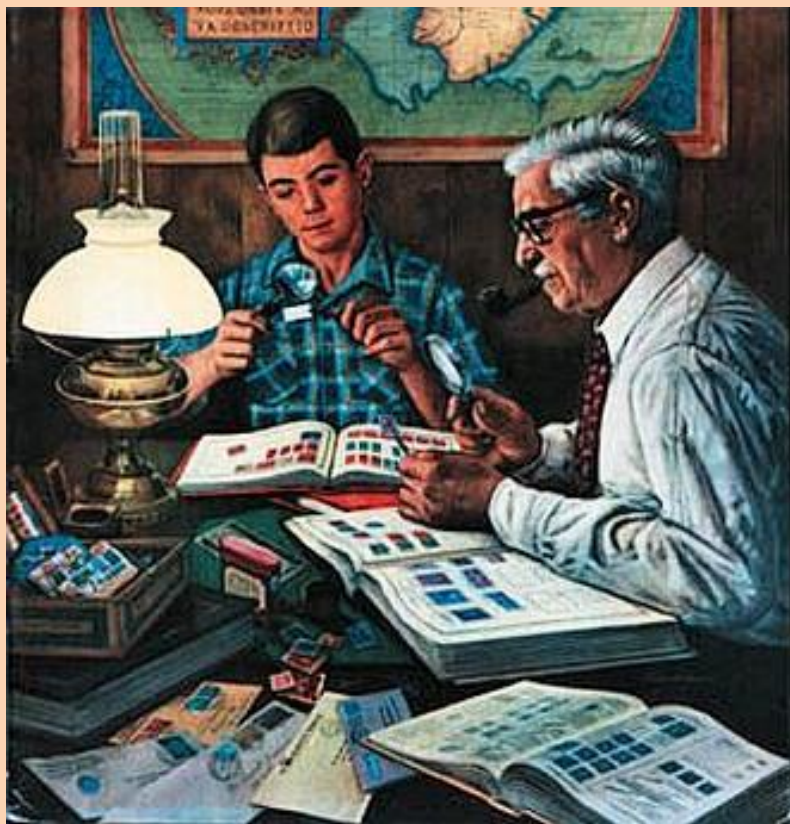


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The PhilaJournal: An Adventure in Collaboration!

It seems to me that the editor gets all the credit for the production of the GTAPA's PhilaJournal. I would like to take the credit but, if you have ever put a similar product together, you would know that, in reality, many people contribute in a variety of ways. And, you never hear about them.

You do read the names of those who submit articles and announcements. But there are the others who are just a click away. They supply me with 'fillers' and, sometimes, write something 'on demand' at the last minute because I have a space to fill. And then, on distribution day a small team of GTAPA directors, unpack, count and package the PhilaJournals so that they are ready to be picked up by the clubs.

I must also mention our enthusiastic president and ad salesperson, Larry Friend. He earns a big "Thank you!" from all of us because he is the one who chases down the advertisers. Without the ads, we could not pay for the PhilaJournal. Of course we also like the ads because they are a source of information for collectors.

Support at home is a vital component of the PhilaJournal's production. Ideas for articles, advice on layout, suggestions for people to contact, proofreading help and coffee break discussions are all a part of what happens Chez Butler at PhilaJournal time.

Collaboratively, we are successful. The journal is enjoyed and valued by GTAPA members and subscribers. So, thanks everyone!

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The President's Viewpoint

Larry Friend

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Hello 2016!

The New Year always brings a new year of shows, sales and visits to neighbouring clubs. Let this be the year that we all make an effort to grow and strengthen our own GTAPA club and also share activities with neighbouring clubs. Working together we can make a difference.

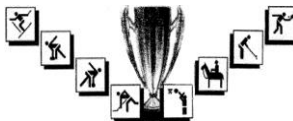
We are excited to welcome another club into the Greater Toronto Area Philatelic Alliance, Trenton Stamp Club. I visit them on a regular basis so am pleased that they accepted our invitation to join the Alliance. Read more about this club, that celebrated its Golden Anniversary a couple of years ago, on page 39.

For me, this year started with a trip to Kawartha Stamp Club where I was the guest dealer and speaker. Then, I was on to Cobourg in the same capacity. I enjoyed the camaraderie and the optimistic spirit of both clubs.

Shortly, I will be visiting the Fenelon Falls club in the same capacity. They have elected a new president, Jim Breadner, and secretary, Yvan Racine. A message of "Well done!" goes to outgoing President and Secretary, Lloyd and Maureen McEwan for their dedicated and fine leadership over the years.

It is my hope to visit as many of our GTAPA clubs as possible this year, and meet more of our GTAPA club members,.....many of whom I have never met. Because as we all know (and it's worth repeating) that.....

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- ❖ The Scarborough Stamp Club Saturday Sales at Cedarbrook now begin at 8:00 AM. See details on page 6.
- ❖ Kawartha will be returning to evening meeting hours. See page 45.
- ❖ The Harry Sutherland Philatelic Library at the VGG Foundation is open Monday to Thursday from 10:00 to 4:00.



