



Bulletin

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PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

"According to a study on Aging by Dr Bradley J Fisher at Missouri State University, creative hobbies are a great way to stay healthy and happy while aging. His research found that there are six main factors to aging well: Sense of Purpose, Interactions with Others, Personal Growth, Self-acceptance, Autonomy, and Health. He found that creative activities help people age well by fostering a sense of purpose, growth, and competence."

Our Philatelic hobby is definitely one of those creative activities. We see that purpose, growth and competence regularly, as we encounter young seniors in our various philatelic circles. Yes, our hobby keeps you young! Thank You to WTSC member David Burns for recognizing and celebrating one of our WTSC young senior members. (See page 2.)



WTSC 90th Anniversary - Friday March 28, 2025

Be on the look out for a special announcement mid month detailing 90th Anniversary dinner ticket sales and event information.

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

Circuit Book Leadership opportunity!

The WTSC Circuit Book program has been most successful under the leadership of Victoria and Simon Claughton. Victoria as the Circuit Book Manager deserves significant kudos for a job extremely well done.

As recently shared, Victoria and Simon have made the decision to retire from the leadership of this program. That being the case, the club is looking for a member to volunteer to become the circuit manager for the 2025 season.

Thank you for your carefully considering this volunteer leadership opportunity.

OCTOBER - PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



Oct. 1 - LEARNING WORKSHOP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, "**WHAT'S IN YOUR PHILATELIC LIBRARY?**"

Oct. 8 - Auction & Circuit Book evening - In-person - Fairfield Centre.

Oct. 15 - DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, "**THE PENCE & CENTS STAMPS OF CANADA**".

Oct. 22 - Auction & member/vest pocket dealer tables - In-person - Fairfield Centre.

PHILATELIC LEARNING & ENJOYMENT

We are fortunate to live in a time when we can view many great exhibits online.

Check out the many superb exhibits available to you at the click of a



American Philatelic Society

<https://classic.stamps.org/Online-Exhibits>

FROM THE DESK OF THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

On September 10th the WTSC started its 90th season with a very well-attended meeting. Our circuit books were available, and the auction was very spirited. It was busy for me also with close to 40 members renewing during the evening. Our current membership is 119 so this was a pretty good start for renewals.

Please be reminded that you can renew your membership now for the 2024/25 session for just \$15. After October 31st it will cost you \$20. You can use this savings when purchasing tickets to our special 90th Anniversary event which will soon be available. Stay tuned!

Now I know that not everyone can attend in person, so following are some other ways you can renew your membership.

Payment can be made by e-transfer or by cheque. Details are as follows:

E-TRANSFER: The WTSC email for e-transfer is: president@westtorontostampclub.org

CHEQUES: Make your cheque payable to WEST TORONTO STAMP CLUB

And send it to: *West Toronto Stamp Club*

c/o Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation

10 Summerhill Avenue

Toronto, Ontario M4T 1A8



We have a great mix of members from both near and far. For those whom I don't see at my membership table, I look forward to seeing you on one of our great zoom sessions!

Happy Stamping!

Ted Swain - Membership Director

A WTSC MEMBER TO HONOUR AS HE ENJOYS HIS 100TH YEAR.

Some of us collect classic cars as well as stamps. Mine is a mint, lightly hinged, tartan red 1973 MGB. My other club besides WTSC is the MG Car Club of Toronto. Every year our car club takes some members cars to the CNE Annual Warriors Day Parade to help our Canadian veterans, some of whom are getting on in years and have difficulty walking, to participate by riding in our cars. I have attended this event for about ten years and enjoy it as it is a way to remember



my father and grandfather who were Canadian Navy vets in WWII on convoy patrol in the North Atlantic and the English Channel.

In August this year it was my honour and privilege to drive Fraser McKee, who has been a fellow WTSC member for over 20 years.



Fraser, age 99, (he will be 100 in February) joined the navy in 1943, serving first as an ordinary seaman and later as an officer, doing anti submarine escort duty out of Halifax, and ended the war escorting the last westbound convoy to New York after picking it up at sea from mid-ocean. After the war, Fraser stayed in the Naval Reserves until 1978 specializing in anti submarine warfare and retired as a Commander after 35 years of service.

Fraser is still an active stamp collector and is interested in naval themes - ships, submarines, aircraft carriers etc.

WTSC member Fraser McKee

At a future meeting, be sure to say hello, thank Fraser for his service to our country, and wish him well on his upcoming 100th birthday!

