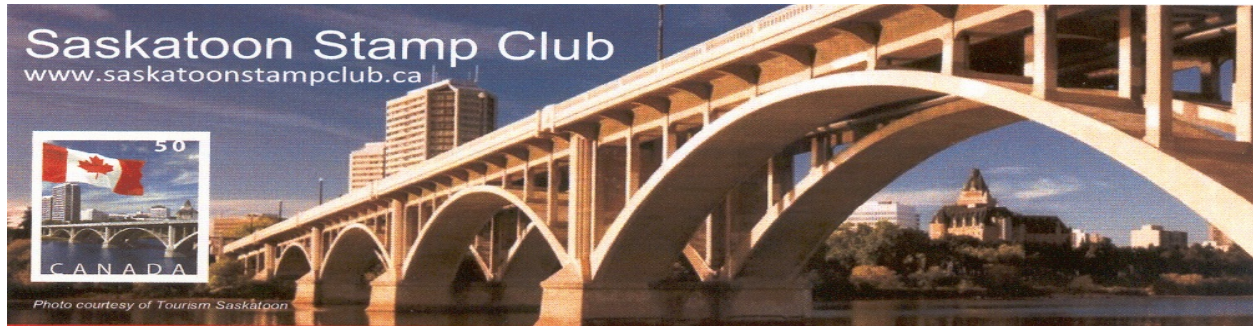


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MEETING PLACE:

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's of each month except July and August when we meet at mid-month. Meetings are held at St. John's Anglican Cathedral Hall , 816 Spadina Crescent East and are open to the general public. Doors open at 6:00 pm for bourse, circuit books, trading and fellowship. Short business meeting at 8:00 pm followed by a program including Stamp Auctions, Slides, Presentations by members or guests. Contacts - Secretary - Doug Smith, 139 Cowley Road, Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 3Z6. 306-249-3092 or President - Ernie Wlock, 306-280-1244. Membership fees are \$15.00 per year.

PHILATELIC JAVA GROUP MEETINGS:

The Stamp Club Philatelic Java Club meets every second Thursday at Market Mall from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Check our web site for updates www.saskatoonstampclub.com

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We start off this month's bulletin on a sad note. Founding and Life Member, Harry Voss is moving to Lloydminster to a retirement home. Harry will be close to family and for that reason we are happy for him. Our club will certainly miss Harry, 52 years in the club and a wealth of knowledge. Just ask him any question regarding stamps, he has an answer. How many members have heard of post offices like Bents, Capasin, Horeshead, Orolow; all are closed post offices and

Harry has all the cancels. As a life member you are always welcome to our meetings and we hope to see you from time to time. Remember the stamp show in October. A social evening is planned for Harry after the meeting, June 9th.

It was two years in April that we moved our meeting location to our present site. Attendance improved as it's a central location and the room is cozy. Our programs this year have improved as Janice, our Program Director has added a few new ideas (cats?) Plus others.

We are fortunate to have guest speakers at the April and May meetings and have another slated to August.

It was 2005 that Jurgen suggested we hold one meeting in the summer months. Now 10 years later we are still keeping with the summer meetings. July last year 34 members attended, a record number. The Java coffee group is also in the 10th year.

August 10th, 2007 the first e-mail was sent to members by President Ernie passing along the meeting agenda for August 13, 2007 meeting. Our web site has had positive changes thanks to Jim Wood. It is through this site that we receive inquiries regarding selling stamp collections, our best fundraiser to date.

Now we get ready for the second half of our stamp year, between Janice and myself we have a few surprises for you. But to be successful we must have good attendance at each meeting, keep up the good work, it keeps our club strong.

May you all have an enjoyable summer with family and friends.

President Ernie.

My First Mint Stamp

By: Ernie Wlock

When Canada Post issued the one dollar Totem Pole stamp in 1953 I knew that I needed a mint stamp. I had a few used stamps that came off parcels as my dad was a Grocer and we picked up mail for the farmers so when they came to town after supper they could get the mail we held, I watched what postage was used and this became a good source for me to increase my collection. Both my father and mother supported my hobby by asking for the stamps off the mail.

It took a few days to convince my dad for a dollar to purchase the stamp.

This was now 1954, people were working for 50 cents an hour. Dad opened the cash register, gave me the dollar and off I went for my stamp.