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meeting place will be relocating on April 6, 2016 to Unison Health and Community Services, Bathurst-Finch Hub, 540 Finch Ave. West Toronto, ON M2R 1N7

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Penpal Memories

I began collecting stamps when I was around seven years old. My biggest source of stamps at that time, besides the post office for new stamps, was my grandfather, who worked on ships, my father's office and the few letters from abroad that we were receiving at home. That was not enough for me. I was constantly searching for new ways to add stamps to my collection. So, as soon as our English teacher at school introduced us to a school-sponsored penpal program, I subscribed to it with enthusiasm.

I started corresponding with some new friends from different parts of the world. Two boys, from Ireland and Japan, were also stamp collectors, so it was easy to organize a regular exchange of stamps, both new and used. Unfortunately, the two girls, from England and Finland, did not collect stamps, but were quick in adapting to my interests, and would send me all the used stamps they could find. Their average quality was not as good as the ones I would receive from Ireland and Japan, but I was still happy, even if I had to discard 10 to 20 per cent of the stamps that were damaged. Of course, with time, I managed to teach them how to take better care of stamps, and the percentage of 'bad' stamps dropped significantly.



When I was fifteen, I enrolled in a very good program, which allowed me to work in the summer on passenger and cargo ships, as a ship's boy. That gave a tremendous boost to my stamp collection. In addition to being able to buy stamps on my own in different countries across Europe, Africa, and even South America, I got in touch with a lot of new people from different countries. When I discovered

that they collected stamps, I started corresponding with them. So, by the time I was seventeen, the list of my penpals had doubled, adding also new friends from Argentina, Venezuela, Spain (Canary Islands) and Romania, in addition to the original four. I was kept quite busy with letters arriving every week. I will never forget the excitement of opening every one of them, eager to discover which new stamps I had received. At that time, with no internet, it was very difficult to obtain timely information on the stamp

issues of other countries, so most of the time I had no idea what I was going to receive.

My Romanian penpal was my biggest challenge. Although he collected stamps, he was more interested in receiving goods that were not easy to find in Romania, in exchange for stamps, of course. So, I discovered the true meaning of bartering, by sending a pair of “used” shoes (just dirtied a bit, in order to be accepted by the Romanian customs as used items) in exchange for a long list of new issues from Romanian Post.

Corresponding with all these people was lots of fun and very educational. In fact, aside from adding a lot of stamps to my collection, I learned quite a bit of English (and some Spanish, too; even a few words of Romanian and Japanese) and about the cultures and traditions of many different countries.

Before long, I was eighteen and it was time to leave home and go to university. It was very difficult (and expensive) to continue corresponding with these friends all over the world. The number of letters leaving and arriving every week reduced quite steadily, until a couple of years later, I sadly realized that the number of my penpals had reduced from eight to only one girl from Venezuela. We continued corresponding for another twenty years, but then, pressed by so many other priorities and commitments, that correspondence also stopped.



From time to time, I look into my old stamp books and I rediscover the first Japanese stamp or the first Irish stamp set that I received. I start wondering what happened to these former penpals and where are they now. Unfortunately, I have lost contact with all of them. Once, during a work trips

in Japan, I met a gentleman of my age with exactly the same name and surname of my old penpal. We chatted a little bit, but, unfortunately, he was not my pen-pal. He came from a different city and had never corresponded with an Italian boy.

So I take the chance through these PhilaJournal pages, to say hi to all my old penpals, wherever you are in the world. I will never forget the many happy hours that I had opening and reading your letters and sorting the stamps.

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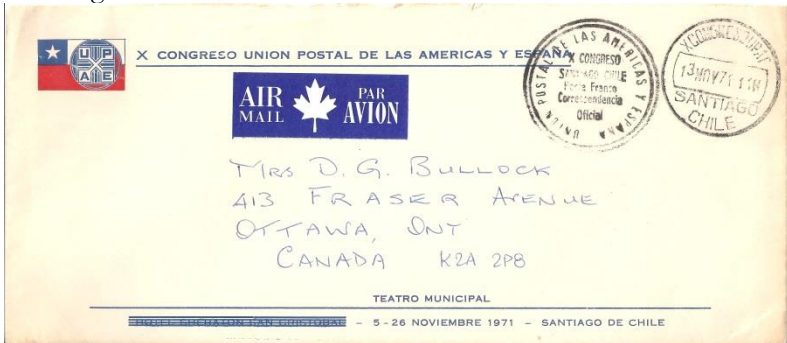
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Office Has Its Privilege

Most Canadians are aware of the free franking privileges which Members of Parliament enjoy and use – those self-serving “householder” messages which arrive from time to time. Less well-known is that you, the taxpayer, can actually write to your member without affixing postage. The privilege of both civil servants and elected representative having the use of “free franking” is an extremely old one.

But less well-known organizations also have this special opportunity. Shown is a cover emanating from the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain. The organization was founded in 1911, as a limited union within the Universal Postal Union. It widened its reach to include Spain in 1926; Canada joined in 1931. Thus the organization’s official language is Spanish and its languages of committee use also include English and, since Portugal also joined in 1991, Portuguese. At present there are 28 member nations. There is a permanent building and secretariat located in Montevideo, Uruguay. Its Congress, consisting of delegates from member countries, meets every five years or less.

