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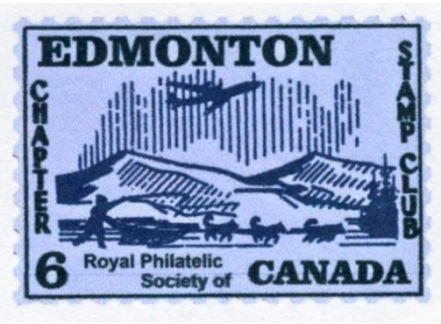

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last Monday a few of us stood talking in the doorway of the school cafeteria and looking over the members present and discussed which of us would be there in five or even 10 years from now. It was a bleak picture.

There has been a 20% decline in the membership of the ESC over the last decade. 34% of the membership are now life members. The past few years we have been losing roughly 5 members a year with new recruits only being 2 or 3. We must recruit NOW or fade away.

All the reports in the philatelic publications preach outreach and recruitment by stamp clubs via social media.

This Spring Show we have as a theme the 100th Anniversary of the RCMP. We have access to probably the largest RCMP Philatelic collection in the world and we have every reason to believe we should be able to get RCMP and City of Edmonton involvement. We have a great draw for this show. To exploit this theme, we need to advertise on social media.

This advertising opens new fields for us. We should be able to include recruitment for the club at the same time. If we do the social media advertising correctly now, we will increase the draw to the Spring Show and establish a basis for a continuing forum to bring the ESC and stamp collecting before the public.

To do this now we develop and expand the present volunteer work of John Bucci and Dennis Cebuliak. Most importantly we, in my opinion must hire (my understanding the expertise is not within the membership of the Club) the expertise to develop a social media presence for the ESC including spring shows and the hobby.

I will be requesting the ESC Board at the Board meeting of 30 Sep to strike a Social Media Committee of two members and whomever they invite on the Committee to with a budget of $5,000 to develop and implement a Social Media platform for the ESC. There will be quarterly reports by the Committee to the Board with a review no later than April 2021 to determine the value of the program.

Richard Barnes

NOTICE

$DUES$ ARE DUE

For the 2019-2020 club year
$30 full membership, $40 family

HACKERS TRY TO GET YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

A recent form of phishing is rampant on the internet. They use public information about the ESC board of directors and send requests for payment from these names. **Delete, do not reply.**

DOOR PRIZE

No Name Tag – No Prize

At the regular meetings

Dave Ellis asks members if they have any bulk stamps to donate to the club for the kiloware table? I am running low on stamps that have not been put out already. You can just bring them to any meeting.

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Edmonton Stamp Club

Circuit Book Report for 2018-2019

The Edmonton Stamp Club's Circuit Book program continues to offer Edmonton Stamp Club members the opportunity to sell their surplus-to-needs philatelic material to other collectors who may have been looking for those exact same items. Each circuit book offers either 10 or 20 pages of items for club members to peruse and consider purchasing, with reasonable prices, usually 30% to 50% of the Scott's values. No GST is added.

Throughout the 2018-2019 season, 14 club members contributed books to the program – an increase of one over the 2017-2018 season – with over $48,000 (over $100,000 Scott value) of material to offer. Sales for the year, at $6,639, showed an increase of almost $2000, 43% more than last year. This enabled a contribution of $370 to our club's insurance expenses. After I received $663 for my efforts, I distributed 14 cheques for $5,604.97 to club members for material they had sold through the circuit book program.

This year I am happy to welcome the Medicine Hat Stamp Club members into our circuit book rotation, under the able direction of Mike Howkins and his assistants. Unfortunately, Jeanette Plaami of Lloydminster has had to take a break from participating while she recovers from a medical emergency. Hopefully she will be able to rejoin us as soon as her health allows. As before, my Circuit Book managers in Kaslo (Graeme Gilbert), Lethbridge (Walter Kerber), and Saskatoon (Don Waters) have done a great job of organizing the sales in their areas and the Edmonton Stamp Club is

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pleased to be able to help keep the hobby alive throughout western Canada. The bulk of our CB sales came from out of Edmonton and we are extremely grateful for the participation of all those who shopped for treasures in the circuit books sent their way: 270 CBs to Lloydminster; 150 to Kaslo; 300 to Lethbridge; 180 to Saskatoon; and 90 to Medicine Hat over the course of the year.

