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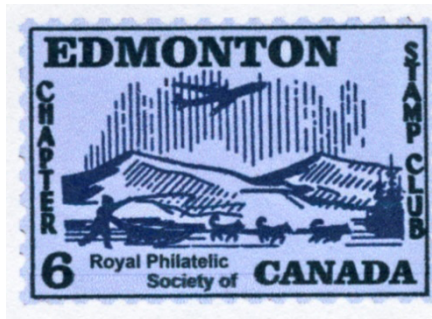


I just LOVE the *ESC Bulletin*! It's not just litter.

Regular meetings

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

Check Page 12 for meeting dates



The Edmonton Stamp Club dates back to 1912. The Club is Life Chapter #6 of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and Chapter #680 of the American Philatelic Society. **The editor welcomes communications of all kinds – letters, comments, and articles.**

These may be forwarded to John-

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The Edmonton Stamp Club respectfully acknowledges that we are located on the traditional territory of the First Nations, the Inuit, and the Métis peoples. We recognize the land as an act of reconciliation and gratitude to those whose territory we reside on or are visiting.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Edmonton Stamp Club reaches other clubs. As President I get emails from stamp collectors around the world. The other month I got one from Jeff Newberry who lives in the Annapolis Valley and is in the Nova Scotia Stamp Club. Allow me to update him and you, dear reader, on the activities of the Edmonton Stamp Club.

The Edmonton Stamp Club started in 1912. It has met at St Joseph High School in Edmonton since 1986. We currently have 200 members of which 45 to 50 regularly attend our Monday evening meetings. We have members attending from as far as Calgary, Trochu, and Whitecourt. Our club puts out a *Bulletin* (thanks John-Paul) ten months out of the year. This year we raised our membership fees by \$5 to \$35 for single, \$45 for family, plus \$10 if you want the bulletin mailed to you.

Our website <https://www.edmontonstampclub.ca/> receives several hundred hits from around the globe every month. At each meeting we have a program of an educational nature on stamp collecting.

We have three types of auctions at each meeting: a silent auction, a members' auction, and an estate and consignment auction. We have professional auctioneers who auction off up to 140 lots every Monday meeting.

Every March we have a national stamp show where as many as a hundred fifty exhibits are judged and sixteen dealers from across Western Canada are present. At the show we offer educational

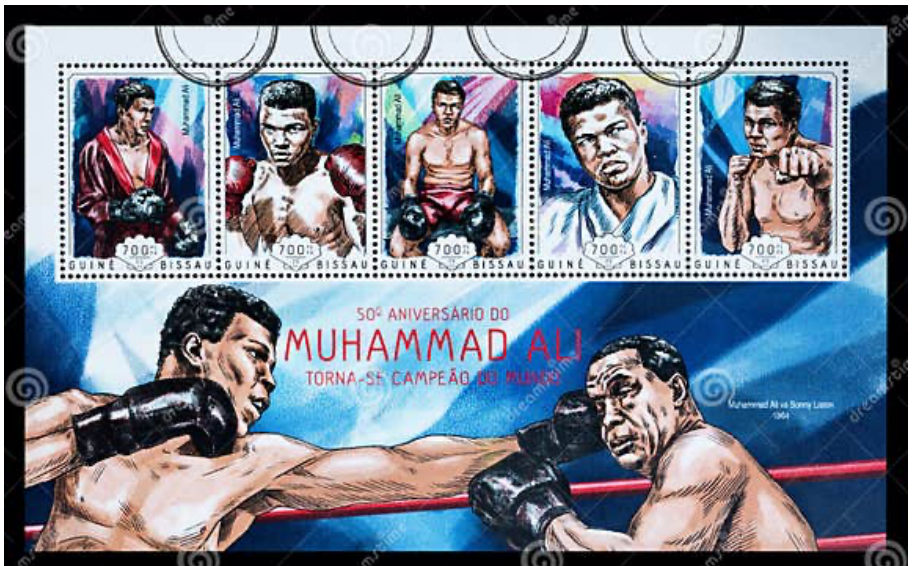
sessions. This year some of our members will be attending CALTAPEX at the Kirby Center in Calgary on 18-19 October.

We have 25¢ coffee at each meeting. Thanks to Rodger. He represents many of the volunteers that make our club the success it is. Recently, Marcel has been approaching the Catholic schools in the Edmonton area to see which high schools have junior clubs. In May of this year Bob brought four of the student members of the Paul Kane High School Stamp Club from St. Albert to our club meeting.

We look to grow our membership and involvement in stamp collecting.

Regards,
Your President,
David V. Pattison

"I should be a postage stamp, because that's the only way I'll ever get licked. I'm beautiful. I'm fast. I'm so mean I make medicine sick. I can't possibly be beat." Muhammad Ali.



He got his wish.

