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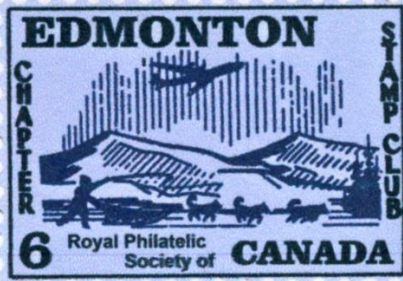
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St. Joseph High School Cafeteria, 10830 - 109 Street, 6:00 pm

November 7th & 21st

December 5th & 19th



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Messages

Greetings philatelists!

Thank you to Wild Rose Auctions

An important change happened last month in the philatelic world around Edmonton.

Many of you were present at auction no. 74 regrettably known now as the last one from Wild Rose Auctions, probably best known as Roman Zrobok Auctions.

I went to my first Wild Rose Auction about 30 years ago. I found out pretty quick that auctions are not for the dreamer or procrastinator. You keep your bid card up for a second too long and you have bought a lot for one or two increments above what you were planning. But I learned somewhat.

My question to Roman: where can collectors that are starting out learn the ins and outs of fast paced auctions?

Learning to successfully attend an auction is one thing, the other one is: where can we get bankers boxes filled to the brim with material described in such a way that we know we need it for our primeval urge to sift through large piles of stuff. We will miss the rifling through the lots while making mental notes as to how badly we need it, then settling on a price we are willing to pay, only to discover that some other attendees have the same idea as you.

A great feature of Roman's auctions has been that he speaks a language that we can understand. Quite a change from a farm auction I once attended where I did not understand one iota. Roman's low key approach, hearty laughter and willingness to fix mistakes or resolve disagreements right away were hallmarks of Wild Rose Auctions. *Thank you for making attendance at your auctions a fun experience.*

A question. I have not been able to find an answer for is. "Where can I sell my surplus philatelic material?" And I do not mean one sheet of stamps at a time but boxes full of stuff that is still too good to be sent to the fireplace. The Edmonton Stamp Club may want to expand the segment of box sized lots in our summer auction. Change engenders change. Meanwhile think about the philatelic material you will need to survive the long winter nights. Attend an auction.

Pres Rob Schutte

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NOTICES

NOW IN DEFAULT

Membership \$Dues\$

July 1st 2016

2016-2017 Club year

\$30 per year for individual, \$40 for family

Edmonton Stamp Club

National Spring Show 2017

March 25th & 26th, 2017

Central Lion's Recreational Centre

113 St & 111 Ave

(Large Gym – North end)

Coordinator – Ed Dykstra - eddykstra@shaw.ca

Exhibits - David Piercey - dpiercey@telus.net

Dealers – Ken Kluchky - kluchky@shaw.ca



Donald Rae Milne passed October 7, 2016 (#987).

Don had a genuine love of people. He was a humble, gentle, generous and gracious man keenly interested in the lives of others. His life was lived to the fullest. The stamp club gives our condolences to his family.

STAMP CONTEST

This is a 4 liter jar filled to the rim with world wide stamps but no Canadian stamps. You can win this jar by guessing the number of stamps in the jar.

Each guess is \$1 or 8 guesses for \$5. You may guess as often as you like. The jar will be on display at every stamp club meeting. The winner will be either the actual number guessed or the closest number thereto. If there is a tie we will draw names from a hat. For those unable to attend regular stamp club meetings you may send in your guesses with appropriate funds to

Bill Vanderstelt.

81 Groveland Rd.

Sherwood Park AB.

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If you wish you may send your email address so I can confirm that your guesses are in the contest.

All proceeds will go to the Edmonton Stamp Club.



The number of stamps in the jar will be given to the club treasurer in a sealed envelope. The contest will start on the first club meeting on September 12 and will end on December 19, where the sealed envelope will be opened. The contents of the jar will be mailed to the winner if he or she cannot attend a meeting.

Bill Vanderstelt.

