

# The Bulletin

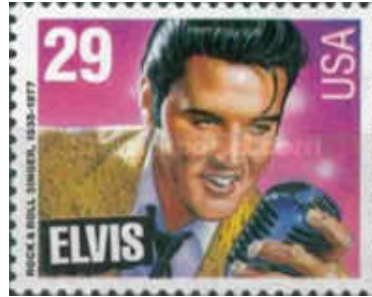
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## The 1992 Elvis Stamp Debate

Adapted from a web page by Stamp Helper

### The Most Popular Stamp in the USA

There's a list of the most popular stamps in the USA. These were generally issued to commemorate people, places, or events. The spread and popularity of some of these stamps are staggering! Naturally, the response is related to the popularity of the face on the stamp.



The highest entry on this list is the Elvis Presley stamp, which was issued in 1993. Until a few years ago, 124 million copies were saved. The design probably has much to do with that success. It's bright, vibrant, bold, and so Elvis!

Elvis was always controversial, and this didn't change decades after his passing. The icon's appearance on the stamp was heatedly debated in various cultural circles and even reached the congress.

A verdict was finally reached, Elvis was approved by the officials.

The Postal Services then had the brilliant idea of including the public in the design selection process. A poster appeared overnight in every post office, and eventually, People magazine decided to feature it on its cover. The poster had two designs of the Elvis stamp; one when he was starting out and another at his prime.

The poster had a tagline that drove endless discussions later on: "Decide which Elvis is king." The stamp garnered staggering fame even before it was issued.

The people voted for 'Young Elvis'. That was back in 1992.

He also made it a second time in 2015 as a Forever Stamp keeping Elvis Forever in the forefront and in our minds. Will he make a third issue??



### Upcoming Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club  
Tues Nov 5

Kincardine Stamp Club  
Wed Nov 7

Owen Sound Stamp Club  
Thurs Nov 14 Zoom  
Wed Nov 20

Guelph Stamp Club  
Wed Nov 6  
Wed Nov 20

KW Philatelic Society  
Thurs Nov 14

Oxford Zoom Auction  
Fri Nov 1  
Fri Nov 15

LASO Zoom Meeting  
Tues Nov 19

Check with the club  
before going to its  
meeting.

### ONE PAGE

### EXHIBITS

### UPCOMING

### TOPICS

#### Nov

Austria

#### Dec

Christmas

#### Jan

Should we  
continue ?

## ***Message from the President – Walt Berry***

A chill is in the air - and snow is in the forecast. Time has arrived to put away our summer plans and move into the warmth of our home space for the next several months. The changing weather has or will soon create a blaze of colour over the countryside as trees prepare for their winter coat and begin dropping (a dreaded fall outdoor project) their leaves.

The move indoors is the chance for "stampers" to update their collecting interests or search out new topics to follow during the next few months. It also, presents an opportunity to peruse your philatelic treasures which you would like to move to new homes. Once again this year, our annual Christmas social will be our time to support the growing population who find they require the assistance of the Hanover Salvation Army food bank. Members are encouraged to donate philatelic items for the charity auction - with all proceeds being donated to the Salvation Army. The need is ever increasing as job loses, unemployment, aging population continue to play a major factor in life today. Along with items for the auction, donations of non-perishable food & health products will be greatly appreciated by those in need.

**It is an opportunity to "Reach beyond yourself, to touch the lives of others" in a positive way.**

A representative of the Salvation Army will attend our meeting to update the members on the growing need of the community and accept our contribution to the community. As usual for our Christmas social, members should bring along their favourite treat to share with others. We believe we can make a difference by coming together to share and donate for the benefit of others.

As winter weather poses a driving issue during January & February, the plan is to move those two meetings to the first Saturday of those months. Members should always check for messages relating to meeting cancellation prior to leaving home.

Keep Well & Stay Safe

A stingy old lawyer who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness was determined to prove wrong the old saying, "You can't take it with you."

After much thought and consideration, the old ambulance-chaser finally figured out how to take at least some of his money with him when he died.

He instructed his wife to go to the bank and withdraw enough money to fill two pillowcases. He then directed her to take the bags of money to the attic and leave them directly above his bed.

His plan: When he passed away, he would reach out and grab the bags on his way to heaven. Several weeks after the funeral, the deceased lawyer's wife, up in the attic cleaning came upon the two forgotten pillowcases stuffed with cash.