New books are always offered at the club for two or three meetings before they are sent out of town and the selection is always growing. Do yourself a favour and sign out a few circuit books that may interest you. Spend some time taking a look at the material they offer, and you may be able to develop a new philatelic passion. Happy hunting!

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Kuester
ESC Circuit Book Manager

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (July 1st 2018 to June 30th 2019)

At the end of June 2019, the club had 71 Life and 125 Regular Members for a total of 212 philatelists. We count in this total 16 family members. New and renewed members totaled 11 in the past year. In 2018/19, 9 members have resigned or not paid, thus removed from the roster.

We mourn the loss of 2 members for the 2018-2019 club year: Edmund Harris (#139) and Brian Jamieson (#1449).

It gives me great pleasure to report that as of June 30th, 2019, three of our members became Life members by completing 25 combined years of membership. They are: Bill Warwarynick (#2025), Tony Van Heukelom (#2052) and Jeannette Plaami (#2059).

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Thank you to everyone for keeping your membership information up to date and for paying your fees on time. There are still 71 members in arrears (September 8th of this year). A special thank you to those life members who continue to donate to the club, to help support our activities.

If you change your address or phone number or e-mail address, please let us know. We are also interested in knowing your collecting interests and the names of any other philatelic organizations you belong to. Just drop us a note to Box 399, Edmonton, AB T5J 2J6 or give us a slip of paper with the information at the next meeting. Or use the website www.edmontonstampclub.com and click on "Contact Us". If you still owe us fees for this year, they must be paid by December 31st, 2019. **Increased costs do not allow the luxury of sending the Bulletin to unpaid members.** Do not lose your privileges of membership. Pay now!

The upcoming year, 2019 / 2020, will see no increase of membership dues. Still, individual $30 and family $40. These fees are a great bargain compared to other clubs. We want to thank all of you for your support and involvement in the club.

Respectfully submitted, Fred Tauber
September 9th, 2019

"BULLETIN" NEWSLETTER REPORT

The 2018-2019 club year managed to publish eleven issues (includes the Spring Show issue).

Mention must be made to the article contributors, without which the Bulletin would be difficult if not impossible to publish.

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Special thanks to contributors: Richard Barnes (11 articles), Barend Wissink (9), Ray Ireson (9), Ed Pitts (4), Jeff Pacey (1), Ed Dykstra (1), Jim Watt (1), Peter Kuester (1), Jim Lockau (1) and Walter Kerber (1). Various stamp clubs and numerous philatelic websites. Also, the messages that keeps us updated from president Richard Barnes. Many, many thanks to all.

The Club received income from Bulletin advertising ($664). The advertisers are: Saskatoon Stamp Centre, Weeda Stamps and The Stamp Gallery. Payed adlets in the "Trading Post" section with six lines or less totaled $40.

WEBSITE (edmontonstampclub.com)

The club year from July 2018 to June 2019, showed the number of visitors to the website was 3054.

I want to thank all of you for your support and involvement in the club activities.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Tauber
September 9th, 2019

Financial Report

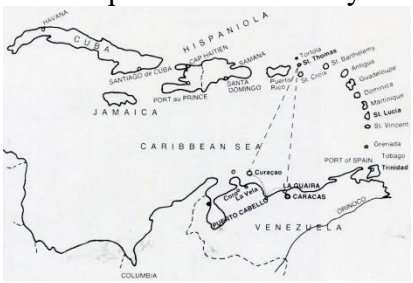
It has been decided that the report will only be given to club members. If you want the report, send a request to Fred Tauber at fxtauber@shaw.ca. You must supply your membership number and name. If you wish to have a paper copy, send an email request or snail-mail request, to Edmonton Stamp Club, P.O. Box 399, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 2J6. Or at a club meeting.
Fred Tauber

St. Thomas - La Guaira - Puerto Cabello Private Ship Letter Stamps

I received three stamps, not in the Scott catalogue, that appeared to come from the same stamp set along with a request to identify them [fig 1]. The original stamp [fig 2] was designed and delivered to

Captain Robert Todd by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons Ltd., of London as part of a four stamp set [MEDIO REAL (1/2 real), rose, DOS REALES (2 reales), green, MEDIO REAL (1/2 real), bluish grey and DOS REALES (2 reales), orange yellow], in 1864. At this point I think a quick operational postal history is necessary.