ANNUAL REPORTS from CLUB YEAR 2015 / 2016

Continued from October 2016

Spring Show 2016**Ed Dykstra**

Congratulations Edmonton Stamp Club! The last Stamp Show was another success. It was thanks to you the volunteers who helped load frames, mount exhibits, prepare Dealer Tables, man the Club Table in the Lobby and numerous other tasks that all need to be done. Well done all! We thank you for your continued help and support.

The theme of the Show was to celebrate Edmonton as the 'Gateway to the North', with particular attention paid to the Municipal Airport, which is now going to the land developers. Our Show committee members are: Ken Kluchky (Dealers' Bourse Chairman, who did much to help the show run smoothly like securing the dealers cars as they set up and who supplied the Raffle Ticket Prize the Bluenose stamp Scott #158), Kelly Luisz who looked after the Exhibits and is instrumental in getting enough Exhibits to maintain our status as a National Show – 100 frames, David Percy who got us the Judges to do the hard work of evaluating the Exhibits and decide what awards they merit Thanks David and thanks Judges!, Jeff Pacey who looked after the Junior Table, (the juniors are our future), Peter Kuester who helped with the many signs we have to direct people to the different events, David Hetke who with his 2 sons put up our bridge banners and looked after the exhibit frames, Arif Sharma who helped with a lot of the grass roots advertising. Also kudos to Tom Savage who handles the mail-out invitations to people far and wide to attend our show and they did, Thanks Tom!

And to you who attended the show. We thank you for your support. The dealers were generally quite happy with the attendance and results. Thanks to you too.

We were also blessed to have Denny May, son of 'Wop' May the WWI flying ace, who came to autograph Show Covers. He and a colleague brought a great display of airmail covers for our enjoyment. There were seminars a Wine and Cheese reception, a Breakfast meeting and of course the all important Review seminar with the Judges about the Exhibits and a seminar on exhibiting led by our own David Percy and Jim Taylor from Calgary.

The Show Committee met several times throughout the year starting last August. If you ever considered joining the Show Committee, come and see me and I will do my best to accommodate what you have to contribute.

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See you next year! (Sneak preview is that we will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation.)

Ed Dykstra

Summer Auction 2015

Submissions for the 2015 auction from vendors were to be received by the club meeting of April 8th, 2015 and not thereafter.

After her experiences in preparing for the last summer auction, she would like to make some changes to how people submit lots for sale. She had to spend many hours correcting the descriptions that vendors appended to their lots, and would like those submitting lots to be much more careful in future.

Minimum cat value will be \$35. Priority will be given to members' lots over estate lots. Defining "mint never hinged". If you submit a set of stamps described as MNH, then each and every stamp must be in that condition. If even one stamp has been hinged, then the description cannot be MNH. If there is any gum disturbance of any kind, then MNH is not applicable; instead, use M.

Use of catalogue numbers. If you use catalogue numbers separated by a dash, such as 186-196, then you imply that this is a complete run of stamps between 186 and 196. If there is a stamp, or stamps, missing between the two numbers, then you should use the "swung dash" mark "~" between the two numbers, or list the missing numbers, or use two slash marks // to indicate discontinuity.

The total number of lots in the sale was 300 lots, (cat value approximately \$51,000). The total sales were \$6278.50, no sales – 73 lots.

Caroline Warren

The junior table at the spring show:

The past couple of years have seen a good turn out at the junior table. It seems to go as the show itself. Saturday usually has a steady stream of children and Sunday has a slow trickle. Bill and I have kept the table going and get the kids set up with tweezers and collecting trays for the treasures that they find. We do appreciate all the club members who stop by to visit or to spare us off so that we can make a coffee run or do some shopping ourselves. I'd like to

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thank all the members for their continuing support and donations for the kids.

You never know what is going to strike a kids fancy with stamps but some areas are definitely more popular. Cats and kittens, dogs and puppies, dinosaurs and anything that is Disney or Mongolia seem to be the biggest hits. The past couple of years I have put Disney stamps (Winnie the Poo for Canada as I keep Canada and the world separate) on the table before burying them under the rest of the stock. Kids must have Disney radar as these stamps do not last long.

We have had to shoo a few adults away from the table. The whole show almost got to hear my lovely voice as one "gentleman" wasn't going to take "no, get away from the table" as an answer. Some people forget that this table is for kids to have fun at. One poor girl last year sat at the table and refused to take any stamps as she had been sat down and given a shopping list. You could see how upset she was. I told her to ignore the list and take whatever she wanted but after a few minutes she just got up and walked away.

