

SASKATOON STAMP CLUB NEWSLETTER
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SSC NEW MEETING PLACE:

All meetings are on **Tuesday** nights, from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at ST.JOHN'S ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL HALL, 816 SPADINA CRESCENT EAST, SASKATOON, SK

2014 MEETING DATES

January - 14 & 28

February - 11 & 25

March - 11 & 25

April - 8 & 22

May - 13 & 27

June - 10 & 24

July - 15 one meeting

August - 12 - one meeting

September - 9 & 23

October - 7 & 21

November - 11 & 25

December - 16 - one meeting

Total 21 meetings

Note: All meetings include the regular business meeting with reports from officers and committees, the usual time for members with items of interest, and a chance for questions and comments regarding the hobby. Circuit books are available from Edmonton and the Royal Philatelic Society.

WEBSITE: www.saskatoonstampclub.ca See the meeting agenda now on the website!

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President's Philatelic Page

I am writing this before our last meeting of the year which has both elections and our Christmas Social. At time of writing it appears no one will be changed on the board; thank you for filling these important positions. We have had a very good year, starting off with finding a new meeting room, member participation has greatly improved and the numbers are up for our meetings, we thank you all for that.

We just concluded another successful coin and stamp show, a special thanks to the show committee who work the entire year for these results, and to our members for coming out to the show and helped in any manner.

Looking ahead 2014 will be an exciting and challenging year, this being our 50th anniversary. We have a committee that have started working on projects for the celebrations. If it goes as planned it will be a year to remember for all. We just require your support and co-operation for this memorable occasion.

Stamp Collectors

One stamp publication has stamp collectors broken down into three categories::

1 - Stamp Savers 70% 2 - Casual Collecting 24 % 3 - Serious Collecting 6%

Which of the above do you fall into?

Many of us have numerous items laying around never to be used. Bring them in for auction and put a reasonable price on them, or better yet put them on the give away table, make some collector happy as well as your spouse as you clear up the stamp working area.

What Makes a Stamp Valuable

For its size and weight the postage stamp is the most valuable single object in the world.

Costing only one or two cents many stamps end up with a valuation in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Why would anyone pay such fantastic sums for such seemingly worthless scraps of paper is something understood by only those avid hobbyists called stamp collectors. Rarity of a stamp together with its physical perfection are general basic standards of value. The rarity in many instances has been caused by printing mistakes, color, inverted etc. But rarity alone is not enough to give great value. To become one of the world's Premier classics a stamp, like a woman, must have that ineffable something called "desirability" which, when a man sees it, makes him willing to give up his money to possess it.

May you and your family enjoy a Happy Holiday Season ☒

President Ernie Wlock

References: Linn's Stamp News

EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

Another year has gone by quickly, and I look forward to another year as the editor of the newsletter. Our president, Ernie Wlock has been busy this past year, and is planning an even busier year for 2014. This coming year we will be celebrating our 50th anniversary and we have many events planned including a special anniversary newsletter. We are invited all the dealers at our fall show to put in a display ad in the newsletter to help defray costs. We have had a good response. I am also asking the members to think about making a special effort and provide an article of interest for this special newsletter. I am willing to help any member with writing their article. I am grateful for all the support we have had to date and appreciate your continued support of the newsletter and the club. I would like to wish everyone and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. ☒

Edmonton Stamp Club

2014 SPRING NATIONAL
STAMP SHOW

March Sat 22- Sun 23

NEW LOCATION Central Lion's Recreation
Center

11113 - 113 Street

Stamps for sale, Exhibits (WPS), Jr Table

Free Admission, Free Evaluations

www.Edmontonstampclub.com

SEASONS GREETINGS



Sutherland became a part of Saskatoon in 1956. There was no home delivery in Sutherland prior to the amalgamation. Therefore the postmaster would have placed these greeting cards in the mailboxes at the town's postoffice located on Central Avenue between 109th and 110th Streets in Sutherland. The postmaster in the 1950s was Doug Badger whose father was George Badger - a family of Sutherland town postmasters. ☒

PHILATELIC JAVA GROUP MEETINGS: The Philatelic Java Club meets over coffee in the Market Mall Food Court, usually every two weeks on Thursdays from 9:00 am to 11:00a.m. Meetings resumed to Thursdays before the regular meeting. *Check the Website for further dates.* Bring an item for discussion, 'Bring and Brag'...

FROM THE ARCHIVES. . .

January 1989 the stamp club were meeting at the J.S.Wood library, room rent was \$30.00, on 2007 meeting at Rusty Macdonald library room rent \$32.00

- 1993 President was Merv Morrison - 1996 - President Hal Kellet - 2000 Fred Meyer President
- 2002 - Harry Voss wins Best Of the Show in Winnipeg with his re-entry exhibit.
- 1994 Fred Meyer President
- 1998 President is Mel Byblow.
- 1996 Doug Smith took on the role as Secretary, which he continues to this day.
- September 2005 coffee group starts up
- 2005 with a suggestion from Jurgen we had one meeting per month during June, July, and August, much to our surprise turnouts have warranted we have continued with summer meetings for the past 8 years.
- July 23, 1999 club purchased 6 exhibit frames at a cost of \$ 165.00 each.
- September 15, 2009 we lost our exhibit frames in a fire at the German Concordia Club.
- August 10, 2007 first e-mail bulletin sent to club members from President Ernie Wlock passing along the agenda for the August 13th meeting.
- A major revision of the Constitution was made June 2008 , 4th edition being passed March 2013. ☒

It is with deep regrets that one of our club members, Orly Fenton passed away suddenly on November 11, 2013. Orly was in the hospital for surgery and had complications during the operation. Orly was cremated and a Memorial Service will be held in the Spring. Our deepest sympathies to his wife and family.

RED CROSS - SASKATCHEWAN

By: Ernie Wlock



May 5, 1957

Nov 12th, 1975

August 19, 1952

Red Cross Post Office and Store

The first store was built during the First World War by Mr. Arnold an American who wished to stay neutral, so he flew a Red Cross flag above his building. When a post office was added at the back of his store on October 1, 1915 the name Red Cross was suggested and accepted. (P.O. closed March 31, 1977) Jack Bain was the last store/post office owner operator.

Approximately one mile north of the post office a local farmer had a barn, and during the Second World War he painted the braces on the door which were made in the form of a cross. He also painted on the roof, north side of the barn which were made in the form of a cross, the south side would not be visible due to trees. Across from the barn was a one room school, grades one through eight. The school did not take the name of red cross, it was named "Handly" after Slim **H**anvershite and J.P. Jim **G**andly. Three letters of each Sir name.

Why are barns usually painted red?

Centuries ago, European farmers would seal the wood on their barns with linseed oil. They would use a mixture consisting of oil, milk and lime. The combination of this mixture produced a long lasting paint that dried and hardened quickly.

Where does the red come from? There are two theories:

⇒ Wealthy farmers added blood from a recent slaughter to the oil mixture, when the paint dried it turned from bright red to a darker, burnt red.

⇒ Farmers added "Ferrous Oxide", otherwise known as rust to the mixture. Rust was plentiful on farms and a poison to many fungi, including mold and moss. This mixture prevented this growth. Regardless of how the farmer tinted his paint, having a red barn became a fashionable thing. ☒

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