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PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

This past month, I have been most impressed with the incredible amount of information and wealth of knowledge available to any of us if we take time to peruse the articles in the multiple BNAPS study groups newsletters. (All but the most recent are for members only) <https://bnaps.org/study.php>



British North America Philatelic Society
The Society for Canadian Philately

Being a person who enjoys hunting for constant plate varieties, as well as in-depth information about small queens, I have spent many hours perusing back issues of the following study group newsletters.

BNAPS Large and Small Queens Study Group <https://bnaps.org/hhl/n-lsq.htm>

BNAPS Re-entries and Constant Plate Varieties Study Group <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/re-entry/newsletters-reentry.php>

If you are a Canadian stamp or postal history collector, there is most likely a BNAPS study group that would further deepen your collecting interests and your drive to know more. Knowledge is definitely power in this great hobby of ours.

Thanks to Garfield for arranging a special work evening Tuesday, January 30th. Also, thank you to the work evening volunteers who will sort 25 'Bankers Boxes' of philatelic material to be made available to Clubs on behalf of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada Research Foundation for the development of a youth program. Working together on a task is most enjoyable and further enables that comradery we all value.

WTSC's 90th Anniversary celebration, to take place Friday March 28, 2025 at "Renaissance by the Creek", will be a great evening of comradery and celebration. Be sure to circle the date and plan to attend. Your 90th planning committee will be meeting early this month to set and to confirm plans as we anticipate this significant milestone in the history of our club. Information about what is planned and opportunities to serve on subcommittees or to complete specific tasks will soon be detailed.

FEBRUARY - PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR WTSC MEMBERS AND GUESTS



Feb. 6 - LEARNING WORKSHOP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, "Datestamps and Obliterators."

Feb 13 - Auction & Circuit Book evening - In-person - Fairfield Centre.

Feb 20 - DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, **Speaker - Dr. Robert Galway presents-** "Empresses of the Atlantic."

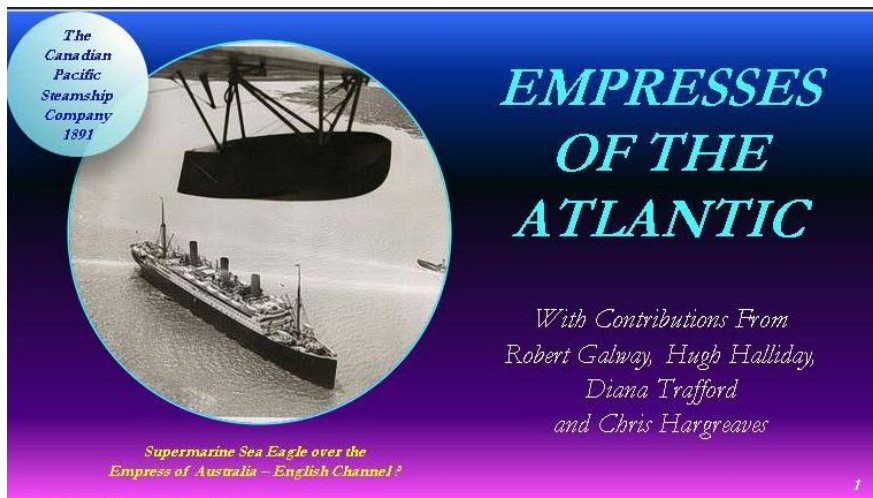
Feb 27 - Auction & member/vest pocket dealer tables - In-person - Fairfield Centre.

FEBRUARY DISCUSSION GROUP TOPIC

February 20, 2024 the Discussion Group will feature a presentation by Dr. Robert Galway entitled "EMPRESSES OF THE ATLANTIC".

Several great luxury steam ships were included in the naming series Empress of In his 90-slide presentation, Dr. Galway tells the story of these great ships and their connection with his favourite study "Airmail."

This promises to be a fascinating study of Canadian history for all, including those who don't collect either airmail or ship mail.



Celebrating Philatelic Excellence.



Congratulations to WTSC member **Mark Stelmacovich** for demonstrating exhibiting excellence at the Thailand World Championships – Nov 27- Dec. 2, 2023.

Mark was awarded a large vermeil for his superb exhibit, "**Ukrainian Provisional Postage Stamps and Usage 1992- 1996**".

Achieving this level of success at the international level is most noteworthy. Well done, Mark.

CIRCUIT BOOK REPORT- Simon Claughton

We have had a very successful fall series of events. Thanks go to our Team Members: Janice, Victoria, Lawrence, Ted, and our newest member Robert.

On Oct 21st, our "A and B" teams took the circuit to the Circuit Book Fair by Oxford Philatelic Society.

We had a remarkably successful day that saw \$595 in sales with thirty-one customers visiting.



On November 4th, our "A and B" teams took the circuit to the Fall Show and Circuit Fair by the Hamilton Stamp Club. We had a very successful day that saw \$348 in sales with fifteen customers visiting.

On November 26th, our circuit team attended The Golden Horseshoe Regional Group meeting of the British North America Philatelic Society which saw us bring in \$28 with two customers participating.

