

K-W Stamp News

75th Anniversary Celebrations

Our 75th anniversary celebrations now seem like part of history as we look ahead to April 16th and this year's Stampfest. However, we can be pleased with how we honoured our first 75 years and in doing so, the club's heritage.

The two mall displays for the public at Stanley Park and Uptown Waterloo were successful in raising the profile of our club and hobby in front of dozens of citizens of K-W. Information was shared, stamps and supplies were given out and contacts for future meetings and shows were made.

The banquet was a delightful event, under the chairmanship of Craig Pinchen and with the excellent dinner provided by Golf's Steak House. Door prizes, stamp-related stories from three volunteer members, a historical printed program done well enough by Kerstin Kramer to be a collectible, a professionally designed commemorative cover, a seasonal floral decoration, plenty of donated door prizes and some special guests: all this and more came together with about 65 members for the celebration. It was unfortunate, though, that life member Betty Martin could not make it because of the poor weather, which kept six other away as well.

There are plenty of blank 75th anniversary covers available for sale and for directors' use on club business. The covers cost .50c each, 12 for \$5.00, and 25 for \$10.00.

All in all, people had a good time and the club marked a key date in its history appropriately. Thank you for attending, and especially to those who participated in the banquet planning, preparation or made donations. See you at the 80th!

**- George Pepall,
Treasurer**



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When?

April 16, 2011 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Where?

Community Christian Re-
form Church, 1275
Bleams Road, Kitchener

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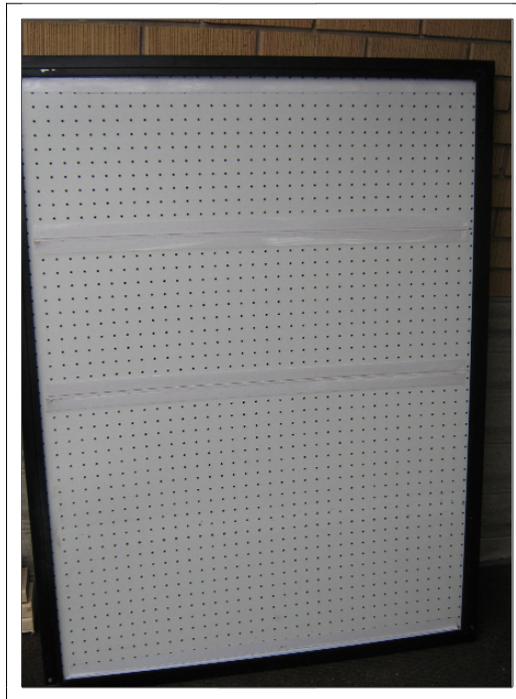
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New Style of Exhibit Frames Comes to KWPS

As many of you know by now, our club now owns 15 sixteen-page steel and Plexiglas exhibit frames - the kind you are used to seeing at major national or regional shows.

The Royal Philatelic Society needed to dispose of their supply of about 250 of these frames, which were costing plenty to truck around and store, so we bought some and, thanks to Oscar Cormier, have them well stored free of charge in a metal shed in Waterloo, near the expressway on Erb Street.

Setting up the frames will take some getting used to, especially at Stampfest, but they will save plenty of space in the show hall, which has been a concern in recent years. The beauty of them is that they can stand straight up without an A-shaped easel to support them and taking up aisle space.



Exhibits can be placed on both sides, so one frame can hold up to 32 pages, in what are called two faces of 16. However, we can put exhibits of almost any number of

Potential exhibitors may want to think in terms of 16 pages for their exhibits, which is a pretty good size for a local show. Of

Summary of Royal Sales Circuit

In all, 20 people bought material. The total sales were about \$675.00. The average per-person sale was \$1.43. Thirty-eight of the 48 booklets and packets sold at least one item.

Especially popular were B.O.B. Canada (cancels and pre-cancels), loose Australia, S. Pacific Islands, and some Nfld. About 240

items from the packets sold. Most other areas had a smattering of interest. Modern used was not very popular.

We've taken circuits for about five years in a row now. We always sell at least \$400.00, but the number has steadily risen. I asked the person in charge to keep us in mind for next winter.

course, multiples of 16 - 32 48, 64, etc., - are fine too. Our Stampfest entry form sets a maximum of three frames.

What will become of our old, wooden six-pagers, you ask? Well, some will likely be discarded if they have poor glass or weak joints; but the better ones can have a wooden hinged support attached to their backs for the kind of simple table-top exhibits you saw at our Remembrance Day show and tell display.

If you ever have questions about the club's finances, please see the treasurer, George Pepall, or any member of the Executive. George will gladly share with you the club's latest financial statements.

**- George Pepall,
Treasurer**

The postage fee, paid for by our club, is \$24.34. It would be twice that if our sales were under \$200.00.

Thank you for your interest and help!

**- George Pepall,
Treasurer**

Biography - Dr. George Vanner

I have been interested in stamps and collecting since I was in High School in the 1940's and continued it until near graduation when I was entering Medical School at the University of Ottawa, Knowing that my time for a hobby would be limited I gave my collection to my brother who was 4 years younger than I, thinking he might keep it and increase his interest. This was a mistake for he wasn't interested at all and actually lost any small bit of interest he had. My budding collection which had some good basic material was sold for little and lost to me.

