

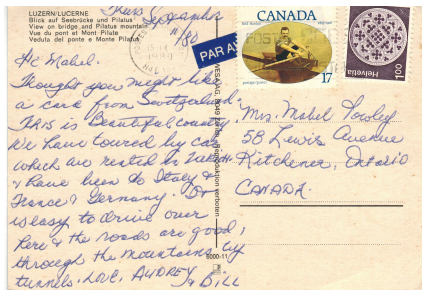
# The Bulletin

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## Interesting Finds in a Junk Box – No Value Just Interesting by Diane Jarvis

I went through the box of ephemera I purchased at the November meeting and found a couple of things I would like to share. The box had a lot of mail from or to Gordon Speers so I am assuming that the previous owner of this box had purchased a bin from the sale of Gordon's collections.

Firstly I found a postcard from Switzerland with a picture of Lucerne. The card is dated and the cancel both show 1980 as the year it was mailed. I thought it didn't look right so I kept looking at it then realized the issue.



The card was mailed in Switzerland with one Swiss stamp and one Canadian stamp. I guess a Swiss postal worker didn't see this discrepancy any more than a Canadian postal worker would have done.

In the box there also were two letters written by Gordon Speers to two armed forces personnel. In the letters that he wrote he said he had gotten their names and addresses from his local stamp club and had been told they would like to receive mail. So he diligently sent off his letters to these two service people to the Multinational Medical Unit in Kandahar, Afghanistan. But unfortunately these personnel had already returned to Canada. The Armed Forces, instead of forwarding the letters to the intended recipient they returned them to sender.



For me that was sad. Why weren't they forwarded to the recipient at their new address? On the bottom of the letters is an address for a base in Belleville, Ontario but I am not sure if that was added by George. If so he may have sent new letters to them.

Have any of you written to someone like this? I think it would be interesting but don't know how to get in touch with anyone in the beginning. Is this something we could take on as a club? Writing to someone who doesn't otherwise get mail would be a very nice gesture.

## Upcoming Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club  
Tues Dec 3

Kincardine Stamp Club  
Wed Dec 4

Owen Sound Stamp Club  
Thurs Dec Zoom  
Wed Dec 18

Guelph Stamp Club  
Wed Dec 4  
Wed Dec 18

KW Philatelic Society  
Thurs Dec 12

Oxford Zoom Auction  
Fri Dec 6  
Fri Dec 20

LASO Zoom Meeting  
Tues Dec 17

Check with the club  
before going to its  
meeting.

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## EXHIBITS

## UPCOMING

## TOPICS

## Dec

Christmas

## Jan

Winter

## Feb

Should we  
Continue?

## ***Message from the President – Walt Berry***

Greetings to all,

Welcome to the colder days of fall, and the possibility of snow in the forecast. Everyone is encouraged to check for a meeting cancellation prior to heading out to our meeting. I have been in contact with our meeting venue and have confirmation of changing the January and February meetings to Saturday January 4<sup>th</sup>, and February 1st 2025. This has been our practise for the past several years to ensure members will not be required to drive in the dark and/or in case of adverse winter driving conditions.

Best to be safe than sorry!!

The Treasurer reports the club is in good standing with our finances - don't forget the annual dues for 2025 may be submitted at your earliest convenience. Members paying their dues of just \$20.00 by the January meeting, will have their name placed in a draw for free 2025 dues.

The annual show is confirmed for May 3rd at the same venue as last year - the Clifford Community Hall, 2 William St in Clifford. The location was well received by all - including the great lunch provided by the United Church ladies. So, come to the show hungry and fill up with lunch on the basis of a free will donation. The show is being promoted by the convener and the dealers are being contacted by member John. A floor plan must be provided to the municipality approximately one week prior to the event to allow them time to set up the dealer tables.

The December meeting will once again be our annual Christmas social whereby members are asked to bring their favourite treat to share with others. A representative of the Hanover Salvation Army will be on hand to accept non perishable food items and the financial donation proceeds from the fun auction. Please be generous with your collectible treasures and bring them to the meeting to move them to a new home or bring along a bit of cash to purchase an addition to your collection.

Keep well & Safe

Isn't that the truth!!

If my body were a car, I would trade it for a newer model.  
Every time I cough, sputter, or sneeze, my radiator leaks and my exhaust backfires.



## Another Measured Moment

### Postal Information from 1941 How things have changed

#### POSTAL INFORMATION

##### LETTERS

Local or "drop" letters—two cents for first ounce, one cent for each additional ounce or fraction thereof.

