in the Salvation Army Citadel, 59 Ballantine Street, Cobourg.

Rob Stickan (Treasurer), 905-786-2342 chevy4life@hotmail.com

Fenelon Stamp Club, The

RPSC Chapter #176

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except Aug., Oct., and Dec.) at 7 pm in the Salvation Army Church, 42 Bond St. W. in Fenelon Falls (W. of Colbourne St.)

Jim Breadner

jim_breadner@hotmail.com

Yvan Racine

yvan_racine@yahoo.ca

Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club

RPSC Chapter #168

Ian McRuer (for both chapters) 705-445-8033

imcruer@gmail.com

Wasaga Beach Chapter

Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Prime-Time Club, 1724 Mosley Street in Wasaga Beach

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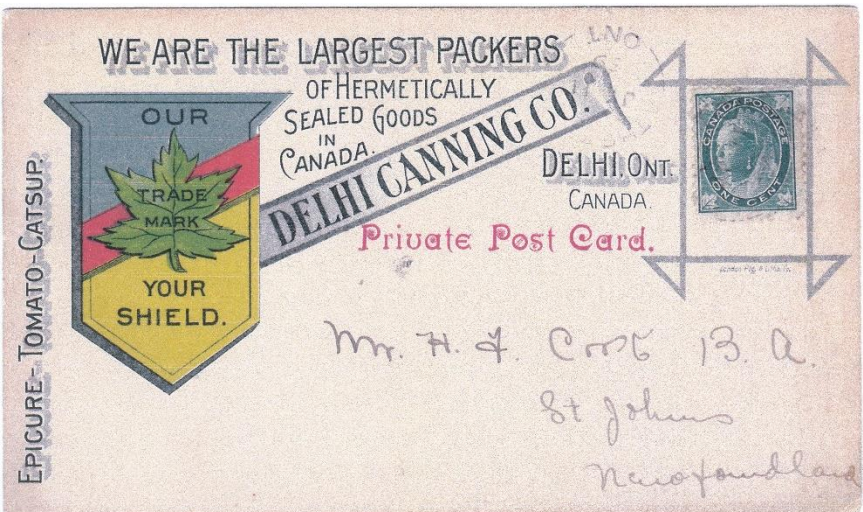
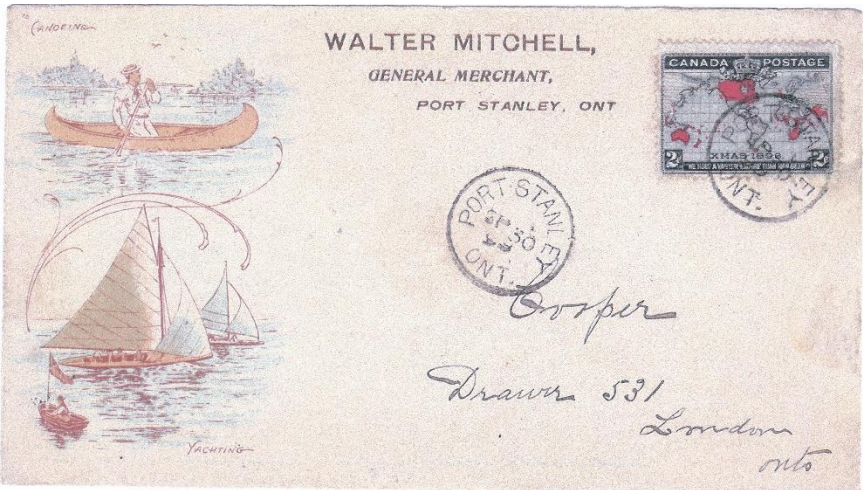
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Show and Tell is usually the focus of our meetings

Best to contact Josh Hodgson at 416.267-6749 for the next meeting date and time.

