



# Bulletin

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## President Sid's Message

A review of my calendar indicates that December will be another terrific month to pursue my hobby if I do an effective job of juggling my philatelic interests with holiday festive activities. If you are like me, you would say and think, "Yes, I want to do it all". That being the case, plan to attend the **December 6 Learning Workshop Session** on "tools". Not only will you learn that there is much more to tools than tongs and a perforation gauge, but you will also get some great stocking stuffer ideas for Santa.

**December 13** will be our **final auction** and **last meeting of 2016**. That lot you successfully bid on could be your best Christmas gift ever. I am always surprised with the variety and quality of items that turn up at our auctions.

As well, yes, you can still sign up for our **WTSC Christmas dinner and festive get together, Friday, December 9**, at the Canadiana Restaurant, Six Points Plaza. Plan to arrive between 6:00 and 6:30 with dinner at 7. To date, 31 will be attending but there is still room for you and yours. Join us, as we enjoy each other's company feasting on a delicious meal of turkey, roast beef, or salmon and share some very fine donated prizes. Cost is \$30 per person. **Sign up or contact me, [sidmensinga@gmail.com](mailto:sidmensinga@gmail.com) no later than Monday December 5.**

If you have some spare time this month, consider a visit to The Harry Sutherland Library at the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation. Regular hours are Monday through Thursday from 10 to 4. Looking ahead, Saturday open days are December 10, January 21 and February 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday extended hours are January 25 and February 22.

As you juggle the many exciting opportunities this month with Christmas shopping, wrapping and preparation, take time to enjoy family and take a few moments to reflect on the meaning of the season. On behalf of the club executive, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family.

P.S. I wonder what neat philatelic item Santa will leave under the tree for you?

## December Activities

Meetings are held on Tuesday evening unless otherwise specified. Doors open at 6:30, meetings start at 7.

**Dec 6 ~ Learning Workshop** (doors open at 7, meeting starts at 7:30)

**Let's Talk About Tools of the Trade** (details are in the November Bulletin)

**Dec 9 ~ Christmas Social, Canadiana Restaurant, 6 Points Plaza** (arrive 6 – 6:30, dinner at 7)

**Dec 13 ~ Regular Meeting**

Exchange of information, Show & Tell and Auction

## Discussion Group Schedule (January – June)

**January 17 ~ Ian Robertson**

**MR. LIVINGSTONE, I PRESUME** - The story of a shopkeeper from Picton, Ontario who branched into postcards before World War 1 and distributed what may be the best quality photographic postcards of Ontario scenes.

**April 18 ~ Mark Stelmacovich**

**UKRAINIAN PROVISIONAL STAMPS** - This will be a PowerPoint presentation outlining the speaker's research and award winning exhibit of the provisional stamps of the Ukraine in the 1990's.

**February 11, March 21, May 16, June 20 ~ TBA**

## RPSC Board Election

If you are interested in standing for election to the board of directors of the Royal at next year's AGM in May, please contact the editor. There are 7 spots open for election and at the time of writing only one confirmed candidate and a possibility of two more for a total of three.

## January Learning Workshop

"All covers have a story" is the topic of our fourth Learning Workshop and the first of the new year.

Postmarks and handwriting can provide clues to what could be an interesting social story encountered en route to a destination near or far, and can also shed light on postage rates.

The backs of envelopes often provide additional clues, including those with modern handling codes.

Obvious information or further research can yield a good story.

Members with any interesting cover — from anywhere — are invited to bring them to our Learning Workshop on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

Who knows, participants may help solve unanswered questions.

Your cover(s) don't necessarily have to be pretty. After all, not all have been handled well. Some have been through shipwrecks, plane crashes, plus rain or snow or sleet or hail and dark of night ... you get the idea. (See two examples below of many from the Internet, one a cover salvaged from an air crash, and the other having mixed Canada and US postage.)

The meeting offers everyone a chance to participate. Come early for a place around the table. There's no cover charge!

## Membership Update

At the time of writing, 73 members have renewed their memberships and 22 have not (including one resignation). For the 21 still to renew, you will be deemed to have resigned if payment is not received by November 30, and this will be your last newsletter.

We are pleased to welcome two new members. Doug Hara is member 1084. Sara Wara is member 1085.

## CF-105 Avro Arrow

The Burlington and Brantford Stamp Clubs have been trying for years to have a postage stamp issued to commemorate the Avro Arrow. For details, see this article in the Burlington Gazette (October 8).

<http://www.burlingtongazette.ca/stamp-collectors-wanted-the-avro-arrow-commemorated-on-a-postage-stamp-they-have-been-turned-down-during-their-ten-year-effort/>

## WTSC Board 2016-2018

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SAULT ST. MARIE, ONTARIO TO ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN: 1927

UNIFORM RATE PERIOD: FEBRUARY 1 1927 - AUGUST 1 1928 (10c. RATE.)



COVER DATED SAULT ST. MARIE, ONTARIO JULY 16 1927 TO ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN. DETROIT TRANSIT JULY 18 1927 B/S. ENDORSED SPECIAL DELIVERY CROSSED OUT "NOT IN DELIVERY MAIL. A" AIR SERVICE NOT AVAILABLE DISPATCHED BY TRAIN FROM DETROIT. SPECIAL

COVER PRE-PAID FOR AIR MAIL TRANSMISSION IN THE U.S.

POSSIBLY COULD HAVE BEEN SENT BY RAIL FROM SAULT ST. MARIE TO CHICAGO THEN BY AIR TO DETROIT CAM 7

