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A Tail of Two Turkeys, Maybe More

From Bob Collects Stamps Website

(I came across this website and related to him as I am also a 50+ year stamp accumulator that is still learning everyday new things about stamps.....Editor)

No one is really sure how the turkey got its name.

A story I have heard is that the bird's striking feathers and tail remind some of what they thought Turkish sultans looked like in their royal finery.



An Ottoman Sultan

Another is that the birds originally arrived in England on a ship that first stopped in the eastern Mediterranean, and where they came from was first confused.

Either way, the North American wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*) is only one of two living species. The second is the ocellated turkey (*Meleagris ocellata*) that lives primarily on the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico, Belize, and in parts of Guatemala.

Turkeys have been around for a long time. The earliest turkey fossils date from the early Miocene, about 23 million years ago. Fossil turkey bones have been found in many places, and many fossil species have been named, but only a few are still considered valid.

Two recently extinct species are known. The (*Meleagris californica*) had a limited range from the area north to Santa Barbara. Turkeys are do well in deserts, so were isolated from the It became extinct about 10,000 years ago. It is a in the La Brea tar pits in Los Angeles.

The southwestern turkey (*Meleagris crassipes*) was found in Arizona and New Mexico. It also became extinct around 10,000 years ago.

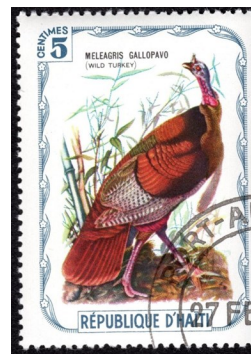
The date of those extinctions coincide with the extinction of the larger mammals, such as mammoth, camels, and horses from North America. Like them, the increasing pressure of hunting, along with climate change, probably added together to lead to their extinction.

Some people today think the first turkey was eaten by the English colonists in 1621. However, the Mayans were domesticating and feasting on turkeys long before. And of course, there are those indigenous peoples that hunted them over 10,000 years ago.

Modern domestic turkeys are not brilliant animals, but there is no truth to the idea that they will look up at rain and drown.

However, wild turkeys are smart and fiercely territorial. I, personally, have been chased for about a half mile by turkeys after they attacked and dented my truck.

In a much-quoted letter, Benjamin Franklin wrote his sister that turkeys were to be admired. But he never advocated the bird to be a national symbol. He much preferred the eagle.



A turkey, originally painted by John James Audubon appears on this Cinderella (not valid for postage) stamp printed by the pseudo government of exiled Haitian ex-president Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier.



Ocellated Turkey on a Stamp of Mexico

Californian turkey the greater Los Angeles forest birds, and don't eastern populations. common fossil found

Upcoming Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club
Tues April 5

Kincardine Stamp Club

Owen Sound Stamp Club
Zoom Auction
First Wed

Zoom Meeting
Third Wed

Guelph Stamp Club

KW Philatelic Society

Check with the club before going to its meeting. It may be cancelled.

ONE PAGE EXHIBITS

UPCOMING TOPICS

APRIL -
Design a Covid Stamp

MAY -
Airmail

JUNE -
Flowers

JULY -
My Favourite Stamp

Message from the President

Greetings to all!!

It has been a long 24 months since we have been able to hold an in-person meeting and we certainly hope the time is near when we are able to gather again. In the meantime, Bill & Phil have done an excellent job of keeping friends together with the scheduled zoom / auction meetings on-line. Thanks to both for keeping the connection, and to all members who are participating in these activities.

Also, I must apologize to some members who were not notified of the December 7th meeting cancellation. I had been in contact with the ROYAL PHILATELIC office to get the insurance certificate required by our meeting venue – and there was indication we would get it in time for the meeting. However, there was a bit of a hic-up and the certificate was not emailed to me until 1:26 on December 7th . In the mid morning, I began sending blind copy messages to all members on the membership list hoping everyone would check their email and be advised of the cancellation. Obviously, that did not happen as some members did go to the venue. The Church does require a certificate of insurance for any organization renting space in the Church. My apologies – but I encourage all members to check their email for cancellation of a meeting especially during the winter months.

