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Thoughts of an Old Curmudgeon #5

Canada Post has done it again. Every employee received a Christmas Bonus this year. It is my understanding that each fulltime employee received the following booklet of 10 "P" "Thank You" stamps. I received one from an employee in the Goderich Post Office. It does pay to be friends and this employee has treated me well over the past number of years at the counter. It is my understanding that the stamps will not be sold over the counter nor by mail, I could be wrong, but? Note the booklet has no Bar Code for scanning purposes.



"Correction" I received a note from our esteemed member from Carlow NB this past week. He kindly corrected my statement in the last bulletin concerning salvage on stamps. As I stated "salvage on the edges around stamps" is an incorrect use of the word as spelled. Salvage is the remains of a rusty old ship/vessel resting on the ocean floor. What we have on the edges of stamps is selvage (US spelling) or selvege (British spelling). Selvege is also the finished edge on a sheet of cloth that keeps it from unraveling. Since cloth was invented before stamps, I am assuming the printers borrowed the term from the weavers. **"Thank you" to Ralph for your assistance.**

How do you use the very common term F.D.C. (First Day Cover). F.D.C. of what – stamp, commemorative cover, show, exhibition, event (flight)? Used by many Post Office Bureau's O.F.D.C. – (Official First Day Cover) but also by many Post Office Bureau's D.O.I.C. – Day (Date) of Issue Cover Used by Canada Post.

I need help – can we answer a question as to how to collect the commercial Picture Postage. How much of the cover do we save for the details needed?



Obviously there is no date, but a note can be provided as to when it was used or received. Let me know and I can provide your suggestions in a future issue. Maybe we can provide some scans with details. A few examples are shown here.

Upcoming Meetings

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Saugeen Stamp Club
Cancelled

Kincardine Stamp Club
Cancelled

Owen Sound Stamp Club
Cancelled

Guelph Stamp Club
Cancelled

KW Philatelic Society
Cancelled?

Check with the club
before going to its meet-
ing. It may be cancelled.

ONE PAGE EXHIBITS

UPCOMING TOPICS

NEXT MEETING -

Design a Covid
Stamp

NEXT MEETING + 1 -

Airmail

NEXT MEETING + 2 -

Flowers

NEXT MEETING + 3 -

My Favourite Stamp

Message From the President

Welcome to 2021 –

I am certain there will be many New Years Resolutions regarding the COVID-19 prevention & controls we have been required to follow. Unfortunately, times will not get back to what we wish to be normal for a while yet. The vaccine has been developed and is in the process of being distributed according to a set plan. We cannot relax until the world in general has a grip on COVID-19 and comes to grips with what must be done to manage further outbreaks.

I hope your family bubble is keeping safe and healthy. Needless to say, these past 9 months have been very trying for many folks and devastating to many businesses and workplaces. Please do your part to support friends/family and local businesses through to the end of all restrictions. On our club level, the GRVPA has two notices in this bulletin... one seeking an individual to be an advertising manager for the Grand News and the other is a notice of the AGM and election of officers.

Remember, the club will have a draw for all the covers mailed to interim Treasurer Peter Kritz containing your annual dues – the dues are only \$10.00 to cover the monthly mailing of the Bulletin. I have spoken with St Matthews Church and have been assured our meeting space will be available to us once this pandemic runs its course. In the meantime, stay safe & stay healthy – the COVID-19 virus does not discriminate. Wear your mask, wash your hands, stay 6 feet apart – stay in your family bubble. I know this was difficult to do during the thanksgiving and Christmas period when we are normally getting together with family and friends. Support your family and friends by keeping in contact to make sure they are coping with what may be difficult times.

Dear Members of GRVPA clubs:

The Grand River Valley Philatelic Association is calling an Annual General Meeting for March 9 via Zoom. The meeting will start at 7pm and is open to all GRVPA clubs and their members.

During the meeting we will be conducting elections for the following positions: President, VP (East), VP (West), VP (Liaison), Treasurer and Secretary. The election will be by anonymous (The meeting host will be able see votes) poll via Zoom and open to all members in attendance. Anyone that wishes to run for an executive position will need to submit a nomination request to Leigh Hogg at leighh@belmontvillagefinancial.com with the email title as GRVPA Elections 2020. A simple email with your name and the position you wish to run for, will suffice. **Please volunteer!** In addition to the elections, we are asking all clubs to submit the names of two directors for the GRVPA board. It is hoped that the directors can attend the board of directors' meetings, held quarterly. Under the present circumstances the meetings will be held by Zoom. After the pandemic is over, future meeting may be held in person, via Zoom or a combination thereof.

