

# The Bulletin

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## *Congratulations*

Two of our members faired well at Kinex!! Peter Kritz won the draw for the Penny Black that was held and second prize, which was a framed commemorative of the \$8 Grizzly Bear, was won by Phil Visser.

Our club must be the luckiest club around.



### Upcoming Meetings

- Saugeen Stamp Club  
Tuesday September 4
- Kincardine Stamp Club  
Wednesday Sept. 5
- Owen Sound Stamp Club  
Wednesday Sept. 19
- Guelph Stamp Club  
Tuesday Sept. 4  
Tuesday Sept. 18
- KW Philatelic Society  
Thursday Sept. 6

### *One Page Exhibits - Upcoming Topics*

September - Aircraft

October – Interesting  
Covers

November –  
Remembrance Day

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

The August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Club was another well attended meeting – including several old faces returning for a renewal of friendship & fellowship. There were thirty members & guests attending our very active meeting. Two excellent articles were included in the recent Canadian Philatelist – Jim Measures penned his “Measured Moment” regarding Montserrat and Phil Visser wrote about being “Totally Eclipsed”. Well written and informative articles. The Canadian Philatelist is the official organ of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and features great stories of philately around the world.

### **Our 2019 annual show has been booked for May 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 – begin formatting your exhibit for the show.**

David and his crew of volunteers (Ken & Dieter) moved approximately 40 lots of treasures to their new homes – thank you to these members for a job well done. The member auction is always a fun part of the evening.

The single page challenge was won by Jim Measures & Bob Ford – a tie. The September topic is AIRCRAFT; October will be COVERS and November will be REMEMBRANCE DAY.

One member of the club took the time to pen a letter to Friends at the Saugeen Stamp Club (copy included) – citing their enjoyment of club activities including a “Thank YOU” to those who go the extra mile to make our meetings enjoyable. Thank you for taking the time to express your thoughts.

To: Friends at the Saugeen Stamp Club

THANK YOU!!!

In my "senior years", where there is lots of time for reflection, I want to tell you how very much I have enjoyed (and still do!) the people and atmosphere of the Club. I look forward to every meeting, and am never disappointed.

I have learned, and am still learning, SO much, thanks to so many of you that have shared your knowledge, and stamps, so generously.

Stamp collecting is a wonderful hobby with endless directions to focus on, and I just wanted to express my appreciation to all, but especially to those who go the second mile to make our meetings so enjoyable.

One of the "originals"

## **What's coming up:**

*See the Grand News for complete details for the following:*

Sept 8-9 - National Postage Stamp and Coin Show, Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale, Mississauga

Oct 13-14 – National Philatelic Exposition, Hellenic Community Centre, London

***Another Measured Moment.....Jim Measures***  
**South African "Homelands"**

South Africa, its precursors, and the "Bantu Homelands" form a very interesting collecting area. Here I will look at the Homelands and their Philatelic story.

Under apartheid, The Bantu self-government act was passed in 1959. Under this act several "Independent" homelands were created and all black South African residents with language ties to these homelands (whether or not they ever lived there) lost their South African citizenship and became citizens of their "homeland". Legislative Assemblies could pass laws, but all actions had to be approved by the government of South Africa. These "Homelands" remained internationally unrecognized, and diplomatically isolated and politically unstable one-party states. The Organization of African Unity and the United Nations urged the world to shun these so-called "homelands" as recognition would constitute an acceptance of apartheid.

Each of these "Homelands", although never recognized by the U.P.U. issued postage stamps and many were used on international mail as well as locally. They became popular with topical collectors because of the variety of subjects beautifully illustrated. This became a major source of income for the new governments. They supported South African exhibitions and also produced some souvenir issues for overseas exhibitions. Although much of their income depended on stamp sales, they followed conservative issuing policies to retain collector interest. By the time they were reintegrated into South Africa in 1994, they had issued only 1112 stamps between them (by count in Scott catalogue). As their stamps were mostly sold to collectors as mint and a small percentage were actually used for postage, it would appear that current catalogues have used copies very much under-valued.



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

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## A Short History of Lundy Island Puffin Postage Stamps

In late 1927 the British GPO ceased their post office activities at Lundy due to low activity and interest. For the next couple of years the owner of the island (or "King of Lundy" as he preferred) M.C. Harman (1885-1954) handled the mail to and from the island without charge by boat.

On November 1, 1929 Harman decided to offset the expense by issuing a series of private postage labels with a value expressed in "Puffins"; one puffin being equivalent of the British penny. The printing of Puffin stamps continues to this day. They have to be put on the bottom left hand corner of the envelope, so that the mainland sorting offices can process them: their cost includes the standard Royal Mail charges for onward delivery. Puffins are a type of stamp known to philatelists as a "local carriage label". Issues of increasing value were made over the years, including air mail, featuring a variety of people. Many are now highly sought-after by collectors.

Lundy Island continues to issue stamps with the latest issues being in 2008 (50th birthday of MS Oldenburg) and 2010 (Island wildlife). The value of the early issues has risen substantially over the years. The stamps of Lundy Island serve to cover the postage of letters and cards from the island to the nearest GPO post box on the mainland for the many thousands of annual visitors.

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