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PhilaJournal Spring 2024 issue notes.

At the GTAPA's January 24th Zoom meeting Jerry Piotrowski, the President, announced to the Board he has decided to resign his position as the President and step down after 4 years at the wheel to encourage others to volunteer or nominate individuals to take up the helm and lead the GTAPA into the future. The resignation was effective immediately. Jerry will continue to represent the Bramalea Club as a Director on the Board.

All of us involved with the GTAPA would like to thank Jerry for his many years of participating, contributing, and leading the GTAPA. **THANK YOU!**

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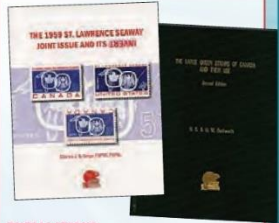


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What to Collect? (Hint: *EUROPA*)

I have been a stamp collector for many years going way back to grade 2 and Cub Scouts, but it was about 20 years ago that I joined the Cobourg Stamp Club and started to take stamp collecting seriously. In the primitive years, I only collected Canada stamps, some in used condition, others mint, with no rhyme or reason to the way I collected them.

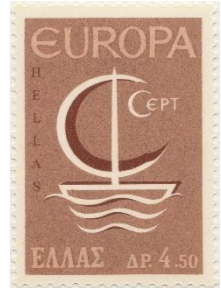
So, after joining the club I was able to break my collections into two parts, one mint, the other used, It had gotten to the point where the collection was almost complete, other than the 2 or 3 dozen stamps that every collector drools and dreams about.

My dilemma started, what should I collect now... Queen Elizabeth Machin stamps from Great Britain? Collected a shoe box full of them, too many colours, and boring. Maybe Christmas stamps... nope too generic. I bid on a



junk box at a club auction, and going through the stamps I came across a stamp I somewhat remembered from my childhood (←)

But I could have sworn that this stamp was issued by Greece (→), so my search began. I started with a



Scott Catalog and searched the listings from Greece, page by page, but I couldn't find an image of this stamp.

Then I searched the German pages, still couldn't find the image of the stamp. But I did find a listing of stamps over several years under the heading of "Common Design." I found the section at the front of the catalogue listing all of the Common designs for EUROPA stamps, now this looked interesting, 10 or 12 European countries each issuing one or two stamps each year. So it began, a collection of EUROPA Stamps.

In 1956 six countries, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxemburg, and the Netherlands issued 2 or 3 stamps of a common design, titled Reconstructing Europe (Complete set shown on the next page).

More issues would follow each year, in 1960 The European Conference for Posts and Telecommunications, known by its acronym CEPT took control of the EUROPA stamp program. By 1964 the familiar symbol on the right was prominently used on each issue of the EUROPA stamp. 1973 was the last year of the common design, in which a shared theme was used by the issuing countries.



By 1990 it became apparent that the postal and telecommunications sectors were becoming more diverse in the distinctive fields. 1992 was the last year the CEPT symbol was used on the stamps.



EUROPA It was replaced in 1994 with the word EUROPA in its distinctive font.

PostEurop was established and took over the EUROPA stamp-related activities, selecting the annual theme for the new stamp issues. Starting in 2002 PostEurop members cast votes on the best stamp design. Stamps are issued each year close to May 9th, which is Europe Day.

Currently, there are over 40 countries that issue EUROPA-themed stamps which are a popular collectable theme worldwide. At the request of Ukraine's post office, the 2023 theme was "PEACE- the highest value of humanity." The winning design from POST Luxembourg was adopted.



There are many and various online platforms about EUROPA stamps that can be explored. Happy Collecting.

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Wireless message issued on Oct. 19, 1931

AN OCEAN LETTER (Prefix OL) is a special class of message accepted on board a ship for transmission by wireless to another vessel proceeding in the opposite direction. The latter vessel forwards the message to its destination by registered post from the first port of call.

The establishment of radio transmitters on board ocean liners, matched with receiving stations on land, provided a new means of communication between passengers and relatives ashore.

A passenger two days out from Liverpool bound for New York could send a message home employing a passing ship going in the opposite direction! The outgoing passenger completed a message form and handed it to their radio officer who would transmit the message by radio to the officer on the

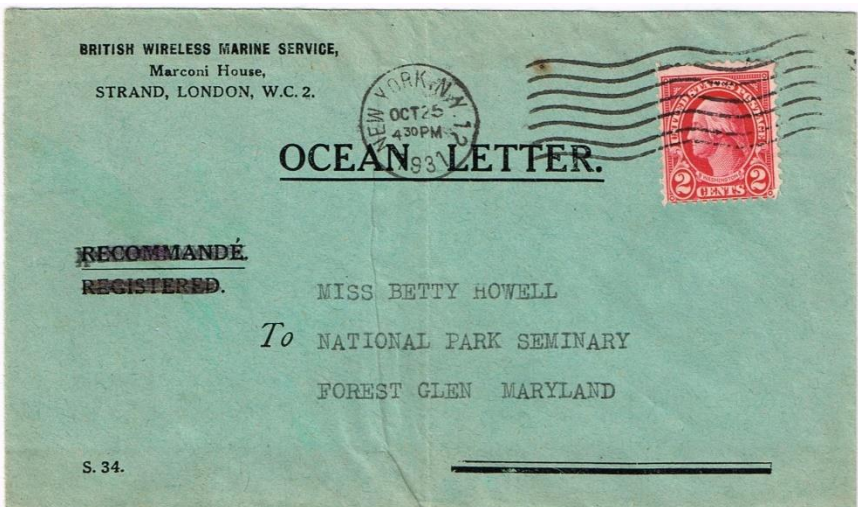
second ship reached port; the message would be posted as a registered letter to the addressee. Thus, a message could be posted in Liverpool before the original sender had reached New York!

