# EDMONTON STAMP CLUB 2025 SPRING STAMP SHOW









# 29-30 March 2025 Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4 Central Lion's Recreational Centre 113 St & 111 Ave

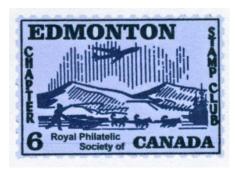
#### The Theme of this year's show is:

80th Anniversary of the End of World War II and Canada's Role



Stamp Dealers from across Western Canada
Stamp Circuit Books, Door Prize Draw, Junior Stamp Table
Free Stamp Evaluations with Admission
Food Bank Donations

For further information: <a href="https://www.edmontonstampclub.ca/">https://www.edmontonstampclub.ca/</a>



The Edmonton Stamp Club dates back to 1912. The Club is Life Chapter #6 of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and Chapter #680 of the American Philatelic Society. The editor welcomes communications of all kinds – letters, comments, and articles. These may be forwarded to John-

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#### **Door Prize**

Don't forget to fill out your door prize ticket. The tickets are available at the club table near the entrance to the show.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Once again the Edmonton Stamp Club will be hosting the Spring National Stamp Show. This is one of only three in Canada (the others are ORAPEX in Ottawa and London, Ontario). Thanks to our show committee for organizing this event.

Dealers from across Western Canada and exhibitors from North America will converge on the Central Lions Recreation Centre on March 29 and 30.

Dear reader, we hope you will be amongst the buyers attending this prestigious event. Bring your collections for free appraisals. There will be lots of chairs to sit in while you browse the collections of the many dealers. Bring your children and grandchildren as there are lots of activities at the Junior Tables.

The Edmonton Stamp Club is pleased to welcome the Calgary Philatelic Club to this year's Spring National.

The cafeteria will be open, and after lunch make sure you attend the informative educational seminars and the David Piercey Memorial lecture.

...and if you are interested in joining our club please attend our regular meeting on Monday 31 March at St. Joseph High School from 6 to 9 PM.

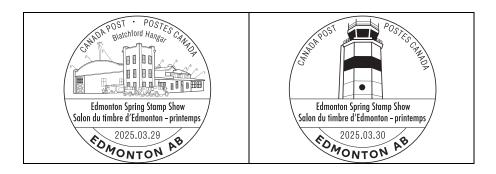
Once again we are asking for donations to the Edmonton Food Bank. Collection boxes will be at the show entry.

Welcome...and enjoy the Show.

David V. Pattison, President

The Edmonton Stamp Club is grateful to Frank Gasparik for taking photographs at this and our other recent Stamp Shows.

#### The Show Cancellations



### Edmonton's Aerial Contribution to the Cause in WWII: Commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the End of the War

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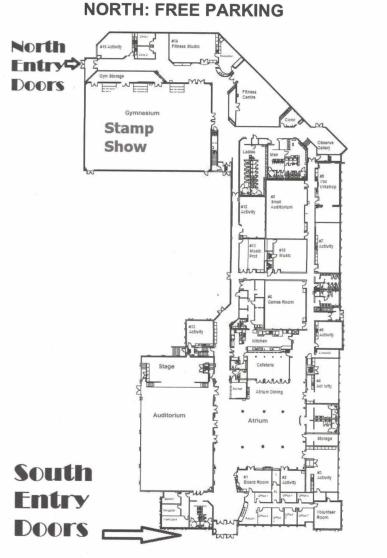
In 1927 Blatchford Field became the home of Edmonton's early bush pilots such as "Punch" Dickins and "Wop" May, whose adventures and exploits helped open the Canadian North to flight and lay the foundation for the commercial aviation industry that ended in 2013.

The airport was an important center of commercial and military aviation, not just for the Edmonton region, but also for all of Canada and North America. In 1939, operations were handed over to the Canadian government as the airport filled a critical role as a Royal Canadian Air Force flight-training centre during the Second World War. In 1943, the North American record was set when 860 planes passed through what was at that time known as #2 Air Observer School. The current Aircraft Museum is actually one of very few allwooden hangars. This was to save steel. The construction of this hangar is an example of human ingenuity. Another all-wood hangar, also on the airport, No 11, was sadly lost to fire.

