

The Bulletin

Easter on Stamps

Religion on stamps topicalists were delighted late in 1953 when Bermuda pictured an Easter Lily on one denomination of a new definitive series. Existence of this stamp made possible representation of Easter in a presentation of a postal adhesive relating to the life of Christ and the essentials of Christian theology.



Since then a number of countries have been releasing commemoratives for the Easter season, but until the release of the Easter Lily on the Bermudan stamp, collectors of postal paper with religious themes found it difficult to find material clearly identified with one of the most significant of Christian festivals. Bermudas stamp however, was not conceived as a commemorative for a religious festival. The Easter Lily was used as a stamp subject because it is one of Bermuda's most important exports. Bermuda's release of stamps with an attractive representation of a well-accepted Easter symbol provided something religion on stamps topicalists welcomed.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Saugeen Stamp Club
Tuesday March 6
- Kincardine Stamp Club
Wednesday March 7
- Owen Sound Stamp Club
Wednesday March 21
- Guelph Stamp Club
Tuesday March 6
Tuesday March 20
- KW Philatelic Society
Thursday March 8

One Page Exhibits - Upcoming Topics

April: Toys

May: Airmail

June: Watercraft

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN.....Walt Berry

The weather certainly affected the attendance for our monthly meetings of January & February. I do hope everyone has kept well and practiced safe driving whenever they had to venture out on the roads.

The January meeting was cancelled – and the February meeting's attendance was below normal – however it is best to stay home when driving conditions are not safe.

I was notified by the Church Secretary that one of their committees were needing our meeting space and that we would have to use a room across the hall.. Upon arrival, the normal meeting space was not being used and we met in the alternate space. **Should our normal room current vacant at the time of our next meeting, the Secretary said we are free to use the room.**

The monthly single page challenge scheduled for January, February and March will be rescheduled for April, May and June. **April challenge will be TOYS; May will be Airmail & June will be WATERCRAFT.**

Tickets are available for the draw for the PENNY BLACK – donated to the club for the purpose of raising some funds for the club – perhaps a good opportunity to follow up on the suggestion from Peter to purchase a number of starter package for young people ie. stock book, tweezers; a glass etc. – many members have boxes of stamps which could be made available to the youths as well.

Our annual show will be held in a few short months – will you have an exhibit or perhaps a single page to show your current interests?

[Puzzle answers: Bulgaria, China, Taiwan, Crete, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Japan, Mongolia, North Korea, Russia, Serbia, South Korea, Yugoslavia]

What's coming up:

Seethe Grand News for complete details for the following:

March 17 – OXPEX/OTEX Show

May 5 – Saugeen Stamp Club Annual Show

June 22-24 – Royal *2018* Royale, St Catharines

Christmas Gift Stamp Packages – Plan Now for October Collection

I like the hobby. Really enjoy the opportunity of washing away the stress of life by diving in to some Philatelic reading, or sorting, or cataloging and storing or all of the above. The history, the romance, the intrigue of the postal system is centuries in the making and as collectors I do believe it is incumbent upon us to give the hobby away. Return the favor so to speak.

There are so many stressed and depressed people in the world that would really benefit from a hobby. Senility and Alzheimer's can be put off or reversed with an active mind. Philately as a hobby gives all these opportunities and as well the chance to have old fashioned dialogue, communication and laughter with like-minded individuals. We laugh quite a bit at our meetings and laughter is very healthy. With all of this in mind lets create and give away 50 Christmas gifts, targeted at the 50 plus age group. Partner with Salvation Army, Knights of Columbus or some other organization who will help deliver these gifts to adults In need of friends, laughter, and something to think about and occupy the mind.

My recommendation is that we as members can come up with 50,000 duplicate stamps. We can supply a stock book, tweezers, magnifier, and some other basics. We provide a first year free club membership, a first year free membership to the RPSC. (Subject to them filling out the application). We provide a stamp identifier, a glossary of terms and maybe some society magazines or pamphlets. We fit this into a nice cardboard box ready for wrapping and we have this all accomplished for our Stamp month meeting in October. I have already reached out for prices for the items we don't have.



I also believe it will be good for our club to have a common goal again such as when we did the Royal. When we get a project and work at it together it builds our excitement for the club even more. So these are my feelings and yes there will be some monetary challenges which I am confident we can overcome. If you like the idea let's talk about it next meeting, if you despise the idea let's talk next meeting and if you have a much better or different idea let's talk and create a project we can all rally behind to the benefit of hobby, club and country.

Peter Kritz, VP

Saugeen Stamp Club

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

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Identify the Country

If the name on the stamp is in a completely different alphabet from ours, it can be especially difficult to tell where the stamp is from. Here are some unusual names that you will come across.

See if you can identify them. 7. ΕΛΛΑΣ

You will find the answers on page 2.

8. 日本郵便

1. БЪЛГАРИЯ 9. МОНГОЛ ШУУДАН

2. 中国人民邮政 10. 조선우표

3. 票郵國民華中 11. ПОЧТА

4. ΚΡΗΤΗ 12. СРБИЈА

5. HRVATSKA 13. 대한민국의우표

6. ΚΥΠΡΟΣ 14. ЈУГОСЛАВИЈА

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