Once I had graduated university and established myself in medical practice I began to form a stamp collection again, and I have continued ever since.

I became a serious collector first – or some might call me an accumulator, and initially I saved stamps from a very large number of countries which I found was a mistake. No collector – unless he has unlimited funds for the hobby - can hope to acquire a complete collection of many countries, and I soon limited my collecting to Britain and the British Empire countries. However, even this soon became too much, and I limited my collec-

tion to Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Cyprus, Gibraltar, Malta and a large number of the British Pacific Islands. I continued this group of countries until quite recently when as I should have foreseen I again had to cut back since Britain, Australia and New Zealand began to print stamps in



huge numbers of issues – and Australia printed stamps in both gummed & perforated varieties as well as self – adhesive copies. Collecting Australia alone meant \$100.00 per year if one was to be complete.

I now have ceased collecting Britain, New Zealand, and Australia mint issues, but I still collect the occasional used items from these countries if I make a good purchase at a sale or at auction. However, just a week ago I

stopped collecting Tuvalu which despite being a very small South Pacific island country has begun to print large numbers of stamps, mint sheets and souvenir sheets of issues which have nothing to do with Tuvalu itself.

I have a very large collection especially of South Pacific Island countries (eg Aitutaki, Cook Islands, Penrhyn, Niuafoa (Tin Can Island), Niue, Nauru, Kiribati, Samoa, Norfolk Island, Fiji, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, etc.), which were former British Colonies both as mint issues but also many in quality used copies as well. Even then I have begun to sell a lot of the surplus stock I have especially as mint, and often I have postally used copies as well for sale. I long ago stopped collecting FDC's except for Pitcairn Island and Vanuatu which have particularly colourful and island related material.

If I was starting over again I would collect only a much smaller number of countries and try and gather a complete as possible a collection housed in a top grade album with very detailed labeling.

**- Dr. George Vanner
Member**

Interesting Internet Sites for Collectors

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

If you are new to stamp collecting, this website from Wikipedia might be of particular interest to you.

Here you will be introduced to the hobby, the history behind stamp collecting and what it takes to



Please email your favourite links to Publicity@KWStampClub.org

become a collector.

Not sure how to start? This site contains a nice overview over the various collecting specialties and elaborates on each specialty. Worthwhile read!

**- Kerstin Kramer,
Publicity Director**

Collecting the Rhodesias

In the late 1880s the first rudimentary postal services came to those areas of central Africa generally referred to in philatelic circles as Rhodesia and Nyasaland. British Central Africa began issuing stamps in 1891 with those of Cecil John Rhodes' British South Africa Company (BSAC) following a year later. Shifting political events over the course of the next century resulted in several changes of territorial names: Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Rhodesia & Nyasaland, Rhodesia, Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe all took their place in the lexicon of philately. All but the latter three fall within the scope of my collecting interest.

Throughout their history these administrations have issued a range of relatively well designed and highly collectable postage stamps. Most of the items issued prior to 1935 have become increasingly costly in recent years. For example, the famous BSAC "Double Heads" – a much studied and beloved issue by Rhodesiaphiles -- which incidentally celebrates its centenary this year -- is now rather sadly largely beyond the depth of my wallet. Not to be discouraged however. There are plenty of other interesting avenues of opportunity to

pursue with regard to collecting and studying the wealth of philatelic material that otherwise exists. The Scott catalogue editors barely manage to scrape the surface. Shade and perforation varieties, flaws, postmarks, and oddities abound.



Careful scrutiny of dealer's wares can yield the unexpected. Postal history, stationery, aerophilately, and military mails add further dimensions. One of my sidelines is to collect identifiable town cancels on the 1d red of the 1905 Victoria Falls set. Not an expensive pursuit by any means, but as I happen to like this particular issue, the (probably never ending) assemblage of an array of postmarks

serves to maintain an ongoing interest. Every collector of British Empire and Commonwealth is well acquainted with the long 1935 Silver Jubilee omnibus issue of King George V. Southern Rhodesia issued a uniquely designed set (SC 33 – 36) which arguably represents the pinnacle of the pre-war engraver's skill and workmanship. Everyone should take a magnifying glass, examine that set, and admire it for all its beauty. I thank you for allowing me to briefly share some aspects of one of my areas of interest with you. Collect what you like and enjoy it accordingly.

Profile: Andrew Taylor was born in Yorkshire, England, arrived in Canada as a youngster, and has subsequently resided in Waterloo for a very long time. His interest in philately is tolerated by his wife and two daughters. Newly retired after a career with Environment Canada, he now has more time to work on developing his British Africa, British West Indies, and Scandinavian collections. A member of KWPS since sometime in the 1980s, he is also a member of the Rhodesian Study Circle.

**- Andrew Taylor,
Director**

President's Message (continued on page 5)

It is amazing to speculate about what it was like 75 years ago when the K-W Philatelic Society was formed. 1935 was near the end of the great depression and WW II was on the horizon. Some things have changed a lot and some are comparatively similar.

