

The Bulletin

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Upcoming Meetings

- Saugeen Stamp Club
Tuesday August 6
- Kincardine Stamp Club
Wednesday August 7
- Owen Sound Stamp
Club
Wednesday August 21
- Guelph Stamp Club
Wednesday August 7
Wednesday August 21
- KW Philatelic Society
Thursday August 1

A Stamp With An Interesting Story



This stamp is from Korea, the Land of the Morning Calm. In the corners are the plum blossom, the royal flower of the present dynasty which has existed over 500 years. In the four corners of the central square are letters taken from the original alphabet of all languages and representing the four spirits that stand at the four corners of the earth and support it on their shoulders. The central device is an ancient Chinese symbol which represents the dual principle in nature, the male and the female, the beginning and the end, the union of all opposite forces, of which the highest product is man. This symbol pervades all oriental art and thought. Those of you who have seen Vedder's illustrations of the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam will remember the ever recurring swirl which "represents the gradual concentration of the elements that combine to form life; the sudden pause through the reverse of the movement that marks the instant of life, and then the gradual, ever-widening dispersion again of these elements into space." The swirl is only another form of the Chinese symbol.

A postage stamp is a tiny thing but it holds in its pictured space thoughts that embrace the beginning and the end of things, life, death and—we know not what.

(Taken from John N. Luff's [What Philately Teaches](#))

One Page Exhibits - Upcoming Topics

Aug -
Canada

Sept -
Medals (Awards)

October -
Governor-
General of
Canada


THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN.....Walt Berry

The July meeting was another interesting meeting with discussions about the electronic delivery of the Grand News beginning in the fall of 2019. Members must ensure they have a desired point of delivery. Many members have dual membership in several clubs – which club will manage delivery of the Grand News. Some members do not have email capabilities – how will they receive their Grand News. Who will manage distribution of the Grand News in the club? There will be a few bumps and grinds to work through – please be patient during the transition phase.

Also, there has been some mention of having a TRADE NIGHT – **no auction**.

The September meeting will be a night to bring along any material you wish to sell, trade or share with other members. This will be an opportunity to share your collecting interests with others and perhaps fill a few blank spaces in your collection. One should be prepared for the meeting by having material priced / available for viewing by others. The regular meeting format is a good venue for moving your material to new homes – but the buy; sell / trade format may be just the way to share your collecting passion and enable better material to be moved along to new homes at fair and reasonable pricess.

Enjoy the remaining summer weather – while it lasts.



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What's coming up:

See the Grand News for complete details for the following:

August 10 – Kinex 2019 – Kincardine Stamp Club

Sept 7-8 – National Postage Stamp and Coin Show

Another Measured Moment.....

Would you like to drive a "Microsoft" car?

I am often asked by some of my stamp friends, why I don't have Email. The professional writers at General Motors said it better than I could when they issued a press release in response to Bill Gates' criticism. They explained what our cars would be like if they developed automotive technology in the same way that the computer industry has developed.

- For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash twice a day.
- Everytime they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
- Occasionally, your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pullover to the side of the road, close all the windows, shut off the car, restart it and reopen all the windows before you could continue. For some reason we would simply accept this.
- Occasionally, executing a manoeuvre such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
- Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive - but would run on only five percent of the roads.
- The oil, water temperature and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a signal "This Car has Performed an Illegal Operation" warning light.
- The airbag system would ask "Are you sure?" before deploying.
- Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.
- Every time a new car was introduced, car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.

I do have a computer, how else would I write this column? I have experienced many problems such as those in GM's parody. These problems do nothing but build stress, something I can do without. I do not however have Email, I don't need more stress. On a positive note, I have always enjoyed visiting my Post Office and finding mail, especially when it has some interesting stamps on it. Some of the most interesting American stamps are the series of coil stamps showing historic vehicles. The first of these appeared in 1981, there are more than 60 different stamps in the series now. Since they were issued only in coils, I choose to collect them in either pairs or strips of 3 or 4. They may show antique vehicles, but none of them were designed to require you to press a start button in order to stop, or to turn off the engine.





Remember - NO AUCTION TRADE NIGHT – SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

Saugeen Stamp Club

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Society of Canada

Chapter 1538, American
Philatelic Society

Chapter 21, Grand River Valley
Philatelic Association

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