

# The Bulletin

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## Fort Churchill, Manitoba

By Diane Jarvis

I was born in Fort Churchill, Manitoba a few years ago. Well I guess more than a few since the armed forces base was closed in 1964 and torn down in 1981. My family was there because my father worked for Defense Research as a Food Chemist, and took the posting for the extra pay for 4 years. When I was 4 months old the four years were up so we moved back to Toronto where he continued to work at DeHaviland Armed Forces Base in Toronto.

It has long been on my bucket list to go back to Fort Churchill to see and experience my birthplace. Well this fall I got my wish and spent 3.5 days in Churchill. (You needn't go for longer because you will see all there is to see in that short time) It was only then that I found out that Churchill and Fort Churchill were two different places 5 miles apart. Churchill is the town and was established as a trading post and became one of Hudson's Bay Companies oldest trading posts. Fort Churchill was established in 1942 by the American armed forces who developed a Strategic Air Command (SAC) base, as a companion to the northern monitoring stations. The large hangers that serviced the jets still exist at the current airport which borders to the south of the old base. The Canadians were there to study survival in extreme weather conditions. My father was working on developing food that was nutritious, palatable and portable for the soldiers.

I remember my dad talking about going out overnight in the sno-cats to experience camping in the snow. Definitely something that does not interest me at all!!! And my mother saying the only person she ever played Monopoly with who cheated was the United Church Minister. Sometimes the snow was so deep that they had to crawl out the second story windows so they could dig out the front door of the building

Some of the things I found really interesting about the current Churchill are:

You are not allowed to lock your front door of your house nor are you to lock your car, they could be necessary safety locations from roaming polar bears in the town. They are protected so the only reason accepted to shoot one is if they are actively mauling someone.

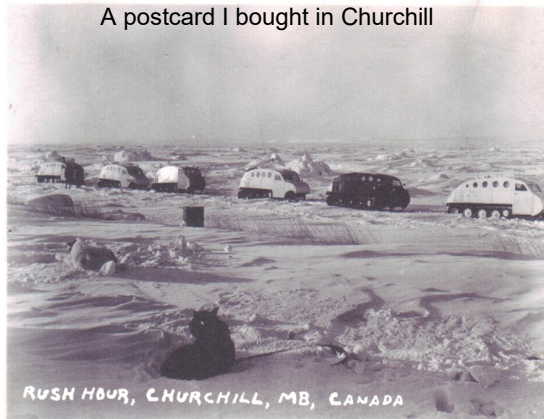
There are signs all around the perimeter of Churchill warning about walking beyond these signs because you are entering polar bear country. My question is.. Do the bears know to keep on the other side of these signs?

Little playgrounds for the children are located everywhere. This is so if a bear comes roaming they do not have far to go to get to a safe place.

If a bear is seen in town there is a phone number to call and a park services person comes out with loud horns and rifles with blanks to scare the bears away. If a bear is persistently coming to town they may have to capture and relocate it.

There are so many Tundra Buggy Tour Operators. Where do all the people stay and how do they all make enough money to all stay in business?

A postcard I bought in Churchill



### Upcoming Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club  
Sat Nov 1

Kincardine Stamp Club  
Wed Nov 2

Owen Sound Stamp Club  
Wed Nov 16

Guelph Stamp Club  
Tues Nov 1  
Tues Nov 15

KW Philatelic Society  
Thurs Nov 10

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***

The October meeting of the Saugeen Stamp Club met on Saturday October 1st for a change from our regular time – but still in our original location. Thirty-four members / friends gathered for two hours to buy, sell or exchange items from their collections. There was ample time to chit chat with fellow collectors prior to lunch of pizza & pop supplied by the club...again a bit of time to share chatter with friends.

Vice President Peter began the auction of approximately 36 lots from the estate of Gord Speers at 1:00 P.M. with active bidding on lots – at the choosing of successful bidders. The successful bidder was able to pick / choose a maximum of two from the available lots. Thanks to Bill Findlay for assisting with the removal of the lots from the immediate area and to Ken Magee for gathering the money from the bidders – and of course to our newly appointed treasurer Judy Galbraith for managing the money. Needless to say, many thanks to all members for bidding on the assigned lots.