One of the privileges that the Congress has is the free transmission of its mails within the states of the member nations. In this case, during the meeting of 1971 held in Santiago, Chile, Canadian delegate D. Bullock chose to send a letter home to his wife in Ottawa. Using an official envelope of the meeting, he had the obviously private letter stamped as “Official Correspondence” and then given the Free Frank marking of the Tenth Congress.



The collecting of free-franked mail has many by-ways, as there is so very little written about the area. Each collector of a nation’s postage stamps and postal history probably has accumulated a little official mail from that country, but few examples of international free-franking are to be found.

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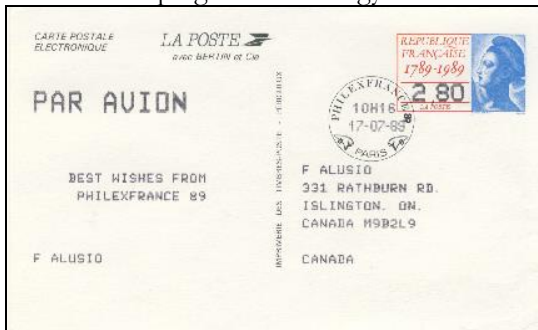
Machine Generated Stamps

A variable value stamp is a gummed or self-adhesive postage stamp of a common design, issued by a machine similar to an Automatic Teller Machine (ATM), with a value of the user's choice printed at the time the stamp is dispensed. The value may be variable or from a fixed selection of postal rates. The stamps and machines are typically for use in retail or post office environments. As only the postal value varies from stamp to stamp, these stamps have been described as key type stamps. They are also closely related to meter stamps from postage meters.

As the concept has developed, a variety of different names have been used, including, but not limited to, *Automatenmarken* (Germany), *ATM stamps* (USA), *Autopost stamps* (USA), *Frama labels* (Europe) or *machine labels* (Stanley Gibbons catalogues).



There have been many experiments with similar systems over the years but none has been truly successful until the evolution of modern sophisticated computer printing technology. The development of the postage meter, which performs a similar function in businesses and organizations, has also been instrumental in developing the technology.



The latest in computer technology was applied to postcards at Philexfrance '89.

A computer terminal at the exhibition was used to write the message, address, apply the postage, postmark and forward this souvenir postcard to its destination.

A Dis-organization Meeting*

Why not hold a “Dis-organization Meeting” for your club?



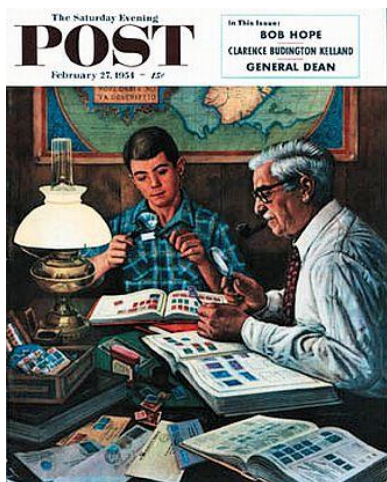
A “dis-organization” is how one philatelist describes a group of stamp collectors who meet at an Etobicoke coffee shop once a week. There are no dues, no attendance taken... just an open invite to gather, have a cup of coffee and talk about the latest “finds”.

This ungroup has been meeting for over five years.

Does your club have a similar “dis-organization” event? Let us know

*Thanks to our terrific librarian, Kathy Hartley for this item....

Our Cover.....Stamp Collecting



Stevan Dohanos created this “Stamp Collecting” cover for the Saturday Evening Post of February 27, 1954 depicting a father (or grandfather) and son engaged in stamp collecting.

Stevan Dohanos, it turns out, was not just a casual observer of the American postal scene. In later life he would become quite involved with art for U.S. postage stamps and would also do some post office wall murals during his career.

As a child in small town Ohio, Dohanos was an admirer of Norman Rockwell, another Saturday Evening Post illustrator. After graduating from the Cleveland Art School as a commercial artist he became one of the Post’s regular cover artists.

One Stamp....

While attending the GTAPA event in Fenelon Falls, I had a nostalgic “flashback” about what started me in the hobby of stamp collecting. The program at the August 2015 GTAPA meeting began with a quiz, created by Peter Butler, in which participants tried to recognize the story behind a sheet of twenty commemorative Canadian stamps. It was a lot of fun and it turned out that I was one of the few in the room that recognized, and knew, the story behind, the stamp shown below. What others did not realize was that the exercise helped me to recall how this particular stamp carried me back to an experience that I had when I was nine years old.....the experience that turned me into a stamp collector.

I was cleaning the backyard with my father when I came across an old envelope that had blown up against the fence. The discovery of this weather-beaten envelope triggered my curiosity. My father, who was a teacher, told me I should investigate the stamp on this envelope as there might be something interesting about it.