The Americans delivered <u>fighter and bomber aircraft</u> to Russia via the North West Staging Route, with about 8000 passing through the Edmonton airport. Many planes crashed, either due to weather, pilot

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#### **Map of the Central Lions Recreation Centre**



**SOUTH: FREE PARKING** 

#### The Judges



#### **Stéphane Cloutier**

Stéphane Cloutier started collecting Canadian postal history in 1998 and now has a serious passion for the postal history of Paris, France before 1900. He has been Secretary-Treasurer, then President of the Postal History Society of Canada from 2005 to 2019 and was

named Fellow in 2019. He has also been involved in the smooth running of ORAPEX in Ottawa since 2006. He is a member of several stamp societies and became a fully accredited RPSC national judge in 2009 and named Fellow in 2016.



#### Steve Johnson

Steve Johnson started collecting as a young child through Cub Scouts, and with the aid of his stamp collecting dad and uncle. Rediscovering the hobby in the early 2000s, he started collecting Canadian Semi-Official Airmail stamps, with a particular interest in Yukon Airways and Exploration Company Limited.

Graduating from collector to

exhibitor, Steve has earned National-level gold medals, along with FIP-level vermeil and gold medals, with a highlight being an FIP large gold medal for his Yukon Airways traditional exhibit. Steve has been an RPSC accredited National level judge since 2019.



#### John Wilson

John Wilson first became fascinated by stamps when, as a child, his mother's collection was used to distract him when he was ill and had to stay home from school for an extended period of time. He got his first "kit" at the age of twelve and began as he continues --

mounting and sorting an accumulation into blank albums.

He discovered auctions when at the University of Toronto, where he minored in All About Everything, and took up serious collecting after graduating, having bought a box of 13,996 stamps off paper (he counted!) from one of John Talman's earliest mail catalogue sales.

He has worked as a house manager in repertory theatre, as a public relations flack specializing in speechwriting, as a freelance journalist and editor, an arts administrator with both the League of Canadian Poets and the Canadian Authors' Association, and -- shockingly -- has spent fifteen years as an ESL teacher, all with the same company, which recently fulfilled his worst nightmare by presenting him with a dreaded watch on his anniversary!

He has volunteered with many organizations, including the Native Men's Residence, the Canadian Cooperative for Linguistic and Cultural Studies, and the Sussex-Ulster Residents' Association, as well as serving on the City's advisory committee on the rebuilding of Boys' and Girls' House (the Lillian Smith Library. the Osborne, and Merrill collections).

He is "not a joiner" and came late to stamp societies, but is presently active in the North Toronto club (first vice-president, program Chair and long-time Newsletter Editor) as well as the Hong Kong Study Circle and the Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club.

John collects philatelic literature of all sorts and is particularly interested in what lies beyond the accepted catalogues. He has a long-term interest in cancellations of the British empire and pays particular attention to the postal history of British Guiana and of Hong Kong and the Treaty Ports.

#### The Exhibits

Exhibitor	Exhibit Title	Description	Frame Nos.
Bartlet, David	Canadian Pioneer Airmail Flights of 1918-1919	Canadian pioneer airmail flights of 1918-1919 within Canada and overseas. New exhibit.	1-2
Boyce, Mark	Rowland Hill's Embarrassment: Mulready Postal Stationery	Postal reform culminated on 6 May 1840 with release of the Penny Black and 2 Pence blue as well as 4 postal stationery items. Stamps were well received, but Mulready postal stationery was ridiculed with caricatures.	3-7
Boyce, Mark	Emerging Wildlife Management in Alberta	Traces the development of wildlife management in Alberta based on Wildlife Certificate stamps 1964-1997	8-14

Donen, Neil	The "Uncatalogued" Madame Joseph Forged Postmarks of the 1935 Silver Jubilee Issue	Exhibit lists and compares uncatalogued Madame Joseph 1935 Silver Jubilee related forged postmarks with genuine postmarks.  New exhibit.	15
Covert, Earle	Tobacco Duty Paids – 1973 to 2011	Tobacco Duty Paid labels supplied by manufacturer or distributor – 1973 to 2011. New exhibit.	16- 25
Chiu, Sam	Canada's C-Force in Hong Kong and Its Fore-runners, 1940-1945	The postal history of Canada's C-Force in Hong Kong and its forerunner for the Winnipeg Grenadiers as Y-Force in Jamaica are shown and presented in a timeline fashion written as an open Philately/Display Class Exhibit. A show theme exhibit.	26- 30
Chiu, Sam	The German Military Expedition of the Boxer Rebellion, China July 1900 – September 1901	Shown is the postal history of the German forces traveling to China, while they were stationed there and their return afterwards to suppress the Boxer Rebellion	31- 38

