

K-W Stamp News



**Kitchener-
Waterloo
Philatelic
Society**

Letter from the President

Stampfest 2010 is near!

Just a few days away is Stampfest on Saturday, April 17th. Did you know: our club was formed in 1935, so this is our 75th year! Watch for more details as we recognize this event in December, 2010.

Stampfest needs volunteers to help with set up, days operation, sandwiches, and take-down. Be sure to sign up at the next meeting, or talk with Scott Traquair.

If you have other "stamp friends" that are not club members, be sure to send them a Stampfest card or contact them in some manner. Stampfest is our major fund raiser each year, so we need everybody's support! Thanks to Tony Shaman and his committee for organizing all the details.

This year is an election year and we need a couple of volunteers, (especially for a vice president) and someone to coordinate regular exhibiting. We have no one working towards the presidency. Yours truly needs a break!

Our club continues to be active locally and in the G.R.V.P.A. Many members visit our close-by clubs like Cambridge and Guelph, regularly. The Grand News has all the information on the two month calendar, so watch the events that interest you and your collection.

Many thanks to Kerstin Kramer for managing our newsletter! We always need volunteers to help share their material and stamp happenings in future newsletters. Send your ideas to Kerstin at Publicity@KWStampClub.org.

If you received this newsletter by postal mail, but have e-mail: you could have received it earlier (in colour) and saved the club the copying, folding/inserting, envelopes, mail labels and postal costs. Please send me your email address.

We always welcome new members! Consider bringing a friend to our next meeting or to Stampfest!



**Jim Oliver, President of
the Kitchener-Waterloo
Philatelic Society**

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Wanted: Volunteers

Annual Stampfest

Volunteers required for set-up and take down. If you can spare some time, please get in touch with Tony Shaman at (519) 745-2973

Writers

Volunteers wanted for newsletter content. If you'd like to contribute, get in touch with any of our board members!

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**- Jim Oliver,
President**

KWPS - 75th Anniversary Year!

We are privileged to bring you the first in a series of articles, events and mementos that we can all help to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the Kitchener Waterloo Philatelic Society (KWPS). Since this is a members' celebration - please feel free to contact one or all of the members of your anniversary committee - Leigh Hogg, George Pepall and Craig Pinchen - should you have a story to share, a memorable cover from a previous show or club event or wish to chit chat about the past - we'd be happy to listen and spread the good word to all!

Do you have an interesting club related item for a five minute show and tell? Please let us know, so as the year moves on toward Dec 11th 2010 - the actual day of the anniversary, we can plan around all you wish to do and see. 2010 is a momentous year as it is also 170 years since the issuance of the world's first postage adhe-



sive postage stamp, The Penny Black.

Above is a photograph of a frame your Society produced and

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presented to the Woodside National Historic Site of Canada on April 23 1954, during the tour arranged as part of the program for

the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada's annual convention which was hosted by the KWPS.

The frame which was donated by Estate - Laurier House in Ottawa shows numerous philatelic items commemorating Canada's 10th & longest serving Prime Minister - William Lyon Mackenzie King - born Dec 17th 1874 & died July 22nd 1950.

Plate blocks of the 1952 stamp issue and envelopes from his correspondence, an official picture, and souvenir covers make a wonderful single frame exhibit! In May, upon the re-opening of Parks Canada site - we would encourage you to explore the rich heritage that Parks Canada has maintained.

Lets all continue to dig through those old collections, boxes of covers and dig out some souvenirs of your club from the past and help all enjoy, The Kitchener Waterloo Philatelic Society of the future.

**- Leigh Hogg,
Cover Circuit Director**

RPSC Sales Circuit

For four years now our club has arranged for the RPSC sales circuits to be sent from Alberta for our members' consideration and purchases. Members of The Royal also have the added benefit of selling their duplicates this way.

We prefer used to mint stamps; older rather than newer

stamps; special cancels, overprints and unusual items; and back-of-the-book and multiples. Naturally, we have a preference for Canadian and BNA material, but British Colonies, especially Australasia, proved popular too.

In all, twelve members bought close to \$600.00 worth of stamps. The club realizes no gains

from the sales, and picks up the cost of ExpressPost postage on behalf of the members. We will order the sales circuit books again in the winter of 2011.

Please let any director know of the countries you would like to see.

**- George Pepall,
Treasurer**

KWPS Club Auctions

We normally have an auction at most KWPS club meetings. Most sales are of the "silent auction" format, where the bidders write down their bids on the auction slip attached to each item and the sale ends at a pre-determined time.

Less frequently we have a "called auction" where the lots are auctioned off by an auctioneer, one at a time, in the more traditional fashion. There are two sources of material for the auctions: donations submitted to the club and material consigned by members.