Greenwood – Canada's Smallest City

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Today Greenwood has a population of about seven hundred. It wasn't always so small. Before the turn of the century over a hundred years ago, it was a bustling mining town with around sixty hotels, either completed or being built. In 1897 it had a population of about three thousand. By 1910 the boom had passed, and by 1931 it had a population of 171. It happened to be on the route my brother and I travelled this past September. It has a number of historical buildings, one of the nicest of which is the post office. Greenwood PO also has a pictorial cancel.



We took some postcards there to be cancelled, and selected a very appropriate stamp for Greenwood, the Internment stamp. In 1942, more than 1100 Japanese Canadians were interned in Greenwood, BC.

Many of the empty buildings were used to house the people coming into the community. Some large buildings were partitioned off with small rooms to house families and had a large communal kitchen.

Some even had segregated communal baths. There was some local resentment but soon the local citizens accepted the new residents. From a dying town of 200 with many buildings boarded up for years to a bustling community of around 1400 people. Store keepers benefited, new stores opened, and people were employed.¹

Greenwood was the first internment site of Japanese Canadians.

Of the estimated 1,200 Nikkei who were interned in Greenwood, many chose to remain there after its closure as an internment site in 1945, possibly because they felt welcome here. Over time the Nikkei had become accepted by the residents and integrated into the community. When the federal government ordered the Japanese in 1944 to either move east of the Rockies or be deported to Japan, the Greenwood Board of Trade sent a letter of protest against this decision.....Today it is estimated that between 20 and 30 residents of Japanese descent live in the smallest city in Canada.²

According to the Canada Post information on the Internment stamp, more than twenty thousand Japanese – the majority Canadian citizens – were forced from their homes on the West Coast. Their property was confiscated and later sold by the government. Sadly, The War Measures Act remained in effect until 31 December 1945, but the legal restrictions against Japanese Canadians weren't lifted until April 1949.

The Japanese-Canadians are honored in Greenwood with a plaque in the Nikkei Memorial Garden. A portion of the 1999 Oscar-nominated film "Snow Falling on Cedars" was filmed in Greenwood. For more

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<https://sites.google.com/charnleyvanwyk.com/greenwoodmuseumvisitorcentre/history/japanese-history>

² <https://www.greenwoodnikkei.ca/Post-War-Years.html>

information on Greenwood's history as an internment centre check out

- <https://youtu.be/Wf4NPth-UFM?feature=shared>.
- <https://sites.google.com/charnleyvanwyk.com/greenwoodmuseumvisitorcentre/history/japanese-history>
- Adachi, K. (1976). *The Enemy That Never Was: A History of Japanese Canadians*.

I was sorely tempted to buy the book mentioned above at the museum and archives. It looked like a very engaging read, with lots of historical pictures. If you are not planning on going through Greenwood in the near future, the book is available on Amazon.ca. The people in Greenwood were very outgoing. I would have loved to have spent longer exploring the area and chatting with its citizens, but did not have the time. I did make one suggestion to the people at the Museum and Archives: sell a postcard with a picture of the post office.

[Editor's note: On the stamp commemorating the internment of the Japanese in Canada, see: <https://www.canadapost-postescanada.ca/blogs/personal/perspectives/internment-stamp-2025/>.]

Highlights of the Board Meeting, 15 September 2025

At the moment we have 201 members, although it is not clear if all are paid up. Our membership director, Fred Tauber, would like to retire from his position and is seeking a replacement. See him if you would like to help the club by volunteering. Fred's the guy sitting behind the bidding cards, tickets, etc. when you first enter the meeting.

Our annual Christmas dinner is scheduled to take place at our 15 December meeting. This is always a festive occasion as well as a culinary delight.

The next meeting of the board will be held 27 October.

Circuit Book Report for 2024-2025

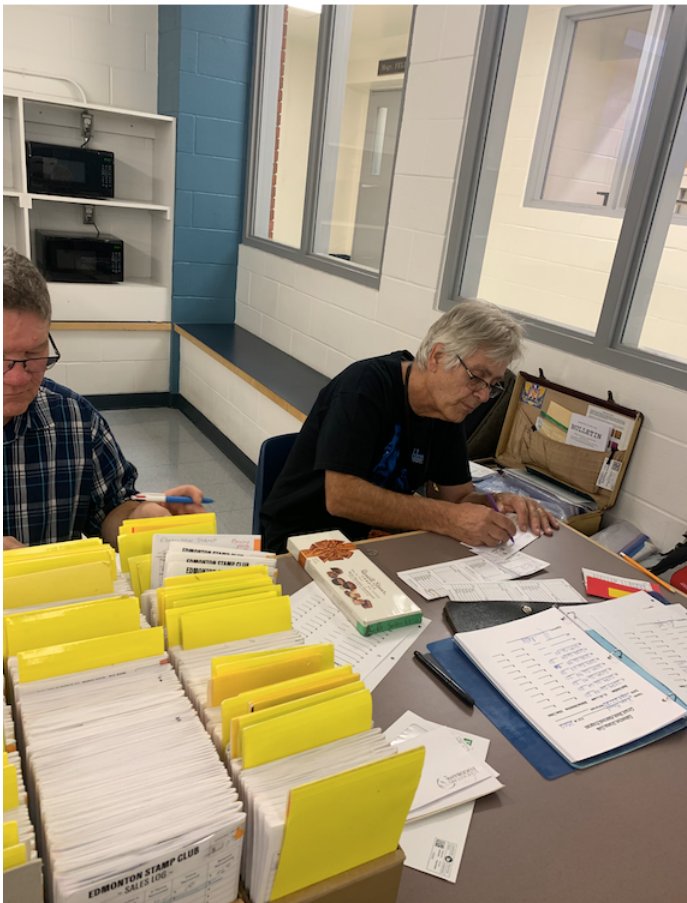
Peter Kuester, Circuit Book Manager
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The Edmonton Stamp Club's Circuit Book program continues to offer Edmonton Stamp Club members the opportunity to sell their surplus-to-needs philatelic material to other collectors who may have been looking for those 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.

