

The Bulletin

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Thoughts of an old curmudgeon #15

By Dave Pugh

Barb and I packed for our 9 day bus trip with Hanover Tours to the "GASPE" down the St. Lawrence River. The adventure started the morning of the 6th at 7:am. By 1:00pm 37 of us finally loaded the bus between Goderich and Whitby, 9 men and 28 women including the driver and tour guide. Many stops along the way for washroom breaks and snacks. So to be brief, tour of Kingston with local guide, overnight in Cornwall. On to Quebec for city tour with local guide and one night stand with dinner on our own near the Chateau, streets congested with construction in lower Quebec. City transit bus picked on ours with minor damage. Next morning was a lovely drive along the north shore of the St. Lawrence River to Tadoussac at the outlet of the Saguenay River. Here we had a 3 hour whale watching cruise, minke and humpback whales and distant belugas, along with Harbour Porpoises. An excellent stay for dinner and one night stay at the historic 1800's Tadoussac Lodge. Next morning we ferried



across the St. Lawrence River to Riviere-du-Loup and then on to Matane for the evening. Next is Perce for a two night stand and a boat cruise over to the "Rock" and around Bonaventure Island where hundreds of

Northern Gannets nest. Next day we drove along the southern Gaspé coast to Campbellton NB for lunch and finishing the day with a tour of the Redferd Gardens at Jardins de Matis, and overnight in Rimouski. During the drive, the bus indicated a problem so the next morning we had a new bus for the next leg to Montreal, here we switched buses again for the return home.

This all sounds to be an annoyance, but it worked out to be rather smooth transition. The most difficult issue was the development of Covid symptoms with a number of passengers which I won't elaborate on. We all agree that it was a great trip. Would we do it again, you bet. To finish this off, I am disappointed that I was unable to attend the Owen Sound Stamp Fair on the 17th due to our Covid issue, but looking forward to the Saugeen Stamp Fair on Oct. 1, don't forget to bring some cash, Gord Speers Estate Auction will take place in the afternoon.

Upcoming Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club
Sat Oct 1

Kincardine Stamp Club
Wed Oct 5

Owen Sound Stamp Club
Wed Oct 19

Guelph Stamp Club
Tues Oct 4
Tues Oct 18

KW Philatelic Society
Thurs Oct 13

Check with the club
before going to its meet-
ing.

ONE PAGE EXHIBITS

UPCOMING TOPICS

NOV -

Clothing

DEC -

Swimming

JAN -

The Colour Red

FEB -

Horse Drawn Vehicles

Message from the President

A great turnout for our last meeting – good to see Les & Lois back out. A token of appreciation was sent and received by my contact in Ottawa as she is retiring as of September 16 – she has ensured we get a generous supply of door prizes / handouts for our annual show for a number of years. She sends her “Thanks” to the club for thinking of her at retirement time.

The October meeting should be interesting to see the open format allowing members to bring in their collectible treasures for sale / trade for the first two hours. This will provide chatter time amongst the members as well as the opportunity to see what other members do have in their philatelic holdings. The great thing about the hobby is that everyone collects in their own way – there is no right way or wrong way – just your own way.

The Club will provide lunch (pizza & pop) prior to the auction of member Gord Speers estate holdings. There will be no auction of member material at this meeting. The auction should be very interesting based on the amount of material that was in the meeting room at the September meeting. Thanks to Peter for responding to the request of Gord's family to dispose of the material through the club. Box lots will be on the floor for inspection – have a close look. There should be a little of something which may be of interest to add more items to your collection. There is one item in the auction with a value of \$150.00 - \$200.00 (a framed uncut press sheet of the birds – first issue) and should you be looking to add to your collection – terms may be worked out. The plan for our December meeting will be for members to bring along their favourite treat to share with others as in past years / a gift exchange should you wish to participate PLUS an auction of donated material – with the proceeds going to the Salvation Army food bank. Non perishable food items may also be brought to the meeting in support of the food bank – the need for food items is increasing as families fall onto hard times. Be creative and be generous while reaching out to touch the lives of others.

Saturday May 6 2023

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

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Another Measured Moment



Moving the Mails

As Stamp Collectors, we naturally become interested in the Post Office and their methods of Moving the mail. As Canadians we are familiar with Canada Post’s small trucks etc., but it is interesting to see how other countries deal with this issue.

Tin Can Mail from Niuafo’ou is well known, however there are many different methods used to accommodate local situations. In 2013 the subject chosen for the EUROPA stamps was “Postal Services”; Jersey’s offering showed several methods that are not much different from what we see in Canada, however many different methods are used around the world.

As a souvenir printing for the major Philatelic Exhibition “London 1980”, Pitcairn Island issued a set of stamps that included a Souvenir sheet showing how incoming mail is transferred from ship to the Post Office in Adamstown, their capital. Since the island is surrounded by high cliffs, landing of any form of boat is most difficult. They have dealt with this obstacle by using what they call “A Flying Fox”. The mail bags are brought in close to the cliff and lifted by the “Flying Fox”, that is actually a platform attached to a cable. Next the mail is moved by tractor into town where it is delivered to the Post Office.

Is it possible that, Pitcairn Island’s London 1980 issue, was the inspiration for the choice of subject for the EUROPA issues of 2013?

I also collect small models of postal vehicles from around the world, but I don’t have a model of a “Flying Fox”! While I would like to show them in our annual show, I fear they would not fit into the frames.



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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

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I write the start of this epistle during the heavy steady down pour on Sunday the 4th . An item that I neglected to include in my last issue, was a friendship I had with the late Gord Speers in the form of exchanging periodic covers that we thought would be of interest to the other with no theme. This lasted over a number of years, and there may be other members of the Saugeen Club that also experienced this exchange with Gord. For me it was at least eight or nine years, and this exchange was by no means regular but more sporadic in nature. These covers were always mailed from somewhere, as were mine to him. I am now attempting to find some of these covers in my collections. I do not know how many exchanges there were between us. These covers are true mementos, Thank You Gord for your Friendship.

Dave Pugh

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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