Venezuela, excluding present history [2019] has been a wealthy, educated and entrepreneurial country. The volume of the mails necessitated in 1842 that the Venezuelan government contracting with the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. for a twice a month mail pickup and delivery connecting into the international mail system via St. Thomas, Danish West Indies. The Venezuelan mail contract with the Royal Mail Packet Co. was replaced with a contract with Captain Robert Todd in November 1863. He was in mail service with his freshly built ship “Robert Todd” by June 1864; Fig 3 is a diagram of the



contract route [Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World Pt 1]. The twice monthly contract route was from La Guaira, Venezuela to St Thomas, Danish West Indies, back to La Guaira, then up the coast to Puerto Cabello and if passengers

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Meeting Dates

The Edmonton Stamp Club meets Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of St. Joseph High School, 10830 - 109 Street. Park to the north of the school and use the main entrance at the south-east corner of the school. For information about the club call 780-488-5288 or 780-437-1787.

2019

October 7th & 21st
November 4th & 18th
December 2nd & **16th**
(Christmas Social)

2020

January 6th & 20th
February 10th & 24th
March 9th &16th
Spring Show March 28th & 29th
April 6th & 20th
May 4th & 25th
June 1st & 15th (Elections)
July 27th (summer meeting/auction)

Edmonton BNAPS
(British North America Philatelic Society) meets from time to time. All BNAPSers welcome. For information contact David Piercey at 780-437-2771 or Steven Friedenthal at 780-721-3669.

E.S.C. Distinguished Service Award - **2019**

Jim Lockau

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.

and freight were available up to Curacao, Dutch West Indies then back to La Guaira. The "Robert Todd" would stay in port long enough to take out the mail including replies from the last St Thomas mail and any passengers and freight before heading back to St Thomas. I will not get into the confusion about how long Captain Robert Todd kept ownership of the mail contract and who is the owner of the contract at any specific time. It is certain that this mail contract ended in 1870 when the owners of the contract backed the losing side during a revolution.

When the original stamps for this private mail service were ordered they had only two denominations, Medio Real and Dos Reales usually identified as two subsets, subset #1, rose ½ r and green 2 r and subset #2, blue ½ r and yellow 2r stamps. The ½ r stamps were intended for newspapers and such while the 2 r was the single page letter rate. Once you get past the original formal announcements on these stamps like everything else to do with this contract the information is not available, incomplete or contradictory. The most plausible explanation I think is found in Ringstrom and Tester's "The Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World Part 1" explaining how and why these stamps were used. The stamps of subset #2 were issued only in St Thomas while subset #1 was used in Venezuela. "The printing in different colours was intentional as the value of the Real was 25-30% higher in St Thomas than Venezuela. At St Thomas there were 8 Reales to the Peso against 10 in Venezuela, also there were fluctuations in the Venezuelan Peso due to internal strife. The difference in colour was to prevent the use of the cheaper Venezuelan stamps in St Thomas."

Three months into the contract the effect of different volumes of mail emanating from St Thomas and Venezuela necessitated a quick fix of purchasing locally printed stamps in the Waterlow design and colors. There are many varieties of this stamp design exasperated by the interspersion of London and Caracas printings. This design of stamps continued to be used for this contract until replaced in 1869.

This set of stamps has design and purpose that thematic ship and marine collectors are very interested in. This stamp design, set of four stamps has many varieties as well as remainders can provide an interesting study. These stamps have been extensively forged.

The first set of forgeries was printed in 1866 by Spiro of Hamburg. Just for our information the three stamps sent to me [fig 1] and [fig4-

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5] are all Spiro forgeries. This is the most common forgery of these stamps. The "O" is the forged cancel.

Richard Barnes

US Confederate Stamps on ebay

USA_CSA-1_U, (11 bids) $53 / USA_CSA-3_U, (26 bids) $201 / USA_CSA-4_U, (11 bids) $35

USA_CSA-5_U, (14 bids) $202 / CSA-9_U, (23 bids) $350 / CSA-56x1_MH, (22 bids) $158

THE ATHABASCA BRIDGE 15TH in the Alberta Bridge Series by Barend Wissink

Where the present Athabasca Bridge is now, is where the Alberta government ran a cable ferry.

This bridge is on Secondary Highway 813 and crosses the Athabasca River. This post card shows how the folks in Athabasca got across the river in the Summer months.

Now the bridge that was built to replace this ferry was not unique in any special way but the method they used to get across the river when the ferry couldn't be used or when the crossing on winter ice got to dangerous, certainly was unique.

