

SASKATOON STAMP CLUB NEWSLETTER
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SSC MEETINGS:

All meetings are from 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm at Rusty MacDonald Library, Lawson Heights Civic Centre, 225 Primrose Drive, Saskatoon, SK

2013 March	11	March 25
2013 April	8	April 22
2013 May	13	May 27
2013 June	10	July 8

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.

The above dates are tentative as we can only reserve the meeting room three months in advance. Some of the dates may change so check the above contact to confirm the dates.

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

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 January 14, 2013- note switch to Thursdays Mar 7, Mar 21 *Check the Website for further dates.* Bring an item for discussion, 'show and tell'..

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President's Page



First on my agenda is to thank all members for your confidence in me to be your President once again. When I moved to Thunder Bay in 2008, I left an excellent Club. Membership was great, club in a healthy financial position, what more could one ask. Upon my return, we are still in a good financial position, I find a few new faces, but unfortunately a few have left us. As I look around our meeting room many are sitting in the same chair, especially the table that wins the majority of prizes.

In the past 2-3 years I have attended stamp club meetings at four different clubs, usually one can come away with some new ideas which I did. We have tried the two auctioneers at the large auctions, this does expedite the auction. We have used the attendance sign in sheet which is great for our records of attendance by members and you have your name in for the door prize.

On our web site page we have commenced to put in the agenda for each up- coming meeting, Read over the agenda and come prepared to participate in the meeting. We have put in a note saying that we accept donations of stamp collections, within three days we had two collections donated to the club.

We plan to have a committee to take a look at our Constitution; I believe we have a couple of items that could use an update, if there is this will be brought before the members for approval.

Again this year the stamp club had a table at the Western Development Museum Historic Days on February 3rd. Thanks to Eugene Sonmor for his time spent to arrange for the club volunteers and all other duties involved for a successful day, A great deal of interest was shown by the visitors, I think we will gain a few new members due to our exposure.

I am looking forward to a great year with all members, if you have any ideas you feel we could implement, come forward and let me know, we require the ideas and input from all members to keep our club active as it is.

**STAMP COLLECTING ENRICHES YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR
WORLD AND ALL ITS WONDERS**

President Saskatoon Stamp Club
Ernie Wlock

A Canadian Connection to this stamp: By: Martin Schofield



Artists drawing of Atalanta

Mischief stamp from French Southern and Antarctic Lands

This 2013 boat stamp features Mischief. It was designed by Archibald Cary Smith and built by Harlan & Hollingsworth of Wilmington, in Delaware in 1879.

Mischief was a victorious defender of the fourth America's Cup challenge in 1881 against Canadian challenger Atalanta. The smallest challenger in the history of cup racing was Atalanta, in 1881, built at Belleville, Ontario, and representing the Bay of Quinto Yacht Club. She measured sixty-four feet on the waterline. She was also the first sloop to appear in a contest. The first yacht ever built especially to defend the trophy was Pocahontas, in 1881. Previous to that year the New York Yacht Club had selected, from its fleet, the yacht considered to be best suited to the work. But Pocahontas did not come up to expectations, and was rejected in favor of Mischief. Another point of interest, beginning with Vigilant in 1893, the name of every defender of the America's Cup has been a word of eight letters.

Tip of the month

When going through the circuit books, stamps have a tendency to "fall out" of their position.

it should be noted that if you commence looking through the circuit books from the LAST page and work forward, the stamps tend to stay in the books with very few falling out of place.

..... **Your co-operation in the above is appreciated**

First-class Postal Rates	USA:	\$1.10
Rates in effect January 14, 2013.	International:	\$1.85
Domestic:		63c

CANADA 3d BEAVER, CANADA'S FIRST POSTAGE STAMP – By Ernie Wlock



Designed by: Sanford Fleming

Date of Issue: April 23, 1851

The first postage stamp issue of the Province of Canada featured the beaver on the 3- pence. This stamp was produced on laid paper without perforations. Rawdon, Wright, Hatch and Edison, the New York security printers, received the contract to print Canadian postage stamps, producing all the requirements until May 1st, 1858. On that day the company name changed, following amalgamation, to the American Bank Note Company with headquarters remaining in New York City. The new firm continued the former printing contract until Canadian Confederation in 1867. Sanford Fleming, a young civil engineer and draughtsman, designed the 3-pence stamp under the direction of the Honourable James Morris, Postmaster General. He also prepared the artwork with a similar beaver motif for a 1-shilling denomination, which never appeared as a finished postage stamp. Sanford Fleming's most important work concerned railway construction in Canada; and for his work Queen Victoria knighted him. He became chief engineer for the Inter-colonial Railway (1857-1876), and for the Canadian Pacific Railway (1871- 1880). In 1872 he was in charge of the Ocean-to-Ocean Expedition undertaken to find a route for the Canadian Pacific through the Yellow Head Pass. During these years he devised the system of time zones. From 1881 until his death in 1915 he served as Chancellor of Queen's University at Kingston. The 3-pence denomination featuring a beaver building a dam was symbolic of the people in the young country of Canada building their towns, cities, and communities. The secondary purpose of choosing the beaver centred in the original meaning of the beaver skin, it represented a medium of exchange in trade.

Fleming, Saskatchewan located on the Trans Canada highway near the Manitoba, Saskatchewan border has been named after Sir Sanford Fleming. The main street of Fleming is also named in his honour and is called "Sanford".