In the case of donations, all of the proceeds go to the club. For material submitted by members, there is a very reasonable commission of 10% charged on any lots sold and those proceeds benefit the club.

In 2008 for example the various auctions generated over \$200 in proceeds that helped support the club. In addition many of our members found interesting material to enhance their collections.

Frequent questions are "What is popular?" or "What do the buyers look for?" and this is a difficult question to answer. A couple of points to consider are the reserve price. Many of the auction

lots have a reserve price and this is the price at which the bidding has to start. This protects the seller and ensures that the lot does not sell for an unreasonably low price. Often I have seen lots submitted with reserve prices that are too high and of course they do not sell.

Another factor is the price alone. Most of the lots that sell in our auctions are in the \$1 to \$20 range. This does not mean that more expensive items are not desirable but the club auctions are probably not the venue for selling this type of material.

If you would like to submit material for an upcoming auction please bring it to the next club meeting. I will provide you with an auction sheet(s) where you can mount your material, write a brief description, and indicate your reserve price (if any). If you are interested in buying at the auction please drop by at the next meeting and I would be happy to explain the process in more detail.

In the next newsletter I will provide further information on the club auctions but if you have any questions in the mean time please e-mail me at straq@sympatico.ca

**- Scott Traquair,
Director Table Auctions**

Anniversary Hand Cancel

You can request a special cancel from the post clerk and help publicize our K-W Clubs 75th anniversary at 2 locations in town. Tell your stamp friends!

- 1 Pharma Plus Postal Outlet,
537 Frederick St., Kitchener
- 2 Main Waterloo Post Office,
70 King St N, Waterloo



Interesting Internet Sites for Collectors

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Postage_stamps_and_postal_history_of_Canada

This website outlines the postage stamp and postal history of Canada. Topics covered are:

- French control, - British control, - Province of Canada, - Dominion of Canada, Victorian period, - Edward VII, - George V, - George VI, - The Elizabethan era



Please email your favourite links to Publicity@KWStampClub.org

Did you know that you can participate in the Philately Wiki Project?

For more information visit http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject_Philately

**- Kerstin Kramer,
Publicity Director**

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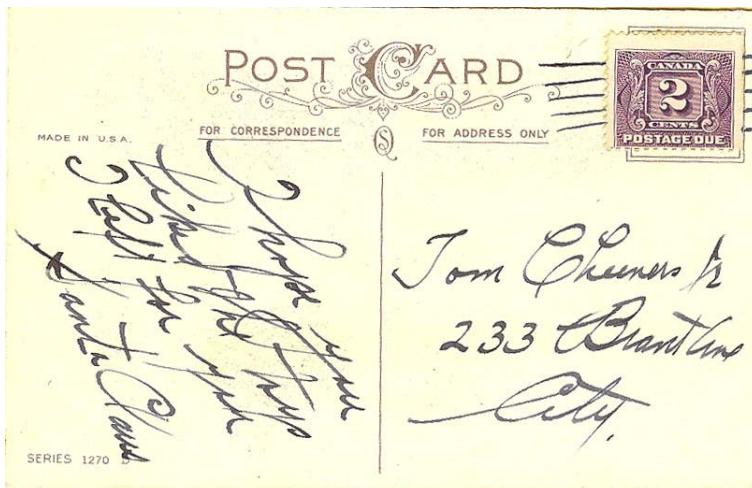
Let us help you complete
your collection!



Royal Philatelic Society of Canada
Chapter 13

Postal Usage

New Year postcard posted
with a 2 cent postage due stamp –
illegal use?



New Year postcard

Our meetings are open to everyone.
Come on by!

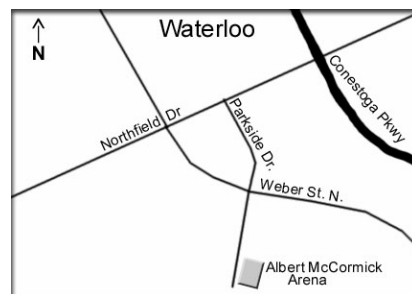
Next meetings: April 8th, April 17th (Stampfest),
May 13th, June 10th

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Place:

Albert McCormick
Arena
(Community Room)

500 Parkside Drive,
Waterloo



Annual membership*:

Adults: \$ 15

Family: \$ 20

Children are free!!!



Kitchener Postage Meter

KITCHENER post office front
desk postage meter with "P" and "O"
in the townmark.

- Ross Irwin,
KWPS Member

Do you have any special
philatelic items you'd like to share
with us? Send them to us for inclu-
sion in our next newsletter!