The Marconi company had been providing transatlantic radio Morse transmissions from ships since 1901. However, it was not until November 1912 that Marconi applied to the British Postmaster General for permission to introduce the Ocean Letter service. The Post Office gave permission but with conditions: transmissions must be in plain language; the two ships involved must be travelling in opposite directions; both ships must be outside the range of all coastal radio stations and the final mailing was to be as a registered letter.

Ocean letters could be sent at a fraction of the cost of a telegram.

For the first years of ocean letters, the sender might choose between ordinary rate or registered. The telegraph operator was functioning like a postmaster and was equipped with postal rate tables to make sure franking was correct. Most were sent as registered until 1925, probably because senders wanted to make sure they reached the addressee, considering the sender had already paid a higher price than for an ordinary letter. Around 1925 the service seemed to be so reliable that registration was abandoned in most cases. Most ocean letters were sent as first-class mail.

This Ocean Letter is from my grandfather. He was travelling to London, England on *Empress of Britain* and sent it to my mother who was at school in Forest Glen, Maryland. The wireless message was sent to a ship (*Lapland*) going in the opposite direction. When the *Lapland* docked in New York City, a first-class letter was issued and mailed.



First-class letter mailed on Oct. 25, 1931



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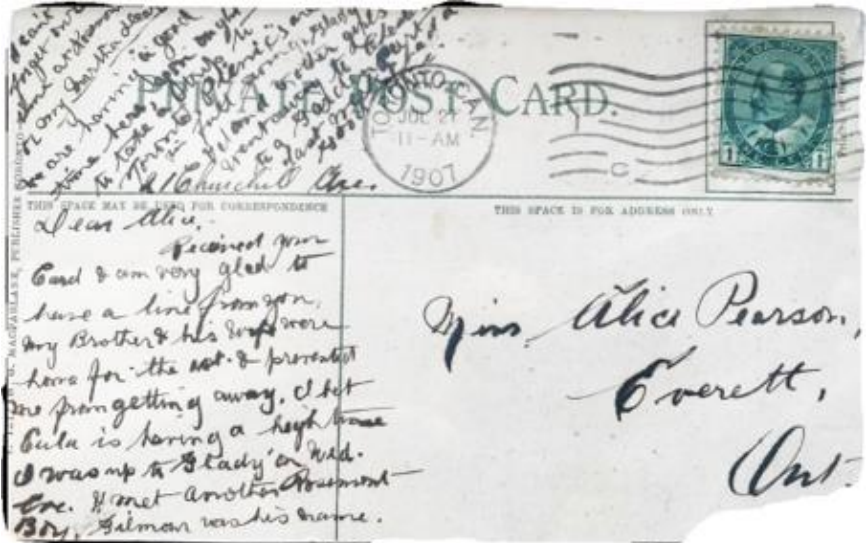
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King Edward VII - Postcard Rate, Canada & India

The new issue of stamps bearing the likeness of King Edward VII was initiated due to the death of Queen Victoria on January 22, 1901, however, these stamps did not come into service for nearly 2 years in several British Commonwealth countries. Examples here are from Canada and India, paying the 1 Cent / 1 Anna postcard rate in 1907 /1908, in Canada and India.



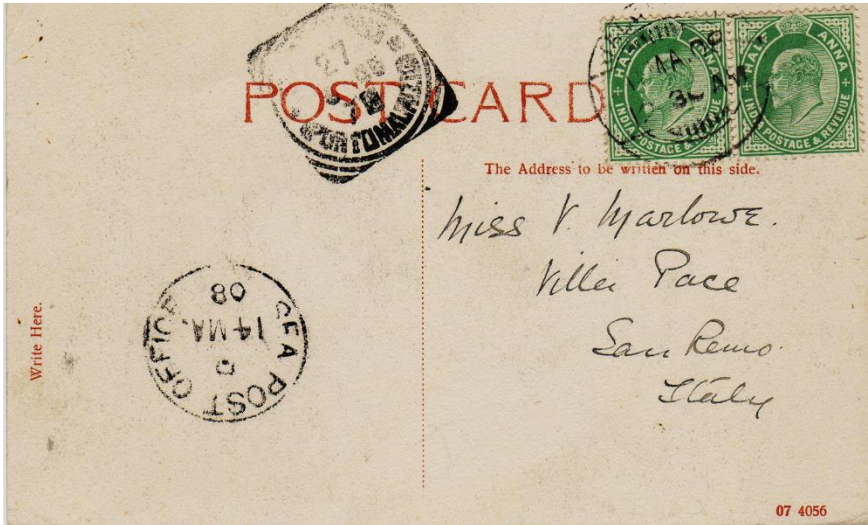
Toronto to Everett, Ontario. This postcard bearing postage value of 1 Cent, 1902-09 #89 green, King Edward VII was cancelled at 'Toronto' on July 27, 1907

For the first time, the Postal Department in Canada decided to place the "Crown" on the regular issue of Canadian Postage stamps. The crown introduced in the upper left and right-hand corners of the design was not necessary but served as a decorative and symbolic purpose (Source: StampsandCanada.com) to mark King Edward VII's coronation as Monarch of the British Commonwealth (22 Jan.1901-May 1910).



Notice the "Toronto. CAN." as a postmark on this postcard as later postmarks of this type were changed to "Toronto. ONT."

On the “India Postage & Revenue” stamp One Anna is part of the design



India to Italy. This postcard bearing postage value of 1 anna, made up of two 1/2 anna King Edward VII stamps 1902-09 #71 green, was cancelled at ‘Darjeeling’ (‘Forest scene in the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway’).

Arrival Squared circle postmark at Porto Malai(zig), Italy - - San Remo, Italy



Railway Mail Service “Darjeeling” postmark Cooper Type 24”. These types of obliterations were used in mail that was posted at railway stations along the route.

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Let's Talk About Squared Circle Postmarks.