Carefully, I examined the fragile envelope which had a Canadian commemorative stamp falling off it, dated 1660. Further inquiries revealed that this recent issue (issued in 1960) was commemorating Dollard defending Montreal from the Iroquois, known as the “Battle of Long Sault”, in 1660.

Of course it turned out that the five cent stamp was worthless (to anyone else) but this “find” encouraged me to join the Brockville YMCA Stamp club. The Y Stamp Club led to meeting new kids who were interested in stamp collecting. It also led me to join the Scouting movement where my skills of collecting helped me to earn various merit badges as I worked my way all the way up to be a Queen’s Scout.

I feel that stamp collecting helped me to begin developing relationships, exploring everything and wanting to be in a continual learning cycle. And, it all started withone stamp!

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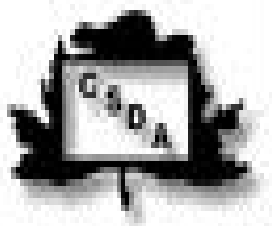
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The Svalbard Global Seed Vault



This stamp was issued by Norway on April 15, 2011 as part of a set of three. It was intended for domestic (INNLAND A) mail. The strange structure is the entrance to the Svalbard Global Seed Vault which is near the town of Longyearbyen on the Norwegian island of Spitsbergen.

The Svalbard Global Seed Vault (Norwegian: Svalbard globale frøhvelv) was started as a backup to the 1,750 seed banks around the world in which countries seek to protect their valuable seeds in case of disasters such as flooding, fire, war, etc. This vault was officially opened on February 26, 2008. The construction of the vault was funded entirely by the Norwegian government.

Seeds are stored free of charge at -18C. Much of the operational funding comes from such organizations as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and from governments worldwide. In 2015, there were 840,000 seeds stored there from 4,000 different species of plants.

Most countries have seed banks where they store quantities of seeds in case they ever become needed due to some calamity. However, what if the seed bank itself is destroyed? Where will they get seeds. For example, the seed banks of both Afghanistan and Iraq have been destroyed in recent years due to war and unrest.

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Variations in the Value of Canadian Mint Stamps

At a recent club meeting, there was a lively discussion about the difference in the catalogue values of current Canadian mint stamps. In summary, what is the difference between the traditional water-activated, perforated mint stamps and the self-adhesive, die cut mint stamps? And also, what is the difference between the traditional Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue listed values and the relatively new, listed values of the Unitrade Specialized Canadian Catalogue?

The Scott catalogue usually has a single value for mint stamps (unless there are varieties) while the Unitrade catalogue has three values for mint stamps. Let me outline these three varieties so that you will recognize the differences.

- 1) The traditional value is double the denomination printed on the stamp. That is only for an unused stamp with water-activated gum and perforation.
- 2) Values for the other two varieties are for self-adhesive, peelable stamps with die-cut "perforations". The key factor on the difference is whether or not the stamp is on its original backing paper.
- 3) If the stamp is peeled off the backing paper and put on other backing paper, it is an "unused" stamp. Its face value remains the same. There is no value listed in the catalogue.

Most self-adhesive, die-cut stamps are issued in booklet form. If you want one stamp from the booklet, you must peel away the three surrounding stamps, leaving the solitary stamp to remain untouched on the original backing paper which can be cut well away from the stamp. The value of that stamp is similar to the water-activated stamp.

The self-adhesive, die-cut stamp found in the Quarterly Pack is valued in the Unitrade catalogue at double the price of the other mint stamps. The reason is that the die-cutting of the stamp goes completely through the stamp and the backing paper. Check the number of Quarterly Packs that are issued versus the number of booklets issued. Little wonder that a "regular" mint stamp today is listed in Unitrade catalogue at \$1.70 and one from a Quarterly Pack is listed at \$3.50.

Since most dealers use the Unitrade catalogue, collectors of current mint Canadian stamps need to be aware of the different values.

Is the discussion over? I don't think so.



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At the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Foundation Anniversary Celebration in June, Peter and Lynda Wood chat with Margaret Schulzke.



Happy Birthday to Fred Froud who celebrated at the annual West Toronto Christmas party.



The VGG was delighted to welcome Michael Smith, discoverer of the Canada Two Cent Large Queen stamp on laid paper, to the Foundation in 2015. Here he is with librarian, Kathy Hartley, at the BNAPS event in Niagara Falls.

Centenary of the Risorgimento

In the Summer 2015 issue of PhilaJournal, I described the stamp issues of the ten Italian states which, at the time, made up Italy prior to unification. It had taken a number of years starting in 1846, with the new Pope Pius IX, who encouraged revolutionary spirits throughout the Italian states.

In 1948, on the 100th anniversary of unification, a series of 13 stamps was issued on the Centenary of the Risorgimento (uprisings and battles) which led to the unification. Twelve regular stamps were issued on May 3, and one express or special delivery stamp was issued on September 18.

The stamps record scenes of the uprisings, or Risorgimento, and portray the events are in the order in which they occurred.