Dave Burns
WTSC Member

THE PENCE & CENTS STAMPS OF CANADA

According to Robson Lowe, the journals of the Legislative Assembly of the Colony of Canada record that the resolution to adopt adhesive postage stamps was made on May 22nd 1849, passed on May 25th and approved the next day.

The printing contract was awarded to Messrs. Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson of New York who held it until December 4th 1867.

The initial printings, issued to the public on April 23rd 1851 included the 3d beaver, the 6d Albert, Prince Consort, and the 12d Chalon portrait of Queen Victoria.



Between 1851 and 1857, three additional values were issued bringing the total of Pence denominated issues to six stamps.

On July 1st 1859, the Legislature enacted a change in currency to decimal based on the dollar. Consequently, each of the pence stamps was revalued and issued as a decimal valued stamp.

THE DISCUSSION GROUP MEETING

The October 15 meeting of the Discussion Group will be a participation session in which members and guests are encouraged to show and discuss their stamps and covers of the Pence and Decimal Issues.

To participate please scan the items you wish to show and incorporate into a PowerPoint presentation. If you are unable to build a PowerPoint, please forward the images (no later than Monday October 15) to Garfield Portch for inclusion in a 'group' PowerPoint. garfield.portch@gmail.com

WTSC CIRCUIT REPORT - Simon Claughton

The Circuit has started the year with a bang. Our first meeting on Sept 10th saw us bring in \$69 with 10 members participating. On Sept 12th our circuit team took the circuit to the North Toronto Meeting which saw us bring in \$128 with 10 customers participating.

On Sept 28th our "A and B" teams took the circuit to the Circuit Book Event by Owen Sound Stamp Club. We had a very successful day that saw \$334 in sales with 19 customers visiting.

On Sept 29th our circuit team attended The Golden Horseshoe Regional Group meeting of the British North America Philatelic Society which saw us bring in \$196 with 3 customers participating.

The Circuit team has been invited to the Woodstock Circuit event on October 5th, and we expect another very good day.



WTSC Circuit Book Team at Owen Sound

NOVEMBER LEARNING WORKSHOP

Starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, November 5, 2024 via Zoom, the topic for our second virtual Learning Workshop of the 2024-2025 season is: "Contents of Letters and on Postcards - Who sent, who received, what is it about?"

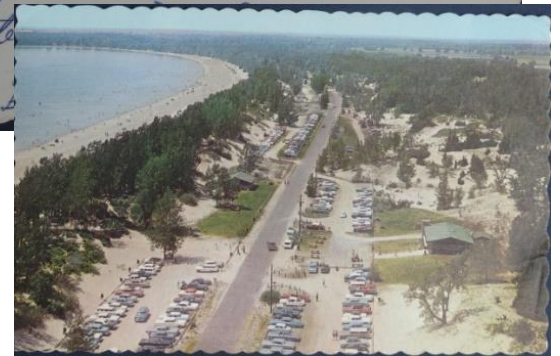
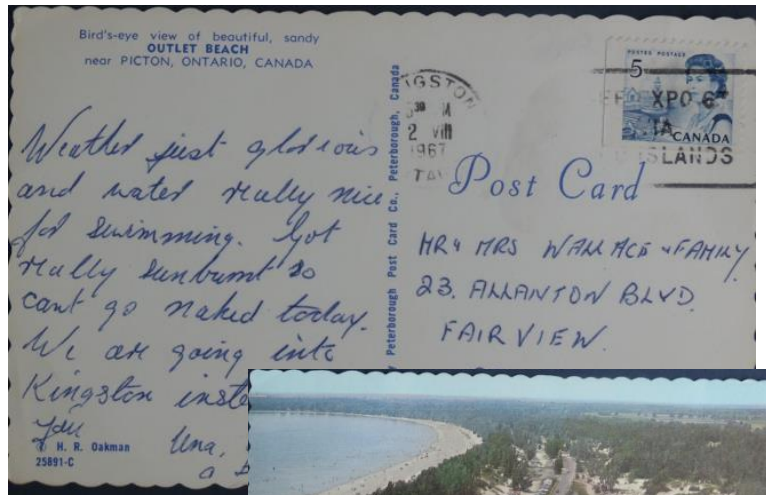
While covers are increasingly popular for various reasons, including applied stamps, postal markings, some with attractive cachets, unusual destinations and names of interesting recipients, few have survived with contents intact.

So-called 'Entires' may contain newsy tidbits between relatives and friends, business transactions or notices about upcoming events. But sometimes the writer provides insight into incidents and issues from days of yesteryear — and there may even be humour.

