

# The Bulletin

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## 1962 World's Fair—Seattle Washington

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I was twelve years old when the first Space Age World's Fair took place in Seattle Washington USA. I grew up in Vancouver's east end - my father worked for Shell Oil, and they ran a bus for employees and families to Seattle for this fair. I remember the trip, the excitement of the fair, but most of all, lining up for what seemed hours so we could go up in the Space Needle! The observation deck is 520' up on that 605' tower - during the fair, it received 2.65 million visitors, and I was one! And yes, there was a cool monorail that ran into the fair grounds from downtown Seattle (but it was less than a mile long!).

Note: The lower deck in the photo is a banquet facility at the 100' level, added long after the fair ended.



### Upcoming Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club  
Cancelled

Kincardine Stamp Club  
Cancelled

Owen Sound Stamp Club  
Zoom Auction  
May 5 7pm

Zoom Meeting  
May 19

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

### Greetings to all!!

I know nobody wants to hear the words again but here goes – Stay home, stay safe, keep away from your family and friends. This COVID 19 virus continues to cause havoc in the everyday lives of everyone... even the mail system. On April 6<sup>th</sup>, I received a registered letter from Argentina – I thought it was a bit odd as I have not purchased anything on eBay for such a long time. The letter was dated Jun 18, 2020. Upon checking with the sender, he informs me that he has been paid for the item way back last year.

Thanks go out to a couple of members for working together and organizing both the Zoom meetings and the online auction – unfortunately the service in my area (or my server) limits my participation. The two members from the Saugeen Stamp Club & Owen Sound Stamp Club are working on giving our club a presence on social media. The effort is greatly appreciated by all—Thank You!!

According to a recent email message from the RPSC there is some activity to resume live – in person stamp shows – keep an eye out for information on these events

The RPSC also has a sales circuit available to members and clubs – would this be of interest to members?

### How does the Circuit work?

(Copied from the RPSC message)

The first step is to contact Sandra at 250-655-1715 or [circuits@rpsc.org](mailto:circuits@rpsc.org). Sandra will work with you to put together a circuit that meets your collecting interests. You will also be able to determine the frequency that you receive a circuit.

Circuits I receive typically contain 10-12 booklets. Smaller circuits are available, even only one or two booklets.

Each circuit booklet contains 61 pages and typically one country or associated countries like the British Commonwealth.

The front page of the booklet defines the contents of the booklet, and the condition (mint or used or both), and the year of the Scott catalogue which was used to determine pricing. In a few cases, I have experienced the use of the Michel catalogue for early Germany and German States.

The booklet has spaces for up to 921 stamps.

You place your initial or mark in the space when you remove a stamp. You then record the page space number, and price on a tally sheet.

Circuit booklets are returned within 10 days of receipt along with the tally sheets and payment. If you need a few more days, this can be discussed with Sandra.

### Benefits

For me, the number one benefit is finding stamps that I can't find in our club circuit books.

With the RPSC Sales Circuit booklets, I have time to examine the stamps at my leisure. One area I collect is early German states which often have forged cancellations. At home, I can use my various references or the internet to determine whether I'm dealing with a fraudulent cancel.

I often find sellers will include entire sets of a stamp series, eliminating the need to search for a stamp that is missing from a set.

## ***Another Measured Moment.....***

### Free Post Card

Recently, Canada Post has sent out **"FREE"** Post Cards that can be mailed to any address in Canada from anywhere in Canada. They are cute cards that show various sayings related to keeping in touch, via mail, during this pandemic.

It reminded me of the occasion when New Zealand Post were slightly embarrassed to admit that they were making a profit, so they gave New Zealanders, a day of free mail, when any "First Class" envelope with a handwritten address, from NZ to an address in NZ would be delivered without charge as a way of returning to the people of New Zealand, a small portion of the profits "their Post Office" was making.

In this case in Canada, I don't know if they have given any reason for their offer of these "Freebies", but they are an interesting philatelic oddity.

I have received 5 different examples, in a variety of colours, and my sister mailed me one that is different from those that I obtained locally. They were given out to all clients who receive flyers with their mail, so I suppose that most of us have gotten one or more.

They are all bilingual; and the one sent to me reads "Sending smiles", in both English and French. The others that I have read: "I've been meaning to write", "Wishing I were there", "Sending hugs", "I miss you", and "From me to you". If anyone has another variety, I would appreciate it being sent to me. After all it doesn't cost you anything and it gets you my sincere Thanks!



## 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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News to pass along.....

- 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 next auction is being offered on Wednesday, May 5th at 7 PM.

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

[https://stampsmarter.org/AuctionSQL/Auction\\_Owen\\_Entry.php?operation=insert](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](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

From the Editor:

I do apologize for the lateness of the Bulletin this month. You would think that with the lockdown I would have time on my hands but that does not seem to be the case. How did I fit in everything before? But isn't that what people say about retirement. How did I work and do all these things too? Those of you who will eventually have to return to an office and a structured life, I feel sorry for you. How will you be able to fit in what you want to do in the time available. Again my apologies.....I will try to do better for the June Bulletin but..... remember life happens... STAY SAFE



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