Thank You and Stay Safe

The Executive of the GRVPA: Joe Trauzzi (VP Liaison); Leigh Hogg (VP East); Bill Findlay (VP West)
David Oberholtzer (Treasurer)

From the Editor

Sorry for the delay with the Bulletin this month. I know you all wait at your mailbox for it religiously. (LOL). But with preps for Christmas and Christmas, time ran away from me. I had a wonderful couple of days with my kids and grandchildren, which was a treat. But now back to reality and isolation. But as has been mentioned it is also a time to catch up on projects that have been started but not completed. Fortunately I have many hobbies so time does not drag for me. In fact I cannot believe it will be a year very soon that this "wonderful" situation started. Hope you all are keeping well and we can resume meetings soon in the new year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE, KEEP SAFE UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Another Measured Moment.....

St. John's Anglican Church - Wakefield, New Zealand

In the years 1970 - 1987, New Zealand annually issued 3 Christmas stamps. Typically the mid-value stamp featured some New Zealand church. In 1981 the church chosen was St. John's Anglican Church in the village of Wakefield, about 30 miles south of Nelson, the northern most city on the South Island.

This church is the oldest church on the South Island and was built in 1846. A feature of this church that attracts tourists from around the world is seen on the ceiling. It seems that when the building was under construction they had some wet weather and a cat with wet feet walked on some of the lumber being prepared for the new building. The tracks left by that cat were never washed off and they can be seen to-day, high above the worshipers by anyone in the building.



These stamps are a set of 3 known as the "Black Border" Christmas stamps as they are the only set of Christmas stamps to show that feature.

Notices:

1. Dues are due – only \$10.00 to cover the Bulletin expenses. Peter Kritz is acting treasurer for the time being and your cheque can be mailed to him at the following address.

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If you use a current commemorative stamp on your payment to Peter, the envelopes will be kept and a draw for a winner for them all will be made from all those who send in their payments.

2. Dieter and Margo have asked that we let everyone know that they have run into some hard decisions regarding both having some health issues. It is not Covid 19.

Dieter has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease which he is having much difficulty with trying to do every day chores around the house, one being that they burn wood. In addition to that, Margo has a confirmed aneurysm on the brain and it is affecting her ability to do much. She can no longer drive.

Their daughter and son's families are in the process of finding accommodation in Ottawa (Manotick) for them, so their move may be soon, likely January.

They have to find someone to look into the property in their absence and figure out just what is going to happen going forward.

Saugeen Stamp Club

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Chapter 1538, American
Philatelic Society
Chapter 21, Grand River Valley
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Carlow Clips by Ralph Wyndham

Firstly, I want to share a cute little story about a stamp purchase I made recently on Hip-stamp. The cover in which the stamps arrived was so obviously prepared with such great care that I was moved to message the vendor with my complements for the care taken. I made the observation that "It looks like you have a very cooperative person behind the post office counter in Collingwood Corner" to which he replied, "My wife is the cooperative person behind the counter ... She's the postmaster there." How lucky can one collector be? It's such a sharp contrast to Walt's experience with the "Iron Lady" postmaster in Brussels.

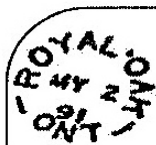
Secondly, going back to Jim's 'Falkland Islands' Measured Moment in the November Bulletin, I thought it was interesting to observe that the post office in Stanley still had many full sheets of these iconic stamps in stock 49 years after they had been issued and 12 years after the switch to the decimal pound. I wonder if Jim would be able to add the stamps to his collection if these had made it onto the market?

As for penguins on the Falklands, besides the king penguin depicted on that old 5 shilling stamp, two other species, the Magellanic and Gentoo, also reside here. That war almost 40 years ago now provided an unexpected boon to these two small penguin species. When the Argentineans invaded, they mined the beach in Yorke Bay, near Stanley. Because they are too light to set off explosions, these little penguins have, over the decades, established a thriving colony among the mines.

Sadly, however, this situation may end soon. Although the island residents say they are ok with leaving the mines in place in order to leave the birds alone, Britain, as a signatory to the Ottawa land mine convention, is obligated to remove the mines, likely causing a great deal of harm to the colony.

Re : The Grand News

Wendi Trauzzi is looking for someone to spearhead a Grand News advertising drive. The job would entail contacting potential advertisers for the Grand News. The person would have to collect any outstanding fees and forward it to the treasurer as well as receive the ads and forward them to Wendi. Please consider helping out the GRVPA.



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