(A worldwide review of this type of postmark)

Many of you may have heard about the squared circle postmarks and may be aware that they have been used in Canada, the U.K. and many British colonies but I am quite sure that not too many know that the squared circle postmarks have been used in many countries worldwide.

But first of all, let's explain what are these postmarks:

The Squared Circle Postmark is formed by combining two pieces of a cancel. It is a circular cancel with a city or country name and possibly also calendar or date information, completed with a series of external bars on the four corners to form an external square frame.

As with anything else connected to the postal services, the first postmarks of this type were introduced in Great Britain at the end of 1879 as an alternative to the duplex cancels which were quite larger and more difficult to use. Furthermore, the idea behind this new postmark was that the combination of a circular postmark with the corner bars would allow for better cancellation of all stamps affixed on the cover or a card and minimize the risk of fraud. The Circle Squared Postmarks were very popular until 1910 but then their usage started to decline as new simpler cancels became available.

In general, they had virtually disappeared by the mid-20s (with some exceptions that I will mention later on). In the beginning, these postmarks were mostly used in Great Britain and the Commonwealth Countries and later introduced in countries like the Dutch Colonies, Italy (probably the country with the highest number of different postmarks), Spain, China, Brazil, Hawaii, Austria etc.

During their existence, they were modified many times so it is possible to find many different postmarks from the same post office. But, those of small towns and remote post offices which have been used for only a year or less can be quite rare.

In this article (and articles in future issues of the *PhilaJournal*) I will try to give some basic information about all countries that used the squared circle postmarks, focusing more on the countries for which there is no literature available and a bit less on those like United Kingdom, Canada or Australia where there is sufficient information in specialized publications.

So we will start in alphabetical order with the **A** countries arriving at the **Z** countries maybe a year or so from now.



Aden (South Yemen): The Aden Squared Circle Postmarks were used in three different locations: Aden, Aden Camp and Aden Cantonment. These postmarks can be found both on stamps of British East Africa and of India; they appear to be more common on stamps from India.

Albania (Italian Offices Durazzo, Scutari and Valona): These postmarks have been used in these three locations in the early 1900s. In Durazzo, they were used between 1903 and 1914, and in Scutari between 1902 and 1914. The Valona ones are rare as they were only used only in 1908 (not shown).



Australia (Northern Territories): Over 20 different postmarks have been identified in the book of Overton, however, there are probably more. In general, they are all quite scarce except the Port Darwin and Alice Springs.



This is a list of known Post Offices in the Northern Territories: Adelaide River, Alice Springs, Anthony's Lagoon, Arltunga, Barrow Creek, Borrooloola, Brock's Creek, Daley Waters, Everleen, Howley Creek, Durrundie, Katherine, Port Darwin, Powell Creek, Roper River, Top Camp (Alexandria), Union Town, Victoria River (Timber Creek), Wandu, Winnecke (Gold Fields), Hermansbury (Mission Station), Fountain Head Railway Station (on Pine Creek Railway). The postmarks show "S_A", at the bottom as at the time the Territories were administered by South Australia.

Australia
(Queensland):
The squared circle postmark in Queensland was only used in Brisbane, where it was introduced in



1883 and continued until 1892 or later. It was used for both departures and arrivals and was codified using different letters. The letters recorded so far are A, C, D, F, H (wide and narrow), K, L, P, T and U (per Campbell, Queensland Postal History 1990).

The postmark has a code letter, two lines for the date, "Brisbane" at the top and "QL" at the base. Some of the codes are rarer than others, however, none appears to be particularly common.

Australia (South Australia): The squared circle cancels have been used in about 600 different Postal Offices in South Australia. This includes the Post Offices of the Northern Territories, which at the time were administered by South Australia (see above). Similar



postmarks have been used in Queensland (see above) and I have been also told that they have been used in Melbourne, Victoria but I could not find any proof of this. These postmarks have been produced with many different variations, so it is possible to find postmarks which are different for the characteristics of the corners, the dimension of the letters, the spelling of the abbreviation of South Australia etc.

Austria: No publication mentions the possibility of the squared circle postmarks being used in Austria. However, I have received a copy of a card mailed in Wien on January 2nd, 1892 with a Wien squared circle postmark. I am searching for more information on this squared circle postmark and if it has been used in other Austrian cities.



Bahrain: These postmarks were used in Bahrain between 1885 and 1900, on stamps of British India. Although they have been used for around 15 years, they are not common, particularly on covers.



Bangladesh: These postmarks were widely used in British India including some towns which are now part of Bangladesh, such as the

attached postmarks of Dacca and Feni. I intend to identify all these postmarks separately.

Barbados: As shown in the attached example, the postmark does not show anything else than the name of the island, the date and a letter, which can be A, B or C. These letters identify the part of the day in which they were posted.



Borneo (North): I have not found any mention of these postmarks in any catalogue or book I have checked. However, two types are known to exist, Sandakan and Tenom.

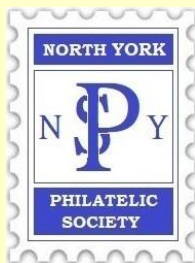
Brasil (Belem and Bage³): There isn't too much information about these postmarks and they are not mentioned in any catalogue. In any case, they were introduced in Belem, in Para³, in the North of the country, around 1930 and were used for approximately 10 years, only for airmail correspondence and as an alternative to a more common circular postmark. I have acquired postmarks dated from 1937 to 1947. They appear to be most common in 1941. This postmark may have been copied (in a larger size) from the neighbouring Suriname and British Guyana postmarks.



A second postmark has been identified recently and used in Bagé, Rio Grande do Sul, which is very far from Belem. All copies I have been able to see are dated 1942, at the time of a local fair. It appears that this postmark was probably produced only for philatelic purposes.

