

The Bulletin

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Hope, Joy and Peace

(This is from a Stamp Quest insert from 2007)

When we think of Christmas, many things come to mind: beautifully wrapped presents, family gatherings and, of course, the reason why we celebrate this day at all – a babe lying in a manger some 2,000 years ago in Bethlehem. The manger or nativity scene is one of the most widely recognized symbols of Christmas.

A symbol is a thing that represents or stands for something else, especially a material object representing something abstract. Some example are:

A balance scale represents Justice
5 interlocking rings symbolize the Olympic games
A light bulb represents an idea

In 2007, three religious symbols – the manger, the dove and the angel – played a big role in a three stamp issue called Christmas: Hope, Joy and Peace. A “Permanent” stamp at the domestic rate features a nativity scene full of Hope; the US rate (\$0.93) stamp shows a joyful trumpeting Angel and the International rate stamp (\$1.55) portrays a Dove of Peace.



The original artwork used for each of the stamps was created in different media. The nativity scene was created on a computer; but made to look like woodcut art; the angel stamp was designed from three oil paintings; and the dove was created as a paper sculpture.

Although each stamp has a different look, they do share something in common – they’re symbolic of the true meaning of Christmas.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE
HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY**

Meeting^u Schedules

Saugeen Stamp Club
First Tuesday

Kincardine Stamp Club
First Wednesday

Owen Sound Stamp Club
Zoom Auction First Wed
Zoom Mtg Second Thurs
Mtg Third Wed

Guelph Stamp Club
First and Third
Wednesday

KW Philatelic Society
Second Thurs
Sept to June

Oxford Phil Society
Zoom Auction
First and third Friday

North York Phil. Society
Zoom Auction
Third Monday

LASO Zoom Meeting
Second Tues

Check with the club before
going to its meeting.

And the other side of
Christmas



Message Page

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Since no one has contacted me to take over as Bulletin editor I have made a decision. I will continue to do the Bulletin but in a new format. It will only be one page and will only contain what is now page 1 and 4 combined. There will only be information about upcoming events and news that should be shared. If someone submits an article then it can be included on the back page. This will remove the burden of the editor coming up with two articles of philatelic material each month.

The newsletter will be emailed to club members who have email and mailed to those without or by special request.

Also as mentioned in earlier newsletters, our President Walt Berry is stepping down as of the next elections. Please keep in mind that our club can only continue to thrive with help from the membership. The job is primarily to be at the church in time to open it since the president has a key and to keep the meeting on track. There will be no need for a monthly Message from the President any more since the Bulletin will have a new format.

If you feel that is something you can do PLEASE let it be known. Don't be shy about promoting yourself or let someone know you would like to be nominated.

I was thinking about it myself but I cannot do the Bulletin and be President and also I am not sure how much longer I can do the stairs.



*HOH, HOH, HOH and Happy Holidays
From Walt Berry and Diane Jarvis*

Andorra – A Dual Country?

Submitted by Ralph Wyndham

Andorra, with a population of about 79,000 (2021), is a tiny nation in the eastern Pyrenees Mountains surrounded by France on one side and Spain on the other. Almost exactly the same size as the Island of Montreal, the nation's highest peak reaches 2,946m(9,665ft) while its lowest point – where the Gran Valira River flows into Spain, is 840m(2756ft).

As a parliamentary co-principality, Andorra's political structure is rather unique. The two princes are the Bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Urgell in Spain (which includes Andorra), and the president of France. This unusual arrangement makes the French president an elected monarch who is not elected by the people of Andorra. The nation is a member of the European Council, but not a member of the European Union (EU).

Having had no currency of its own, the country always used that of its neighbours. Prior to the adoption of the euro, both the Spanish peseta and



French franc were accepted in commerce with the peseta, given its use by government and banks, dominating. Upon the adoption of the euro in the early 2000s, Andorra “simply” switched to accepting the new money. However, after lengthy negotiations with the EU, the euro was finally adopted as Andorra's official currency in 2012.

Andorra has no postal service of its own. The postal administrations of France (LaPoste) and of Spain (Correos) operate separate mail services within the country. France has 7 post offices in the nation, Spain has 8. Stamps of neither France nor Spain are valid within Andorra's territory. As a result, both administrations design and issue their own unique stamps for use on Andorran mail. Letter drop boxes for both La Poste and Correos can be found beside one another. Use Spanish Andorra stamps if you drop a letter into a Correos letter box or French ones to use La Poste. Postage is only required for international mail – mail service is free within the country.

In 2003, I purchased stamps from a vendor in Andorra. My order arrived in an envelope franked with these five Europa-themed French Andorra stamps. The stamp on the left was issued in 1980, the middle two in 1979, and the two horizontal stamps at right were Andorra's 1983 Europa issue. After the adoption of the euro, many countries, including Spain (in 2002), declared their pre-euro stamps invalid. French franc-denominated stamps, including those of Andorra, are still accepted by La Poste.

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The poster is for the National Stamp Exhibition 2026, held by the Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society. It features a blue background with a red border. On the left, there is a logo for the Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society (since 1935) and the City of Waterloo logo. The main text on the right reads: 'National Stamp Exhibition Exposition nationale de timbres', 'Royal * 2026 * Royale', 'hosted by / présentée par KITCHENER-WATERLOO PHILATELIC SOCIETY', 'June 12-14, 2026', 'Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex', '101 Father David Bauer Drive, Waterloo, On N2L 0B4', 'Exhibits • Dealers • Social Events', 'Youth & New Collector Booth', 'President's Reception and Awards Dinner', and 'Everyone welcome – Tout le monde est le bienvenu'.

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