**"Oh, that old fool," she exclaimed. "I knew he should have had me put the money in the basement."**

**Keep Smiling EH!!**

## Another Measured Moment

### A Stamp with a Personal Interest to me

In February 1996 Canada issued a booklet of 12 Stamps in 4 different designs to honour Canadian “high technology” industries, including “Ocean Technology”. Since Ontario is not on any ocean it is ironic that Ontario is prominently featured on the “Ocean Technology” stamp. This stamp shows a ship and navigational aids; however the ship is the *Louis R. Demarais*, a Great Lakes self-unloading freighter, built in Collingwood, Ontario; and the use of the navigational aids shown, is taught at Georgian College in Owen Sound, also in Ontario. Many ships officers, both on the Great Lakes and on the High Seas were trained at Georgian College.

My personal interest in this stamp comes from the fact that the *Louis R. Demarais* was the first ship I saw launched when I moved to Collingwood in 1977.

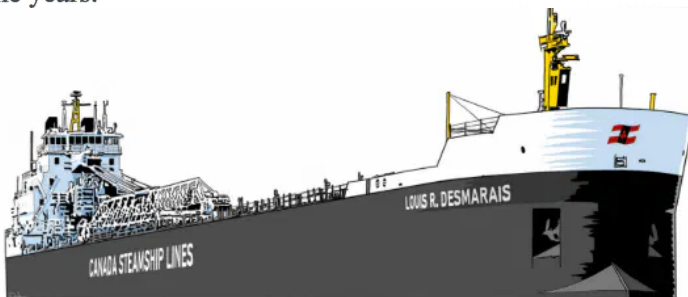
The keel was laid on 8 November 1976; the launch was 8 July 1977; and the ship was cleared for delivery to the owners, Canada Steamship Lines, on 2 November 1977. It has 22,674 gross tonnage and measures 730 feet long with a beam of 75 feet; basically the maximum size to pass through the Great Lakes Seaway from Quebec City to Thunder Bay or Chicago.

I remember clearly the day it was launched. It was a beautiful sunny day. The crowds were gathered on the pier, in a festive mood, as early as dawn, in anticipation of the spectacle. Collingwood was the only shipyard in North America to “sidelaunch” their new ships and it had become a major tourist attraction, drawing thousands to witness it; Every hotel in town was booked solid and many locals had family or friends staying with them just to have a chance to see this amazing event. I was determined not to miss it, but I had not anticipated the crowd.

Most of us gathered on the pier, while others found vantage points in the shipyard. There were even spectators on the roof of Woolworth’s. The police were directing the crowd, and generally everyone was in a festive mood and well-behaved.

One small problem was that a car had parked along the road that leads out to the pier. The police couldn’t find the owner, and the local towtruck driver wasn’t available. I overheard a police officer comment that the owner will be wishing that they had been able to tow it away. About a half hour before the appointed hour, the roadway was closed off and we were all herded well out onto the pier. The countdown began and the anticipation rose until finally the signal was given and the ship that stood as tall as a 10 story building began to move. Slowly at first then with a rush, this massive vessel moved down the slip and dropped into the water with a mighty splash. What I had not anticipated, {it was my first launch in Collingwood}, was the immense wave that swept across the harbour. It started at about 12 feet high, and was still over 10 feet when it hit the car still parked on the road to the pier. The car rocked and contrary to some predictions did not roll over’ although it was soaked inside and out. The pier itself is higher and not directly in front of the shipyard, so, although we did get a little splashed, the 5000 or so spectators were in no danger.

*Louis R. Demarais* was safely floating in the harbour and the crowds were delighted as they headed up town to enjoy lunch and share stories of the various launches that they had seen over the years.



## Saugeen Stamp Club

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### Returned Letter

I gave a letter to the postman – he put it in his sack.  
Bright and early next morning, he brought the letter back.

She wrote upon it,  
“No such number, no such zone.”

We had a quarrel, a lover's spat  
I write I'm sorry but my letter keeps  
coming back!

### Drought

Times were so tough during the recent dry spell that the  
council had to close to lanes in the swimming pool!!

### The Tallest Building?

A Yank was visiting Sydney and was bragging about the tall  
buildings in America; “They are so high that they have to be  
tipped every time a jet flies over.”

A scornful Aussie simply drawled; “Well mate, we have one so  
tall that when a mother accidentally dropped her baby from  
the top, he walked into the Old Age Pension office when he  
reached the ground.

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