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Biography - Dr. George Vanner

I have been interested in stamps and collecting since I was in High School in the 1940's and continued it until near graduation when I was entering Medical School at the University of Ottawa, Knowing that my time for a hobby would be limited I gave my collection to my brother who was 4 years younger than I, thinking he might keep it and increase his interest. This was a mistake for he wasn't interested at all and actually lost any small bit of interest he had. My budding collection which had some good basic material was sold for little and lost to me.

Once I had graduated university and established myself in medical practice I began to form a stamp collection again, and I have continued ever since.

I became a serious collector first – or some might call me an accumulator, and initially I saved stamps from a very large number of countries which I found was a mistake. No collector – unless he has unlimited funds for the hobby – can hope to acquire a complete collection of many countries, and I soon limited my collecting to Britain and the British Empire countries. However, even this soon became too much, and I limited my collec-

tion to Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Cyprus, Gibraltar, Malta and a large number of the British Pacific Islands. I continued this group of countries until quite recently when as I should have foreseen I again had to cut back since Britain, Australia and New Zealand began to print stamps in



huge numbers of issues – and Australia printed stamps in both gummed & perforated varieties as well as self – adhesive copies. Collecting Australia alone meant \$100.00 per year if one was to be complete.

I now have ceased collecting Britain, New Zealand, and Australia mint issues, but I still collect the occasional used items from these countries if I make a good purchase at a sale or at auction. However, just a week ago I

stopped collecting Tuvalu which despite being a very small South Pacific island country has begun to print large numbers of stamps, mint sheets and souvenir sheets of issues which have nothing to do with Tuvalu itself.

I have a very large collection especially of South Pacific Island countries (eg Aitutaki, Cook Islands, Penrhyn, Niuafoa (Tin Can Island), Niue, Nauru, Kiribati, Samoa, Norfolk Island, Fiji, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, etc.), which were former British Colonies both as mint issues but also many in quality used copies as well. Even then I have begun to sell a lot of the surplus stock I have especially as mint, and often I have postally used copies as well for sale. I long ago stopped collecting FDC's except for Pitcairn Island and Vanuatu which have particularly colourful and island related material.

If I was starting over again I would collect only a much smaller number of countries and try and gather a complete as possible a collection housed in a top grade album with very detailed labeling.

- Dr. George Vanner
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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- SAUGEEN STAMP CLUB,
Tuesday March 7
- KINCARDINE STAMP CLUB
Wednesday March 8
- KW PHILATELIC SOCIETY
Thursday March 9
- OWEN SOUND STAMP CLUB
Wednesday March 15
- GUELPH STAMP CLUB
Tuesday March 20

One Page Exhibits—

upcoming topics:

March: Back of the Book

April: TBA

May: TBA

This article comes to us from the Kitchener Waterloo Philatelic Society's Newsletter, Issue 5, Spring 2011—courtesy of Dave Pugh's researches. I apologize for the quality—it is a direct reproduction of the original.

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMNWALT BERRY

The weather in our area was a concern on the evening of the February meeting date – but several members did venture out to St Matthews Lutheran Church for a meeting. While attendance was low, - the discussions were carried out in an informal manner. We did not have sufficient numbers to conduct an auction so bring along your treasures to the March meeting. As well, bring along your submissions for the planned “auction of better items” and give the descriptions to bulletin editor Bill for inclusion in his next newsletter.

As usual, VP Peter had a number of interesting “show and tell items” to share. Auctioneer David also had a story about his recent trip to Peru – and a “show & tell” about the vending machine stamps.

An important topic for the next few club meetings will be our show on May 6th 2017. It would be great if each club member would do a single page to display at the show. The member can determine the topic and the format – the pages will be judged by people’s choice.

Members should be prepared to indicate if they plan to exhibit at the show so volunteers can ensure sufficient frames are on hand. Volunteers will be required for the usual activities – lunch, donations for door prizes, set up and take down etc.

Member Lloyd very generously prepared an article for the last bulletin – perhaps other members could consider doing a short article on a topic of their choice pertaining to their collecting interests. We have many members with a wide array of knowledge and interests – **DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL?**

Keep well – and drive safely

President Walt

What’s coming up...