3 lire - City of Palermo uprising against King Ferdinand II

4 lire - City of Padua uprising against the Austrians

5 lire - King of Sardinia granted a statute for the Piedmontese



6 lire - Five Day Rising of Milan which led to the Austrian Commander Radetzky leaving the city

8 lire - Daniel Manin proclaiming the Republic of Saint Mark (Venice)

10 lire - When the Austrians returned to Vicenza, the city put up a fierce resistance



12 lire - Battle of Curtatone

15 lire - Another battle at Goito, showing artilleryman Elbano Gaspari

20 lire - The Austrians were expelled from Bologna



30 lire - At the battle of Novara, the City of Brescia rose but was unable to resist the Austrians for more than ten days

50 lire - Garibaldi fighting at Civita Vecchia (near Rome)

100 lire - The courageous soldier, poet and friend of Garibaldi, Goffredo Mameli was wounded and later died

35 lire (Espresso) – Battle of Napoli, defeat of the Kingdom of Naples.

The stamps were designed by Carrado Mezzana, who designed many of the stamps of Italy, San Marino and the Vatican. Obtaining a set of these stamps in used condition should not be difficult.

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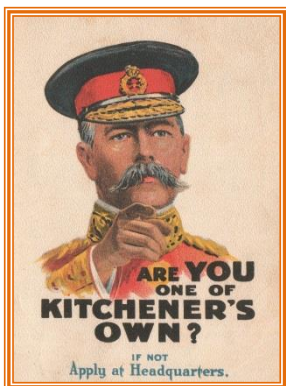
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SOSSI Meets at *The Stamp Show 2000*

In the Fall 2015 issue of the PhilaJournal, SOSSI's active participation at Royal*2015*Royale in London, Ontario was highlighted. This article is about SOSSI's participation at *The Stamp Show 2000* in London England.

Scouts on Stamps Society International (SOSSI) is based in the U.S.A. and each year has their Annual General Meeting, and other events, at one of the large stamp show, most often in the U.S.A. However, they have come to Canada three times as noted in the previous PhilaJournal. Because it is an international organization, they have also held these events twice in Europe, both at London, England.

In 2000, England hosted a world philatelic exhibition called *The Stamp Show 2000*. It was held at Earl's Court in London from May 22 to May 28, 2000. The Scout & Guide Stamp Club (SGSC) in the UK held its own show and exhibition at Baden-Powell House in London during the opening weekend. As a result of both of these events, SOSSI decided to have their 2000 AGM at Baden-Powell House on May 23, 2000.



The Maple Leaf Chapter, SOSSI was asked to prepare covers for all attendees at the AGM. The cover shown above was taken to *The Stamp Show 2000* on the morning of May 23, the day of the AGM.

The Royal Mail at the show would not provide “hand back” service for the covers. They had to be actually mailed. However, the Canada Post booth at the show did provide “hand back” service. As well, they were issuing a new stamp that same day, May 23, for the Queen Mother. Thus, a U.S.A. based Society used a Canadian stamp at a show in England for the cover of their Annual Meeting. They all received a “Day of Issue” May 23, 2000 cancel from Ottawa, along with the show cancels from both the Canada Post and the Royal Mail booths at the show.


The particular cover on the left was autographed by William Conran, the designer/photographer of the Queen Mother stamp.

SOSPI's next year's AGM and other events will once more be held at a world stamp show, WSS-NY2016 in New York City, May 28 to June 4.

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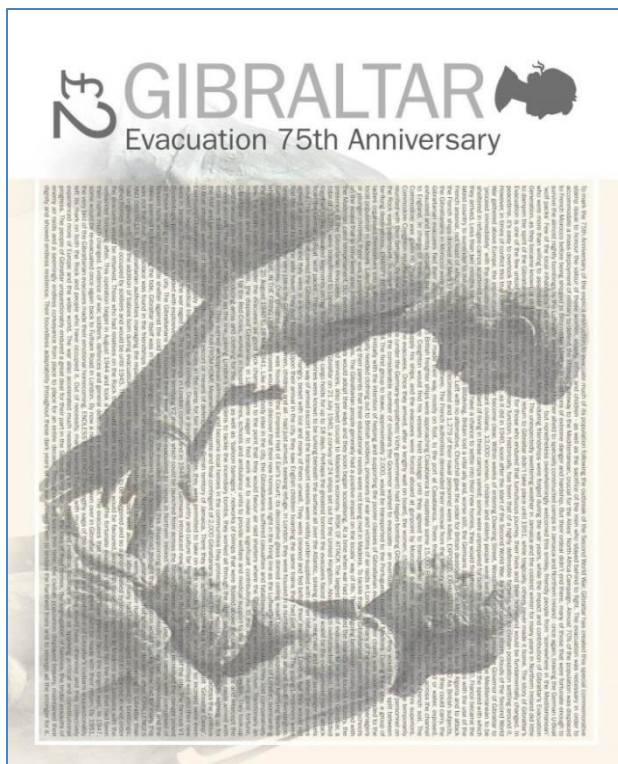
Check the Small Print!



