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- in our area



National Stamp Exhibition
Exposition nationale de timbres

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Upcoming Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club
First Tuesday

Kincardine Stamp Club
First Wednesday

Owen Sound Stamp Club
Zoom Auction First Wed
Zoom Mtg Second Thurs
Mtg Third Wed

Guelph Stamp Club
First and Third
Wednesday

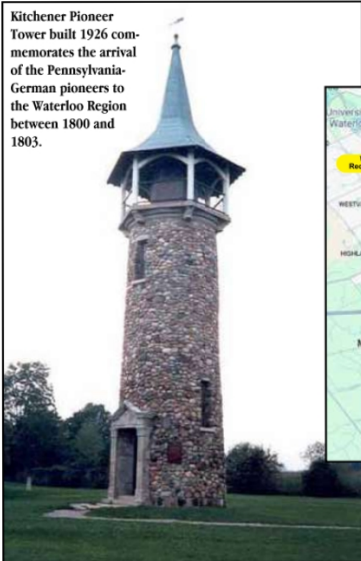
KW Philatelic Society
Second Thurs
Sept to June

Oxford Phil Society
Zoom Auction
First and third Friday

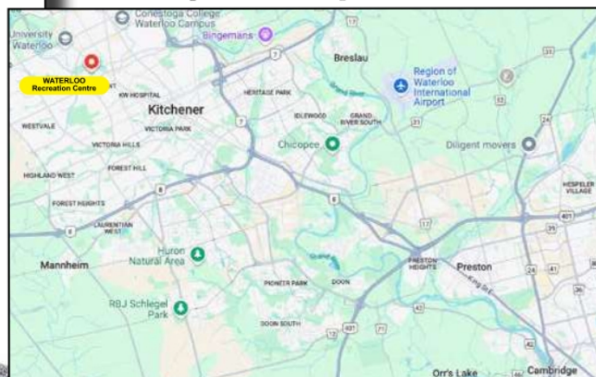
LASO Zoom Meeting
Second Tues

Check with the club
before going to its
meeting.

Kitchener Pioneer
Tower built 1926 com-
memorates the arrival
of the Pennsylvania-
German pioneers to
the Waterloo Region
between 1800 and
1803.



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EXHIBITS

THESE WILL CONTINUE
AND BE VOTED ON

IT WILL BE A PAGE OF
THE EXHIBITOR'S
CHOICE OF TOPIC

THIS IS A GOOD WAY TO
HONE YOUR SKILLS

Message from the President – Walt Berry

Greetings!!

There were two meetings in the month of September - the additional meeting was a circuit book social which was very well attended. Phil Visser did a demonstration on several ways to make or use albums for your collection. And Marion Ace demonstrated several ways to soak stamps off paper or when not even to try. Both presentations were very helpful and even something new could have been learned by a seasoned collector.

The first three meetings for 2026 have been confirmed with St. Matthews Church for Saturdays to reduce the need to drive in, either at night or in adverse weather. The dates are January 10, February 14 and March 14 - time from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M.

Please mark your calendar .

The weather is beginning to change, trees are shedding their colourful leaves in preparation for a winter rest. However, their rest does create a homeowners workload of raking / composting the spent leaves. One landscaper who spoke on the news tonight said healthy deciduous leaves should be raked up and put on your garden. They will protect roots and help fertilize the garden for next year.

With the cooler weather, outdoor activities are left to the hearty souls who enjoy various cold weather pursuits. It also restarts the stamp collecting season for stamp club members who tuck away their collections for a summer break or re-excites the blood for the clubs that do not break during the summer.

Members are encouraged to support dealers and clubs as they promote the hobby through shows and circuit book fairs. The recent coin & stamp show in Mississauga was a positive showing both hobbies are withstanding the test of time. Coin collectors appeared to be well represented at the show.

On the topic of collecting, the most important issue on the how / why you collect must be a reflection of yourself - it is your hobby. Collect what interests you!! Arrange your collection the way you want. Experienced collectors can provide advice on what worked for them but may not be the way you want to show your collection. Don't be afraid to ask questions. One recommendation I was given in answer to one of my questions many years ago was "buy the very best of what you can afford or what you are prepared to pay"

There are some new rules coming into effect for us older drivers – make sure you are aware of the changes and how they affect your driving habits.

Keep well & Safe

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED – 1. We are still looking for a new Bulletin editor. Interested ?- speak to Diane. Also, interesting stories of philatelic events / knowledge are welcome for the monthly bulletin.