As you see there are ups and downs with anything. For the most part the table is a success. The kids have fun, Bill and I do some babysitting and mom and/or dad get to spend some adult time hunting for that elusive find. The next generation of stamp collectors start to work their way up the pipe.

Jeff Pacey

Behind The Scenes

Many years ago when my kids were in a swim club one of the board members was trying to get a room full of people involved in running the club. One of his comments was "As in most clubs, 95% of the people do 5% of the work, the other 5% do the rest". Many people were ready to correct him but soon realized

what he was saying. Fortunately we have that 5% in our club and amongst that 5% we have some very hard working, dedicated people.

One of those people is Bob Hyodo. Ever since I joined the club, about 18 years ago, Bob has been at the front beside the auctioneer diligently recording every sale and adding up the columns as he goes along. He is very accurate, seldom makes a mistake. Bob has been a member for close to 30 years. He collects Canada and Japan and anything that strikes his

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fancy. He is also a bit of an expert on Japanese postal material.

Bob was awarded the Edmonton Stamp Club Distinguished Service Award in 2010.

We are indeed very lucky to have a guy like Bob in our midst. Next time you see Bob say thanks and give him a pat on the back.

Again we are very lucky to have that 5% who put in the extra effort to keep our club running smoothly. If you would like to be part of the 5% who does the 95% of the work, look around to see where you can help. Maybe you can relieve the guys at the front table for a few minutes so they can look at the auction items, make a pot of coffee, put the chairs and tables back at the end of the evening etc.

Give it a try. It will make you feel good.

Bill Vanderstelt

Recent EBay activity



CAN_NFLD-219_MNH, blk4, (7 bids)-\$11 CAN-MR2D_MHR, (10 bids)-\$29
CAN-158_MLH, (2 bids)-\$50



CAN_NFLD-126_MLH, (12 bids)-\$15 CAN-12_U, (29 bids)-\$381
CAN_NFLD-11_MLH, **forgery**, (11 bids)-\$16

The Trading Post

I have a large Israeli accumulation, as well as a large accumulation of mint Canadian corner blocks and mint sheets of 50 stamp plates. Contact Herman Stadel at stadel@telusplanet.net, or phone me at 780-387-5156.

200 WW STAMPS (75% large \$4), Canada packet 200 stamps (75 % large \$5), mint Mexico 100 (large \$4), foreign mint stamps \$8, plus SAE (self addressed envelope) for each order. ESC members, postage free. Harold Towlson, 60 Ivanhoe Road, Buffalo, NY, 14215, USA.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Collectors everywhere have waited with baited breath for news of the anticipated Scott Catalogue format changes. The 150th anniversary of the first Scott - a small single volume - occurs in 2018. Now, Scott lists over 700,000 stamps as produced by around 600 "entities" (I love that word). Around 12,000 new issues appear each year and an Olympic weight lifter risks hernias should she attempt to heft all volumes at once. The changes? Well, each existing volume is to be split into two parts - A and B. To preserve sales, I suppose, A and B are to be sold as a shrink wrapped duo. That means, if you are looking for the Canada volume, you don't take home the big, fat and heavy C-F Volume Two, you end up with Volume Two, Parts A and B, separately wrapped and sold together as a pair. Perhaps Scott would like to imagine the D, E and F counties as some sort of a bonus but my guess is that the goal is really to preserve sales. Ultimately, after all the huffing and puffing about dramatic change, we are right back where we started from. With double the number of volumes and the same total weight. Yes, A - and B - will be half the weight of the combined total and that may be an assist, but I say "big deal" and "same old".

Cheers,

KRS

Meeting Dates

The Edmonton Stamp Club meets Mondays at 6:30 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 south-east corner of the school. For information about the club call 780-451-0420 or 780-437-1787.