This stamp was issued by Belgian Post on March 8, 2014 to recognize International Women's Day. It claimed a Guinness World Record as having the most words on a postage stamp. The design, which shows a woman's face, was accomplished by using a special technique that is a combination of gridded letters (for the woman's face) and digital microtext for the background. Six hundred and six words, in four languages, taken from the Convention on the elimination of discrimination against women were used. The non-denominated stamp shows a numeral 1 and the word "World" and pays the international letter rate.

Although the stamp is still listed on the Guinness World Record web site as having the most legible words on a postage stamp, that honour now must be given to a September 10, 2014 issue from Gibraltar. It claims to have 2,183 legible words on a postage stamp. The stamp was issued to mark the beginning of the 75th anniversary of the evacuation during the Second World War of 16,000 civilians from Gibraltar. They were identified as being non-essential to the defense of the "rock".

An enlargement of this £2 stamp is illustrated on the right.



If you have information about unusual stamps and would like me to add it to future articles on this subject please email me at jerrypiotrowski74@hotmail.com using unusual stamps in the subject line or give it to your club GTAPA representative to pass along to me at a GTAPA board meeting

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The Happenstance Aspect of Creating a Collection

Many specialty stamp collections are set up through careful planning beforehand. Others develop by happenstance such as the one that I have had considerable fun accumulating, building and describing here.

At a paper show a few years ago, a group of Russian postcards caught my eye. They depicted the Russian historical naval museum ship, the cruiser *Aurora*, moored in the River Neva in St. Petersburg, Russia. Most of the cards had a stamp attached depicting the ship. It is considered to be the starting point of the October 1917 Revolution. This doubled my interest. It is reported that J.V. Lenin had several planning meetings on board the ship, although it was supposedly still on active naval service for the Czar. In fact in late 1917 she had already been seized by the revolutionaries.

At 9:45 p.m. on October 25, 1917, the actual start of their uprising was to be an attack on the Czar's 'Winter Palace' on the river bank nearby. The signal was to be given by a blank shot fired and the illumination of the Palace by the *Aurora's* searchlight. There continues to be disagreements as to whether a shot was fired, but indeed the ship's searchlight did shine on the building, or at least toward it, aiding the mob of insurgents to charge the building and take it. This was, for Russia, the beginning of a series of momentous events. Thus the ship has had a particular relevance for not only Russia but many of the later Communist countries.

For me, finding the postcards and stamps has led to a variable collection of stamps which begins in 1943, the 25th anniversary of the event, until the latest that I have found which is 1988. There is, of course, no specific listing for the *Aurora*. One just has to know the history, and look carefully at the stamps themselves, if possible. In my collection, since it is based on the ship, I have restricted the collection to just stamps that show her in one form or another. The only expansion that I have accepted, are stamps that show her searchlight's beam in the background. It seems there are about a total of 40 to 44 stamps from some 17 countries, ranging from Albania to Mongolia and Viet Nam.

As countries began distancing themselves from "Mother Russia" by the late 1980's, the practice of displaying *Aurora* as a symbol of the rise of Communism, on the anniversaries of 1917 has largely been abandoned.

Even today there is always the possibility of more stamps appearing, especially in Russia, as *Aurora* has recently been towed to a dockyard for repairs and upgrading. It makes for an interesting search, and with the post cards, a neat very specialized collection.

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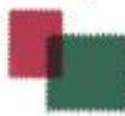


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Three coils formatted as ‘Maple Leaf’ definitives were released on December 19, 2003 in anticipation of increased fees for domestic, United States and international mail to take effect January 12, 2004. The new rates of 49¢, 80¢ and \$1.40 lasted until January 16, 2005, before rising by one cent domestic and five cents each for United States and international mail. ⁽¹⁾ Reprints were issued in September 2004, even though increased rates began only four or five months later



[Reprints of the ‘Maple Leaf’ coils, 49¢ domestic, 80¢ U.S. and \$1.40 international rates; five colour lithography each; gutters with five maple leaves of differing colours appear every tenth stamp; domestic design by Joseph Gault, US and international designs by Sophie LaFortune; coil rolls of 100; year-2004 (reprint) production by Canadian Bank Note (original year-2003 production by Ashton-Potter.) ⁽²⁾

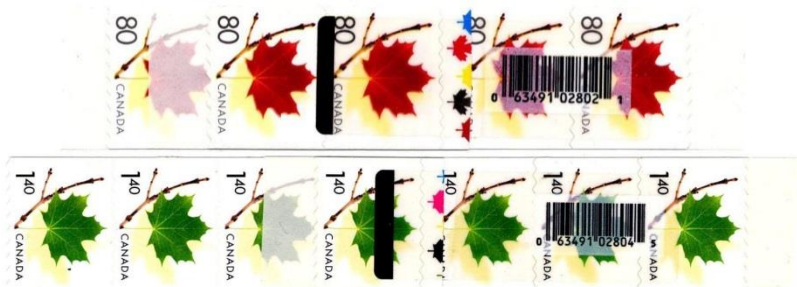


Regarding design and layout differences, the coil reprints were the opposite in all three cases. The domestic reprint was coiled horizontally rather than vertically. While the United States and international rates were rolled vertically.

