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Regular meetings:

St. Joseph High School Cafeteria, 10830 - 109 Street, 6:00 pm

September 8th, 22nd

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Messages From Past President, Vice President and Other Vice President

Peter Kuester

Greetings, Philatelists!

This issue of the Bulletin is being delivered to your hands in preparation for the 2014 – 2015 season of the Edmonton Stamp Club at our old stamping grounds at St. Joe's High School. Once again we have planned twice-monthly meetings for the next ten months and are already in the process of planning for next year's Spring National to be held in March 2015. The new executive board members have already taken part in their first meeting and have begun helping plan additions and enhancements to our regular meetings. Your continued attendance would only bolster and encourage their efforts. As mentioned before, I will not be in the president's chair for the coming season, but I have held onto the position of official Coffee Guy as well as taking on the role of Circuit Book manager. This allows me to support our club while giving others the opportunity to guide it through the next few years. This is our club and only our combined efforts will give it a chance to grow and prosper in the coming years.

Richard Barnes and Roman Zrobok combined their efforts to put on a successful Summer meeting at the Chateau Louis Conference Centre in July. Attendance was good and all enjoyed the bountiful refreshments before the auction began. While Richard organized the more than 300 lots for the eagerly awaited Summer auction, Roman did his best to squeeze the most bids out of the attending bidders. Deals were to be had and some of the lots were put aside as they could not elicit enough interest. Oh, that my wallet had been a little more prepared! It's time to start planning for next year's Summer auction, the last Monday in July. I'll see you there.

Our first regular meeting is on Monday, September 8, 2014 at St. Joe's cafeteria. It will be our annual General meeting with

reports to the club members about the club's activities over the past year. Your attendance, while not mandated, is certainly encouraged so that we can begin the new season with a clear understanding of the aims and hopes for our little group of passionate stamp collectors. Your presence and participation would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

I also wish to thank all those who allowed me to sit in the President's chair for the last four years. Your kindness, your support, and your willingness to help me with the chores of leadership made the job a lot easier. I am still far from becoming a life member, but I plan to achieve that status because I believe in the value of our gatherings and hope to continue to do so for a number of years yet. Please join me on the selected Monday evenings and we can share our passion over a 25-cent coffee. If not me, I'm sure you'll find someone who can understand your obsession with perforations, cancels, or varieties. As a member, this is your club and the amount of joy that it can give you will be relative to the amount of effort you put into attending its meetings and participating once you get there. "Elementary, my dear Watson!"

I remain, yours truly,
Soon-to-be Past-President Pete

P.S. Please remember to support our dealers' community at Dwayne Miner's Stamp Bourse at the Central Lion's Centre on 111 Ave and 114 Street in mid-September. By dealing with a real person rather than a computer listing you can see and hold what you are considering purchasing as well as perhaps striking a better deal for whatever catches your eye. Collectors and dealers are stronger together, especially when they're in the same room.

Ed Dykstra

Hello Fellow Club members.

Usually the President writes a brief message at the front of every bulletin. I would like to thank several people who suggested that I could be the next President, after serving as Vice President for several years. Currently I also am the Show Chairman for our Spring Stamp Shows. For this reason I am not sure I could perform the duties of President and Show Chairman at the same time. This was not an easy decision, to not let my name stand for President. I am honored by the suggestion and would like to thank all those who placed their confidence in me. I will still be Vice President with Richard Barnes (thanks Richard!). The two of us, as well as Peter Kuester, who is now Past President, will function as a Triumvirate. The Roman Empire was run by a Triumvirate just before the first Christmas. (They did not get along and killed each other!) We will undo history and get the job done as best we can. As stamp collectors who share a passion for stamps and our club, we should all get along very well indeed. I (we) trust this arrangement will work until the next year. Until then keep enjoying our hobby and especially membership in our great club, I suppose both Richard and I or even Peter, if he still feels inclined, will take turns writing the first article of our great Bulletin.

Thanks again everyone,

Ed Dykstra

Richard Barnes

I was asked by the editor to say why I am serving on the Executive and what my priorities are over the next year. I have received a warm welcome from the membership of the ESC. In return for the friendship and services I have received at the club I want to return to the membership and the club what I can with my time and knowledge. Among the friends I have made within the ESC is Ed Dykstra. He is the senior member of the past Executive going forward in the new year. He asked for support so I put my name forward as a VP. As a member of the ESC I am interested in

recruitment of new members and finding ways to enable all members to participate in recruitment efforts.

Many of us are no longer able to physically lift the frame boxes but we can man a club table at a show, perhaps an information table at an antique show or any other ideas a member should have. We also need ideas from the membership that can be discussed and looked at for possible implementation. All Executive members can be approached to provide suggestions for change and improvement. In return the Executive should (will) respond to the member recognizing and explaining the Executive’s response. I hope to assist the Executive to procedurally enhance our ability to receive member ideas and concerns so the membership is not surprised by any club procedures or practices.