British Bechuanaland (now Botswana): The Post Offices of Mafeking and Vryburg were located in this territory. In 1895 the territory was incorporated in the Cape of Good Hope Province and the Mafeking postmark was modified with the CGH inscription. The Postmarks of these two locations with the B.B. (British Bechuanaland) inscription are quite rare.





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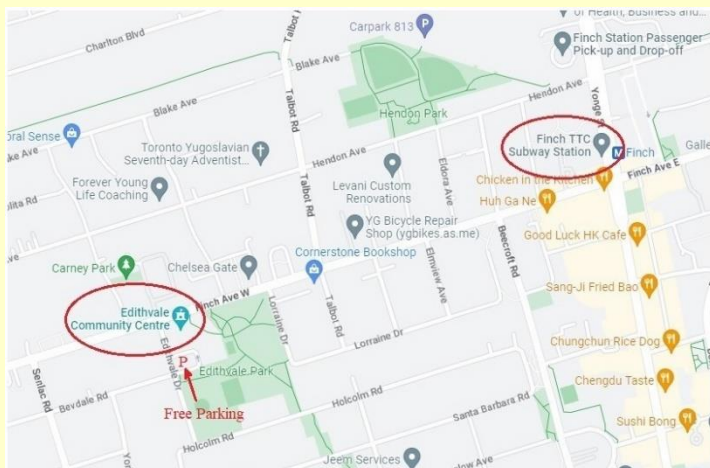
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THEN and NOW in Canadian Stamp Collecting

I was a serious stamp collector from 1970 to 1985, but then I gave it up to do my family history and genealogy. After publishing two large family histories, I was done with that and returned to stamp collecting in 2020.

Here are my observations on what has changed, and not changed, in Canadian stamp collecting. These are based on my former active involvement in the RA Stamp Club in Ottawa (Recreation Association - with membership open to all Federal employees), and my current active participation in the West Toronto Stamp Club and the Burlington Stamp Club.

My observations are described using THEN to refer to 1985, and NOW to refer to the 2020s, a span of 35 years. See if you agree with me, or maybe not! Your feedback is welcome (link above); the best responses will be published in a later edition of Philajournal.

The biggest change, of course, has been the widespread use of computers and the Internet. Computers on their own are used for keeping checklists of collection holdings and want lists; designing and printing custom album pages or exhibition pages; scanning images of stamps, blocks, covers, etc.; writing notes and articles; and preparing presentations.

Computers used with the internet, make all this possible: local and national club web pages; emailing of personal correspondence and club newsletters; making all those old journal issues and articles readily available; club and committee meetings and presentations via Zoom; online auctions, dealer web sales, and online sales through web sites like eBay and HipStamp.

These things have not changed much since 1985: stamps still have tagging; hingeless mounts are still used; Canadian stamps, especially the classics (up to the Admirals) are still the most favoured collectables.

Most Canadian collectors still don't belong to any local club; pricing is still based on condition, with NH premiums on the older issues; the percentage of us also collecting countries other than Canada/GB/Commonwealth/US seems to be the same, at about 40%; exhibiting is still going strong; most collectors are still men, with about 10 to 20% being women. Dealers continue to sell at stamp shows.

Another thing that has not changed is the list of active Canada-wide philatelic organizations. These five societies all started before 1985 and are still going strong:



Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (started 1887)

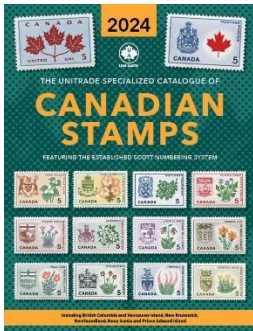
British North America Philatelic Society (1943)

Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada (1954) [Ed.: by invitation only]

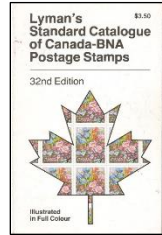
Postal History Society of Canada (1972)

Canadian Aerophilatelic Society (1984)

These things have **changed** over time. THEN Canada produced about 40 new issues per year, NOW it is about 70. THEN it was common for addressed mail to use stamps, NOW most addressed mail does not carry a stamp! THEN the popular Canadian catalogue was Lyman's,



NOW it is the much better Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps. THEN there were many storefront dealers, NOW most dealers only sell online and at shows. THEN common mint stamps sold for use as postage went for about 90% of face value, NOW they sell for about 33% of face value. THEN more people collected GB, Commonwealth, USA, and postal meters, NOW

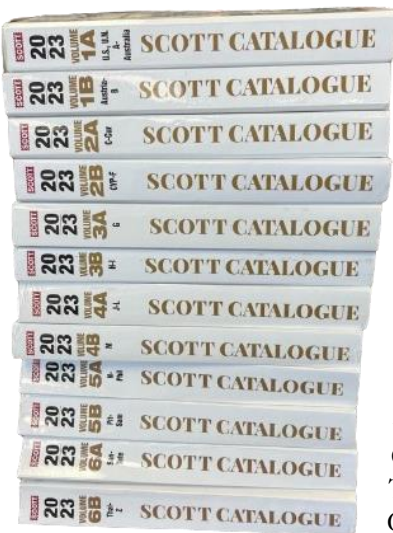


more people collect semi-official airmails, old cancels, permits, and Canadian postal history. THEN a set of

Scott catalogues occupied 4 inches of shelf space, NOW a set spans 28 inches on the shelf. THEN the Scott catalogue illustrations

were black and white, NOW they are in colour. THEN about 75% of stamps were issued in panes of 50, NOW about 60% of stamps are issued as booklet panes of smaller numbers, typically ten.

Canadian Bank Note was printing stamps THEN and still is NOW. The other main Canadian stamp printers were/are these:



THEN: British American Bank Note (1868-1988) and Ashton-Potter (1970-2006). NOW: Lowe-Martin (2002-present) and Colour Innovations (2015-present). NOW there is much greater creativity in the design of Canadian stamps, souvenir sheets, panes, and other philatelic items. NOW there are more varieties of modern Canadian stamps for those that collect them.