Reprint Varieties

Gutter combinations and die-cutting deviations are not the only variables. Specific to the domestic issue, there is an ink variety with stamps either fluorescing or non-fluorescing orange.



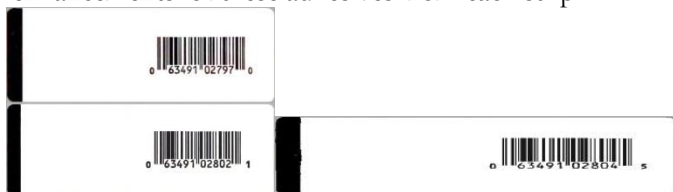


One unique barcode adhesive identifier per Maple Leaf reprint coil rate; black on clear, with the barcode on top of a translucent white rectangle; adhesive measures 58½-by-20mm; barcode rectangle measures 25½-by-11½mm.

Coil Rolls Barcode Adhesive Identifiers

Going to my local post office to buy domestic and US rate stamps resulted in an interesting day in September 2004! When it was my turn at the counter during lunchtime, a box of newly arrived coils was being opened up by a clerk. They were domestic rates. In addition to their circumference appearing larger than ‘remainders’ of the first printing still on sale, the last stamp was partnered with a partial gutter piece, and the last three stamps were taped to the rest of the roll with a clear adhesive. A further examination revealed that this adhesive included a barcode identifier! Other fresh boxes contained US and international rate coil rolls that also had these adhesives.

I was able to buy one strip each of the three rates with the adhesives including two stamps that had to be removed from the strip ends, so that I could then tear each strip from the rest of the roll, trimming the ends later. to make The strips have two parts, one overlapping the other, and both were held together by the barcode adhesive identifier. Below are ‘enhancements’ of these adhesives from each strip.



Barcode identifiers from the domestic, US, and international reprint Maple Leaf coil rolls.

Though I noticed some continued use of barcode adhesives by the post office since then, I have not made further purchases. As to the adhesives above, I do not know if the same identifier was used per issued coil rate, or whether different ones were on each coil. I suspect the latter, however. And, while September 2004 was the first time I had observed these adhesives, I cannot say with certainty that this was the first time they were

used. Until we determine how many rolls were produced and sold, we will not know how many strips-with-adhesives were made.

Comparative Precedent

During October 2015, I submitted the domestic example to the 'Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation' for expertization, and will do this with the other two strips. These modern-day examples are similar to the 'Admiral Experimental Coils' of May 11, 1915, which had two pieces glued together, then 'marked' at the connection on the reverse with a signature handstamp. Key differences include: adhesives, not a hand stamp; attached at the front rather than the reverse; not experiments.

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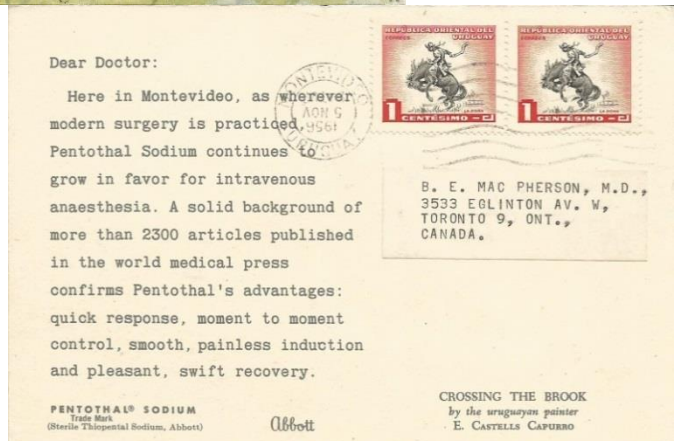
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These items are very collectible and, not surprisingly, are known as Dear Doctor cards. On his web site at www.deardoctorpostcards.com, Tom Fortunato of Rochester, New York not only provides a huge check list of known cards from Abbott and other pharmaceutical companies but also links to his articles such as *Dear Doctor Cards- "Junk Mail" with a Difference* and *The Origins of Abbott's Dear Doctor Card Program*.

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Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club

RPSC Chapter #168

Wasaga Beach Chapter

Meets the *3rd Thursday* of each month from 6:30 until 8:30 pm at the Prime Time Club, 1724 Mosley Street in Wasaga Beach

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Midland Chapter

Meets the *1st Tuesday* of each month from 6:30 until 8:30 pm at the North Simcoe Sports & Recreation Centre at 527 Len Self Boulevard, Midland

Bern Kramer - (705) 686-3830 – bkramer@eastlink.ca

Insurance & Banking Philatelic Society

RPSC Chapter #82

Meets on the 3rd Thursday each month at 5:00 pm

Albany Club of Toronto (3rd floor) 91 King St. E. (King and Church)

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The Kawartha Stamp Club

RPSC Chapter #58

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month

Spring/Summer/Fall 6:00 to 8:30

Winter noon to 3:00

at the Knights of Columbus Hall 810 Franks Street, Peterborough

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www.rpsc/chapters/kawartha/program

