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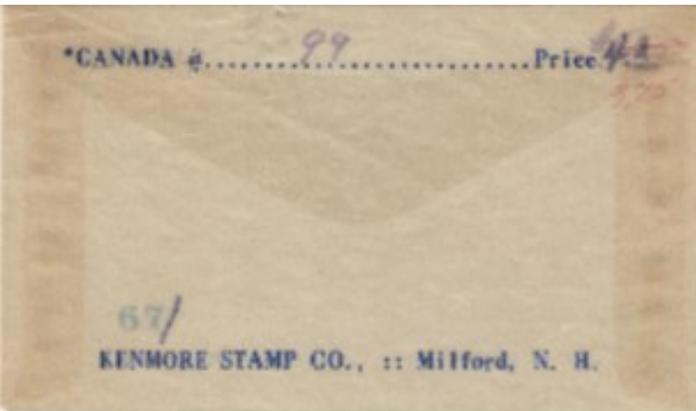
The Stamps on my Desk

Ralph Wyndham

As some of you may recall, I have a collection that I call 'The Stamps On My Desk' where I stash stuff with which I don't know what else to do. Some time ago, while I was cleaning up my stamp desk looking for new subjects for my collection, I rounded up all the stray glassine envelopes. In the process I came across this one which sparked both some long-stored memories and this question: "Just what exactly is glassine?" As a stamp collector, you are no doubt familiar with it.

Glassine is actually a type of paper. As you know, it is a bit glossy, very smooth, and transparent. It is also air, water and grease resistant making the glassine envelope an important tool for protecting our treasures, especially when transporting them. The stamp hinge is also glassine as is the interleaving found between the pages of many stock books.

In the paper manufacturing process, a series of pressure rollers, called calenders, are used to give paper a smooth surface. To make glassine, the finished paper is run through a second set of alternating steel and fibre-covered rollers in a process called supercalendering because it is done after the initial manufacturing process.



As a testament to just how long a collector can hang on to stuff, this envelope has been with me since probably 1968 or 1969 through five moves in as many decades across almost 5000 kms and through all the ups and downs

and twists and turns of a lifetime.

Canada #99 was a stamp that I bought back then. \$3.75 would have been quite a bit of money for a kid just 13 or 14 years old. I can remember working after school for 50 cents per hour in Romain Neumann's basement print shop across the back alley from our house in Kamloops.

Upcoming Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club
Cancelled

Kincardine Stamp Club
Cancelled

Owen Sound Stamp Club
Zoom Auction
April 7 7pm

Zoom Meeting
April 21

Guelph Stamp Club
Cancelled

KW Philatelic Society
Cancelled?

Check with the club
before going to its meeting.
It may be cancelled.

ONE PAGE EXHIBITS

UPCOMING TOPICS

NEXT MEETING -

Design a Covid
Stamp

NEXT MEETING + 1 -

Airmail

NEXT MEETING + 2 -

Flowers

NEXT MEETING + 3 -

My Favourite Stamp

Message from the President

The Saugeen Stamp Club has recently partnered with the Owen Sound Stamp Club to hold ZOOM meetings together – along with an online auction. Information below:

The Owen Sound Stamp Club invites all you folks to join in to our regular monthly zoom meetings - these are held on the third Wednesday of each month (next one is April 21). These meetings are a great spirit lifter in these difficult times, and a great social connection with fellow collectors.

If you are interested in joining with these meetings, please contact Phill Visser at pmvisser54@gmail.com to be added to the notification list. Joining a zoom meeting is very simple and does not require advanced computer equipment or skills. Phil can walk you through it if you need assistance.