2016

November 7th, 21st
December 5th, 19th

Spring Show
March 25 & 26, 2017

2017

January 9th, 23rd
February 13th, 27th
March 13th, 20th
April 10th, 24th
May 8th, 15th, 29th
June 12th (elections)

Edmonton BNAPS (British North America Philatelic Society) meets from time to time. All BNAPSers welcome. For information contact David Piercey at 780-437-2771 or Steven Friedenthal at 780-458-1233.

Japan on Ebay



512_MNH, (6 bids)-\$43 #517_MNH, (7 bids)-\$22 #520_MH, (10 bids)-\$57



#519a_MNH, (7 bids)-\$23 #521_MNH, (7 bids)-\$102

Nasty

As a Canadian and a collector of Canadian stamps I can say we still have a first class Postal Service. I have had my complaints in the past with the over issuing of numerous stamps and stamp combinations but on May 5, 2016 the issuing of the Star Trek stamp issue is just a nasty/greedy exploitation of collectors of Canadian stamps. In order for me to get ONE of each stamp (fig 1), souvenir sheet (fig 2) and pane (fig 3) in this issue the minimum cost is \$50.90. With tax the actual cost is \$53.44. This number is fine on paper but is not the true cost because neither the strip of 4 coil stamps nor the strip of 10 coil stamps is available locally. These items are only available from Philatelic Sales with the addition of a service charge and a possible two month wait between shipping dates. Only the 50 stamp coil roles (fig 4) are available at my local franchise postal outlet. The actual cost for me to purchase ONE of each Star Trek stamp in Edmonton is \$90.00 or with tax \$94.50.

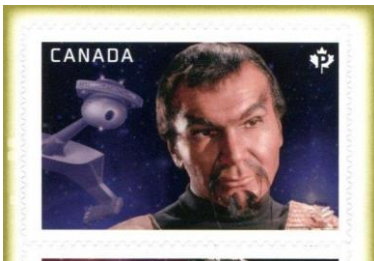


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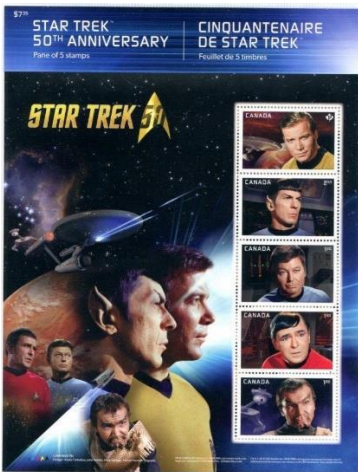


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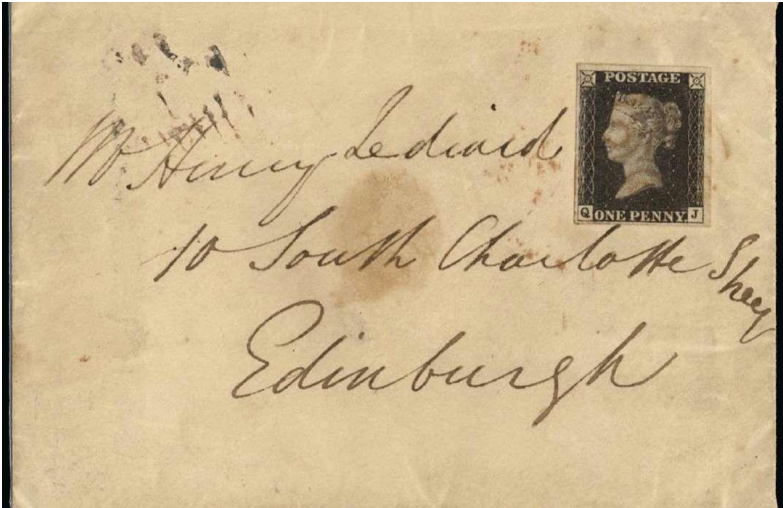
There are 8 first day covers @ \$22.00 plus 5 post cards @ \$12.50 for a total of \$34.50 plus tax for postal stationary.

In addition, there are the quasi philatelic collectables; Limited edition framed print, \$249.95, Lenticular souvenir sheet enlargement, \$140.00, Lenticular uncut press sheet, \$120.00, Uncut press sheet, \$44.10 and do not forget the Stamp dispenser for coil stamps, \$5.95. The before tax retail price is \$560.00.