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 (a short walk north of the St. Clair TTC subway station)

Members begin arriving between 6:30 and 7:00pm

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Muskoka Stamp Club

RPSC Chapter #216

Meets monthly on the first Wednesday 7:30 to 9:00 pm
Bracebridge Public School. 90 McMurray St., Bracebridge
Larry Matthews 705-645-7527 muskokapost@gmail.com

North York Philatelic Society

RPSC Chapter #21

Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from Sept to June
From 6:00 to 8:00 July and August, 3rd Wednesday only
Skaters' Lounge at the Carnegie Centennial Arena, 580 Finch Avenue
Mike Turk 905-731-8380 turkm39@gmail.com
As of April, meetings will be held at
Unison Health and Community Services, Bathurst-Finch Hub
540 Finch Ave. West
<https://sites.google.com/site/northyorkphilatelicsociety/>

Polish-Canadian Coin & Stamp Club "Troyak"

RPSC Chapter #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
Contact: Tom Malicki 905-281-0000 tom.malicki@gmail.com
info@troyakclub.com www.troyakclub.com

Oshawa/Whitby/Brooklin Stamp Groups

RPSC Chapter #230

Oshawa - meets Fridays weekly 10:15 to 12:15
Legends Community Centre 1661 Harmony Rd. N. Oshawa.
Whitby - meets Mondays 10:30 to 12:30
Whitby Seniors Building, 801 Brock Street Whitby
Brooklin - Brooklin Community Ctr. 8 Vipond Rd, Brooklin

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SOSSI, Maple Leaf Chapter

Scouts on Stamps Society International RPSC Chapter # 242

Meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month from Sept to May at 2:00 pm
(coffee/cookies at 1:30 pm) in Toronto and southwest Ontario
2016 dates: Mar 20 Hamilton, Apr 17 Campbellville,
May 15 Niagara Falls.
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Scarborough Stamp Club

RPSC Chapter #223

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month except July and August,
at Cedarbrook Community Centre, Rooms 1 & 2, main floor,
91 East Park Blvd. (near Markham and Lawrence)
Doug Cockburn 416-757-4072

Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club

RPSC Chapter # 238

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month (except July and Aug)
at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge Street
(a short walk north of the St. Clair TTC Subway Station)
Limited parking is available in the church parking lot
Members gather at 6:30 p.m. for a program commencing at 7:00 pm
Mike Graf 416-534-6936 graf20003@yahoo.ca

Trenton Stamp Club

RPSC Chapter # 89

Meets on 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, monthly 6:30 to 8:30 pm
105 Seniors Centre, 61 Bay St., Trenton
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Guy Barsi 613-394-2024

Ukrainian Collectibles Society (Toronto)

RPSC Chapter #228

Chapter of the Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society
Meets on the 1st Monday of every month at 7 pm
(except July and August)
Ukrainian Canadian Social Services, 2445 Bloor Street West, Toronto
Jerry Kalyn 416-251-6898 ucst@upns.org

West Toronto Stamp Club

RPSC Chapter #14 APS Chapter #174151

Meets on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Tuesdays from Sept to June at 7:00
Fairfield Senior Centre, 60 Lothian Avenue, Etobicoke
1st Tuesday is the Machin Study Group,
Regular meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays feature auctions
3rd Tuesday features discussion.
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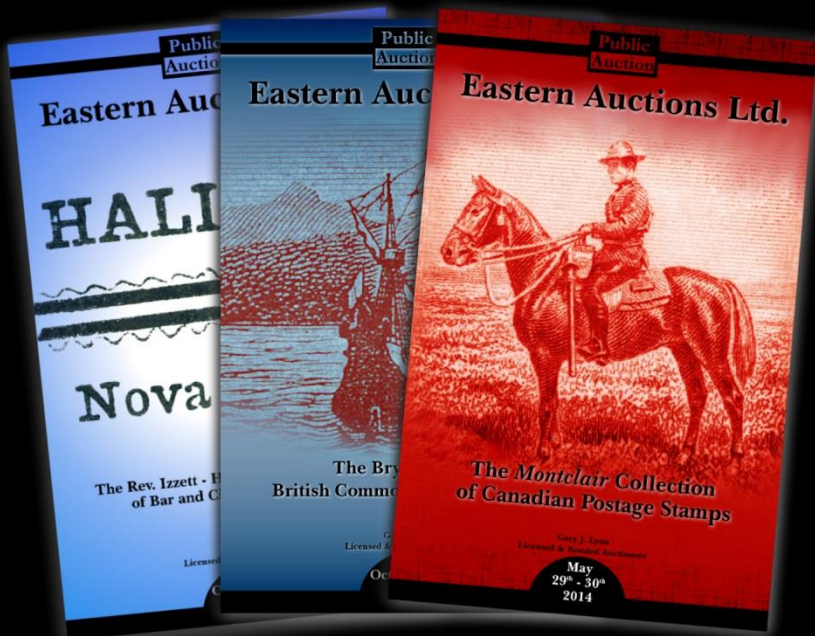
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