These features are **new**: Die-cut stamps started with the 1989 flag quick-stick booklet. Holographic images started with the 1992 “Canada in space” issue.



Significant text &/or art on the edge of a pane started with the 1993 parks issue.

Non-rectangular stamp shapes started with the 1994 quick-stick wing shapes.



Uncut press sheets started with the 1996 “Birds of Canada” set. Hidden images visible under UV light started with the 2003 \$5 moose stamp.

Hidden microprinting of text started with the 2007 “Lighthouse booklets.” BK364 - Microprinting shows the location of each lighthouse.

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In summary, many things have remained the same, and many have changed. The saddest change is the huge decline in the use of postage stamps on mail, which means that most Canadians never see most of our current commemorative stamps.

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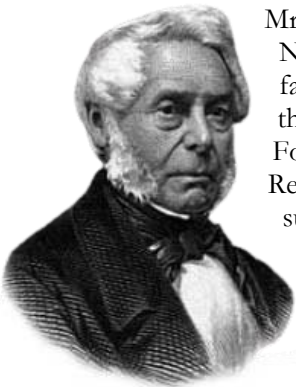
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One Hammer, Two Post Offices

The first circular date stamp used in York (Toronto) was a simple double ring with a diameter of 30 mm. with YORK between the rings at the top and U. C. at the bottom. This hand stamp was used between March 23, 1829, and April 29, 1830.



The use of this hand stamp is shown above on a single folded letter from YORK to ST. CATHARINES dated September 21, 1829, and addressed to W H Merritt Esq. [ed.: reduced to 90%]



Mr. Merritt was a businessman and politician in the Niagara region. He was born in the USA in a Loyalist family that resettled in Upper Canada. He fought in the War of 1812 and was held as a prisoner of war. Following his release, he returned to the Niagara Region where he became a businessman, an active supporter in the settlement of escaped slaves in St. Catharines, and a founder of the Weiland Canal.

On March 6, 1834, York was incorporated as the CITY OF TORONTO thereby making the YORK postal handstamps useless.

The hammer was subsequently transferred to YORK in Haldimand County where it entered service on April 13, 1838, used until December 16, 1867.



The second cover, above, [Ed.: reduced to 70%] shows the Haldimand use of this handstamp on a December 7, 1863, cover to Wellington County. As a bonus, the 5-cent stamp used to pay the domestic letter rate is from position 37 as shown by the dot above the letter 'P' in POSTAGE. →



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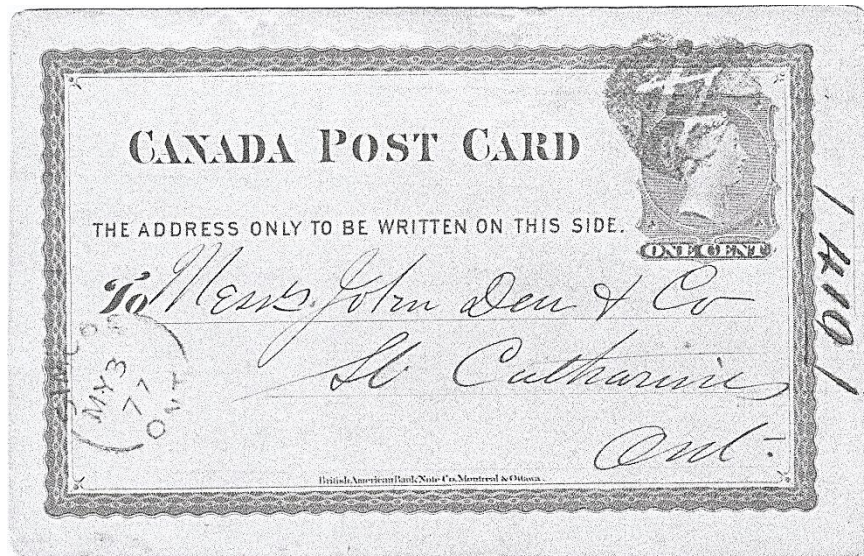
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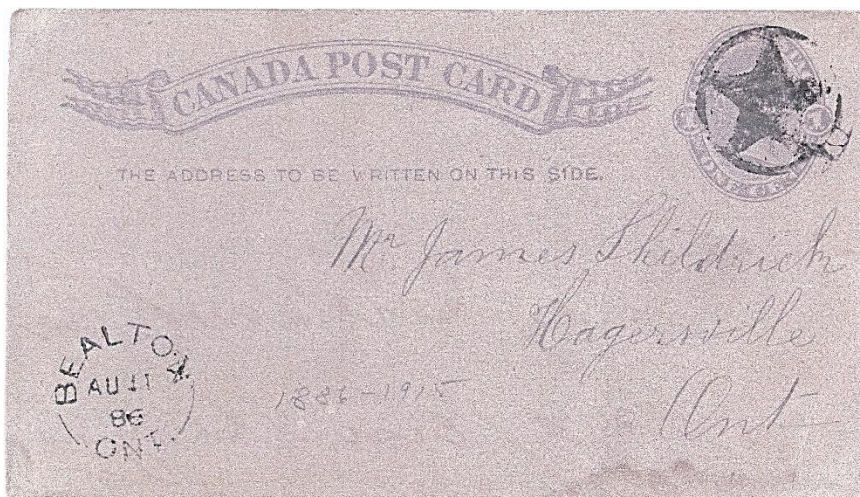
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Filip Konowal, a Ukrainian-Canadian Hero



Picture Postage Stamp. Issued 2017-11-11 by Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society, Toronto. Layout by Jerry Kalyń

Under the Gothic pile of Parliament's World War I Victory Tower, two soldiers who were awarded the Victoria Cross (VC) met. It was 1944 and they were there to sell Victory Bonds for World War II. They shook hands and then parted. One was a trim, dressed in khaki Major, named Paul Triquet, who had just recently won the VC in the battle near Ortona.

