

The Bulletin

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Saint Konrad Carries Water In His Handkerchief

By Ralph Wyndham

The sixth stamp issued in the series that the Scott catalog calls 'Stories and Legends of Austria' was issued June 5, 1998. It is the 25 schilling denomination depicting the story of St. Konrad collecting water in his handkerchief.

When Hungarian forces were occupying Swabia early in the 10th century, many nobles escaped into the Rhaetian mountains to the south. One such noble was Count Heinrich von Altdorf und Ravensburg who chose to resettle his family high on a mountain ridge overlooking the Rhine River where the Austrian town of Hohenems, in the state of Vorarlburg, would eventually grow. It was here, some 300 metres above the valley floor that the Count chose to build his new fortress known as Ems Castle.

One hot summer day as the workers toiled with heavy stones for the walls, they, naturally, grew very thirsty but discovered that they had no water. The Count's son, Konrad, heard the workers' complaints. Being the son of the Count, I doubt that he had to feel any obligation to help the builders; nor could they ask Konrad for help, even if he was just a boy, he was, after all, the son of a Count and above their social standing. Nevertheless, Konrad took pity on the thirsty stone masons and volunteered to go down the mountainside to find water.

Once Konrad reached water down below the castle construction, he realized he had nothing in which to carry water back up the slope. Pulling out his handkerchief, he dipped it into the cool water, scooped up as much as he could and started back up the mountain.

Miraculously, not a single drop of water was lost along the way. Before leaving in search of water, Konrad had dug out a spot for a small pond and, upon his return, poured his handkerchief full of water into it. From that moment on there was always water flowing from Konrad's pond. Having been created with divine help, however, the spring would dry up whenever it was contaminated with things like dirty laundry.

Konrad, born around the year 900, would go on to devote his life to the Church and was voted Bishop of Constance in 934. He would fulfill his duties with great enthusiasm and implemented a church building program. He undertook three pilgrimages to Jerusalem returning with relics and the gifts of prophecy and miracles. He died November 26, 976, and was canonized by Pope Calixtus II in 1123.

As for the castle, construction continued over the next few centuries. In its prime, the castle was one of the largest in central Europe. The complex was 800 meters long and up to 85 meters wide, had seven gates and a drawbridge and comprised 47 rooms. The castle was destroyed in 1407 during the Appenzell wars but was rebuilt shortly afterwards and remained occupied for another 300+ years. As late as 1760 it was used to house Prussian prisoners of war. It was auctioned off for demolition in 1792. Since 1938, many restoration projects have been undertaken at the castle.



Upcoming Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club
Sat Mar 4

Kincardine Stamp Club
Wed Mar 1

Owen Sound Stamp Club
Wed Mar 15

Guelph Stamp Club
Tues Mar 7
Tues Mar 21

KW Philatelic Society
Thurs Mar 2

Check with the club before going to its meeting.

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EXHIBITS

UPCOMING

TOPICS

MAR -

King Charles III

APR -

Canada

MAY -

Message from the President

Club members came together for a Saturday meeting – the roads were snow covered for the most part, which did deter some from venturing out. Better to be safe than travel when travelling conditions are less than optimal. I trust everyone made it to and from the meeting without incident.

Member Judy Galbraith will be the club secretary and treasurer going forward. Thank you, Judy, for taking on the two roles – it is appreciated.

Bill Findlay is coordinating efforts to construct a website for the club. The current site is out of date and interested persons should be able to get up to date information and members will be able to keep themselves up to date with club activities.

The Saugeen Stamp Club has been invited to participate in the planned Active Aging Expo to be held Tuesday, March 28 from 12:30 to 4:00pm at the Hanover P & H Centre . Sponsored by the Hanover Parks, Recreation and Culture, the Expo's goal is to focus on mental health, promote active living and volunteer opportunities. It is expected that participants be prepared to be:

- Interactive - to engage the public (demo, exhibit, giveaways, draws etc.)
- Self-sufficient – bring our own tablecloth, signage, banners etc. (table provided)
- Staffed with a minimum of 1 person during show hours (12:30 to 4:00 P.M.)