See the Grand News for complete information on the following shows:

March 11—Oakville Stamp Club Annual Show

March 18—OXPEX/OTEX oxford Philatelic Society show

March 19—KWC Post Card club show & sale

April 22—KW Philatelic Society STAMPFEST 2017

May 2016—Saugeen Stamp Club Annual Show



ANOTHER ‘MEASURED’ MOMENT.....Jim Measures

PIONEERS OF AVIATION—A DANGEROUS BUSINESS!

In 1978 Australia issued a set of four stamps honouring four Australian aviation pioneers. All are legendary pilots, and all died in plane crashes.

Henry George Hawker was the most famous airman of his day, setting many records from 1912 to 1921, and even received congratulations from King George V after attempting the first trans-Atlantic flight. He was making a practice flight for this crossing in his Nieuport Goshawk when he crashed and died on July 12 1921.

Herbert John Louis Hinkler set many early speed and distance records, and won acclaim for his record breaking flight from England to Australia in 1928. Flying an Avro Type 581 Avion, he covered 11,000 miles in 15 1/2 days. In 1933, while trying to better that record, he died in a crash on an Italian mountain.

Sir Charles Kingsford Smith pioneered many routes within Australia and between Australia and Europe. His 1928 crossing of the Tasman Sea was the subject of a 1958 joint stamp issue between Australia and New Zealand. While on a flight from England to Australia in 1935 his plane disappeared - two years later a wheel from his plane washed up on the coast of Burma.



Charles Thomas Phillip Ulm was a commercial flying pioneer. He was part of a crew that completed the first trans-Pacific flight from the US to Australia. Attempting the same flight again in 1934, their plane disappeared and no trace of them has been found.

Today thousands of people fly safely every day, but we need to remember that we owe so much to these and other aviation pioneers who gave their lives to develop our modern air travel.



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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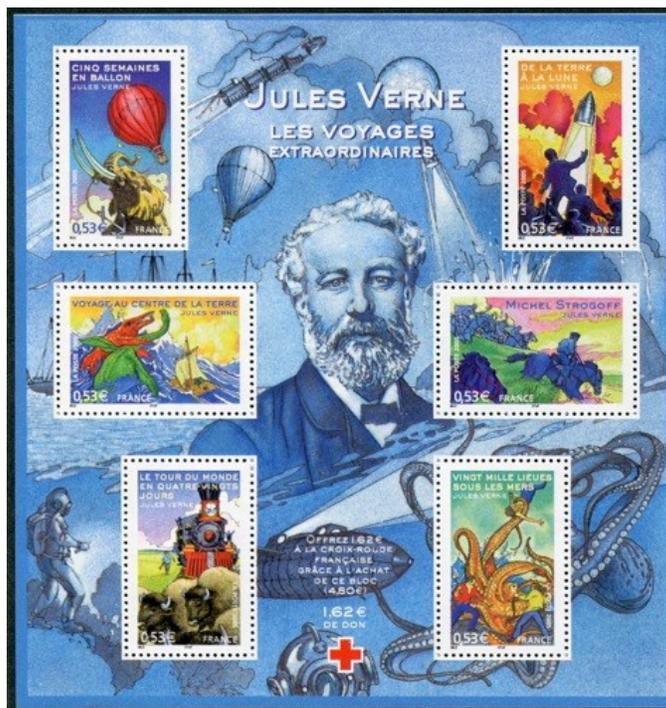
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GRVPA NEWS...

Check out the latest *GRAND NEWS* for information about our fellow clubs, and their meetings and shows.

Jules Gabriel Verne, 1828-1905

Verne was a French novelist, poet and playwright, but he was best known in the Anglophone world for his adventure novels and his influence on the literary genre of science fiction. This was celebrated by Scott 3125a shown here - issued by France on May 28 2005, the souvenir sheet sold for 4.80 euros, of which 1.62 euros went to the French Red Cross. Verne became the second most translated author in the world since 1979 (ranking between Agatha Christie and Shakespeare!) - largely due to the many highly abridged and altered versions of his novels in translation.



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