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Friedenthal,	Postage Meters at	A study of Canada's	39-
Steven	War: Canada	World War II	44
	World War II	patriotic postage	
	Patriotic Postage	meter slogans.	
	Meter Slogans	Including the	
		slogans, colors used,	
		indicia, periods of	
		use, and the	
		companies using	
		them. A show theme	
		exhibit.	
Murray,	First Pence Stamps	The exhibit examines	45
Duncan	of Great Britain	early postal history	
	and Canada	of Great Britain	
		including the Penny	
		Black, Two-Penny	
		Blue and the Penny	
		Red and the early	
		issues of the British	
		North American	
		provinces. <i>New</i>	
		exhibit.	
Friedenthal,	Czechoslovakia	Shows all of the	46-
Steven	Krag Machine	machine advertising	53
	Advertising	(slogan) cancels	
	Cancels: The First	produced by Krag	
	Republic Period	repeating cancelling	
	1920- 1939	machines during the	
		First Republic period	
		(1920-1939)	
Kellett, Hal	The Raid on Dieppe	The exhibit displays	54-
	19 August 1942	covers and letters to	55
		and from Canadian	
		Servicemen who	
		took part in the	
		Dieppe Raid and who	

		were killed or taken prisoner.  A show theme and new exhibit.	
Kellett, Hal	How Japan's Quest for Power Prior to and during World War II Affected Canada's Military and Civilians 1940-1945	Covers relating to civilian mail and military mail from 1940-1945 are shown. A show theme exhibit.	56- 58
Murray, Duncan	The Four Stamps of Apollo	An exhibit showing the four US stamps inspired by the Apollo space missions. <i>New exhibit</i> .	59- 60
Dykstra, Ed	3-Cent Cartier Issue: A Single Stamp Study	Proofs and many formats, printing varieties and covers; showing a wide usage such as business mail, first flight airmails, etc.	61- 68
Kellett, Hal	Canadian Military Personnel Missing/Prisoner of War/Killed in Action during World War II	Mail to or from Canadian Servicemen reported missing, prisoner of war, or kiled in action during World War II 1939-1940. A show theme exhibit.	69- 71
Freeman, Sandy	Dominion of Canada 80th Anniversary of the End of World War II	The British found it difficult to accept that the Dominion of Canada had become an independent country with its own military and government. A show theme and new exhibit.	72- 73

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Snelsen, Ken	Returning UK	Form letters, labels, etc.	74
	Undeliverable	used in the Returned	
	Parcels	Letter and other offces	
		to return undeliverable	
		parcels from the start	
		of parcel post 1 August	
		1883	
Tillard, Jean-	Saint-Pierre et	Complete study about	75
Jacques	Miquelon, le	this value including	
	2F< <croix de<="" td=""><td>exceptional pieces like the steel die and the</td><td></td></croix>	exceptional pieces like the steel die and the	
	Langlade>> de	"bon à tirer"	
	1947	bon a tirer	
McLaughlan,	Householder	A postal history exhibit	76-
David	Mail in Canada	of the unaddressed	80
	1889-1989	circular-rate	
		(householder) mail	
		from inception to the	
		end of the first 100	
		years, organized by	
		payment method	
Weiner, Joel	The Penny Crimson	A study of the 1 Penny	81-
	- The Water	Machin of Great Britain	90
	Activated 1	including many rare	
	Penny Machin	varieties and detailing	
		how each variety can	
		be distinguished	
O'Reilly,	The 1929	The transition of postal	91-
Kevin	MacKenzie River	service in the	95
	Airmails	Mackenzie Valley	
		(northern Alberta and	
		western NWT) from dog	
		sled and river steamers	
		to airmail is shown	
Snelson, Ken	An Imaginary	Mail with paquebot	96-
	Philatelic	and other civilian	100
	Circumnavigation	maritime markings from	

