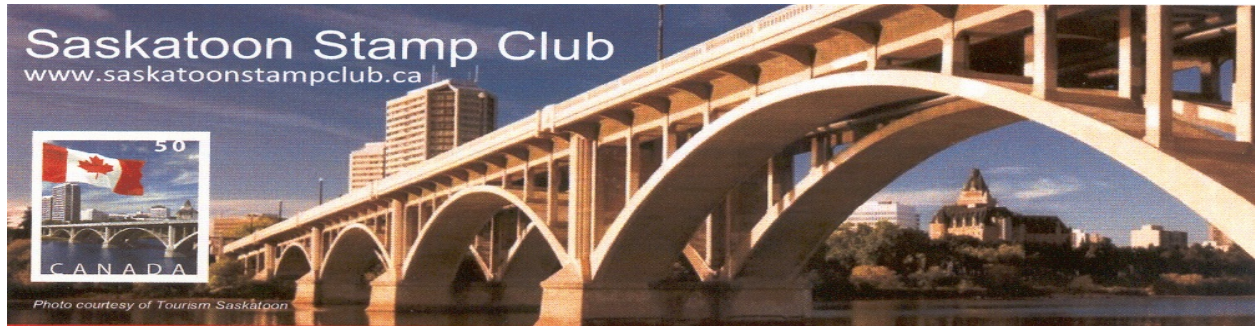


**SASKATOON STAMP CLUB NEWSLETTER**  
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**MEETING PLACE:**

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's of each month except July and August when we meet at mid-month. Meetings are held at St. John's Anglican Cathedral Hall , 816 Spadina Crescent East and are open to the general public. Doors open at 6:00 pm for bourse, circuit books, trading and fellowship. Short business meeting at 8:00 pm followed by a program including Stamp Auctions, Slides, Presentations by members or guests. Contacts - Secretary - Doug Smith, 139 Cowley Road, Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 3Z6. 306-249-3092 or President - Ernie Wlock, 306-280-1244. Membership fees are \$15.00 per year.

**PHILATELIC JAVA GROUP MEETINGS:**

The Stamp Club Philatelic Java Club meets every second Thursday at Market Mall from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Check our web site for updates [www.saskatoonstampclub.com](http://www.saskatoonstampclub.com)

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### *President's Philatelic Page*



The 50th Anniversary is now behind us another milestone has been reached, new club member Dan Lucyshyn is our 300th member in the club since 1964. Welcome Dan. When we look at the break down we note that on average we have had 4 members join our club each year. Looking into the numbers further we note that only four members are still with the club in the first 100, from 100 – 200 another 8 members. From 200-250 another 10 members. 22 members of the 57 in our club are in the 250. This

leaves 35 members in the last 50 that joined - a relatively young club.

We are off to a good start on programs this year, each meeting has been interesting, thanks to Janice our newly appointed program coordinator, she has come up with a few new topics (besides Cats). We have planned programs going right up to April, if any member has an interesting item, book your meeting now.

We had a very successful day on February 1st at the Western Development Museum, I will not go into details here as elsewhere in this bulletin is a separate write-up. I will just say that we were pleasantly surprised to receive the 2014 People's Choice Award. Thanks to the members that came out to help, and also many members that assisted us "behind the scenes".

Again this year we picked up 10 or more names of people that have collections and wish to sell or donate their collection, still waiting to hear from most of them, it's always interesting to see what comes in.

Our next project is with the Saskatoon Riverside Optimist Club Post Card Program. This is our second year in assisting with the postage. At the time of writing this 483 grade four students have registered for this year's program from 19 schools in Saskatoon. A few more are expected.

Looking out the window from my desk I see the snow is again coming down so I will sign off and go clean off my vehicle - good old Saskatchewan.

Philatelically Yours, Ernie

## Heritage Festival 2015

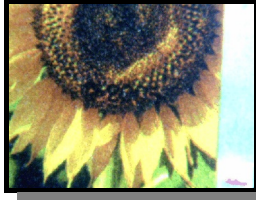
For the seventh year the Saskatoon Stamp Club had an information table at the Heritage Festival held at the Western Development Museum. Our table was a very busy one as an ultra violet light black box was set up where parents and children could put the bag of free stamps they received, and see the tagging on the stamps.

Of the 45 club tables taking part, the stamp club table was again very popular. Before the event started on Sunday morning we received a certificate as the winner of the "2014 Peoples' Choice Award." 2500 people walked through the doors free of charge; we passed out 523 bags of stamps, and received 10 or more inquiries about either donating or selling collections.

Also on our table were a number of items of interest for the youth, members were busy all day answering the many questions from both young and adult visitors. We look forward to this event for 2016, our table is already booked.

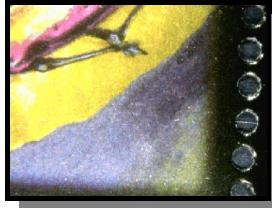


**EDMONTON STAMP CLUB**  
**2015 SPRING NATIONAL STAMP SHOW**  
**March 28-29, Saturday 10-5pm, Sunday 10-4pm**  
**-NEW LOCATION-**  
Central Lion's Recreational Centre  
113 St & 111 Ave, Edmonton Alberta  
Stamp Dealers from across Canada  
Stamp Circuit Books, Door Prize Draw, Junior Stamp Table  
Exhibits Chairperson: [liuszmoser@gmail.com](mailto:liuszmoser@gmail.com)  
Free Admission, Free Stamp Evaluations  
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## Hidden Dates on Canadian Stamps - Martin Schofield

The last regular issue of Canada's postage stamps issued during the reign of King George V, has become known as the "Dated Die Issue". Hidden in the issue of each stamp is the year 1935. This set of stamps started a very interesting practice. Most Canadian stamps issued thereafter contain a hidden date showing the year of issue. There are a few stamps in which the hidden date differs from the year the stamp was released. No hidden dates appeared from November 1970 until January 1974. Since then most stamps that are issued contain the hidden date prefixed with the copyright sign ©.



The fact that these dates on many stamps are well hidden and or very faint has made the hunt for them an interesting challenge for many collectors. A good magnifying glass or microscope is required to locate some of the dates. The dates are also easier to find on mint stamps.



Harold Becker, who has been a member of the Saskatoon Stamp Club for many years, catalogued the location of these hidden dates from Scott Catalogue #217 King George V pictorial issue to Scott Catalogue #2415 the 2010 Christmas Ornaments. Harold's work is now about 45 pages in length. I want to thank Harold for the time and effort he took to catalogue the location of each hidden date. Can you identify these stamps and their hidden dates?

### 2015

#### Meeting dates:

Mar 10th and Mar 24th  
Apr 14th and Apr 28th  
May 12th and May 26th  
Jun 9th and Jun 23rd  
Jul 14th and Aug 11th  
Sep 8th and Sep 22nd  
Oct 13th and 27th  
Nov 10th and 24th  
Dec 15th

## Saskatoon Coin & Stamp Show

October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

@ the Ramada Inn  
Idywyld Drive North  
Saskatoon

Watch for further details.