On January 21st, our circuit team attended The Golden Horseshoe Regional Group meeting of the British North America Philatelic Society which saw us bring in \$153 with six customers participating.

Please note that the next WTSC circuit will be on the 13th of February.

Circuit Book templates are available online at <http://www.westtorontostampclub.org/meetings.htm#circuit-books>



OTHER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES

ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA: STAMP TALK AND STAMP PANEL SESSIONS. Registration in advance required. <https://www.rpsc.org/>



February 12 - Gregoire Tessier - **One- and Two-Page Exhibits**
One- and two-page exhibits: What are they about? Why should you try one?

February 19 - **Innovations in Exhibiting** - [Jean Wang, Duncan Barber]
Learn about different techniques to maximize the visual presentation of your philatelic pieces and research.

FEB. 3- BRAMALEA STAMP CLUB ANNUAL STAMP SHOW AND BOURSE

Judith Nyman Secondary School (Cafeteria) (next to Terry Miller Recreation Centre), 1305 Williams Parkway, (at Bramalea Road), Brampton, ON, L6S 3J8

Hours are Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. 10 dealers, exhibits, free stuff for youth. Free admission and parking.

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Web: <http://bramaleastampclub.org>



FEB. 15 NORTH TORONTO STAMP CLUB - Intro to Collect for stamp inventory & trading by Jean Wang

LOOKING AHEAD

March 3rd Mississauga Coin & Stamp Show

John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga, ON, L4Z 1V8

Sponsored by the Troyak Club, the Mississauga Coin and Stamp Show will be open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., with 60 tables and more than 30 dealers.

MAR. 16, TORONTO, ON

NTSC Stamp Bourse, Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge Street Up to 20 dealers starting at 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking. For more information, email enyitr618@rogers.com, telephone 905-477-1511. Website: www.northtorontostampclub.ca/home.

April 29-North York Philatelic Society Stamp Show

Edithvale Community Center, 131 Finch Avenue West, Toronto, ON, M2N 2H8

Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 8 dealers, members table and 10 cents books. Free admission, ample free parking. Door prizes. Easily located on TTC routes.

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OSHAWA/WHITBY

STAMP AUCTION
400 Quality Lots

Saturday April 27th, 2024

801 Brock St South, Whitby

Whitby Senior Centre

Viewing from 10 to noon

Auction starts at 11.30

No Food available on site

\$2 donation fee at door

CASH ONLY SALE

WTSC MARKETPLACE: FREE/FORSALE/WANTED

FOR SALE:

1. For sale 9 Safe Dual Hingeless Albums with pages from 1851 to 2018 complete. Retail Value is \$3800.00. Asking \$900.00 or best offer. Call Ben 705 726 5464 or Email casinostamp@yahoo.ca.
2. Safe dual blank pages, #612, 614, 615x3, 616x2, 617x4, 618x2, 620, 662. Retail is \$22.50 each. Sell for \$5.00 each, Ben Heintzberger 705 726 5464 or casinostamp@yahoo.ca
3. Extensive collection of Jersey, Guernsey, & Isle of Man available.
Contact: West Toronto Stamp Club member # 1045 or Email pasenoj@gmail.com
4. Extensive international stock available. Contact: Willy Schlatter, Email: wstamps1@outlook.com
Ph: 705-252-4559
5. Buying and selling: Italy and Italian area, with a particular interest in Italian States and Squared Circle Postmarks. Contact Mattia at 647 990 4073 or Email stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca
6. Buying and selling: Canada postage, mint and mint hinged, any denomination Contact Mattia at 647 990 4073 or Email stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca

WANTED:

1. Etobicoke Post Office covers, especially before 1960' See John at club meetings, or call 416 742 2347.
2. 1985-89 50c Canadian Parliament vending machine booklet stamps, especially the low values (1c, 2c, 5c, 6c) postally used or on cover.
Hong Kong: stamps, covers, booklets, revenues, ephemera, postcards old maps. Anything Hong Kong!
Contact Ingo at b62hkg@yahoo.ca or text 416 700 5226.
3. Wanted a cover with the 50c red calla lily, #2072. Contact Ben at 705 726 5464, casinostamp@yahoo.ca
4. Centennial Issue covers (1967-72) to foreign destinations other than Europe.
Contact Sid at sidmensinga@gmail.com
5. EKKO radio reception stamps for Canadian Radio stations.
Issued by radio stations to confirm station reception.
Circa 1920's. Mint; used; on cover or card.
Example CFCA 1921 became CFRB in 1928
Contact- Don Hedger; don.hedger@gmail.com
6. Germany Scott# 3011 379c flower. Germany Scott# 3085 120c flower. Mint (preferably) or used VF.
Contact dbuss@rogers.com
7. Shaubek blank pages, Kabe blank pages, Shaubek two post or spring back albums and strips of clear top opening mounts. Dbray12traditions@gmail.com
8. Precancelled stamps, preferably cover ANYTHING older than Style U as per Unitrade PRECANCEL listings. Also looking for MAP COVER dated December 18th, 1889. Contact Lawrence at lawpin@rogers.com
9. Great Britain Scott catalogue for any of the following years: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021. Contact Belkys Herrera Belkysherrera02@gmail.com



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