In addition to these meetings, we are currently planning a Zoom Auction for April 7. You are all invited to join in these auctions if interested in buying and/or selling. Please let me know of your interest, and if you have a scanner. Here are a few rough indications of how this will work - this is still a process in the planning stages:

1. your auction material must be scanned and emailed to me at billfindlay74@gmail.com before the auction date
2. digital (.jpg) photos can be used but may be of lesser quality than a scan
3. if you do not have access to a scanner (either your own or a fellow collector's), let me know and I will try to assist you in getting that done
4. a link to a list of items to be auctioned will be sent out in the week or two prior to the auction date, so you can view those items ahead of time; you may want to review that list frequently as it will be updated as new material is received
5. a link to the actual auction will be sent out at the same time - the auction will start at 7pm on the designated date
6. a list of sellers/buyers will be distributed after the auction - it will be up to the seller to contact the buyer and arrange payment and delivery - buyer pays shipping costs if needed
7. there is no club fee for these auctions
8. we have not yet set limits on the number of items per person or the total number of items in the auction - again, we are still working on the process (for example, the Woodstock auction goes through about 150 items in one hour)
9. bids may be submitted ahead of time via email to a designated recording person (still to be determined who this is)

(SEE BACK PAGE OF THIS BULLETIN FOR MORE INFORMATION)

The zoom meeting & auction will bring members together to discuss our favourite hobby – there are some members who do not have access to the internet. It is important to keep in touch with members whether they have or have no internet access.

We are still in a period where everyone must practice safe habits to prevent the spread of COVID 19. PLEASE DO YOUR PART.

Hopefully we will be able to get together soon.

Another Measured Moment.....

What I learned from a Club Newsletter.

Being a member of various Stamp Clubs, we can learn much from their Club Newsletters. As an example allow me to quote from the October 2020 Newsletter of the Stamp Club in Christchurch New Zealand, that I receive regularly.

First, Hockey, {or Field Hockey as we know it}, discriminates against left handed players as the rules require that the ball can only be played on the front of the stick, {no backhands}, requiring the player to have his right hand further down the stick, an uncomfortable position for a lefty. This was evident in the recent set of stamps honouring the 2020 Olympics \$2.70 stamp that shows an illegal position by the player shown. Our Canadian Field Hockey stamp of 1979 (Scott #834) shows the players holding their sticks in the correct manner. The Newsletter editor contacted the New Zealand Post Office who confirmed that the, “*The original image -- was flipped*”, resulting in the error on the stamp. However in spite of the error the Post Office confirmed that, they would not be recalling the offending stamps.



Second, in the same issue the editor reports on an enquiry that he made to The Universal Postal Union, {UPU}, about the size of postage stamps. His reply states, “article 06-003 paragraph 1.1 of the UPU Convention states, *Postage stamps and postal prepayment impressions may be any shape provided that, in principle their vertical or horizontal dimensions are not less than 15mm nor more than 50mm.*”

Many Canadian stamps surpass the UPU standard for size, none so flagrantly as the \$10.00 Whale stamp of 2010 (Scott #2405). I am not aware of any Canadian stamps that are under the 15mm requirement. You can look at early Australian States or South Africa to find some of those tiny gems.



Saugeen Stamp Club

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

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News to pass along.....

- Dues are due – only \$10.00 to cover the Bulletin expenses. Peter Kritz is acting treasurer for the time being and your cheque can be mailed to him at the following address.
**407 Lake Rosalind Road 4
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- Regarding the Owen Sound Stamp Club Zoom Auction: Bill Findlay has established an account for people to list and sell excess stamps and the viewing links are provided below. Participation by buying **AND/OR** selling is open to anyone of both clubs and other visitors as well. The first auction is being offered on Wednesday, April 7th at 7 PM. Please submit your scans to the website on or before April 2nd. After April 2nd, all the items for auction will be available on the website links given below, but you can see some items listed already.

The links to see items and read the terms and conditions follow below:

https://stampsmarter.org/AuctionSQL/Auction_Owen_Entry.php?operation=insert – Please use this form to enter your individual lots for auction

https://stampsmarter.org/AuctionFiles/Cat_OwenSC.aspx – You may view listed items in the current auction on this page. These will be the same scans used during the auction

<https://stampsmarter.org/AuctionFiles/OwenTCs.html> – Terms and Conditions - please read if you are listing or bidding in the auction

- Phil Visser received a call from Dieter who shared that Margot had passed away in the Chapman House Hospice in Owen Sound. Her passing was expected because of a virus which had attacked her central nervous system. This virus is NOT the Covid-19 virus which has overtaken our media outlets. As more details become known about funeral arrangements, he will share that with us, but as would be expected only a limited number of people will be able to attend, as well as limited visitation times.
I am sure you will agree with the condolences he offered on behalf of the Owen Sound and Saugeen Stamp Clubs.



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