

# The Bulletin

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## The Stamp That Went Underground

During the early 20th century, the postal delivery system met its biggest challenge since mailman-hating dogs: street traffic.

In large cities across Europe and America, mail delivery wagons had to maneuver through swarms of horse-drawn carriages, streetcars, and pedestrians—all of which severely slowed down the postal system.

Eventually, post office officials figured that if the mail couldn't get through city traffic, they would try going under it. Thus emerged pneumatic mailtubes, a kind of subway system for letters. In major metropolises such as Paris, Rome, Vienna, Berlin, and New York, mail tubes were constructed underground to link major post offices. Compressed air propelled containers of mail through steel tubes at speeds up to 30 mph, increasing the postal service's delivery pace by leaps and bounds.

In most cases, people still used regular stamps for pneumatic mail. Italy, however, printed special pneumatic stamps between 1933 and 1966. Such subterranean mail tubes operated until as recently as the 1980s, but as cities grew and post offices moved around, rerouting the underground mail networks proved too difficult. The tubes were abandoned in most cities, though Prague still has a few pneumatic tubes in use.



A pneumatic tube system in Washington, D.C. in 1943



Pneumatic tubes at a bank

### Upcoming<sup>u</sup> Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club  
Tues December 5

Kincardine Stamp Club  
Wed December 6

Owen Sound Stamp Club  
Thurs Dec 14 Zoom  
Wed December 20

Guelph Stamp Club  
Wed December 6  
Wed December 20

KW Philatelic Society  
Thurs December 14

Oxford Zoom Auction  
Fri December 15

Check with the club  
before going to its  
meeting.

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### EXHIBITS

### UPCOMING

### TOPICS

#### January

Famous Person

#### February

Royalty

#### March

San Marino

## ***Message from the President***

Greetings to all,

The Town of Minto has been contacted and our 2024 annual show has been confirmed for Saturday May 4, 2024 at the Clifford Community Centre. The address of the event is 2 William St (thanks to the eagle eye who corrected my error – I did say the address was 2 Brown St). Ironically, the two are just across the street from one another – 2 Brown Street is the address of the Clifford arena where there is ample parking for visitors to the show.

Talking of the annual show, member Ralph has managed the details of arranging dealers for the show over the past years and has asked to be relieved of that task after this year. As we all know, Ralph now resides in New Brunswick and it must be difficult organizing an event from that distance. Another volunteer is needed to manage the printing & distribution of the monthly bulletin. Diane will continue to put the bulletin together. The volunteer will have to arrange the printing, folding, inserting the bulletin in envelopes / postage and mailing. Currently, David is doing this and can be contacted for further information. We do have a number of members without email therefore using email is not a positive path to follow to keep everyone up to date with club activities.

Please keep in mind that our December meeting is our annual social time and everyone is asked to bring along their favourite treat to share with all. Once again, this year members are asked to donate items for the auction with all funds raised going to the Salvation Army. Also, I have been in contact with the Hanover Salvation Army to attend and accept the proceeds of the auction and any food items donated.

Needless to say, many people are having a difficult time managing their household due to a host of situations in our world and communities. We can and do make a difference for many we may not know and may never meet. The Salvation Army has said they can accept anything as they do have a cold room to store donations.

Remember, every little act of kindness will be greatly appreciated.

**We BELIEVE we can make a difference again this year!!**

**As per last year, our January and February meetings in 2024 will be on Saturday January 6 and February 3 from 1:00 to 3:00 to ensure members will not have to drive in the dark winter weather – may also include March (To be determined)**

Happy Stamping

PS: Get your dues paid (still \$20.00) to have your name in the draw for free 2024 membership Auction –

It always helps the auctioneer if lots are described by the individual submitting the lot.

## Another Measured Moment

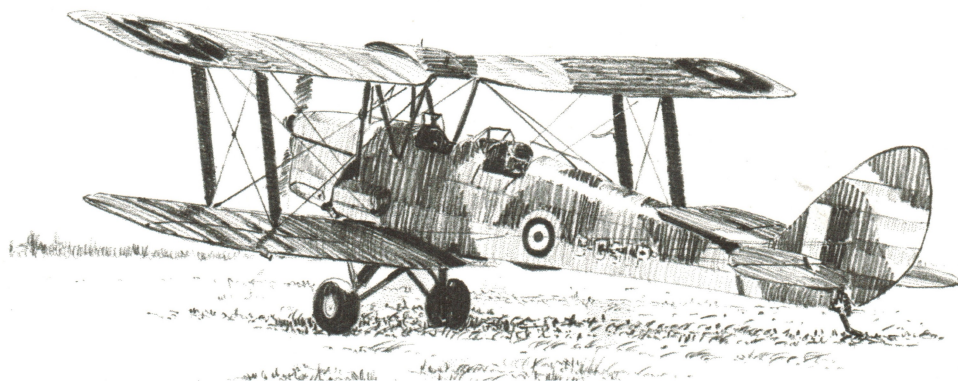
### The DeHavilland Tiger Moth

As I write this, I wish Glen Rawson, former SSC member, were still here to add his personal remembrances of this historic aircraft. I am certain that he flew them in his days as a trainer in the Commonwealth Air Training Programme in Canada, during World War II. In addition to Canada, the RAF used them as their primary training aircraft; and between 1938 and 1949 the RCAF used 1500 of these light docile aircraft.

The first DeHavilland Tiger Moth was built in 1931, and it was the primary training aircraft for RAF pilots. The Canadian built versions of this aircraft were equipped with a canopy to allow crews to train in the cold Canadian winters. It was equipped with a 45hp engine that gave it a maximum speed of 107 mph; much less than Jets that Glen also flew. The Tiger Moth was small, only 23 ft. 11in. long and had a wingspan of 29ft. 4in.

We see a DeHavilland Tiger Moth on a stamp issued by Canada Post, 24 November 1981, as part of the series honouring several Canadian aircraft issued over four years, 1979 - 1982.

Former CTV weather man, Bob McIntyre, flew Tiger Moth 82A, and some of this information comes from note card that he sent to my sister. I wonder if he knew our friend Glen Rawson.



DeHavilland Tiger Moth

*Bob McIntyre*

## Saugeen Stamp Club

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Chapter 21, Grand River Valley  
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same scans used during the auction

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## Please take note of the following:

1. We need a new Coordinator for our Club Show in May. This is Ralph's last year but I am sure he will have a list of dealers that he can pass on.
2. Dave Pugh is retiring from getting the Bulletin in the mail. We need a new person to take over this position in January.
3. There will be a special event at our January meeting. If you want to know what it is you will have to be there.
4. Salvation Army special needs are instant coffee, Mr Noodles, Kraft Dinner, juice bottles/boxes, cookies and crackers, canned vegetables and fruit, also fresh items as they have a cooler.
5. Canada Post is willing to make us a new cancel for our show in May and it would be nice if we developed a Logo for our club... any suggestions?
6. We will have a gift exchange again at the December meeting. If you would like to participate remember to bring a gift.

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