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Thoughts of an old curmudgeon #14

By Dave Pugh

I have been putting this article off since I have other (too many) projects also moving forward on my desk, bear with me.

There are a few non-Philatelic items to bore you with, but they were fun.

Contact for our July 5th meeting Guest Speaker Mike Smith are msmith55@hurontel.on.ca and www.mikesmithbooks.ca for a list of his current titles.

At our last meeting on August 2nd, it all went well with no glitches. For those that did not make the meeting we had an experimental five lot auction with reserve bids for quite a few of the lots offered. Thank you to Peter as auctioneer, almost all of the 35 or so lots sold.

Barb and I spent the August 5th, 6th and 7th weekend at the Goderich Roots Celtic Festival. In just a few words, the event had music with incredible talents, vendors and food. Three late nights were enjoyed with perfect weather.

August 13th Barb and I attended a 60th reunion for the class of 62, Western Ontario Agricultural School, Ridgetown (now a campus of the University of Guelph) near Chatham to socialize for the afternoon on a local establishment's patio. It was really good seeing some of the fellow classmates. Of course, there are quite a number that are no longer with us.

Now on to Stamps: Do you have collections that rarely if ever see the light of day? Apparently some of us do, following conversations via email with Rick. I think I have too too many, like stock books of various or strange topicals! Some of them are going to rise to the top drawer or desk top and decisions will have to be made - is this a keeper or is it an auction item? At the last club auction, one of these accumulations made it to the auction block and sold with a reasonable reserve, someone is going to have fun with it,

If anyone is interested, I have 20 natural colour wood 6 page exhibition/show frames complete with backer board, mounting page and plexi-glass that I would love to move on to a new home or homes. They are worth about \$20.00 a frame with the plexi-glass. Grouped in carrying straps of four, offers will be considered.

Next meeting and auction will be September 6th which I will miss, as I will be on a bus tour to Quebec's Gaspé Peninsula. There is also a special announcement re the Special Saturday meeting October 1st elsewhere in this bulletin, it will be interesting, bring extra cash with you. Now we have your attention!

Upcoming Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club
Tues Sept 6

Kincardine Stamp Club
Wed Sept 7

Owen Sound Stamp Club
Wed Sept 21

Guelph Stamp Club
Tues Sept 6
Tues Sept 20

KW Philatelic Society
Thurs Sept 8

Check with the club before going to its meeting.

ONE PAGE EXHIBITS

UPCOMING TOPICS

SEPT -
Fables

NOV -
Clothing

DEC -
Swimming

JAN -
The Colour Red

Message from the President

The August meeting was attended by 23 friends / members coming together to catch up on general chatter and the opportunity to add to their area of collecting. The response to the suggestion of having at least 2 of the 5 lots in the auction was modestly received by members. The intent was to encourage members to move some of their higher priced lots to new homes. There was one small hic-cup – apparently a person entered the church building on the afternoon of the meeting and stole some items.

Fortunately, most of the items were recovered. The church chose to change the locks on the doors – and we could not get in for our meeting. By chance, the church secretary happened to show up as we were waiting and exchanged keys. The club has two keys to the facility and duly given to 2 members who do attend most meetings.

The October 1st meeting should be of interest to everyone as it is an open meeting on Saturday from 10:00 to 2:00. The first part of the meeting (10:00 – 12:00) will feature a period of buy / sell trade amongst members. Lunch (pizza & pop) will be supplied from club funds – in appreciation of the support given by members. There will not be our regular Tuesday meeting on October 4th.

After lunch, we have a chance to support a long-time member who recently passed on. The estate collection of Gord Speers will be auctioned off – with proceeds going back to his family. Member Peter Kritz has been in contact with the family (at the family's request) to help in the disposal of Gord's estate holdings. The holdings will be approximately 20 – 30 lots of mostly used Canadian but some world wide and a quantity of supplies. One item of note is the framed uncut press sheet of the BIRDS – in excellent condition. Should a member be interested in the purchase of this item – terms can be worked out to enable the purchase. Please consider the source and disposition of the funds when bidding. The club will forego the normal lot fee of 10% as the funds are going back to Gord's family.

Our regular Christmas meeting in December also has a bit of change. Members are asked to bring along their favourite treat to share with others. The president has been somewhat remiss in the distribution of "funny money" so members will not have any to use at the meeting. As good people, it was decided to ask members to donate items as usual with all funds raised being donated to the Hanover Salvation Army food bank. Members may also wish to bring non-perishable items to donate to the food bank. We all know the food bank supplies help to many people who find themselves in hard times.

The Salvation Army has indicated the items they need most are laundry soap, kids pasta, soup (not tomato), canned meats and frozen meats. They indicated they need just about everything - except dry pasta, pasta sauce and tomato soup.

Use your imagination and support those in need with a donation of non-perishable items

Enjoy the balance of summer weather

Another Measured Moment

My First Letter

Do you remember the first letter you ever received? I do! It was from my Mother when I was a teen with a summer job at a resort in Muskoka. I know that it was the first time I ever met a Black Fly, and I was miserable from being introduced to the little devils rather suddenly and suffered for not being prepared. (Poor example for my Boy Scouts!)

A few weeks after I got there, the owner said that I had a letter. I had never received one addressed to me personally, so it was quite a surprise. As a stamp collector, of course, I did notice that it had the little red 4¢ stamp with W.L.M. King on it.



I immediately took it to my room and I remember the thrill as I opened it to see what Mom had to say. I read it and read it. It was clearly written with LOVE and I sure felt that I was Loved, and missed by my family.

Sad to say, in all the moves I have had in my life, that letter has been lost. Nevertheless, I know that letters addressed to me personally are important; not just for the contents, but for the proof that I am important enough to someone that they have taken the time to write to me and to pay for a stamp to send it to me.

This serves to remind me of a conversation I had with one of the Members of Parliament that I often worked with who told me that a “hand written” letter carries the weight of 10 signatures on a petition or some preprinted form letter. “The writer is writing about something they are truly interested in.”

When was the last time that you sat down to write a personal letter to some friend or relative? During this pandemic, when we are told to isolate, that would be something good to do. I have attempted to write to someone every day, but am only able to manage it about 2 or 3 times per week. If you want to write to me my address is: PO Box 11 Clifford Ont. N0G 1M0

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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

Saugeen Stamp Club Treasurer Position

Judy Galbraith was nominated to take the position of Treasurer. She has graciously accepted the nomination. We will hold the election at the September meeting. If there are any other nominees or volunteers for this position please let Walt know ahead of time or before the meeting in September starts.

REMEMBER—MARK YOUR CALENDER

The October 4th Meeting is cancelled

Saturday October 1st we are meeting at our usual spot from 10 am to 2 pm with a provided lunch at noon. An auction of some of Gord Speers estate will take place after lunch with the proceeds going to Gord Speers' family. Bring your change as well as bills for your purchases. These lots will be good.

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