Richard



Scott #116 (MHR \$29), #117 (MH \$11), #118 (MHR \$14)
 #119 (MH \$24), #120 (MH \$21), #122 (MH \$31)

Prices realized in CAN \$

MINT CANADIAN STAMPS

by Keith Spencer

Got a pile of Canadian postage? That mint, post 1960's stuff? All those 5 centers. And the 8's and 17's and - and , and... If you do, you will have heard the news that these pretty paper bits have not turned out to be much of an investment. Such stamps are available in substantial quantities and there is little and a declining - aftermarket. For a number of years what has come to be referred to as "postage" has sold at a discount from face value. For some time, the discount has hovered around 60% but in recent months much of this material is changing hands at less than 50%.



Some of the pressure feeding this decline revolves around the increase in postal rates: how many 5c stamps - and how big an envelope does it take - to make up the current 85c domestic rate? Certainly, there is a formula that relates stamp face value and the discount demanded. The lower the face value, the higher the discount from face value expected. Sheets of lower value stamps are a "disaster" and it is difficult to look a seller in the eye and almost impossible to explain the market reality.



Club auction experience suggests that it may be possible to improve one's market results by some artful lotting. One suggestion is to create mini collections or topical groupings that present stamps as other than a simple pile of postage. What about grouping together all of the many sport related stamps, including the Olympics. How about a mini collection of animal stamps? Transportation - trains, boats and planes..... Flora and fauna?



Another option is to offer quantities of mint stamps in other than the philatelic market. Garage sales and flea markets are venues where bargain hunters might be attracted to a "65% off face" sign. Or perhaps your church - or a club or organization that does newsletter mailings might be interested in your offer of postage at a discount.... If, as a seller, you become totally disenchanted and decide not to sell, perhaps a charitable organization might issue a tax receipt for the total face value of your donation.



However you slice it, there is no way out of the current conundrum. Chin up. Stiff upper lip. And buy ONE of each new Canada Post stamp, not a mitt full...

Cheers, Keith

CANADA POST is HELPFUL?

By Richard Barnes

I am trading stamps with other collectors in the Middle East and North Africa. Unfortunately many of these countries have postal services that if you send thick envelopes or commemorative stamps on the envelopes, the envelopes do not arrive at their destination. This requires that our letters to each other must be registered. The geographic locations for our correspondence also requires our mail to go through the Montreal postal plant. This system worked as well as any Canada Post system ever worked until just over a year ago. At this time Canada Post inaugurated a new system by which all incoming registered mail is stopped in the Montreal plant where a large, 9.5mm x 5mm Canada Post Registered Mail label is produced re-recording the senders registered mail number which is then placed on the incoming envelope.



Problem; the tendency of the postal worker is to slap the Canadian label over the postage stamps (fig 1). I complained formally to the Canada Post Complaint Service way back east via the 1-800-267-1177 phone number. The immediate response I received was once the envelope is in the mail box it belongs to Canada Post and they can do with it what they want. I swallow my umbrage and ask for a manager. From this point on I receive a professional response and a file is opened. The file is closed. There appears to be a period of time when space is found on the

envelope for the Canadian registered label, usually over the sender's original registered label. However this period of common sense is only a pause until the Canada Post employees returns to their old habits of placing the registration label over the stamps. After the third complaint and third file is closed I receive another registered envelope (Fig 2). This time I write directly to Deepak Chopra, President and CEO, Canada Post Corporation. I receive a reply from Jacques Cote Group, President, Physical Delivery Network, Canada Post in which he state " It appears that the label's accidental placement atop your stamps occurred at the Montreal exchange office. Supervisory staff will be meeting all employees to reinforce correct procedures when applying labels. Models and examples will be shown to clarify any procedural misunderstanding. I assure you that customer care and customer satisfaction will also be reiterated to staff."



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2014	September 8 th & 22 nd
	October 6 th , 20 th
	November 3 rd , 17 th
	December 1 st , 15 th

2015	January 12 th & 26 th
	February 9 th & 23 rd
	March 9 th & 23 rd
	March 29 th & 30 th Spring Show
	April 13 th & 27 th
	May 11 th & 25 th
	June 8 th & 22 nd

Edmonton BNAPS (British North America Philatelic Society) meets from time to time. All BNAPSers welcome. For information contact David Piercey at 437-2771 or Steven Friedenthal at 458-1233.

E.S.C. Distinguished Service Award

Our Club's highest award, the Edmonton Stamp Club service award. Members are eligible on the basis of service for the benefit of philately and for service to the club.