The other VC winner was a small man, by the name of Filip Konowal, whose bravery was all but forgotten by everyone, but himself. This is his story.

Filip was born in Kutkiw, Ukraine, on the March 25, 1887. He had joined the Russian Army for a short period as a hand-to-hand instructor, then seizing on an opportunity, he immigrated to Canada in 1913, in order, in his words, "to get some money". On July 12, 1915, he volunteered and was accepted by the Governor Generals' Foot Guards; sailed to England in June 1916, and then was made an acting Corporal as a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (Royal Westminster Regiment).

In late 1916, Filip fought in the Battle of the Somme and the following year he served with distinction at the Battle of Vimy Ridge, where he led a squad of Japanese-Canadian soldiers to capture the important position known as "The Pimple". In August 1917 he fought bravely against the enemy at the Battle for Hill 70, for which he received his Victoria Cross, according to the 1917 London Gazette. It was reported that Filip managed to kill 52 members of the enemy forces. In two days, while in charge of a section in attack, he mopped up cellars, craters & machine gun emplacements. Two days later, Filip was badly wounded; a German bullet marked his face for life. For these heroic efforts, he received the Victoria Cross. It was personally pinned on him by King George V. In pinning Filip with the VC, the King said: "*Your exploits are one of the most daring and heroic in the history of my army. For this, accept my thanks.*"



Picture Postage Stamp. Issued 2000-07-14 by Branch 360 of the Royal Canadian Legion, Toronto. Layout by Gerry Locklin

After the War, life was not easy on the civilian street. On July 20, 1919, Filip killed a man in Hull Quebec, who was assaulting a friend of his. He was found not guilty by "reasons of insanity," and spent nine years in asylum confinement. He was released in 1928, being homeless and destitute.

However, the Sergeant-at-Arms at the House of Commons noticed Filip and got him a job as a Junior caretaker on Parliament Hill. Filip worked seven days a

week for \$4 per day, mopping floors, and washing dishes. One day, Prime Minister Mackenzie King spotted him washing floors and wearing a VC ribbon; Filip was reassigned to be the custodian of Room No.16, the Prime Minister's Office; a post he held until his death on June 3, 1959. He was buried with full military honours at Notre Dame Cemetery in Ottawa, where in March 1987, his wife Juliette joined him.

In an interview with the Ottawa Citizen in 1956, he was quoted as saying about his heroics at Hill 70. *"I was so fed up standing in the trench with water up to my waist, that I said to hell with it and attacked the Germans. My Captain tried to shoot me because he thought I was deserting."*

A little trivia about Filip Konowal's life follows: In addition to his salary of \$4 per day as a janitor, he drew a monthly wartime bonus of \$18.40 and a \$15 War Pension (non-taxable). Out of his \$1,880.80 per year income, in 1944 Filip paid \$100 for War Bonds, & \$230 for income taxes. Our Ukrainian-Canadian hero, Filip Konowal, was grateful that Canada had adopted him; he said on one occasion, "SHE FIXES ME FINE".

There are several plaques and historical markers erected in Filip's honour throughout Canada and Europe, including a sculpture in his village in Ukraine. The most recent plaque was just unveiled in his honour by the Ukrainian War Veterans Association of Canada on December 2, 2023, at the Bloor West Village in Toronto.

References: The author used several sources to write this article: Lubomyr Luciuk article from May 8, 1944, in the Ukrainian-Canadian Servicemen Association Newsletter; quotes from the Ottawa Citizen; an article from the *Ukrainian News* of December 14, year unknown plus various Internet sources.

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Kawartha Stamp Club – Peterborough

In the beautiful central part of Ontario, Peterborough has had a thriving stamp club whose history goes back to 1956. A club did exist as early as 1888 though records of it are very sparse. We know that former resident Kelsey Hall was one of Canada's prominent stamp dealers even before the turn of the century. We have pulled through all initial events of COVID-19 and are continuing to move ahead with lots planned on the agenda.

As I looked over records of the club from not too many years ago, our attendance and membership have doubled. Every meeting brings out another new collector and visitor and they are from all age groups. I truly believe there has been one main ingredient to this success, and that is 'making the hobby fun!' Our members enjoy sharing with others their collecting interests, with all the whys and hows. Incredible friendships and social connections have been established within our membership and it is very rewarding to see everyone getting involved.

Recently, the KSC held another one of their 'Evaluation Committee' auctions. Select members of the club, who have had years of collecting knowledge and experience, field calls from our 'estate administrator,' who regulates inquiries from individuals requesting the disposal or evaluation of a collection. Only if and when a client selects the KSC to be their liaison for the collection disposal, will the KSC submit the client's material into one of our regular auctions, be it a live stand-up sale, or the silent auction type. Either way, when the material sells, 10% is retained by our club; which helps with our operating budget, and the client receives



Mr. Russell pictured here, was a first-time visitor to the KSC meeting, and was also a successful bidder on auction lots.

the remaining funds. We see this as a win-win situation because not one single individual is profiting from this, as the KSC receives a small portion to keep us operating, and the customer receives funds they never had before.

Our evaluation committee has been covering a vast area of central Ontario with the sales becoming increasingly popular. The other positive aspect of this is that it puts stamps and material into the



Recently held an auction with over 200 lots.

hands of active collectors, calling it ‘philatelic recycling.’ Other than auction sales, we have a robust selection of members ‘Club Sales Books,’ and our program director has done a marvellous job scheduling guest speakers and presentations. Anyone is openly invited to share the excitement of the Kawartha Stamp Club. For further information, contact our president.