The "Quiet Hobby" by our own Kathryn Lamb is a great source of information for the

changing state of our hobby. In 1935 the dues were \$1.00 and are still very economical at \$15.00. In that era folk received much postal mail with stamps affixed. To-day e-mail has taken over.

The state of our club is very healthy - we currently have near 80 members and money in the bank.

Our annual Stampfest con-

tinues to provide funds for other club activities and keeping dues low.

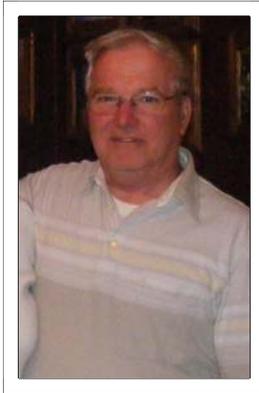
One important part of club work is sharing material. Everyone has one or many wonderful items that will be of interest to most other members.

Biography - Dave Pugh

My collecting began with my mum when I was about 8 and I was smitten with the little pieces of paper. My allowance (if I had any), was saved to purchase the bags of stamps when ever I could, and I did the approvals thing with several stamp firms along with several collecting friends. Do you remember Stamp Blowes in Stratford, then there was the Hiway Market on Hwy 8, Kitchener (I purchased my first Lyman's Cat. 1957 there and still have it) and free stamps in comic books to mention a few. My family saved everything for me, and the collection kept growing. I collected a number of countries of the British Colonies that I no longer have, selling the collections quite some time ago for reasonable sums. I have assisted many collectors and estates dispose of collections, some for very few dollars, and others for handsome sums for the family, two of which I am currently working on, and one more coming.

I have given away hoards of stamps over the years to kids and individuals. Today, my collecting has no resemblance to that of even 10 years ago. I still collect Canada mint for myself, and the used Canada for six grand kids, I play with back of the book material

of Canada, commemorative covers, some stationary. I have a collection of Canadian booklets, but Canada Post with their issuing policy put an end to that. I am now using the most recent booklets for postage.



My topical interest lies with fire and fire fighting, lighthouses and nautical markers, honeybees and cousins, stayed wire cable bridges and a few other hidden secrets, that keeps ones interest. If one was to watch me purchase from sales circuits, they would soon be totally confused with my purchases, saying what the heck does he collect.

I do have a unmanageable collection of Perth County Postal History including post cards which continues to

grow. I also collect lighthouses on postcards worldwide along with a few other topics. I also as most of us do, go through the thoughts "you have to downsize", but where do I start with 200 plus album/stock books etc. 24 albums alone of just lighthouses on stamps mounted, another thirty 3 ring binders of lighthouse postcards all different. I forgot to mention magazine and newspaper clippings.

I belong to four clubs, Saugeen, Stratford and Kitchener-Waterloo clubs locally, and life member on the Lakehead Stamp Club Thunder Bay, Ontario, having lived there for thirty years (executive for 25 of those years). I have shown stamps in exhibitions for 25 years and do it for the fun and exposure of the hobby, and not really excited whether I achieve a merit or silver award let along gold in show, I don't always agree, but take my lumps with a smile, its my collection not theirs.

I am a life member of the "The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada" and member of the "Postal History Society of Canada".

**- Dave Pugh,
Member**

President's Message (continued)

You can share your collection with our club by making a one minute (or two) "Show & Tell" at any meeting. If you make it in writing we can also put it on our website for "the World" to see.

This is like doing a one page exhibit that is a great means to start doing your own album pages or an actual exhibit for our annual



Stampfest Show or contests.

Thanks for your ongoing support from our directors and many willing volunteers! We all can learn much from working and communicating with our stamp brothers and sisters.

**- Jim Oliver,
President**

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Let us help you complete
your collection!



Royal Philatelic Society of Canada
Chapter 13

Our meetings are open to everyone.
Come on by!

Next meetings: April 14th, May 12th, June 9th,
September 8th

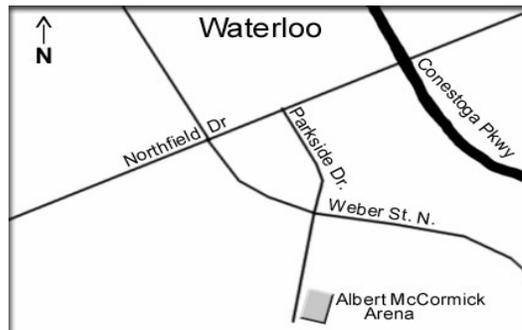
Time: 7:15 p.m.

Place: Albert McCormick Arena (Community
Room)

500 Parkside Drive, Waterloo

Annual membership*:

Adults: \$ 15 Family: \$ 20 Children are free!!!



Always something nasty in the mail...



Newsletter

Thanks to director Andrew Taylor and members Dr. George Vanner and Dave Pugh for submitting newsletter articles!

We would like to feature more members in future issues. Make some notes now and submit an article about you and your collection to our newsletter editor Kerstin Kramer via email at Publicity@KWStampclub.org.

DO IT NOW!! ...

- Jim Oliver,
President