	of Great	1894 start of the paquebot	
	Britain &	system arranged in	
	Off-Shore	clockwise order from	
	Islands in	London and back to	
	the	London	
	Paquebot		
	Era		
Wang, Jean	A Call to	This social philately exhibit	101
	Arms:	illustrates printed material	
	Canadian	pertaining to the Canadian	
	Red Cross	Red Cross's efforts to	
	Blood Donor	recruit blood donors to	
	Appeals in	support the Canadian	
	World War II	Armed Forces during	
		WWII. A show theme	
		exhibit.	
Trathen,	Canada's	To show the design,	102
Donna	First RCMP	production, varieties, and	
	Stamp 1935	usages of the 1935 RCMP	
		stamp	
Weiner, Joel	The Tourist	A display of cachets used	103
	Cachets of	on tourist postcards in place of a Land's End	
	Land's End,	postmark. <i>New exhibit.</i>	
	Cornwall UK	position in the same of the sa	
Dziemianczuk,	Lwów under	This exhibit shows	104
Wladyslaw	Russian	chronologically various	
,	Administration 1939-1941	aspects of the postal	
	1959-1941	services primarily through	
		covers from the first day	
		of the Soviet Russian	
		occupation, 17 September	
		1939 until its end on 22	
		June 1941	
Wang, Jean	The Toronto	This exhibit illustrates the	105
	Hospital for	messaging and material	
	Sick	used in the Hospital's	

	Children's Christmas Appeals to 1926: The Sweetest of All Charities	Christmas fundraising appeals, up to 1926 when the use of special order cards was discontinued	
O'Reilly, Kevin	Yukon Postal History before World War II	The postal history of the Yukon before WWII is presented; material is organized geographically into eight parts, reflecting regional and temporal changes	106- 111

[Dykstra, "Edmonton's Aerial Contribution," conclusion]

error or mechanical failure, and Edmonton WWI hero Wop May created his own civilian pararescue team to save men from needless death. Long-range air traffic control was also developed in Edmonton, by having a number of landline phones connected to the Edmonton airfield; crews would call in to Edmonton to see what was happening at their destination.

The all-wood hangar is now the proud Alberta Aviation Museum. Located on the southern boundary of the former city airport along Kingsway Avenue, it is guarded by a magnificent 1960s-vintage CF-101 VooDoo jet fighter.



The Edmonton Municipal Airport during World War II

#### **Edmonton Stamp Club Distinguished Service Award:** Laureates

2022 John Bucci	2000 Margaret Powell
2020-21 no award (Covid-19)	1999 Christopher Miller
2019 Jim Lockau	1998 Maurice Hampson
2018 Kelly Liusz-Moser	1997 Alan Meech
2017 Fred Tauber	1996 Edmund Harris
2016 Peter Kuester	1995 John Powell
2015 Ken Kluchky	1994 Deirdre McKay
2014 Bill VanderStelt	1993 Edgar Mackay
2013 Ed Muxlow	1992 Roman Zrobok
2012 Carol Warren	1991 Doris McKay
2011 Richard Barnes	1990 Jan Roebroek
2010 Bob Hyodo	1989 Michael Burrington
2009 Joe Liusz	1988 Stewart Kenyon
2008 Ed Dykstra	1987 Siegfried Osterwoldt
2007 George (Bud) Cutler	1986 Kim Frandsen
2006 Patricia Bates	1985 Doris Church
2005 John Attrell	1984 Ian Paterson
2004 Ernie Carlson	1983 Keith Spencer
2003 Roy Hauer	1982 Bert Huffman
2002 David Piercey	1981 Clark Bolton
2001 Jim Miller	1980 George Parkinson

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#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### Saturday 29 March

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Judges use Fitness Studio

10:00 AM ESC Spring National Show opening ceremony

10:00 AM Show officially open to public

10:00 AM Appraisals of stamp collections in area between exhibits and bleachers

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Cafeteria open - lunch special all day

5:00 PM Show closes

#### Sunday 30 March

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Awards Breakfast

10:00 AM Show open to public

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Appraisals of stamp collections in area between exhibits and bleachers

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Judges' feedback Fitness Studio

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM Cafeteria open - lunch special all day

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM David Piercey Memorial Seminar on Exhibiting

2:00 PM - 3PM Kevin O'Reilley presentation, "Dog Sled Mail"

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Presentation from Postal History Society of Canada – Dave Bartlett

4:00 PM Show closes

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Take down

#### **Speakers**

#### **David Bartlet (Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada)**

David has been collecting stamps since the age of six, with a few years off during university; but it has been a major activity for the last 50 years. In support of stamp collecting he has worked on the BNAPS website since 2009 and is presently doing the same for his current local club in Calgary. Presently he is BNAPS VP Regional Groups and over the years he has



participated in regional groups across Canada and the USA and is the Calgary Regional group Chairman. Over the last few years he has worked with the organizing committee for BNAPEX 2012, 2017, and 2022 in Calgary, and has assisted with the souvenirs (stamp overprints) to raise funds for BNAPEX in 2012-14 and 2016-18.

