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The Time before the Use of the Envelope and the Postage Stamp

Since the 1840s, postage stamps have assisted in the delivery of letters and mail. Before the existence of postage stamps, ink and hand-stamps (thus the word -- stamp) which were made from cork or wood were used. The ink and hand-stamps were used to frank the mail and verify the payment of postage. Regardless of how primitive or elaborate the different systems of sending messages in the early days were, they were sent without the presence of a postage stamp.

When the postal service first operated, envelopes and stamps did not exist yet. Truth is, people do not like to use envelopes because they were deemed as an extra sheet of paper that actually makes the overall cost of sending mail more expensive. If you are going to send a letter, you only have to fold the paper and seal it shut. Then, the person who will receive your letter will be the one to pay for the delivery fees. Because the fees back then were extremely high, a lot of people tend to decline accepting letters. Some people even thought of writing secret codes to cheat the postal services. On the outside of the letter, they would write secret marks that shows the message and all the recipient had to do was read the secret message, decline to accept the letter, and so they do not have to pay anything for it. Because of this, postal services have resorted to a system wherein postage has to be paid first, and this time, the sender would be the one to pay for all postage fees -- thus the start of our postage stamps history.



Rowland Hill and the Post Office Reform

In 1835, Rowland Hill (an English teacher, inventor and social reformer) campaigned for a widespread postal office reform. His advocacy paved the way for the approval of the Uniform Penny Post -- postage rates were based on weight rather than the size of the mail. In 1837, Rowland Hill invented the first adhesive postage stamp -- the beginning of postage stamps history -- in which he was knighted for it. The Penny Black, the ultimate piece in postage stamps history, was issued in 1840 in England. The issuance of postage stamps made the pre-payment of letters and mail possible, practical, and cheap.

Upcoming Meetings

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Saugeen Stamp Club
Cancelled

Kincardine Stamp Club
Cancelled

Owen Sound Stamp Club
Cancelled

Guelph Stamp Club
Cancelled

KW Philatelic Society
Cancelled

Check with the club
before going to its meet-
ing. It may be cancelled.

ONE PAGE EXHIBITS

UPCOMING TOPICS

NEXT MEETING -

Design a stamp
(see details pg 2)

NEXT MEETING + 1 -

Airmail

NEXT MEETING + 2 -

Flowers

NEXT MEETING + 3 -

My Favourite Stamp

Message From the President

The Province of Ontario remains in the grip of the COVID – 19 virus – and there is no indication as to when we can get back to meeting with friends & our monthly meetings. I do hope everyone is doing what they feel is the best way to bring the situation in hand. It was a little different stopping for gas and having to put on a mask in order to go into the store to pay for the purchase. More and more businesses are requiring customers & staff to cover up when in a business. Many places of business still are not able to get back to the previous way of doing business. I am quite sure there will be many changes from the way it was – and become the new norm.

Now more than ever everyone one should support their local community – the businesses that have provided donations (cash & prizes) for community groups and events.

The Covid – 19 virus has provided a positive break for persons in our hobby – staying home with your collections. Have you taken the opportunity to review your collections? Have you found a new topic or country?

Once confirmation has been received, members will be contacted about when our meetings will resume.

Keep in touch with your family and friends to make sure they are doing well!!!

Larry's stamp collection was stolen, and Susan, his wife, called the insurance company: "We had that collection insured for fifty thousand and I want my money".

Agent: "Whoa there just a minute, Susan. It doesn't work quite like that. We will ascertain the value of the collection and provide you with a similar one of comparable worth".

Susan, after a pause: "I'd like to cancel the policy on my husband..."

Design a Stamp

Since we will not be meeting for a while I thought we could have a little contest for the best design of a stamp commemorating the Coronavirus of 2020. I know, I know, no one wants to discuss it any further but maybe we could get it out of our system by designing a stamp. Hand drawn or computer generated. Who will come up with the best design. We will see at our next meeting.

What's Coming Up

All shows for the next few months are cancelled. The next one listed as tentative is in September. We will keep you up to date on any changes.

Another Measured Moment.....

Soliloquy of a Postage Stamp

I am the world's greatest traveler. I have journeyed from pole to pole and all the regions between...by dogsled, camel and horseback, by every land, sea and air conveyance; even by submarine, balloon and rocket.

I am the world's greatest art and portrait gallery. The heroes and heroines of mythology pose within my borders. I portray the greats and the near-greats of all time; kings and queens, pharaohs and presidents, princes and princesses, poets and patriots, emperors and explorers, athletes, architects, aviators, artists and adventurers, tribal chieftains, inventors, moguls, musicians and martyrs, dramatists and novelists, shahs, sultans, saints and sinners. Even the vanished forms of the phoenix, dragon, centaur and unicorn appear on my face.

I am the world's greatest picture chronicle and miniature encyclopedia. I map communities, countries and continents, and reveal views from every strange and remote corner of the earth. I depict mountains and valleys; oceans, rivers, lakes, waterfalls, geysers, harbours, bridges and dams; native canoes, sailing ships, and modern ocean liners; monuments and statues; castles, cathedrals, churches, missions, mosques, temples and ruins of temples, and every type of locomotion, from automobiles to zeppelins and steamboats to spaceships. I outline all manner of sports, handicrafts, customs, sacred rites and ceremonies; and nearly every variety of bird, animal, fish, fruit and flower.

I frame the horrors of war, the blessings of peace, the hardships of emigration, the harm of poverty and the ravages of famine. I illustrate the adventures of Don Quixote; the fairy tales of childhood and the legends of all civilizations. I reflect the symbols and industry, of trade and commerce, of agriculture and architecture and of all human endeavor.

I commemorate the expeditions and voyages, and the inventions, discoveries and creations that make life worth living. Millions of men, women and children are fascinated by me. Through my infinite variety they find boundless pleasure, relaxation, and enchantment, Yet, I am only a postage stamp. Sta

From Canadian Stamp News July 8, 2008 (Adapted from the original, Soliloquy of a Postage Stamp by Ernest W. Brady.)



Saugeen Stamp Club

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Everyone stay safe and healthy 'til we meet again

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2. Over 200 mint never hinged plate blocks and 6 souvenir sheets, 1958-1975, in Lighthouse 32 page block album \$100.00
3. Stock book, 18 pages, all mint never hinged singles, blocks, plates, souvenir sheets \$100.00

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One day, Hassan decided to start a stamp collection. He knows that the Penny Black is the oldest stamp so he asks Genie:

"Genie, I want you to give me the Penny Black stamp. Remember to bring it here in good condition. That's my first demand. "

After a few minutes Genie returns: "Here you are!" and he gives Hassan a Penny Black used stamp.

Hassan is very happy but after a few minutes...

"No Genie, I want it in better condition. That's my second demand". Genie flies again and this time he gives Hassan a Penny Black mint stamp.

Hassan is very happy but after a few minutes, he says: "No Genie, I want it even better, in the original condition. That's my third demand.

"The Genie flies away again and returns momentarily: "Master, here is the best, original I could find."

And then, Hassan sees Queen Victoria standing in front of him.



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