If I was to purchase one of each Canada Post Star Trek item here in Edmonton it would cost me \$684.50 plus 5% tax.

There is an old saying about there being a sucker born every minute. I am an adult and it is my choice to buy or not to buy. The Canadian Star Trek stamp issue has left me feeling exploited by Canada Post and reconsidering my continuing to collect Canadian stamps.

Richard Barnes



First Day Cover

Profit-making collectibles

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Shrewd investors take note. Rare postage stamps offer better returns than property, gold and the broad stock market according to Stanley Gibbons' GB250 Stamp Index and the most coveted philatelic rarities sell for millions of dollars. Take a look at the 30 most valuable specimens in the world.

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UK 1910 2d Edward VII Tyrian Plum – \$135,000

De La Rue printed 24 million Edward VII tuppence stamps in early 1910, only to throw the vast majority away upon the king's death later that year. Only 12 examples remain, hence their high value.



UK 1840 2d Blue Master Die Proof – \$154,000

Errors add significant value. The 2d Blue was launched in 1840, the same year as the famous Penny Black, the first adhesive stamp in the world. Printers mixed up the ink on one occasion, resulting in several freak black tuppence stamps – just six unused specimens exist and each one is worth a fortune.



UK 1902 1902 10s I. R. Official – \$159,000

Only a very small quantity of these Inland Revenue stamps were produced. This particular example, which is on sale via Stanley Gibbons, is considered the finest of its kind and well worth its high-end price-tag.

UK 1840 Penny Black First Day Issue Letter – \$178,000 (picture previous page)

This is a real piece of postal history and something a stamp collector would cherish – a Penny Black attached to a letter that was sent from Cirencester in England to Edinburgh on the first day of issue. No wonder it's so valuable.

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UK 1976 13p Roses Error – \$158,000



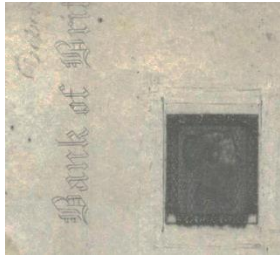
Dubbed “the most important stamp error of the 20th century”, several sheets of these 1976 floral stamps were printed without the face value. Most of the sheets were destroyed, but three stamps managed to survive and are

highly sought after by collectors.

Bermuda 1848 1d Perot Provisional – \$184,000



Bermuda's very first stamp is prized among collectors. Just 11 specimens exist and three of them form part of Queen Elizabeth II's Royal Philatelic Collection. This beauty is on sale via Stanley Gibbons.



UK 1840 Penny Black Die Proof – \$184,000 (£151k)

This rare Penny Black proof has a striking over-inked appearance that adds to its value no end. Only three examples of this sort of proof remain and one

of them is part of the Royal Philatelic Collection.



Hong Kong 96c Olive Queen Victoria – \$205,000

Another fortuitous mistake, in 1864 printers produced 54 sheets of Hong Kong 96c stamps in the wrong color – olive instead of brown-gray. The 40 stamps that remain

command huge prices – a block of four sold for \$820,000 in 2012.

UK 1882 £1 Brown Lilac – \$207,000



High denomination stamps are few and far between. This 'One Pound' brown-lilac colored stamp dates from 1882 and is one of just four specimens, of which it is apparently the finest. The stamp is on sale via Stanley Gibbons.

UK 1902 1s Board of Education – \$245,000



The British Board of Education hardly ever issued stamps marked with its moniker and this 1902 example is only one of four or five in the world. You can snap up this philatelic rarity on the Stanley Gibbons website.

Canada 2c Large Queen on laid paper – \$250,000



Only four examples of the ultra-scarce 2c Large Queen on laid paper are known to exist, making it the rarest Canadian postage stamp. The last specimen that came up in auction went for a hefty \$250,000.

UK 1840 Penny Black Letter – \$306,000



The best-preserved unused specimens of the ground-breaking Penny Black are especially valuable. This exquisite example – on sale via Stanley Gibbons – features rare 'T L' lettering and a fragment of the sheet inscription.

EDMONTON STAMP CLUB 2017 SPRING NATIONAL STAMP SHOW



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