Jorge Montalvo 416-222-0408 montalvozj2@gmail.com

Kawartha Stamp Club, The RPSC Chapter #58

Meets the 2nd and 4th Monday. Westdale United Church; 1509 Sherbrooke St., Peterborough ☐ Daytime: 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm; Evening: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

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<http://www.rpsc.org/chapters/kawartha/program.htm>

Markham Stamp Club RPSC Chapter #252

Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at the Markham Village Community Centre, 6041 Hwy 7 (S-E corner of Hwy 7 and Markham Rd) from 10 am – 12 pm

Klaus Hintz (Communications Director) Sojourner2@bell.net

Bob Henderson (President) bob.superrover@gmail.com

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North Toronto Stamp Club RPSC Chapter #5

Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month (except July, Aug, and Dec) at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge Street

Members begin arriving between 6:30 and 7:00 pm

Les Selby (Membership Chair) ntsc.membership@gmail.com

Robert Pinet ntsc.programchair@gmail.com

<https://www.northtorontostampclub.ca/home>

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Mattia Guida (President) 647-990-4073 stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca

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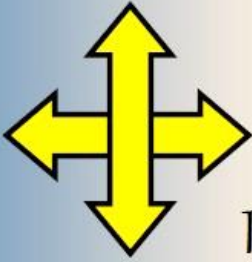
Oshawa: Fri. 10:30 am - 12:30 pm Legends Comm. Centre 1661 Harmony Rd. N.

Larry Friend 905-666-7696, lfriend@sympatico.ca | **Whitby:** Mondays 9:00 to

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Tom Malicki 905-281-0000, tom.malicki@gmail.com **Robert Owczarz**
robertow05@gmail.com **info@troyakclub.com** **www.troyakclub.com**

Scarborough Stamp Club

RPSC Chapter #223

Meets 3rd Tue. each month (except July & August) at Cedarbrook Comm. Centre, RM 1 & 2 on the main floor. 91 East Park Blvd. (near Markham and Lawrence).
Doug Cockburn 416-757-4072; **Ron Dell'Agnese** rdellagnese@rogers.com

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RPSC Chapter #242

SOSSI, Maple Leaf Chapter

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GTAPA members are welcome, email Rose van Sickle at rosevs@wightman.ca
Tony Manson 416-447-4281 **tony.manson@sympatico.ca**

Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club

RPSC Chapter #238

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month (except July and Aug) at the V. G. Greene Foundation, 10 Summerhill Avenue.
Members gather at 6:30 pm for a program commencing at 7:00 pm
Mike Graf 416-534-6936 **mljgg@icloud.com**

Trenton Stamp Club

RPSC Chapter #89

Meets on 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, monthly from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at 105 Seniors Centre, 61 Bay St., Trenton.
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Ukrainian Collectibles Society (Toronto)

RPSC Chapter #228

Chapter of the Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society
Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 7 to 9 pm (except July and August) at UNO Bistro, 145 Evans Avenue, #100, Etobicoke.
Jerry Kalyn 416-251-6898 **ucst@upns.org**

West Toronto Stamp Club

RPSC Chapter #14

Meets on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesday of the month.
ZOOM: 1st Tue. is the Learning Workshop **3rd Tue. is the Discussion Group**
IN-PERSON: Auction meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from Sept. to June at 7:00 pm in Fairfield Senior Centre, 60 Lothian Avenue, Etobicoke
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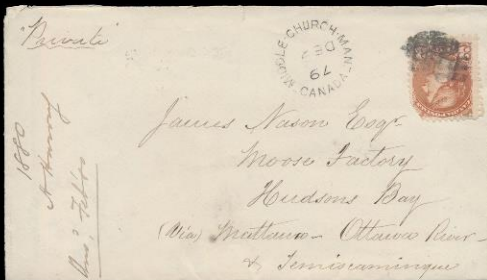
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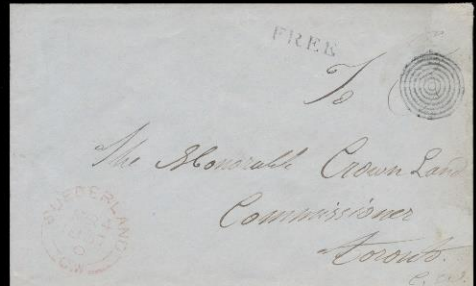
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