2. Maybe for the next elections someone could step up to be our new President. A little birdie told me that Walt would also like to retire.

I know that we are all busy with our personal lives but a group such as ours will only survive if people step up and take an active role in its leadership. Please consider these very important roles.

NOT the Road Trip From Hell, as Expected

By the Editor

At the Saturday Circuit meeting in September I mentioned that I had to take a drive to New Hampshire to pick up several Ebay purchases that I had not realized were so heavy that the cost of shipping was going to be 3 times what I had paid for the lots. I decided to risk the drive to Pittsfield, New Hampshire and call it a mini holiday road trip.

Once I Google Mapped the trip and saved it on my phone I found there are really no east/west major highways. Since we were going east we dropped the dog in Bowmanville at my daughters and continued on to Ottawa. I have a brother who lives there whom I have not seen for several years so we had a nice visit over dinner then went to our overnight reservation in Cornwall.

Before going several people had some advice about why we shouldn't go or how we should protect ourselves from the Tr...p goons that would arrest us on sight. How we should leave our cell phones at home and buy burners to use in an emergency. Also we were to hide anything of value in the car because if seen it would be confiscated. A little scary, RIGHT.

But I am if nothing else an optimist and felt "What can go wrong? With going to pick up a stamp collection. What danger would a nerd like that be in?"

Well we were the only car in the line to enter the US. Our first thought was that they might be bored so empty out our car just to kill time. Didn't happen. We were asked what was the purpose of our visit and how long we intended to stay. Then she said "Have a nice trip" And that was it.

The straightest route was taking all kinds of winding roads which we loved. We saw old houses still being lived in, covered bridges and many picturesque rivers, and followed the shore of Lake Champlain until we could cross at the south end. The drive probably took longer than if we had taken the interstate to Albany but it would have been a very boring drive. We stopped at Information stations for the washrooms and talked with the person manning the building and found some interesting historical information along the way. We stopped near Fort Ticonderoga but my first take when looking at the picture was "Why do they have a picture of the Fortress of Louisbourg on Cape Breton Island's eastern coast. I guess they were both built around the same time with the same idea of keeping guard.

One of the tourist stations couldn't offer the washrooms because they had had sustained drought and the well was dry. But we had a very interesting conversation with both the station person as well as a couple stopping in.

Concord is the capital of New Hampshire. What a pretty city. Many restored 200 year (maybe plus) old houses in the downtown area. Beautiful capital buildings, one with a gold dome. Much prettier than in Washington. I slept in but Larry walked for 2 hours before I woke up then talked of the beautiful, and very large homes, that were still single family residences.

But on to Pittsfield where my stamps were waiting. It was about a 25 minute drive and I had an appointment for 11 am to arrive. Why? I don't know. They mail most of their sales, and I was the only one picking up purchases. But we arrived as planned.

What a haul, 3 bankers boxes full of old albums and stock books. And a 14 x 14 box that they had already prepared for shipping before I said I would pick up.

Of course I had come prepared to be a passenger looking at stamps. I brought a tray that had vertical sides to stop sliding stamps but I had forgotten to bring anything to sort stamps into so a stop at Dollar General for baggies solved that problem.

Saugeen Stamp Club

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Society of Canada

Chapter 21, Grand River
Valley Philatelic Association

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At another tourist rest stop the attendant gave us a map that showed us the quickest way back to Cornwall. It crossed on the north end of Lake Champlain. A different route than we had travelled east on so many more very picturesque views, if only I could have gotten my eyes up instead of on the tray of stamps.

Even though we had a very easy border crossing into the US Larry was very nervous about crossing back into Canada. So for about 150 miles his bladder gave him a lot of issues. If you stay more than 24 hours in the US you can each bring back \$200.00. Now I am assuming that is Canadian dollars since you are bringing an item into Canada. I had spent \$250.00 USD which worked out to about \$375.00 CDN so we were okay since we had been about 36 hours in the US. We get to the border and were asked the usual questions and I gave her the receipt we had received and she said. Thanks, have a nice trip home. AND WE DID (including picking up the dog in Bowmanville)

All in all it was lovely weather, lovely scenery and no problems at either border. But I think I have a lot to sort through and so I will not plan another big purchase until Tr...p is no longer in charge and border crossings will not be so stressful or worrisome.

BTW – the Ebay store I shopped at was Noblespirit. I have purchased smaller lots from them before. Very reputable and very easy to deal with by email or phone if you want to incur the charges. And they will try to package what you buy in the most cost effective way.

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