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FLIGHT LIEUTENANT (& PHILATELIST)

GLEN RAWSON

Ninety-nine years young! That is how I thought of Glen—even as he grew frailer in body as he aged, he was such a delight to know that it was hard to believe he was 99.

Glen was born on January 17 1917 in Brandon, Manitoba.

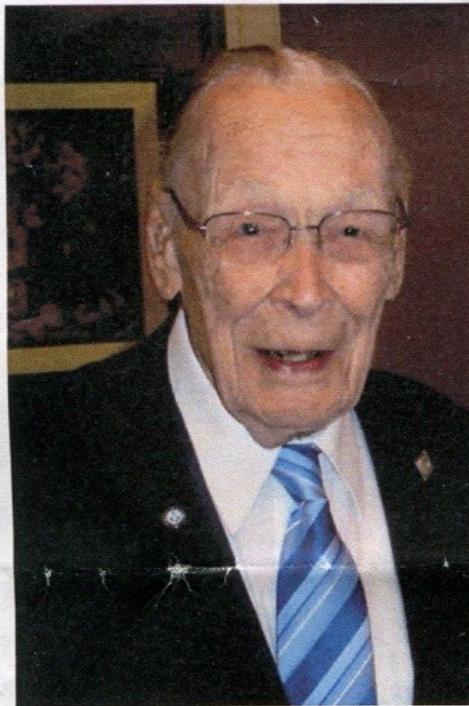
From a young age he wanted to fly, so starting in his early days, he worked at the local airport after school in order to have access to

planes. He became a career pilot in the RCAF, and among other planes, flew Harvards, bombers, and was certified on jets. He was still flying in the final weeks of his life. He took his love of flight to the Hanover Air Cadet Squadron #812 for many years. His funeral was honoured by the flypast of a Harvard he helped to restore, and a P31 jet.

Deeply committed and involved with the Masons and the United Church of Canada, Glen was also a founding member of the Saugeen Stamp Club.

We will miss him!

Flight Lieutenant Glen Rawson



March 5, 2016 in his 100th year

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UPCOMING

MEETINGS:

- SAUGEEN STAMP CLUB,
Tuesday April 5
- KINCARDINE STAMP CLUB,
Wednesday April 6
- KITCHENER-WATERLOO PHILATELIC SOCIETY Thursday
April 14
- GUELPH STAMP CLUB
Tuesday April 20
- OWEN SOUND STAMP CLUB
Wednesday April 20
- STRATFORD STAMP CLUB
Thursday April 28

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT..... WALT BERRY

Well, folks we almost made it through the winter months without having to cancel one of our regular meetings – but old man winter made sure to give us one final blast just the day of our last meeting. It would appear our emails / phone calls to members worked for the most part.

Please be prepared to discuss our upcoming show at the next meeting. We shall be asking members who wish to exhibit how many frames they require, also asking for volunteers for helping with the set-up of frames, manning the reception table, donations for the lunch counter and a host of other tasks – PLEASE VOLUNTEER – many hands make less work for everyone.

Chris McFetridge (partner Steph) will be our guest speaker for the evening. Chris left the corporate world of accounting to follow his passion of Philately. Should you wish to check out his blog – www.canadianphilately.blogspot.ca

I am sure by now everyone has heard that long time member Glen Rawson passed away – he was a well-respected and active member of the club until his move to Kitchener.

I am not sure about the rest of the club members – but I do know the weakened Canadian dollar has affected my purchases over the last little while... EBay purchases are few & far between for this collector. Guess this is a good time to consider purchases from local dealers – however my one area of collecting is Rotary on Stamps and that is not a popular topic here in Canada. I am sure we shall manage to get through this little hiccup with the dollar.

I am sure our bulletin editor would appreciate any write up on YOUR area of collecting interests – members have a wide range of collecting interests – and you would be surprised how interesting many of the topics would be to fellow members. Happy Stamping!!

What's coming up...