David has spent time on Scouting-related activities from being a Scout in his youth. He is now active in the Maple Leaf Chapter of SOSSI (Scouts on Stamps) and has been a SOSSI Board Director; he is now serving a term as vice-president. He has worked in Camp Post Offices for two Canadian Jamborees in 2007 and 2013. At various shows over the last few years he would have been seen with his father, a dedicated Scouter, manning a SOSSI (or BNAPS) table. He has made exhibits on Canadian Jamborees and Scout Moots.

He has been exhibiting nationally across Canada for the last twelve years. His collecting and exhibiting interests include War Savings for both wars, ration material, Christmas and Easter seals, brewery and winery covers, cinderella seals, customs duty, BC Hospital, Admiral booklets, cello paks, and other things. Down the aerophilatelic area, he worked with Chris Hargreaves on creating and flying covers in commemoration of Brian Peck, Katherine Stinson, and the Alcock Brown flights.

Memberships include: RPSC, BNAPS, CPSofGB, PHSC, PSSC, SOSSI, and CAS.

Since 2003 David has worked as a Systems Analyst at WestJet Airlines in Calgary, Alberta, with his wife and two sons.

#### **Kevin O'Reilly (Postal History Society of Canada)**



Kevin O'Reilly has resided in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada since 1985, working for a variety of Aboriginal and public government agencies and non-governmental organizations. He has had extensive involvement in the environmental assessment and regulation of resource development in the Northwest Territories. He served on Yellowknife City Council from 1997 to 2006. Kevin holds a Bachelor's in Environmental Studies and a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Waterloo.

He started collecting stamps of the world when he was introduced to the hobby by his mother. Kevin then specialized in Canada, then the Centennial Definitives, and in 1972 he sent off some self-addressed covers to post offices in the NWT and Yukon. This proved to be a turning point, as he quickly specialized in the postal history of the Northwest Territories,

Nunavut (as well as the Eastern Arctic Patrol), Yukon, and Labrador. Sidelines include United States Army/Air Force Post Offices (APOs) in Canada and Newfoundland, the International Grenfell Association, and W Force in Newfoundland and Labrador. He has published on these topics in many philatelic journals and his 1987 book, *Northwest Territories Postal Cancellations 1907-1986*, won the Frank Campbell award from the Postal History Society of Canada. This work continues to serve as the standard reference for this field.

In 2002 Kevin was one of ten recipients awarded the Queens' Silver Jubilee medal by the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada for his contributions to the hobby through research and writing.

Kevin has exhibited competitively since the 1980s winning several gold and vermeil medals for his Eastern Arctic Patrol, Labrador and other postal history exhibits. He often gives talks or presentations at shows that he attends on topics such as the postal history of the Canol Project, the 1929 Mackenzie Valley Airmails, and other aspects of northern postal history.

# 2025 Edmonton Spring National SPECIAL AWARDS

#### **Edmonton Stamp Club**

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Reserve Grand Award - Next best	
exhibit	gift & ribbon
Single Frame Grand - Best one-frame	
exhibit	gift & ribbon

gift & ribbon

Grand Award - Best multiframe exhibit

#### **Royal Philatelic Society of Canada**

Excellence for Treatment	medal
Excellence for Material	medal
Excellence of Presentation	medal
Excellence synopsis/Title page	medal
*Novice Award	badge

#### **American Philatelic Society**

Award of Excellence - Pre-1900	medal & ribbon
Award of Excellence - 1900-1940	medal & ribbon
Award of Excellence - 1940-1980	medal & ribbon
Award of Excellence - Post 1980	medal & ribbon
Award for Research	medal & ribbon