The December meeting will also have a bit of change from previous years as there will be an auction of donated material with all proceeds going to the local Salvation Army Food Bank. Members come from many parts far & wide – but the auction will benefit persons / families in the Hanover area who are having to deal with bad times. Members are also encouraged to bring non-perishable items to support those in need of assistance during the coming festive season and the coming winter month. It is a chance to reach beyond ourselves to touch the lives of others who we may never get to know or see. The balance of the December meeting will basically remain as previous years, members bring in their favourite treats to share, gift exchange (should you wish to participate) and time for friendly chatter.

The January and February meetings have been changed to the first Saturday of the month (January 4th and February 7th) time 1:00 – 3:00 pm thus alleviating the night driving and possible bad weather.

Enjoy the fall weather – keep well and safe

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



### Cancel your Credit Card before you Die

A lady died last January, and her bank billed her for February & March with their service charges on her Credit Card & added late fees and interest on the bill. The balance had been \$0.00, but was now around \$60.00.

A family member placed a call to the bank - here's the exchange.

Family member - *I am calling to tell you that she died in January.*

The Bank - *The account was never closed and the late fees & charges still apply.*

Family member - *Maybe you should turn this over to collections.*

The Bank - *Since it is 2 months past due, it already has been.*

Family member - *So what will they do when they find out that she is dead?*

Bank - *Either report her to frauds division or report her to the Credit Bureau . . . maybe both.*

Family member - *Do you think that God will be mad at her? I really like this part!*

Bank - *Excuse Me?*

Family member - *Did you just get what I was telling you - the part about her being dead?*

Bank - *Sir, You'll have to speak to my supervisor! Duh!* Supervisor gets on the phone.

Family member - *I'm calling to tell you, she died in January!*

Bank - *The account was never closed, so the late fees and charges still apply.*

*This must be a phrase taught by the Bank!*

Family member - *Do you mean that you want to collect from her estate?*

Bank - (stammering) *Are you her lawyer?*

Family member - *No I'm her great nephew.*

Bank - *Could you FAX us a Certificate of Death?*

Family Member - *Sure No Problem.* The FAX number is given and a FAX sent.

After they get the FAX

Bank - *Our system isn't set up for death. I don't know what more I can do to help.*

Family member - *Well if you figure it out, Great!*

*If not you can just keep on billing her. I really don't think that she will care.*

Bank - *Well, Sir, the late fees & charges do still apply.*

*Just What is wrong with these people?*

Family member - *Would you like her new billing address?*

Bank - *Yes - that will help.*

Family member - *Odessa Memorial Cemetery, Highway 129, Plot 69*

Bank - *Ah, Sir . . . That's a Cemetery!*

Family member - *What do You do with dead People on Your Planet?*

## Saugeen Stamp Club

Chapter 220, Royal Philatelic Society of Canada  
Chapter 1538, American Philatelic Society  
Chapter 21, Grand River Valley Philatelic Association

Website: <https://www.rpsc.org/chapters/saugeenstampclub/>

**Meeting:** St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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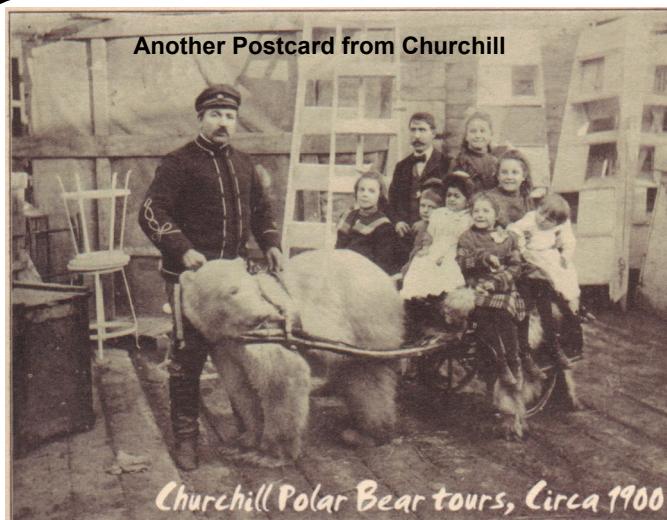
Owen Sound Zoom Auctions

The links to see items and read the terms and conditions follow below:

[https://stampsmarter.org/AuctionSQL/Auction\\_Owen\\_Entry.php?operation=insert](https://stampsmarter.org/AuctionSQL/Auction_Owen_Entry.php?operation=insert) – Please use this form to enter your individual lots for auction

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### **REMEMBER—MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

The regular meetings for January and February are planned and booked for:

When: Saturday January 4th and February 7th.

Time: 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Where: Our Regular Location St Matthew's Church

Why: To save from night driving in bad weather

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