All other letters for delivery in Canada, also letters for delivery in Great Britain and all other places in the British Empire, France, Spain, the United States and all other places in North and South America—three cents for first ounce; two cents for each additional ounce or fraction thereof.

Letters for delivery in all countries not mentioned above—5 cents for the first ounce or fraction thereof, and 3 cents for each subsequent ounce or fraction thereof.

Letters for delivery within Canada or in other countries if posted unpaid or not fully prepaid, will be forwarded to destination charged with double deficiency.

##### AIR MAIL

Postage including fees for all air mail services available en route and in country of destination.

Any place in	Postage including fees for all air mail services available
1. Canada, Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Irish Free State, Newfoundland, or any other place in North America not mentioned in groups 2 and 4.	6c. first oz. 5c. each oz. after.
2. United States, Bermuda.	6c. each oz.
3. Europe (except places mentioned in group 1).	10c. each oz.
4. West Indies and British Guiana, Mexico, Cuba, Central America, Asia, Africa.	25c. each 1/4 oz.* 35c. each 1/2 oz.
5. Australasia	
6. South America—	
(a) Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela, Dutch Guiana and French Guiana.	50c. each 1/4 oz.
(b) Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay.	70c. each 1/4 oz.

\*This rate does not apply to air mail dispatched by the United States "Clipper" Service from San Francisco to Hawaii, Guam and the Philippine

Islands, on which the rate is 25c., 50c. and 75c. per 1/2 ounce respectively. The air mail rate via San Francisco to Macao and Hong Kong is 90c. per 1/2 ounce.

Registration or special delivery or both, if desired, are applicable to air mail letters and insurance may be secured on any article of air mail eligible therefor.

All matter intended for transmission by air must be plainly marked "Via Air Mail" or "par avion" and fully prepaid. It is recommended that distinctive envelopes, specially printed in colours for air mail, be used if possible. Such envelopes are to be obtained at most stationery stores at small cost.

For further information regarding air mail either within or outside of Canada, please consult your Postmaster.

##### POST CARDS

Post cards for delivery in Canada, Great Britain, and other places in the British Empire, France, Spain, and places in North and South America—two cents each (if they bear written communications).

Reply post cards for delivery in Canada, Great Britain and other places in the British Empire, France, Spain, the United States, and all other places in North and South America—four cents each (if they bear written communications).

Post cards for delivery in all other countries—three cents each (if they bear written communications).

Reply post cards for delivery in all other countries—six cents each (if they bear written communications).

Single reply cards bearing on the face the words "Business Reply Card" and prepaid one-half cent postage. These cards must be sent out as enclosures with matter mailed in quantity addressed to places within Canada, and the speculative element as to a reply must be present when they are used. Any organization using these reply cards must have its name and address printed on the lower right-hand half of the face and must have matter (with or without blanks to be filled in) printed on the reverse side of the card.

Double reply cards bearing on the first half one cent postage and on the reply half one-half cent postage. The first half must have printed matter on it and the cards used under the same conditions as the one-half cent business reply cards.

## Saugeen Stamp Club

Chapter 220, Royal Philatelic  
Society of Canada

Chapter 21, Grand River  
Valley Philatelic Association

Website: [https://www.rpsc.org/  
chapters/saugeenstampclub/](https://www.rpsc.org/chapters/saugeenstampclub/)

Club Website:  
[saugeenstampclub.org](https://www.saugeenstampclub.org)

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## Owen Sound Zoom Auctions

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Conditions - please read if you are listing or bidding in the auction

## Almanac Stamp of 1765 or 1766

The Stamp Act, passed by British Parliament in 1765, often cited as one of the immediate causes of the American Revolution, was, in fact, a tax. It was levied on American paper used for legal, official or everyday useful documents: ship's papers, business licenses, calendars, declarations, inventory, etc. —even playing cards. The “stamp” was applied to paper to denote that the tax had been paid. While the money demanded by the act was quite low and the act was repealed the following year, the damage was done.

The colonies were incensed at the notion that they could be taxed by anyone outside their elected assemblies. Mob violence and intimidation followed, forcing stamp tax collectors to resign their positions and driving away ships carrying stamp papers at seaports. Colonial orators, like Patrick Henry, as well as newspapers, seized on the issue of English tyranny taking the form of taxation without representation, building the wave to revolution some 10 years later.



Remember – Club dues for  
2025 are payable

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*[saugeenstampclub.org](https://www.saugeenstampclub.org)*

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