Bill has the club sign and perhaps a new updated brochure. We have members who are to prepare single page exhibits of various topics. Several members have volunteered to attend but everyone is invited as more voices will provide the visitors with a better understanding of philately and why they should join our club.

The RPSC sales circuit has been scheduled for JULY – as a joint venture with the Owen Sound club. Members should be prepared to identify 2 – 3 countries / topics that they would be interested in purchasing from the circuit books. The listing of the available books is part of this bulletin. The circuit book manager will be advised of the books members are interested in reviewing and will ship these books prior to our July meeting. Please be prepared to reply to the President (wsberry@sympatico.ca) or bring your selection to the March meeting.

FOR SALE - Lois Young is interested in downsizing her extensive collection of Chinese stamps....mostly mint, early issues, annual books from 1994 to 2007. Booklets. Covers. Gift packs. Souvenir sheets, etc. For anyone interested, please contact Lois for an itemized list, or call 519-327-8087

FOR SALE - "Economist" springback album, green with gold highlights, 32 new pages, each page with attached glassine page protector, and 6 lightly used pages. this album has a padded cover and comes in a full heavy duty slipcase. Album is lightly used but in excellent condition.

Price: \$30.00

Contact: Bill Findlay at billfindlay74@gmail.com or 519-377-4440

FOR SALE

- 1 - Canada View Post Cards - most printed by The Postcard Factory, earlier by Canada Post all are mint, and postage paid worldwide
- 2 - Monaco, Mint MNH, MH and used.

Send your want list and prices for either Dave Pugh - penybank@hurontel.on.ca

Relevance of Postcards in Today's World

By Diane Jarvis

My friend asked me to send her a postcard from the Dominican Republic while we were away. This was easier said than done. I thought the resort would have promo postcards; they didn't. The one gift shop in the resort only had a really boring one and the duty free shop in the resort didn't carry them. I had to go to a neighbouring resort to their gift shop to find reasonably acceptable ones as depicted here. But they were cheap surprisingly. I think they were selling them off to get rid of them since they only had a few left.

Of course, then I needed a stamp. I was so excited for having found a postcard at all that I forgot to ask for a stamp. Luckily the gift shop in our resort, although they only had bad postcards had stamps. When I paid for the stamp I realized why they don't want to carry postcards any more. The stamp was very boring and utilitarian and cost \$3.00 USD (about \$4.00 CDN). With the beautiful vegetation in this country why wouldn't they issue beautiful stamps?



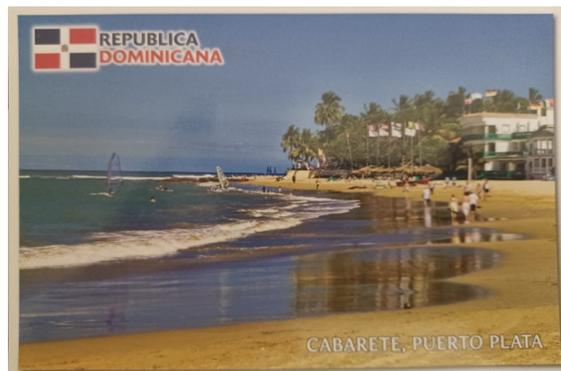
It was a good thing we were staying for more than a week since it took so long and so much effort to find a postcard and stamp.

Then it dawned on me why postcards were rare and postage was so expensive. Nobody mails them anymore. I checked into getting an international plan on my phone for the duration and it was going to cost \$840. Of course, I decided against it. But almost everyone at the resort had a cell phone and were using them constantly. So I guess others didn't balk at the cost of an international plan. We had

only limited internet access; 1 hour per day (it was metered and limited to one access per day) so it wasn't like everyone was on the internet all day. So I guess, with immediate and personal contact with friends and family, the lowly postcard is going the way of the dodo bird.

