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# Bulletin

The Newsletter of the West Toronto Stamp Club  
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## PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

I am pleased to report, and confident that the 36 who attended the WTSC Christmas Festive get-together and dinner December 17<sup>th</sup> would agree, that it was a most pleasurable evening. The enjoyable table conversations, the tasty food and that complimentary glass of wine made it an evening to remember; another opportunity to build those social connections we all value and need.

2025 will be a momentous year for us at WTSC as we celebrate our **90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Friday March 28<sup>th</sup>**. Circle that date and commit to going by purchasing your ticket/s early. (See details page 3)

Instead of trying to come up with New Year's resolutions, that I would most likely break anyway; I will, with no further excuses, recommend acting on the following fun list.



## 10 Reasons to buy more stamp stuff (stamps, covers, philatelic literature & equipment) in 2025!

1. It insulates the walls of my stamp den.
2. It helps keep my brain in gear.
3. It keeps the economy going. It is my duty to support local & online dealers, auction houses and the stamp shows.
4. I'm participating in a contest. In the end the one with the most stamp stuff wins.
5. Because I'm worth it.
6. Who knows what treasures I might find.
7. I need it to entice me to go down that new rabbit hole.
8. I don't need to cook it to enjoy it. It doesn't need to be walked, fed, or cleaned.
9. It's not illegal nor immoral. It gratifies the soul and makes me feel good.
10. My philatelic friends do it, why not me?

**Happy Stamping New Year!** 2025 should prove to be a fun and active philatelic year at WTSC. A year when we can pleausurably lose track of time pursuing personal as well as group philatelic activities, in-person and online.

## JANUARY - PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



**Jan. 7 - LEARNING WORKSHOP**, 7 p.m. via Zoom, "*Everything and anything philatelic that starts with the Letter I.*"

**Jan. 14 - Auction & Circuit Book evening - In-person - Fairfield Centre.**

**Jan. 21 - DISCUSSION GROUP**, 7 p.m. via Zoom, "*Unusual and/or Interesting Postal Rates.*"

**Jan. 28 - Auction & member/vest pocket dealer tables - In-person - Fairfield Centre.**

## **A BRIEF 2 QUESTION SURVEY THAT NEEDS YOUR RESPONSE.**

Depending on WTSC membership participation and interest, WTSC could become a chapter affiliate of the American Topical Association (ATA) [www.americantopical.org](http://www.americantopical.org)

The ATA is the world's largest organization dedicated to topical and thematic collecting. Becoming a chapter would introduce and support WTSC members to topical collecting. Chapter affiliation is intended to promote topical philately, including collecting, research and exhibiting.

ATA chapters are stamp clubs from around the world that include ATA members and have formally affiliated with the ATA to share interests. The chapters receive recognition and promotion in Topical Time. Affiliated chapters enjoy Topical Time (mailed to chapter representatives with US addresses), website listing & links, and inclusion in the chapters section of the journal.

To become a chapter of the ATA, WTSC would need to list at least 3 members who belong to the ATA. (including their ATA membership numbers).

Individual Membership benefits include:

1. Subscription to six issues/year of Topical Time.
2. The opportunity to pay to join one or more of their 44 existing Study groups for different topics.
3. The opportunity to buy, at a reduced price (\$10 each) any existing topical checklist for any of their 1500 topics (in pdf or Excel format).
4. The right to three free ATA pins to be used as awards for exhibits.
5. The opportunity to buy a custom checklist created for any topic you name.

### **Looking for your responses to the following Survey questions**

1. Do you as a WTSC member support WTSC becoming a chapter of ATA? Yes /No / Comments
2. If you are a current member of ATA and willing to support becoming an ATA chapter, please provide your name and ATA membership number. (We need at least 3 ATA members)

Please send your response to both Douglas Hill [dahill3973@rogers.com](mailto:dahill3973@rogers.com) and Sid Mensinga [sidmensinga@gmail.com](mailto:sidmensinga@gmail.com)

## **WEST TORONTO STAMP CLUB DISCUSSION GROUP**

**JANUARY 21, 2025**

**TOPIC: "*Unusual and/or Interesting Postal Rates*"**

This will be another in a series of audience participation programmes in which attendees are encouraged to present examples (from personal collections) of postal rates that are unusual or different due to geography, historical circumstances, shape, and size of material being posted and so forth.

There will be no limitation on points of origin, destinations, routes, or methods of transport.

Participants are asked to create PowerPoint presentations rather than hold items before the camera. This to make the viewing more pleasurable for the audience.