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Bramalea Stamp Club Annual Show and Bourse

Saturday, February 3, 2024, was the date of our annual show. For the first time in many years, there was not even a trace of snow on the ground and Mother Nature treated us to almost springtime weather. There were 10 dealers on hand including two who were at our show for the first time.

All the dealers indicated that they had a good sales day and were interested in being invited to the show next year. Although no official count was kept of the attendance it is estimated that close to 100 people came to the show.



Several members displayed material in the exhibit frames.

Thank you to all the club members who assisted in the smooth running of the show by helping at the auction table, at the club sales table, at the snack counter, at the greeting desk, and mounting and dismounting the exhibits. The dealers also appreciated the help given to them both in bringing in their stock in the morning and then moving it back to their vehicles in the late afternoon. Enjoy a few pictures from the show.



Dealer Patrick Durbano with a captive audience.



Dealer Mark Armstrong shares stories and his philatelic treasures.



Dealer Peter Lim on the right and a friend take a moment to pose.



From the right, Jason Broersma made a debut at the show, Garfield Portch and a friend.



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With 74 bidders in attendance and 400 lots, the bidding was spirited. Many items selling for well over their asking price.

Many of the bidders came from several of the GTAPA clubs and several drove over 2 hours to attend. Their support was well received and appreciated.



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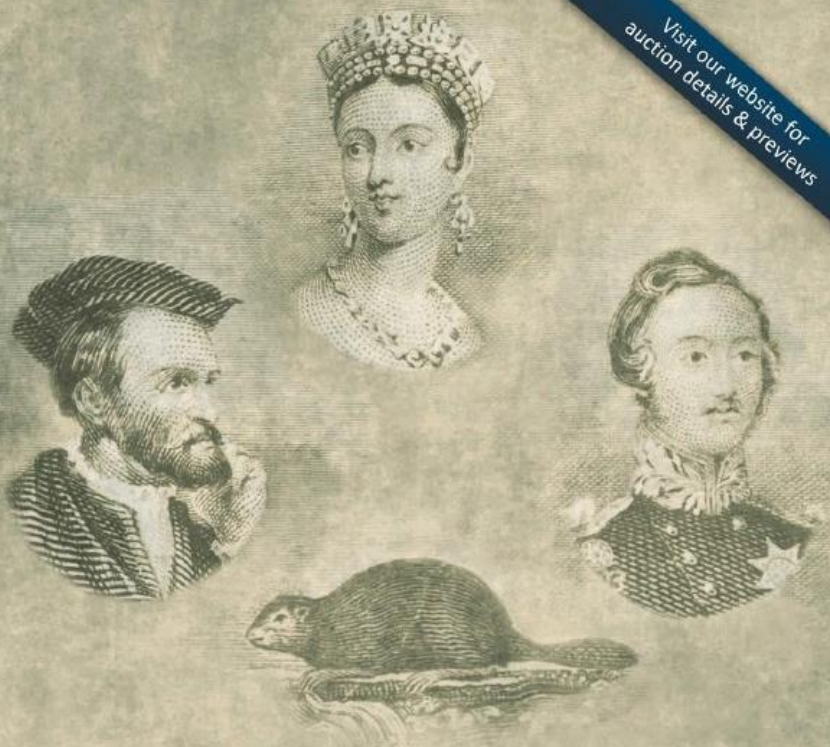
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By paul delongchamp <paul_delongchamp@hotmail.com>

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Bramalea Stamp Club

By Editor

A Saturday, February 3, 2024, Stamp Bourse was very successful. Read about it in this issue. Check Club's new website: <https://bramaleastampclub.org/>

Cobourg Stamp Club

Rob Stickan <Chevy4Life@hotmail.com>

Our club meeting for February 28 is moved to afternoons starting at 2:00 p.m. Check articles and show advertisements in this issue.

Fenelon Stamp Club, The

By Mark Armstrong <msaphilatelisticstudio@msn.com>

Elections for Officers took place on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, with the following outcome. The new President is Mark Armstrong, Jim Breadner is the Past President, the Vice-President is Yvan Racine, the Secretary is Mike Cole, and the Treasurer is Fraser Wallace. Also at this meeting, a motion was put forward by Jim Allen; that the club bestow an 'Honorary Life Member' title to Isabell Wessell.

Georgian Bay Coin and Stamp Club

By Ian McRuer imcruer@gmail.com

We have an ad in this issue, but here is more information about the upcoming show. We hope other Clubs will support our efforts and encourage their members to visit Wasaga Beach that weekend: August 17th, 2024 for the Wasaga Beach Coin & Stamp Show. The Georgian Bay Coin and Stamp Club, Wasaga Chapter, is hosting our first combined Coin and Stamp Show at the YMCA Recplex, 1724 Mosley Street, Wasaga Beach, ON L9Z 1Z7. Open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$2 which includes the chance to win coins, stamps, and other exciting prizes. Youths, 16 and under are admitted free. Free parking. There will be approximately 70 tables of coins, stamps, stamp circuit books, tokens, bank notes, mint issues, collectibles, and supplies. Coin and stamp Silent Auction. Learn, get an appraisal, sell, trade, or buy. Plan to spend the whole day in Wasaga Beach at many other attractions. For more information, contact Bill Beattie (Coins) at bill.beattie@sympatico.ca or 705-730-5550, or Bob Stewart (Stamps) at ris@eagle.ca or 289-251-2256.

Markham Stamp Club

By Klaus Hintz <klaushintz7@gmail.com>

The club held an AGM on January 24, 2024. M. Kanzo (Past President) presented the candidates for all executive positions. The results are President B. Henderson; Vice-President G. Dore; Treasurer J. Van Der Ven; Communications K. Hintz; Membership J. Than; Friendship L. Lockway and J. Than; Past President M. Kanzo; Directors-At-Large P. Liu, J. Heath, L. Lockway.

