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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Yes it is that time of year once again. Whether you celebrate the holiday season like they did in 1898, or in 2013, be sure you enjoy it and share it with family and friends. On behalf of President Walt Berry; Vice-President Peter Kritz; Secretary Mike Wagner; Treasurer Ralph Wyndham; Sales Circuit Manager Jim Brett; Tick-



et Seller Extraordinaire Marion Ace; Super Auctioneer Dave Pugh and his able assistants Dieter Albrecht, and Ken Magee; Coffee Lady Liz Wolfe; yours truly, Editor Bill Findlay; and all of you who contribute to this great club — we all hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Safe holidays to all!

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- SAUGEEN STAMP CLUB, Tuesday December 6
- KINCARDINE STAMP CLUB Wednesday December 7
- OWEN SOUND STAMP CLUB Wednesday December 21
- GUELPH STAMP CLUB Tuesday December 20
- FIRST DAY OF WINTER Wednesday December 21!!

One Page Exhibits—

upcoming topics:

December:
Christmas

January: TBA



THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMNWALT BERRY

The Saugeen Stamp Club has had another successful year – great attendance, lots of good fellowship and fun. Thanks to the many volunteers who step up to do the many little things to make the meetings fun and interesting for all. The December meeting will feature our annual “funny money” auction of donated items – using only the President’s money. Dig through your treasures and provide a few items to this interesting evening... fun will be had by all.

As well, bring along samplings of your favourite treat to share with others – (you will get to share other members favourites too).

For those interested, there will be a gift exchange – bring along a gift and take one home. A table will be set up for the exchange – leave your gift and take a number for the exchange.

Once again, there will be a draw for a free one year membership – providing your club dues are paid by the January meeting. Treasurer Ralph will welcome your annual dues at either of the next two meetings.

It is also nice to see our members supporting the efforts of other club shows – both near and far. Their volunteer members appreciate the connecting with old friends and chatting about individual interests.

Most importantly, ENJOY and SHARE the hobby of stamp collecting.

Thank you for your ongoing support!!

I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.

My favorite mythical creature? The honest politician.

Interesting results in the recent election of a new President for our friends and neighbours to the south. Regardless of your thoughts it was Democracy at work – guess the masses decided they wanted to some change.

What’s coming up...

See the Grand News for complete information on the following shows:

Sunday December 25—Merry Christmas!

January 14 2017—Brantford Stamp Club Annual Show

January 21 2017—68th Annual CATHEX—St. Catherines SC

March 18 2017—OXPEX/OTEX oxford Philatelic Society show

May 2016—Saugeen Stamp Club Annual Show



***ANOTHER 'MEASURED' MOMENT.....Jim Measures
NEW ZEALAND'S 1935 PENNY KIWI***

The New Zealand 1d Kiwi stamp of 1935 (Scott #186 & 186A) is worthy of a second look. There were three dies prepared for this stamp, and most catalogues only acknowledge two—Scott calls them Die I and Die II. The first shows almost no colour in the sky (#186); the second shows a coloured sky and the clouds are clearly outlined (see upper right illustration).

There is however another die to consider. The Royal Philatelic Society of NZ shows three dies—they call them Die 1, 2 and 3. The first is the same as Scott's Die I; however the RPSNZ identifies two versions of Scott's Die II—Die 2 was only used for stamps issued in booklets, and Die 3 was used for regular sheet stamps. Note point A in the accompanying illustration.

Catalogue value can change drastically depending on the die. Scott's Die I is \$2.50 mint and \$1 used; Die II is \$9 and \$4. In the New Zealand catalogue Campbell Paterson, Die 1 is \$4 and \$2; Die 2 with a single NS Star wmk is \$30 and \$7; Die 3, with the multiple NZ Star wmk, has various shades and is priced at \$20 and \$7.

Perf varieties affect price: originally issued at 14x13 1/2, a small number of sheets were perf'd at 13 1/2x14 - very rare and so the price in CP is \$325 and \$130!



Saugeen Stamp Club

Chapter 220, Royal Philatelic Society of Canada
Chapter 1538, American Philatelic Society
Chapter 21, Grand River Valley Philatelic Association

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GRVPA NEWS...

Check out the latest *GRAND NEWS* for information about our fellow clubs, and their meetings and shows.

The next GRVPA Directors meeting is January 10 2017.

THE BOMBARDIER B-12 CS

With the advent of winter, many will be thinking about that great winter sporting machine—the skidoo, or snowmobile. Canada has a long history of such machines, and this stamp (Scott 1605U, from the Historic Vehicles set) celebrates one of the more interesting versions. The B-12 is a 12 passenger, wood bodied, “snowmobile”, built around 1949. There is quite a bit of footage on Youtube if you would like to see one in action—and I don’t mean vintage footage—some die hard fans still have operating versions of this interesting winter machine!



I changed my password to 'incorrect'." So whenever I forget what it is, the computer will say 'Your password is incorrect.'"



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