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

April 22/23—Springpex 2016—Hamilton SC annual show

April 30—SAUGEEN STAMP CLUB Annual Show

May 1—Mayday Stamp Show—Stratford SC Annual Show

August 13—KINEX—Kincardine SC Annual Show

August 19-21—Royal*2016*Royale, Waterloo

October 15-16—CANPEX2016 London ON



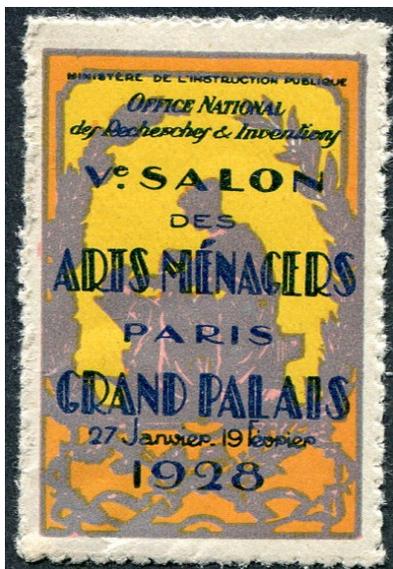
ANOTHER “MEASURED MOMENT”.....D.J. “JIM” MEASURES**ARCHDUKE FRANCIS FERDINAND**

When I was a boy, we all had stamp collections that in most cases started with a large packet of assorted World Wide stamps. Invariably there were always stamps in some foreign language and we did not know what their significance was, or where to place them in our collections. The stamp shown here is an example of such an item that has much significance yet was often tossed aside for want of identification.



This stamp was issued in 1917 by Bosnia & Herzegovina, while it was a province of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. It shows Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir-apparent of the Empire, and his wife Duchess Sophia. The stamp was issued as part of a set of three stamps honouring and remembering them. They are the couple who were assassinated in Sarajevo on 28 June 1914. That assassination was “the spark that set the world on fire” and resulted in the First World War.

Although there is no surcharge shown on the face of the stamp (value of 40h), it was in fact a “semi-postal” as it was sold at a premium of 2h (total of 42h) with the extra charge going to a fund to build a Memorial Church in Sarajevo, a remarkable idea in itself since Sarajevo is a predominantly Muslim city. Today the stamp has a catalogue value of 40 cents, but the history recalled by this little piece of paper is fascinating.

***One Page Exhibits—******upcoming topics:****April: Art**May: Around the North**June: Interesting Covers**July: Churches & Cathedrals**August: TBA*

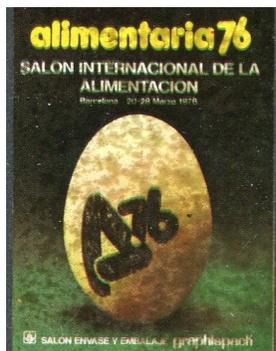
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Chapter 220, Royal Philatelic Society of Canada
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Chapter 21, Grand River Valley Philatelic Association

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GRVPA NEWS...

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

The next GRVPA Directors meeting is in April 2016.

AUCTION NOTES.....Dave Pugh

I am proposing a bit of Auctioneer's discretion for the April Meeting auction, the usual auction lots will also be received. Reminder to auction participants, bring your lots labeled if possible and go to the bank for some funds
in small denominations (coins, bank notes).

I have recently received a used collection of Canada in 10 three ring binders plus a binder of miscellaneous Netherlands, and a world wide Ambassador album. This is how it will go, and it should not take a great deal of time, getting them all sold in one night: I will open the bidding for the first lot, the one I deem the best, the winning bid has their choice of additional lots at that bid times the number of lots chosen. We would again open the bidding on remaining lots with the same procedure until all lots are sold. Club will receive the normal Commission

This is a rough description of the whole lot, not complete:

1. Used Canada early to 1946 #273 not complete but some nice items
2. Used Canada 1947 #274 to 1971 #532
3. Used Canada 1971 #533 to 1976 #703
4. Used Canada 1977 #704 to 1981 #902
5. Used Canada 1982 #917 to 1989 38 cents
6. Used Canada 1947 to 6 cents mounted duplicates
7. Used Canada 1971 #532 to #558 mounted duplicates
8. Used Canada duplicate mounted 6 cent to 10 cents
9. Used Canada Cameo Issue to 8 cent Centennial Issue mounted duplicates, few mint
10. Used Canada Centennial Issue 1 cent to \$1.00
11. Ambassador album as is
12. Netherlands oddments, have a look plus the smallest stock book I have seen
13. Used duplicate sorted Canada #252 to #1047

Editors note: If you let me know, by the 15th of the month prior to the next meeting, what you are bringing to the next auction, I will include a listing in the Bulletin.