Here are two examples.

There are plenty of fun things to do at Sandbanks Provincial Park in Prince Edward County, Ontario — but going to Kingston instead of swimming naked? Bought off eBay in 2023, on an aerial photographic postcard showing what was then Outlet Park's beach beside Lake Ontario, posted from Kingston to Brantford in 1967, a visitor named Una began simply: "Weather just glorious and water really nice for swimming." Then came the zinger. "Got really sunburnt so can't go naked today. We are going to Kingston instead."

For well over a century, Outlet/Sandbanks visitors have enjoyed sunshine, camping and swimming. But provincial park staff have long kept watch for forbidden shenanigans such as stripping down au naturel — unless the participant is just a few months old. Of course, there have been rumours



On Aug. 30, 1960, a young woman in Korea wrote a letter to Cadet Lieutenant Roger Fisk at the Cadet Camp in Vernon, British Columbia, thanking him for his letter.

Admitting she had difficulty reading the handwriting, the writer apologized for not responding sooner, since "my English poor," then revealed "I collect post stamps for my hobby, and I play piano."

The scan on eBay, which included two black-and-white photographs of the Korean high school student plus the first of at least two letter pages, did not include her name, but she wrote about studying English, Arithmetic and History.

Franked with five postmarked Korean stamps, this nice cover had the recipient's address scratched out and it was rerouted to Alberni, B.C. Why the writer and Roger began corresponding, how it came to be offered for sale and whether or not they stayed connected will likely remain a mystery. But one clue survives: This entire was treasured by someone for 64 years.

As with all Learning Workshops, we welcome participation from members and visitors and look forward to them sharing more subjects gleaned from letters and cards written long ago.

CANADA POST STAMP ADVISORY

I have found an excellent presentation on how the Canada Post Stamp Advisory Committee works with the printer and Canada Post through all the stages of selecting and producing a new stamp. The links to the presentation are www.americantopical.org >Resources Tab > Videos and Presentations > Warmup to topicals 2022. Just select and run "Canadian Medical Groundbreakers with Jean Wang." This Jan 2022 PowerPoint uses the second title "Medical Groundbreakers: Concept to Design."

Jean Wang is the only philatelist currently on the Canada Post Stamp Advisory Committee, and this set of five stamps was proposed by her and produced by Canada Post. The video shows all the many steps in the design process, the role of the chosen printer in all the redesigns, and the interaction between the Canada Post manager for this issue and the Stamp Advisory Committee. You do not need to be a member of the American Topical Association to watch this video.

Douglas Hill - WTSC Member

GTAPA – PHILAJOURNAL

The Fall PhilaJournal shown was recently distributed to all members.



Please note the report on pages 5 & 6 explaining the decision:

"That effective December 31, 2024, the GTAPA cease operations, dissolve and transfer the bank account balance as a donation to the Greene Foundation."

The winter issue will be the Last Issue.

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See <https://gtapa.org/philajournal> for past issues

OTHER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



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


RPSC Virtual Zoom 2024 Stamp Talks

October 14 - LAC Archivists - [Doing Research at Library and Archives Canada](#)

RPSC Virtual Zoom 2024 Stamp Panels

October 21 - [Specialist Societies](#)

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The Oxford Philatelic Society

Since 1949

Circuit Book Fair

Saturday, October 5, 2024
- 10:00 am to 4:00 pm -
The Church of the Epiphany
560 Dundas Street, Woodstock ON
Free Admission & Parking

Participating Clubs include
West Toronto, St. Catharines, Owen Sound, Saugeen,
London, Brantford, Oxford
as well as RPSC Circuit Books

There will also be a Club Buy-it-Now table,
Door Prizes and a refreshment/lunch counter.



National Philatelic Exhibition

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October 19 - 20, 2024
The Hellenic Community Centre
133 Southdale Rd West, London, ON
Hours: Saturday, October 19, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday October 20, 10 am to 4 pm
Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the RCAF
150 Frames of Exhibits – National Dealers – Door Prizes
Free Admission - Free Parking - Lunch Counter
www.canpex.ca

WTSC MARKETPLACE: FREE/FORSALE/WANTED

1. Wanted -Canada #2981 (\$2.50) and #2982 (P) Vimy Ridge stamps
Canada #3129 \$4 Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep
Contact Ernest at 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 for details. Thanks.

REMINDER TO WTSC MEMBERS: Ad space is free. Send to sidmensinga@gmail.com

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