

The Bulletin

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Thoughts of an old curmudgeon #16

By Dave Pugh

Well, I missed last month, lots of excuses that I won't get into here.

Now for a bit of nostalgia...at the Saturday October 1st meeting we had an auction of material of the late Gord were, I think, 36 box lots of accumulation. Thank you to semblage of the lots and being not sure as to how many lot or two, but it was an inter-acquiring material to wade



There material from Gord's Peter Kritz for the as-the auctioneer. I am members acquired a esting hour of activity through at home.

For those who are wondering knew him as the quiet member

who the heck was he, I in the back corner.

Well as for me, I acquired a number of the lots that I sorted through and did acquire some items for my collection interests, especially "Perth County Postal History" corner business covers of various enterprises located in the County. There were also covers from various post offices in Wellington, Huron, Bruce, Grey, Dufferin counties and quite a number from further afield. From all this, there was a prevalence of Palmerston, Listowel, Harriston, Hanover, Walkerton, Drayton, Neustadt, Elora, Fergus, Guelph, Stratford, Kitchener-Waterloo and Elmira. The most interesting knowledge I got from sorting out this material was that Gord was an avid collector/accumulator. Gord had established a supply of postal items from his family, a large number of enterprises and connections throughout the area that saved their postal envelopes intact. Obviously he must have done road trips to collect these items. For my purchases, these items were sorted by year and sometime by the businesses. It is not clear as to whether Gord ever looked at or did anything with the material beyond the point of collection, hence the boxes and boxes that we had a chance to acquire.

It also became clear that he was an avid light aircraft pilot, belonging to the Experimental Aircraft Association and the Flying Farmer Association. I am not clear as to what Gord did in life and the enterprises that he was involved in or connected to. It appears that he may have been a member of the Shriners due to the large number of Lodge covers from quite a number of Lodges through-out the area. Any errors or omissions are mine alone. In all likely-hood, other successful auction participants can likely add additional information to this ambling epistle.

Thank you "Gord" for his part in preserving local postal history and the opportunity and joy that the club membership had in acquiring the material brought. We say fare well "Rest in Peace".

So, what am I going to do with material in which I have no interest? I am giving them away to fellow members that may be interested, some of which has already been distributed.

Look for further information for our December Christmas meeting in this bulletin. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, that's the first time I have said that this year, seems away too early especially before Remembrance Day. See you at the December meeting.



Upcoming Meetings

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Saugeen Stamp Club
Tues Dec 6

Kincardine Stamp Club
Wed Dec 7

Owen Sound Stamp Club
Wed Dec 21

Guelph Stamp Club
Tues Dec 6
Tues Dec 20

KW Philatelic Society
Thurs Dec 8

Check with the club
before going to its
meeting.

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EXHIBITS

UPCOMING

TOPICS

DEC -

Swimming

JAN -

The Colour Red

FEB -

Horse Drawn Vehicles

Message from the President

Welcome to the fall weather – the nights / days are getting cooler now but some days have been quite pleasant for this time of year. Our annual Christmas gathering is on schedule for December 6th and should be a change from the normal as we reach out to assist the less fortunate in the Hanover area.

This year, members are asked to participate in the auction by making donations of items suitable to raise funding for the Salvation Army food bank. Please use your imagination should you wish to make a donation of non-perishable items to supplement their efforts to help those in need. They have provided a listing of items frequently needed by their clients. All donations of items and funds raised by the auction will be gratefully accepted to make life just a little bit better for someone in the service area.

Canada Post has donated two framed prints – one will be auctioned off while the second print (hockey theme) will have tickets sold at \$3.00 or two for \$5.00.

As usual, members should be prepared to bring their favourite treat to share with friends at the meeting. Coffee will be provided by the President. Remember, this is an open meeting and partners / spouses are welcome to attend. For those wishing to participate in the gift exchange, bring an item of your choosing to trade off with others in the group.

A message of condolence has been sent to the partner of Pastor John of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church who passed away recently.

Our meeting dates of January and February have been changed to the Saturday so members will not have to travel at night AND in case of poor weather. Dates and times are on page 4. PLEASE check your email prior to leaving home in case the meetings are cancelled.

Keep well and stay safe

Der Liebe Augustin – The Charming Augustin

By Ralph Wyndam

The fourth stamp in the series, 'Tales and Legends of Austria', from Austria Post is the 9 schilling stamp, Der Liebe Augustin, issued January 23, 1998.

The story of the Charming Augustin dates back to 1679 Vienna, a time when the city was suffering through an outbreak of the dreaded black death. In such a dark time of suffering, when people's spirits were in dire need of a lift, a balladeer and bag-piper, Marx Augustin, rose to the occasion. His good cheer and high spirited entertainment endeared him to the hearts of the Viennese.



Dear Augustin not only lifted people's spirits; he enjoyed lifting a schnapps or two during his performances. One fateful night he did not quite make it home and ended up sleeping in the street – a Schnapsleiche – a 'schnapps corpse' so drunk that he was mistaken for a real plague victim by the gravediggers who were constantly patrolling the streets to remove the dead.

Augustin, along with his pipes and the truly deceased, were carted off and thrown into a mass grave. Once back in the land of the living, he found he was unable to climb out of the deep pit. As his cries for help went unheeded, he reached for his bagpipes and began playing. Rescuers soon arrived and lifted him out of his predicament. The experience grew his legend even larger as his story gave people greater hope and encouragement in such terrible times.

The catchy melody that you may be familiar with without knowing the story, Oh du Liebe Augustin, written in his honour around that time, is still a popular tune in Austria over 400 years later. Perhaps the dear Augustin played the song himself, gleefully and with great relief, many times after his brush with an early grave.

Another Measured Moment

Story of "Another" Poppy

As Canadians we are all aware of, and proud of John McCrea's poem "In Flanders Field" that is responsible for the "Red Poppy" becoming a symbol of remembrance, around the world. We note with interest some variations in the form of poppy that is used, e.g., New Zealand uses a poppy with only 2 petals while we use a poppy with 4 petals.

This story concerns a very different poppy. A number of years ago my mother was on a tour in Austria when she saw a field of "salmon pink" poppies with double flowers, about 2½ inches across. Mom, ever the gardener, thought that it would be nice to bring home some seed and try to grow some of these poppies at home. Feeling that there would be a lot of *red tape* and expense in attempting to get permission to bring poppy seed home, she simply shook some of the seed into her shoe, {poppy seed does just look like dirt or sand}, she then shook out her shoe in the garden, on the farm at home.

Within a few years she had about 10 acres of large beautiful double poppies in "salmon pink" colour. She gave me some seed and now we have them growing in our garden. They are so prolific that we sometimes see them as "weeds". Nevertheless, they are quite attractive and people sometimes have stopped to ask for some seed, we are always happy to allow them to help themselves or we can shake out some seed for them.

Seeing how these poppies have spread here in Canada, makes me aware of why we do have restrictions on what can be imported from overseas. I have heard that even the dandelion was imported as a, "garden flower", at one time; we hope that Mom's poppy never becomes a problem like the dandelion.



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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:
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NOTE THE DATE CHANGES—WRONG LAST MONTH

REMEMBER—MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

When: Saturday January 7th and February 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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