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Thoughts of an old curmudgeon #11

By Dave Pugh

Well, the big show is over and I was unable to go as Barb and I had other commitments that had to be attended to. The benefit of that is that the stash under the mattress survives to be spent another day. There were a few dealers that I would have liked to visit, but good old snail mail will be tested to see what can be added to my collecting interest.

And I recently inventoried my collection and came up with a scary number. This does depend on the following: Subjects, File, Folder, Binder, Album or Book. Each had to be a collection that supported itself, examples such as, country, postal history, topical, individual issues, covers and post cards. Now I have wrestled with a number of groupings as to what do they represent, and I have come to the conclusion that some of the collection fits into a category that could be called "Flavour of the Week or Month", or "Why did I purchase that?". I am sure that I am not the only one that has a portion of their collection in either one or both of these categories. So some of these items will be disposed of (sold or donated) over the next few months or years, this is also age driven.

Now to a totally different subject! Have you sat down to a really good book lately? Well we all have a copy of this one and probably dive into it on a



regular basis if you are a collector of Canadian stamps! Yup, I am talking about the Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps, the year of issue really does not matter a great deal but helps. The section that is really interesting is beyond the regular issues. Most of us refer to this area as Back of the Book Stamps and Articles "B.O.B". I won't go into the various topics which are many like Airmail, Semi-postal, Registration, cancellers and so on. So, the next time you have a bit of time at your desk or in front of the box, pick it up and go to B.O.B. The result is that you will be better informed. There is more to collecting Canada than just commemoratives or regular stamps.

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I am looking forward to the club's summer and fall meetings and activities, check out the summary of events in this and future issues of the bulletin.

Upcoming Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club
Tues July 5

Kincardine Stamp Club
Wed July 6

Owen Sound Stamp Club
Wed July 20

Guelph Stamp Club
Tues July 5
Tues July 19

KW Philatelic Society
Thurs July 14

Check with the club before going to its meeting.

ONE PAGE EXHIBITS

UPCOMING TOPICS

JULY -
Memorable Postcard

AUGUST-
My Favourite Stamp

SEPT -
Fables

OCT -
Clothing

Message from the President

The good weather is upon us - and we will take it all for the next 2 – 3 months.

It was good being able to come together without the need to cover up with a mask but I do believe we are still in for a long haul with the pandemic. With that said, there are still a number of locations where masks must be worn. It is important for everyone to do what they believe is the right thing to keep well and safe.

Many of the members ventured down to CAPEX 2022 – I am sure there will be many stories to tell / what they saw / what they bought.

We have booked the Walkerton Legion for next year – same first Saturday in May.

Please remember that we have a guest speaker for the July meeting and THERE IS NO AUCTION. We must respect the speaker and not have other activities to take away from the presentation.

Read your bulletin to be informed what activities being planned for future meetings through the next several months.

July 5th - Doors open at 7:00 pm

- 7:30 Short business meeting
- There will be no Auction for tonight only
- There will be a one-page exhibit of your "Favorite postcard(s)" (bring out a page for show), Remember it is till a one page exhibit.
- 8:00 pm Guest speaker Mike Smith, freelance writer for Canadian Stamp News, Post Cards "Deltiology".
His talk will be of the local Huron County and surrounding area featuring Ruben Sallows, Photographer of the 1920's. Photographs taken by Ruben Sallows were published into many post cards and sold by confectioners widely.
Mike will have a selection of his published works on various post card subjects and publishers, I understand at modest cost.
Time for viewing his material and if you bring some items, he may be able to provide ideas

August 2nd - 7:00 pm doors open

- 7:30 pm business meeting
- one page exhibit of stamps of "My Favorite Stamp"
- regular auction, however members can have up five lots, but two of them must be of better quality with reserve Please place a label to describe your lots for easy listing for each lot

September 6th - 7:00 pm doors open

- 7:30 pm business meeting
- one page exhibit of stamps of "Fables"
- regular auction of three lots per member (Bring some small change / coin)

October 1st - Saturday, morning afternoon or October 15th

- 10:00 am to 3.00 pm club sales circuit, sell, trade and purchase your own material
- maybe even a Auction (details provide later) (Bring some small change / coin)
- proposed that he club will provide lunch, refreshments
- location will likely be at our regular venue, The Church

October 4th - 7:00 pm doors open

- 7:30 pm business meeting
- one page exhibit of stamps "Clothing"
- regular auction of three lots per member (some small change / coin)

Happy Collecting!!

Another Measured Moment

My adventure with Covid 19 and why I missed our Show in May.

On the last Thursday of April at 8:00pm, I was taken to Palmerston hospital, {Emerg.}, in an ambulance, as I was feeling unwell and had tested positive on one of those "rapid tests". I was examined by a doctor who said that I had done "Exactly the right thing", in coming there and having had my 3 shots of Covid Vaccine, and was regularly taking extra Vitamin C every day for years. He said that, although I did have Covid, I was not so severe as to be admitted to hospital. Then by 10:00pm he said that I was OK to go home to Clifford. Problem - I was in Palmerston, without a car, so I asked them to call me a taxi. After calling 2 taxi companies I was told that no taxi was willing to carry a Covid patient, They suggested I sleep on the gurney, a stretcher on wheels, until 6:00am when perhaps they could arrange for a ride to Clifford. In the morning, at 6:00am there was still no ride available.

I know that Clifford is full of caring people who would offer assistance, but the first person who is always there when somebody needs assistance is Rev. Doug Bott. They had offered me a "Stupid" phone *{some people call them smart, but I call them stupid because of the way I see so many people using them}* to use. I attempted to call my wife, Rita, but when she answered, I could hear her but she couldn't hear me. The nurses had been very helpful, so I asked one of them to assist me, but they got the same result. They suggested that I use the telephone on the wall, which was intended for internal use only. I was shown how to get an outside line and was then able to call Rita, and then Doug Bott, I did advise him the taxi's had refused to carry me, because of Covid. However he said, "I will be there in 18 minutes". 18 minutes later, I was in the parking lot watching him pull in.

The "jungle telegraph" works well in Clifford. Within a day, we had, perhaps a dozen calls from friends and neighbours, offering any help that we may need. One of them was Terry Birch who lives beside the variety store in town. Terry said that he knew that I always get my Saturday Star at the variety store, so he offered to bring it down to me and "is there anything else that you might need or want?". I named a couple of items that we could also use. He arrived at our door to say that the variety store was closed for renovations, so he was going to Harriston to get what we had asked for. **And He did!**

The Emergency room doctor, had telephoned Chantelle Koeslag NP in the Clifford Clinic, they decided to put me on the new Covid medication Paxlovid. Chantelle telephoned me to say that she was faxing the prescription to my pharmacy in Mildmay. The pharmacist, Katie, called me to say that they had no deliveries coming to Clifford that day, so she would bring it to me when she got off work at 5:30pm. **And She did!** For her it meant a trip from Mildmay to Clifford, then back home to Walkerton, *passing through Mildmay on the way back!*

Chantelle also registered me for a follow-up service with the Wellington Paramedics. One of the Paramedics came by to drop off some equipment for testing things such as oxygen in my blood etc. They then called me each day for the latest readings. This went on for about 10 days, until I tested negative with good readings on the tests. They said that I was "Good to Go".

I thank the Good Lord for all these Fine Folks who care and I know that; ***A Friend in time of need, is truly a Friend indeed!*** I praise God for them all!

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The recording of the zoom meeting, hosted by Marion and Phil, that we did from CAPEX is now available to view - you can find it on our website, at the top of the home page.

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