The Covid restrictions are being lifted as the cases of infection drops – I believe we should attempt to have a meeting in April at the Church prior to our annual show scheduled for May 7th in the Walkerton Legion. Please keep alert for an update on this scheduled meeting. Once again, I will make an effort to ensure we have both the insurance certificate from the ROYAL and the rental agreement from the Church.

During the break in meetings, I am sure many of the members have mulled over their accumulation of collectibles – thus at the planned meeting in April members may submit a maximum of five items for the in house auction. We must discuss plans for the show, frames required, set up at the legion and the lunch counter.

Keep well & safe – we have made it through the past 24 months and look forward to meet again.

Saturday May 7, 2022

Saugeen Stamp Club Annual Show

Royal Canadian Legion
505 Scott St Walkerton
Hours 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Door Prizes / Exhibits / Dealers / Circuit Books / Lunch Counter
Free admission / Free Parking

Further information contact: President Walt Berry wsberry@sympatico.ca

**New
Location**

Another Measured Moment.....

Christmas Island

I expect that most of us are aware that Christmas Island, Nova Scotia has for many years used a special Postmark during November and December; as we have had our *BULLETIN* mailed from that location at least 3 times.



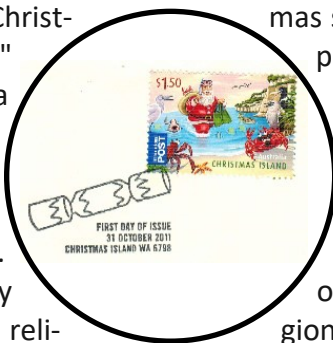
In 2021, I sent several Christmas Cards there in hopes of getting their special postmark. A few friends back the envelopes, as they know that got a surprise! Since I had sent them early they arrived before the first of November, and received an additional

mark, "First Day of Issue", marking the first day that the unique postmark was used. Perhaps the extra time I have had in my Stamp Den, due to the Pandemic, has had an

unexpected result, as I was able to get started early on Christmas Cards, and they were in the mail earlier than usual.



As I also collect the stamps of Christmas Island, Australia; in 2011 I contacted them and sent a number of Cards to have their Christmas stamps applied and mailed back here to Canada. Their only "Special" Office First Day Cancel, but it did have a Christmas theme. One thing that I enjoy about their stamps is the variety of Christmas stamps; sometimes a more humorous theme. It is interesting that with only a small population of Christians Christmas Island is mainly a variety of religions represented, predominately Moslem and other Asian religions.



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Saugeen Stamp Club

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Chapter 21, Grand River Valley Philatelic Association

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https://stampsmarter.org/AuctionFiles/Cat_OwenSC.aspx – You may view listed items in the current auction on this page. These will be the same scans used during the auction

<https://stampsmarter.org/AuctionFiles/OwenTCs.html> – Terms and Conditions - please read if you are listing or bidding in the auction

This was contributed by Dave Pugh last year but it is just as appropriate this year as well.....

We finally have ice on Lake Huron, and we have snow, more than I have seen in the last 10 or so years. For those that are train buffs, this time last year, we had a train that lost power and braking, thus the loaded cars that it was pushing up the North Harbour rail line decided to roll backwards pushing the two locomotives down the line past the Elevators to the end of tracks and beyond. This action took out a loaded transport truck, pushed a pickup with two occupants aside, polished off some security fencing and finished off a historical fishing shack beyond the end of the rail. The destruction in the wake was cleaned up and things went back to normal. It was a benefit to the local area, as it broke the boredom of Covid 19 Stay Home directive.

I have talked to quite a few of our members during the last few weeks from which most are doing quite well. When I called Murray in London, he was having trouble finding room to eat his dinner, stamps kept getting in his way. Ross is well, Ken is busy delivering meals to the seniors around Clinton, and Tom is getting an itchy foot waiting to be back on the road visiting all his friends at various clubs. Follow the directives! Reach out to our membership, a telephone call is best, even if it is a short hello and small talk. On that note, Stay Safe, Keep Well, We will get through this and see each other again in a gathering of the club.

Knowledge is limited.
Imagination encircles
the world.

Albert Einstein



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