Does this make them collectable. Maybe? But I think they have to have something more substantive than typical travel postcards. I have a collection of advertising on postcards, but they are colourful and interesting. Someday they will end up on the auction table for someone else to enjoy. In the meantime give postcards some thought.

Should they have a reprieve and be issued again because we will send them. Or should they go into extinction?



My apologies to Jim Measures... I forgot to scan his latest installment before I left for my holidays. Therefore I didn't have a "Measured Moment" for this issue. I will be home for the next issue so his column will return.

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Chapter 220, Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

Chapter 1538, American Philatelic Society

Chapter 21, Grand River Valley Philatelic Association

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Owen Sound Zoom Auctions

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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

Further information contact:

President Walt Berry wsberry@sympatico.ca

REMEMBER—MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The regular meeting for March is planned and booked for:

When: Saturday March 4th

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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Circuit Books Available –Autumn/Winter 2022 -2023

Canada - mint & used, early; modern: souvenir sheets (m, u), Admirals, George V & VI, Elizabeth, many varieties, coils, BOB, (for used Canada, specify cat #s, or period), few revenues, precancels, FDC

Provinces – Newfoundland, -m & u, provinces - (limited selection)

Africa – most countries (specify if you want certain countries, & early or modern, Br.Comm. or Fr etc)

Antigua

Austria early, mod. m or u

Australia early, used & m, modern m & u Australian States m, u, (specify)

Bahamas m & u, early, modern

Barbados, u early, modern

Basutoland Bechuanaland

Belgium early, modern m, u

British Africa, British Asia, Br. Oceania, Br. Europe,

Br. West Indies–

British Commonwealth - pre-1940, (Victoria, George V, Edward) -, George VI, Eliz.,

Brazil

Cayman Is

Ceylon

Cyprus Czechoslovakia m, u

Danzig m, u

Denmark m, u early, modern

Dominica

Europe (specify) country, m or u

Falkland Island & Dependencies

Faroes u,

Fiji

Finland

France -early, modern, m, u French offices French Colonies (specify)

Germany - early & modern, m & u, states, occupations, 3 rd Reich, Danzig, Saar, Berlin, Bavaria, DDR

Gibraltar

Gilbert & Ellice

Gold Coast

Great Britain, early, used & mint, surface prints, u, modern, machins m or u

Greece early, mod u

Greenland u

Hong Kong, m, u

Hungary

Iceland

India m, u

Iraq Iran

Ireland m & u (early or mod)
Italy m, u colonies
Jamaica m & u
Japan mod u
Kenya early, mod KUT
Leeward Is.
Liechtenstein m, u (early, modern)
Luxembourg m, u
Malaysia - Malaya, Brunei, Sarawak, Straits, North Borneo etc. m, u
Malta
Mauritius
Monaco m, u, early, modern
Netherlands m u
New Zealand - early, modern, used, mint
Nigeria
North Africa- Algeria, etc.
Norway early, very mod., u
Papua New Guinea, early, mod. m, u
Poland
Portugal m, u
Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia m, u
Russia m, u
Scandinavia (please specify country & period)
Singapore m, u, early, modern
South Africa m, u, early, mod
South/Central America many countries, early, modern!! (Specify...Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay etc.)
Spain u, m
Sweden early u, very mod., m, u
Switzerland early, modern, BOB, m, u
Topicals (Europa, Birds, plants, fish, boats, Scouts, SOS, Transportation, butterflies, etc.)
Trinidad & Tobago
Turkey m u early & modern
Turks and Caicos m & u
USA mint & u early, modern m, used

Bulk bags

Canada m, u, s/s, Austria, Germany, UK, Australia, topicals, Butterflies, transportation etc
Africa, Germany, France, Europe, USA, Poland, Hungary, etc.... Austria, m
Germany, UK, Australia, topicals, Worldwide etc