Now this should be the end of the story but it gets better. That same night Saturday, February 13, 1954 a Valentines Day dance was held in the town hall.

Murray Winter our Postmaster was there as well as my parents. Mr. Winter approaches my dad and said "are you aware that young Ernie is buying "new" stamps for his collection " My dad says " yes ' I gave him the dollar this morning. February 13, 1954 is when I purchased this Stamp

Pacific Coast Totem Pole and Indian House



Issued February 2, 1953 -\$1 Grey

Designer: Emanuel Otto Hahn Picture

Engraved by: Silas Robert Allen

Engraved one color, Plates of 200 in Four panes of 50

Canadian Bank Note Company

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada



Canada's National Stamp Club

Benefits of Becoming a Member:

- Six magazine issues per year of *The Canadian Philatelist*
- Use of the RPSC sales circuit, as a buyer and seller
- The right to participate and vote at our AGM, and to hold elected office
- Insurance coverage for your stamps at low group rate
- Members-only website access
- Opportunities to exhibit at our annual convention and at international exhibitions
- Access to Canada Post Corporation through a Board Director
- Theft protection network
- Access to the Harry Sutherland Philatelic Library in Toronto
- Advice on preparation of collections for disposition
- Live telephone contact with the National Office in Toronto

Many adults as well as youngsters have collections and traditionally, stamp collecting has been a popular choice

Those delicate little works of art on perforated paper have been collected by millions around the world since the days of the first Penny Blacks of Great Britain in 1840.

Since 1926, Canada has had a national stamp organization, originally known as the Canadian Philatelic Society. Our motto is "Canada's National Stamp Club".

For further information and to join, see our website: rpsc.org/ or call our 800 number: 1-888-285-4143.

Stamp collecting teaches organizing skills, not to mention all the knowledge on offer through stamps about geography, science, art and history. It is portable, sociable and unlimited in the ways individuals can pursue the hobby.

Electronic games and social networking seem to absorb today's youth, but the same technical advances can have the potential to connect youth in our hobby through club websites and internet virtual stamp clubs all over the world.

The RPSC holds and supports a national convention across the country annually, and has held major international shows in 1951, 1978, 1987 and 1996.

New categories of exhibiting in modern stamp collecting include postcards, meter mail, topicals, labels, cancellations and Post Office relics.

Any member desiring more information regarding the RPSC please see:

Martin Schofield or Ernie Wlock

ON THE TRAIL OF A REGISTERED LETTER

By: Ernie Wlock

Twenty three days after leaving the post office at Spruce Lake the registered letter to Richard Paul Hayes was returned unopened but it carries twenty-seven stamp cancels from nine post offices in the surrounding area.



- 1 - Spruce Lake
- 2 - North Battleford
- 3 - Brightsand
- 4 - St. Walburg
- 5 - Loon Lake
- 6 - Golden Ridge
- 7 - Flat Valley
- 8 - Blue Bell
- 9 - Horse Head

The letter began its journey when the Rural Municipality of Greenfield sent the " Final Notice " under the Tax Enforcement Act to pay the tax arrears or the R.M. #529 would take over the land in question.

The map insert shows the route the letter went as the Postmasters tried to locate Mr. Hayes. On August 7th, 1947 the letter was returned to Spruce Lake R.M. Office.

The letter has the original Tax Act Enforcement papers.

Author Says.....

It is not known if the land was confiscated or taxes paid.

Acknowledgment to:
Larry McNaughton
for supplying copies
for this article.



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**2015
Meeting dates:**

**Jun 9th and Jun 23rd
Jul 14th and Aug 11th
Sep 8th and Sep 22nd
Oct 13th and 27th**

**Nov 10th and 24th
Dec 15th**

Saskatoon Coin & Stamp Show

October 24th and 25th, 2015

**@ the Ramada Inn
Idywyld Drive North
Saskatoon**

Watch for further details.

MEMBER ADS:

J. Garvey & Sons
(PHILATELISTS LTD)

Just to a short note to let you know that we will be in Saskatoon this June 12 - 14 for a one dealer stamp exhibit to be held at the Travelodge (on Circle Drive) and our hours will be:

Friday: Noon - 8:00 P.M.

Saturday: 10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Sunday: 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

We hope that you will be able to visit us and browse through some of the many new additions to our stock.

Sincerely,
Trixie & Les Garvey

P.S. Sale items and refreshments as usual!