2014 Bill VanderStelt
 2013 Ed Muxlow
 2012 Carol Warren
 2011 Richard Barnes
 2010 Bob Hyodo
 2009 Joe Liusz
 2008 Ed Dykstra
 2007 George (Bud) Cutler
 2006 Patricia Bates
 2005 John Attrell
 2004 Ernie Carlson
 2003 Roy Hauer
 2002 David Piercey
 2001 Jim Miller
 2000 Margaret Powell
 1999 Christopher Miller
 1998 Maurice Hampson

1997 Alan Meech
 1996 Edmund Harris
 1995 John Powell
 1994 Deirdre McKay
 1993 Edgar Mackay
 1992 Roman Zrobok
 1991 Doris McKay
 1990 Jan Roebroek
 1989 Michael Burrington
 1988 Stewart Kenyon
 1987 Siegfried Osterwoldt
 1986 Kim Frandsen
 1985 Doris Church
 1984 Ian Paterson
 1983 Keith Spencer
 1982 Bert Huffman
 1981 Clark Bolton
 1980 George Parkinson

Prices realized on eBay during the first half of 2014
 Take note, the lots with bids only represent about 10% of the total amount of lots listed. The 90 % of the lots are not sold. Converted to Canadian dollars and does not include shipping.



CAN-28, MH-\$22



CAN 29, MNG-\$138



CAN-39d, MH, crease-\$11



CAN-4, MH, crease-\$40



CAN-30b, U,-\$8



CAN-50, MH-\$22



CAN-54, MNH-\$133



CAN-56, MH-\$10



CAN-62, U-\$132



CAN-458, MNH-\$138



CAN-159, MNH-\$218



CAN-MR2D, MNG-\$22

Eastern Silesia 1918-1920

Part 3

On July 7, 1920 next Peace Conference opened in Spa (Belgium) . The result of the conference was common agreement of Czechoslovakia and Poland to ask Allies to play role of arbiter in setting the borders, instead of arranging the plebiscite. The Polish preparedness to accept an Allies´ decision was caused by a need of Allies´ support in Polish-Soviet conflict. The Czechoslovaks believed, that they pursue the Allies to accept their demands, so they expressed agreement with the solution as well. The Allies´ decision about new borders between both countries was made on July 28, 1920 and both states declared their acceptance. As result of this agreement, the towns mentioned in list no. III were occupied by Czechoslovak army between August 6 and 10, 1920.

I am sure you have detected, that Tešín is mentioned in both lists no. II + III. This is no error, it was really so. The town had belonged until Šnejdárek´s expedition to Poland. Than the whole town was occupied by Czechoslovaks . This situation lasted only 1 month, because the Paris Conference decided to return Tešín town to Poland. The Allies´ arbitration of 1920 than divided the town into two parts – Polish one called Cieszyn consisting of the centre of the town (incl. post office Tešín 1) and the Czech one called Český Tešín containing the railway station and post office Tešín 2. This division lasts until now – as you can see, Berlin was not the only divided town in Europe ! The hard times in the Tešín town could be illustrated by provisional bank notes issued by Rada Narodowa, when the insufficient quantity of legal tenders occurred.

Fig. 2a) shows a Polish side of a provisional banknote of October 1919

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fig. 2b) shows German side of another provisional banknote of April 1919 .



Because the Poles were less satisfied with the borders than the Czechoslovaks, Poland occupied this area in 1938 thanks to the Munich Treaty. This action was celebrated by a Polish stamp of 1938 (Michel – Polen Nr. 330) shown in **fig. 3** celebrating “return of Tešín area to the fatherland” (I thank to my friend Karl Ruzicka for discovery of the stamp!). But this is another story ! next page.....



The Šnejdarek expedition had an influence on the Czechoslovak economy as well. Because the Eastern Silesia was last area with unknown borders in Bohemia/Moravia, it was needed to wait with the monetary reform replacing the Austrian currency with the Czechoslovak one for a setting of borders. Because the Parisian Conference set the borders in Eastern Silesia and exact date of their validity, the Czechoslovak Finance Minister Rašín was allowed to prepare the monetary reform for Feb. 26, 1919. As you know, one of the results of the monetary reform was finishing of the validity of Austrian and Hungarian postage stamps in whole Czechoslovakia on Feb. 28, 1919.

Fig. 4 shows a piece of a money order franked with Austrian 25 Hellers stamp and mailed at post office in Polska Ostrava (Polnisch Ostrau ; situated in the Czech part of Silesia) on Feb. 27, 1919, that means during the monetary reform.



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SEPT. 26 - 27, Burnaby, BC

VANPEX 2014, Community Hall, West Burnaby United Church, 5060 Sussex Ave. Hours: Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsor/Affiliate: British Columbia Philatelic Society. For more information send an email to verdraco@uniserve.com.
Website: <http://www.bcphilatelic.org>.

SEPT. 27, Medicine Hat, AB

Medicine Hat Coin & Stamp Show, Higdon Hall, Stampede Grounds 2055 21 Ave SE. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$2, children (with parent, free). More than 40 tables of coins and stamps, door prizes every hour, vendors welcome, free parking. Sponsor/Affiliate: Medicine Hat Coin & Stamp club. For more information contact Ron Schmidt, telephone 403-526-5158, email medhatcsc@live.ca.
Website: <http://www.mhcasc.ca>.

OCT. 4, Victoria, BC

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