There were a few changes over the year that affected sales and the program itself. First, we lost the Medicine Hat connection in the Fall and then we were hit with a postal strike for a month which hampered the return and delivery of our boxes (21 over the course of the year). On the other hand there is a growing number of club members who regularly examine and find items to buy. On the whole, this year's sales equalled those of last year.



Throughout the 2024-25 season, 20 club members had books in the program - an increase of four over the last season. Their offerings generated sales for the year, a total of \$10,096.40, \$75 dollars less than last year. This enabled a contribution of \$505.51 to our club's insurance expenses. After I received \$1,009.66 for my efforts, I distributed 14 cheques for \$8,581.23 to the club members for material they had sold through the circuit book program.



As in previous years, these results would not have been possible without the help of my Circuit Book managers in Kaslo (Graeme Gilbert), Lethbridge (Walter Kerber), and Saskatoon (Terry Hinz). Their efforts - and dollars - contribute significantly to the Circuit Book revenues. This program could not exist without their services. THANK YOU!

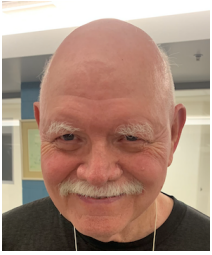
This coming year we will be increasing the shipments to Saskatoon as well as adding Penticton to the circuit. Now we have to wait and see how that will affect sales in the coming year.

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 favor 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!

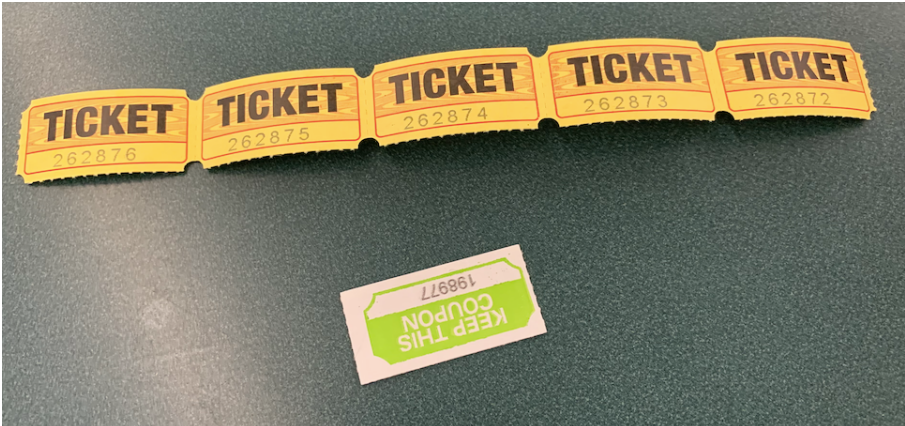


President David Pattison addresses the Annual General Meeting on
8 September 2025

The Lucky Winners

			
Tim Graff won a stock book as a door prize, 8 September	Al Peyer won \$36 in the 50/50, 8 September. Look at that smile.	Club barista Rodger Weir won the door prize on 22 September	Jim Miller won \$48.50 in the 50/50, 22 September

This is your editor speaking. I have been editing this *Bulletin* since January 2023. Do you ever see my picture among the lucky winners? No, you don't. But here is a picture of my tickets from a recent meeting:



I'm beginning to suspect that there is something very wrong here.

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 southeast corner of the school. For information about the club call 780-467-4825 or 780-437-1787.

2025-26

20 October

3 and 17 November

12 and 26 January

9 and 16 March

11 and 25 May

1 and 15 December

9 and 23 February

13 and 27 April

8 and 22 June

Canada Post to Stop Home Delivery

And a postal strike looms. You can find the story here:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/canada-post-transformation-changes-1.7643345>

ESCafé

(Not to be confused with Nescafé.) Member Rodger Weir has restored coffee service at our Monday-night meetings, also for special occasions like the summer auction. Don't know who he is? Check out his portrait on p. 11 of this issue of the *Bulletin*.