#### **Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada**

Specialization Award medal & ribbon

#### **British North America Philatelic Society**

Best researched BNA exhibit	plaque & ribbon
Best BNAPS exhibit	plaque & ribbon
Best BNA 2 x 4 exhibit	plaque & ribbon
Best BNA one-frame exhibit	plague & ribbon

#### **American Air Mail Society**

Gold Medal medal

#### American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors

Exhibiting Excellence	ribbon & pin
Exhibiting Excellence	ribbon & pin
Novice Award	certificate

Creativity Award pin

Excellence of Treatment certificate

Jean Benninghoff

Encouragement Award certificate

Women Exhibitors Sterling

Achievement Award pin

# American Philatelic & Postal History Congress

Excellence in Exhibit Text book

#### **Postal History Society of Canada**

Best BNA Postal History Exhibit certificate & ribbon
Best Military Exhibit certificate & ribbon

#### **American Topical Association**

Gold Award pin & ribbon
Silver Award pin & ribbon
One Frame Award pin & Ribbon

Youth Award medal

#### **Battle of the Atlantic**

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The first Sunday in May is honored as Battle of the Atlantic Sunday. If you are in Downtown Edmonton in the morning, you may see a parade of Naval Reservists, Sea Cadets, and Legion Members. It was, and may still be, a church parade, with the members attending a service at one of the downtown churches. So what does this have to do with stamps, and what is the Battle of the Atlantic?

In reverse order, the Battle of the Atlantic was the longest battle of World War II. It was waged to protect communications, people, and supplies that were shipped overseas to support the Allies. It lasted from the beginning of the war until Nazi Germany was defeated. To put this into better context, Canada's navy in September 1939 included only 3500 personnel, both regular force and reserve, six ocean-going warships, <sup>1</sup> five minesweepers and two training vessels. <sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.warmuseum.ca/articles/the-royal-canadian-navy-and-the-battle-of-the-atlantic-1939-

<sup>&</sup>lt;u>1945#:~:text=Canada's%20navy%20in%20September%201939,joined%20the%20fleet%20in%20October.</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://youtu.be/NBvpJvjzJt4

This brings us to the stamp in question (Scott 260) which features a corvette. (It's pictured on the cover of this show program.) It could be built quickly. Sir Winston Churchill described them as "cheap but nasties." They were a "flower class" vessel (Great Britain named their corvettes after flowers) originally designed for offshore patrol work, and they became a mainstay in escorting convoys. Canada's corvettes were named after towns and cities in Canada. 294 corvettes were built during the Second World War. 122 of them were built in the Maritimes, Quebec, Ontario, and British Columbia shipyards. They were primarily manned by reservists. They were effective. They sunk 52 U-Boats, and shipping losses declined as the war progressed as a result of their and others' efforts. This does not mean that the corvettes and their crews did not suffer losses. There were 29 corvettes sunk by a combination of U-Boats, mines, German air attacks, and clashes with other ships. 2

If you were at all subject to sea sickness, I rather doubt you would have been at happy serving on a corvette as they were small and not designed for the open ocean. The bridge was open to the air. Quarters were cramped on them. However, the crews could still find the lighter side of life. They turned the ships names into rebuses, and painted them onto the ships. HMCS Wetaskiwin had a picture of a queen falling tail end first into a puddle. The Sackville has a picture of a sack. HMCS Sackville was the last corvette. During the winter it is berthed at HMC Dockyard in Halifax, but in the summer, it is open to tours and is berthed near the Canadian Maritime Museum. It is preserved by Canadian Naval Memorial Trust (https://www.cnmt.ca/).

If you are interested in a rather good read, I highly recommend *The Corvette Navy* by John Lamb.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.cnmt.ca/hmcs-sackville

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://youtu.be/NBvpJvjzJt4

## **Meeting Dates**

The Edmonton Stamp Club meets Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of St. Joseph High School, 10830-109 Street. Park to the north of the school and use the main entrance at the southeast corner of the school. For information about the club call 780-467-4825 or 780-437-1787.

#### 2025

31 March 12 and 26 May 14 and 28 April 9 and 23 June

Every year, when spring arrives, the club puts on a Stamp Show, held at the Lion's Centre on 111 Ave. & 113 St. There are stamps for sale, competitive displays (exhibits), a table for junior collectors, door prizes, and more. Every year a theme is also chosen, and this year we are celebrating Edmonton's contribution to the Second World War. There will be two show covers for sale that commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WWII's end.