North Toronto Stamp Club

By Editor

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North York Philatelic Society

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Polish Canadian Coin & Stamp Club "Troyak"

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

The next show is on Sunday, March 3, 2024. All tables are SOLD OUT. There are philatelic dealers so consider a trip to see us. Check the advertisement in this issue or go to the website at www.troyakclub.com.



A warm HELLO! From our members.

Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club

By Editor

Busy with meetings....

Trenton Stamp Club

By Editor

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Ukrainian Collectibles Society (Toronto)

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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.



On February 27th President Sid Mensinga (left) presented a GTAPA Certificate of Merit to Ted Swain in recognition of the great work he does as the Club's Membership Secretary.

Greetings were expressed to 2 members who attained memorable birthdays in February. Fraser McKee celebrated his **99th** birthday and

George MacLean celebrated his **104th**!

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Ajax-Pickering Stamp Club

RPSC Chapter #163

WINTER SCHEDULE: Jan. 11 & 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. || Feb. 8, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. || Feb. 22 - Auction night from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. || Mar. 14 & 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Meets at Ajax Public Library on 55 Harwood Rd. S. (south of 401). Free parking.

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

Midland Chapter

Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Penetanguishene Memorial Community Centre, 61 Maria St., Penetanguishene ON L9M 2G2.

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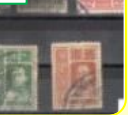
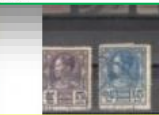
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Insurance & Banking Philatelic Society RPSC Chapter #82

Meets sporadically at Lionel Collier's residence.

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.

Alvin Gallay 705-741-1951 alvingallay@gmail.com

Mark Armstrong (President) 705-344-2349 msaphilatelisticstudio@msn.com

<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) klaushintz7@gmail.com

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

markhamstampclub@hotmail.com or markham.stamps@gmail.com

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>

North York Philatelic Society RPSC Chapter #21

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month (except July & August) at

Edithvale Community Center at 131 Finch Avenue West, Toronto

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

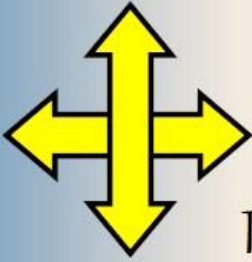
Harvey Shuter (Vice President) 416 222 3408 333philex333@gmail.com

Oshawa & Whitby Stamp Groups RPSC Chapter #230

www.oshawawhitby-stamp-club.com

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 11:30 am. Whitby Seniors Building, 801 Brock St. **Clyde Cockburn** 905-666-3871, clyshcockburn@hotmail.com



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Polish-Canadian Coin & Stamp Club "Troyak" RPSC Ch. #240

Meets on the last Sunday of each month, except holidays, at 4:30 pm

John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga

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

Scouts on Stamps Society International RPSC Chapter #242

SOSSI, Maple Leaf Chapter

Meets via Zoom at 7 pm on the third Sunday of the month.

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.

Bill Ferguson 613-398-1152

wilabetgg@gmail.com

Peter Koenig 905-373-0806

peter.koenig@sympatico.ca

Kevin Myers (Treasurer) 613-955-1618

kevmeyers13@gmail.com

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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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 (1)

FOR SALE: USA collection from #10A to the year 2020, used #10A to #623, used and mint from #627 to the year 2020. Source catalogue Scott Specialized. Contact Dave at michelle.robesson@sympatico.ca (2)

FOR SALE: Great Britain collection. 1841 used to 1936, includes watermarks, used & mint from 1937 to 2021. Includes some regionals. Source catalogue Stanley Gibbons Concise.
For details contact Dave at michelle.robesson@sympatico.ca (2)

FOR SALE: One FDC – USA First Man on the Moon on 9 Sept. 1969.
Contact for details: imcruer@gmail.com (1)

FOR SALE: CANADA 1927 to 1947 VARIOUS ISSUES;
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Contact Norm Pemberton at normpem@yahoo.com (1)

WANTED: Vimy Pilgrimage (July 26, 1936) FDCs, covers sent to Europe, South Africa, or marked "sample", postcards, medals, badges, and ephemera. Contact Don Hedger at don.hedger@gmail.com ... (1)

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FOR SALE: Nearly complete Cdn FDCs (from 1939 Royal Tour to 2006) from the Estate of Paul Hellyer, MP & Cabinet Minister using the House of Commons gold embossed envelopes! PLUS: House of Commons' postage meter. PLUS FDCs with complete souvenir sheets on larger envelopes. There are several covers on each issue. Serious offers - must consider the value of the entire Collection, no "cherry picking".

Contact for details: imcruer@gmail.com (1)

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 (1)

PUN: What's a stamp's favourite type of music? Stampede.

WANTED: CANADA MINT POSTAGE, ANY QUANTITY.

Contact: Mattia Guida - stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca (4)

BEST OFFER: Canadian plate blocks 1973 to 1982 (30-cent Canada Day sheets) all PO fresh. PLUS Canadian FDCs from mid-1974 onwards.

Contact for details: imcruer@gmail.com (1)

FOR SALE: MALAYSIA FDC dated 31 August 1959 celebrating their independence & COMPLETE set of FDCs from Oct. 1964 to Feb. 1972. Nepal FDCs 1975 - 1977; AUSTRALIA FDCSS 1977 - 1984.

CANADA FDCSS 1978 - 1988; GREAT BRITAIN FDCs 1982 - 1986

Contact for details: imcruer@gmail.com (1)

WANTED: Australian annual stamp books for the years 1982 & 1990.

Contact: imcruer@gmail.com (1)

FOR SALE: Canada Postage, any denomination. One advanced collection of Italy, one of the Vatican and one of the SMOM, Order of Malta

Contact: Mattia Guida - stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca (1)

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 (1)

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.

Contact David at davidbest1953@gmail.com (1)

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