They had a tower on both sides with a top cable across to hold a crate like gondola it ran on two pulleys. A second cable running over two lower wheels was the method of propulsion. The next post card titled "River breakup-Athabasca" shows the tower and the gondola, people waiting to get aboard. The second post card shows the gondola further

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across the frozen river. In the first post card you can see the town in the background so the photo was taken from the North side of the river. The second photo was not taken on the same day because the tarp is gone, but comparing both post cards it looks like the same person is operating the gondola from the looks of his hat. The cable and cage system carried passengers over the river from 1934 to 1952.

Four of the five post cards have the photographer as R.D. Preece (1925-1986) of Bob's Photo Shop in Athabasca. All photo post cards according to the stamp boxes date between 1946 and 1953.

Highway 813 starts at Highway 55 East of Athabasca and goes North across the Athabasca River via this bridge built in 1952.

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It connects Athabasca with the Northern hamlets of Wabasca-Demarais plus five First Nation settlements172 kilometers to the North-East. The bridge itself is a three span wood decked Polygonal Warren Through Truss, with a pony span on both ends to the abutments. The aerial view post card shows the bridge is to the east of town. By 1937 The Athabasca Echo pursued a campaign for a road bridge across the Athabasca river claiming two thousand settlers lived North of the Athabasca River. This Bridge is now on the Alberta unfunded capital projects list but should be close for replacement.

Gephyrophobia

If this ails you, you have a great fear of crossing bridges

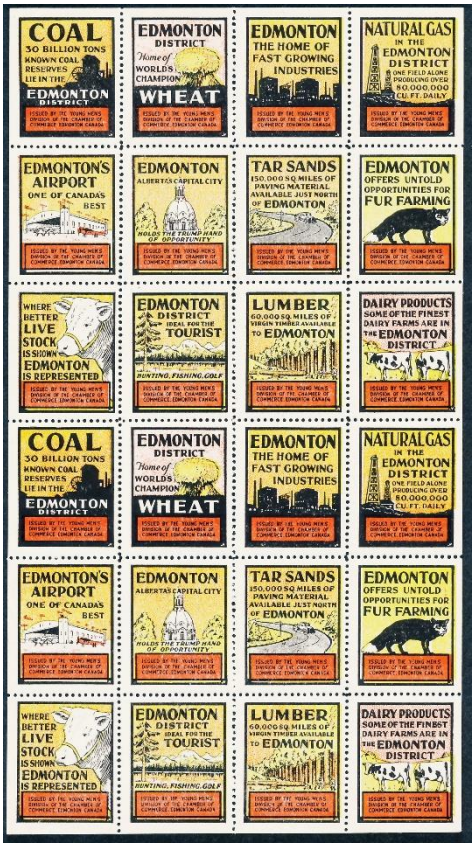
Barend Wissink

Ebay – Bird Hunting Stamps

USA-RW6_MH, dist gum, (4 bids) $11 / USA-RW7_MH, (14 bids) $42

From the Collections of Fred Tauber

Edmonton Promotional Stamps (1930)



Probably as a direct consequence of the Great Depression. A set of at least 12 promotional stamps was issued by the Young Men's Division of the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce. The stamps are in red, orange and black, and have been seen on covers dated 1930 and 1931. Here is a partial list of the various themes or slogans on some of the stamps:

1. Edmonton, the home of fast-growing industries
2. Natural gas in the Edmonton District, one field alone producing over 80,000,000 cu. ft. daily.
3. Tar sands, 150,000 sq. miles of paving material available just north of Edmonton.
4. Edmonton offers untold opportunities for fur farming
5. Lumber, 60,000 sq. miles of virgin timber available to Edmonton
6, Dairy products, some of the finest dairy farms are in the Edmonton district.
7, Coal, 30 billion tons known coal reserves lie in the Edmonton district
8. Edmonton, Alberta's capital city
9. Edmonton district ideal for the Tourist

Perforated; gummed. 30 x 35 mm.

Ebay – Oltre Giuba

ITALY_OLTRE GIUBA-13_MH, (6 bids) $22 / OLTRE GIUBA-14_MH, (18 bids) $34
ITALY_OLTRE GIUBA-18_MH, (9 bids) $11

ITALY_OLTRE GIUBA-19_MH, (9 bids) $21 / OLTRE GIUBA-20_MH, (10 bids) $75

Ebay – Canadian Dollars

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