For presenters who are 'PowerPoint challenged,' images can be sent to Garfield or Sid for inclusion in a group presentation.

## WTSC 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY - FRIDAY MARCH 28, 2025



**WEST TORONTO STAMP CLUB  
90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**EVENT AND DINNER TICKET**

**DATE & LOCATION**  
**FRIDAY MARCH 28, 2025**

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30, DINNER AT 7:00



**Renaissance**  
by the creek

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3045 Southcreek Road Mississauga, Ontario L4X 2X7  
T: 905.238.9666 F: 905.238.3622  
www.renaissancebythecreek.com

90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner tickets (**\$50** per person) are now available and can be purchased directly at our in-person meetings or online by contacting Ted at [ted.swain@sympatico.ca](mailto:ted.swain@sympatico.ca)




**GUEST SPEAKER**



Dr. David K. Foot  
Topic: Eclipse Philately



**VIEW - WTSC 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
MEMBERS EXHIBITING EXCELLENCE



Payment can be made in cash or by E-Transfer

E-TRANSFER: [president@westtorontostampclub.org](mailto:president@westtorontostampclub.org)

Looking forward to celebrating this momentous occasion with local and online members, frequent guests, and friends of WTSC.

## WTSC CIRCUIT BOOKS- THANK YOU TO ITS NEW LEADERS

Thank you to the Circuit book team and Janice (the new circuit book manager) & Ted who will take on additional leadership responsibilities enabling the continued success of the WTSC Circuit Book program; an excellent service for members to acquire new stamps and to find a home for others they wish to dispose of.

Consider joining the current team of volunteers to lessen the load and to enable the continued success of this valued WTSC program.

## A THOUGHTFUL QUESTION FROM ONE OF OUR MEMBERS

Canada's first hologram on a stamp is #1442 from the Canada in Space set of 1992.

What is the first US stamp with a hologram?

What is the first hologram on a stamp from any country in the world?

Thanks for your help.

Douglas Hill

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## PHILATELIC LEARNING & ENJOYMENT

We are fortunate to live in a time when informative is a click away.

This month for the Elizabethan collector, click on these links.



<https://adminware.ca/esg/corgi.htm>

[https://adminware.ca/checklist/chk\\_rate.php](https://adminware.ca/checklist/chk_rate.php)

## **FEBRUARY LEARNING WORKSHOP**

Starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, February 4, 2025 via Zoom, the topic for our fifth virtual Learning Workshop of the 2024-2025 season is: **“Questions I wish I had asked.”**

Whether 'tis nobler to focus on one subject, even two — perhaps three or more — the slings and arrows of outrageous philatelic ideas sometimes bode well for a hobbyist.

But, with life carrying on in many directions, the best laid plans are sometimes put aside. Questions may be raised about what avenues to pursue in order to better enjoy our hobby.

With the West Toronto Stamp Club, ideas and queries can be shared with other members, sometimes yielding helpful suggestions.

That, my friends, is the thrust of this topical evening. Think about things that could bring pleasure: Here are a few subjects to consider:

- Who should be consulted? Pick a topic, any topic, and someone may come aboard.

- Why haven't I checked a library for ideas or answers? Perhaps the Harry Sutherland Philatelic Library at the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation has, among its more than 10,000 volumes, the one you need. Alternately, a club member might have the very one you seek. There are also, sometimes, books offered for sale on eBay.



- How do I use a perforation gauge to check stamps? When measuring, do I focus on perforation tips or valleys? (Tips? Valleys? Which perf gauges are recommended? Ask and ye shall be answered.)



- What is the best way to soak used stamps? Cold water? Lukewarm water? Are special steps needed before soaking modern issues? Will some country's recent stamps not float off paper? What additives can be used to soak some foreign stamps?

- What are the advantages of belonging to a philatelic organization such as the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, the British North America Philatelic Society, the American Philatelic Society, the Postal History Society of Canada, the Toronto Postcard Club, etc?



What general and/or specific questions do you have as you continue to pursue this hobby? What answers have you found to burning questions you once had?

As with all Learning Workshops, members and visitors are welcome to participate. Come one, come all.

- Ian Robertson

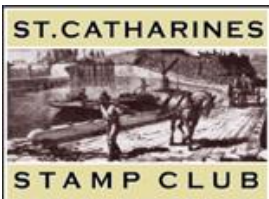
## **OTHER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES**



**Jan 11- [Brantford Stamp Club Annual Show](#)**

**[Branlyn Community Centre, 238 Brantwood Park Road, Brantford, ON, N3P 1N9](#)**

9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission, free parking, 12 dealers, silent auction, Club circuit books, youth booth, door prizes, stamp displays, snack counter, wheelchair accessible.



## Jan 25 - 75th CATHEX

**Grantham Lions Club, 732 Niagara St., St. Catharines, ON, L2R 5L3**

Hosted by the St. Catharines Stamp Club with nine dealers (possibly 10). Hours: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Free Parking. Free Admission. Snack Bar. Club Circuit. Youth and beginner material (free).



## Feb 1 - Bramalea Stamp Club Annual Show and Bourse

**Judith Nyman Secondary School (cafeteria), 1305 Williams Parkway, Brampton, ON, L6S 3J8**

10 dealers, auctions, club books, stamps for youngsters. Free admission, free parking.

## LOOKING AHEAD



**R.P.S.C. Chapter #65  
A.T.A. Chapter #58**

### INVITATION TO EXHIBIT

#### OXPEX/OTEX 2025

Help us Celebrate 76 Years of Philatelic Excellence with an Exhibit

Time to prepare: 16-page frames will be available for your exhibit.

6 or 12 page exhibits for Junior or Novice Competitors mounted in 16-page frames

We have experienced compassionate judges, helpful feedback and appreciative, complimenting viewers.

**Show Date: Saturday, March 15, 2025**

**Entry form submission Deadline: February 7, 2025**

Go to <http://www.rpsc.org/chapters/oxford> to download (resources tab) additional Entry Forms + Rules and Regulations

For additional information contact Exhibit

Coordinator at [dhfe@silomail.co](mailto:dhfe@silomail.co)

### **EASTERN G.T.A. STAMP CLUBS SALES Saturday, March 1st, 2025**

**9:00 am. to 3:00 pm.  
FREE ADMISSION**

**Salvation Army Citadel  
59 Ballantine Street, Cobourg**

**6 Clubs ( Ajax-Pickering, Cobourg, Fenelon,  
Kawartha, Oshawa and Trenton ) will be there  
with a wide selection of Stamps and lots of  
bargains  
Free Parking and Food Court**

**Directions from 401 exit #474 – south on  
Division Street for approx. 1.3 km (just past the  
Chrysler dealership) turn right onto Ballantine  
Street.**

**For Info.  
call  
705-934-4227**

**Email  
yvan\_racine@yahoo.ca OR  
chevy4life@hotmail.com**

## WTSC MARKETPLACE: FREE/FOR SALE/WANTED

### WANTED

1. Wanted - Mail addressed to Camlachie, Ontario and any mail postmarked Camlachie, Ontario from 1864 to 1975. Also happy to learn about any other postal history you may have related to Camlachie. Please contact John at [jd33smith@yahoo.com](mailto:jd33smith@yahoo.com).
2. Wanted -Canada #2981 (\$2.50) and #2982 (P) Vimy Ridge stamps.  
Canada #3129 \$4 Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep  
Contact Ernest at [etypeprinter@gmail.com](mailto:etypeprinter@gmail.com)
2. If you are burdened with an excess of used Canada Admirals, I may be able to help. I am always looking for Admirals in quantity to further my research on plate flaws. Contact [wgburden@mac.com](mailto:wgburden@mac.com) for details. Thanks.
3. Wanted - Old Scott stamp albums, especially British Colonies  
contact Lionel Collier 647-236-7734 [lionelmc@interlog.com](mailto:lionelmc@interlog.com)
4. Scott 2023 Catalogue, Vols 1A and 6A.  
If anyone is interested in selling these to me, please feel free to give them my email, [robert\\_pinet@yahoo.ca](mailto:robert_pinet@yahoo.ca) and/or phone number, 416-878-8529.

### FOR SALE

5. For Sale - *The Air Mails of Canada and Newfoundland 2nd Edition (2022)* \$30. Contact Rob at [timberg@bell.net](mailto:timberg@bell.net).  
The book was never used. However, it has a few dents and nicks on its front cover. It was received in that condition from the CAS.
6. For Sale - Large Queen reference material/books.  
Listing available buy one buy them all.  
contact [55younger.64@gmail.com](mailto:55younger.64@gmail.com)  
I would obviously deliver them to a meeting to prevent shipping costs.

**REMINDER TO WTSC MEMBERS: Ad space is free.** Send to [sidmensinga@gmail.com](mailto:sidmensinga@gmail.com)

Ads for the monthly Bulletins must be submitted by the Monday of the last week of the month.