



Owen Sound Stamp Club

Newsletter

Next Club Meeting: June 20th June 2001

This past week has seen summer well and truly upon us and, what with one thing and another, this newsletter will be rather abbreviated – back to four pages next month..

Our 6th Show has come and gone and Bob Ford has some comments on this below. Who can but concur that this was our best show yet?
 As president of O.S.S.C., it was particularly gratifying that so many of our members (both current and past) were able to make it for the event. The dealers I spoke with all seemed quite

pleased with the day and all look forward to coming back next year.
 On behalf of the O.S.S.C., I offer our appreciation and many thanks to our Show Chair, Bob Ford, for getting it all together .
Bob Watson (President)

The Show

As chairman of this years' Stamp Show it is of my opinion that the 6th event was the best ever. All activities and functions planned for the show seemed to be a success.
 We had twelve dealers in attendance, with one dealer coming from as far away as Sudbury. Two dealers were club members and one a past president of the club.
 The exhibits were the largest display of philatelic material in the six-year history of the show. There were 14 different frames on display. (thanks to the Hanover club for the loan of the frames) Best display in the show went to our own president Bob Watson, for his Christmas Stamp exhibit. "Congrats Bob"
 Two silent auctions were held during the day offering various philatelic material and literature. Most items were sold netting the club some needed revenue.

This money will help in the development of our planned library. Souvenirs from the show, first day covers from around the world, philatelic literature and information were sold or given out from the professionally run club table. The club gained 5 new or returning members at this years' show.
 The Grey, Bruce, Dufferin & Simcoe Postal History Study Group held a short meeting during the show hours. The maps displaying local post offices in the 4 counties were available as well.
 I would like to thank the show committee as well as all club members, who donated so much of their time organizing and helping on this event. The show was a success because of all your efforts. "Congratulations"
Bob Ford – 2001 Show Chairman.

What's New from Canada Post

July 1st (Sunday), is the date the "Portrait of a Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau" will be released. A Souvenir sheet in a special designed folder containing 4 stamps @ 47¢ ea. will be available. There will also be special Commemorative Tribute.
 During the summer, the stamp issues are few and far between. On July 30th, there will be a release of four 47¢ stamps

depicting "ROSES".
 August will see another three new commemoratives, including the annual "Art" one – this time a reproduction of a painting by Jack Shadbolt.
 Details of these and others to follow in the next newsletter.
Charles van Rompu

At the last meeting:

Reg Powell gave a very interesting talk about old (and not so old) postcards. He explained how postcard designs have evolved over the years and what drew him to postcard collecting in the first place.

Sheila Gumby volunteered to be our Club Librarian.

Next Meeting: June 20th.

The next meeting of the Owen Sound Stamp Club will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, **June 20th**, in St. George's Church, Owen Sound (as usual).

Matters to be discussed will include:

- The 2001 Show (wrap up)..

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The stamp issue of the 35¢ Dennis Chavez and the 29¢ Earl Warren (Scott #2186–2184) were printed in quantities of 480 and 250 million respectively. They were absolutely fine, they had beautiful perforations, were not invert, they were printed for a competitive price, but they had one thing our neighbours to the south did not like and that was:

they were printed in Ottawa.

That's why there was an uproar in the US Congress. Isn't it sad to learn that 40 highly qualified people in Mississauga are going to lose their jobs because Ashton Potter's parent company, MDC, is transferring Canadian Stamp production to Buffalo NY. This is a great loss not only for these people in Mississauga, but for all Canadians. I suggest we all write to our Federal MP and let him/her know what we think about this issue.

2. was about the entrance fee to the Post Museum in Monaco. When the Euro (€) was introduced on January 1st, 1999, the value of €1 was set to be the equivalent of 6.55957 French Francs or, in reverse, 1Fr = € 0.15245. If the original fee was 20Fr, this would be €3.05.

And now, our two questions for this month:

1. **Benin**, a republic in Africa, is a stamp issuing country with close to 6 million people.

Before it chose the name Benin, what was it called?

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| a. Bialystok | b. Bussahir (Bashahr) |
| c. Dahomey | d. Gambia |

2. The **Euro** (€) was introduced on January 1st 1999, and is in use in trade and international traffic. The public will start using the physical coins and notes on January 1st, 2002.

How many countries will be involved (excluding those included by default such as Vatican City, Monaco, Åland, St. Pierre & Miquelon, etc.)?

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| a. 7 | b. 8 | c. 11 | d. 12 |
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Answers in the next newsletter!

Charles van Rompu

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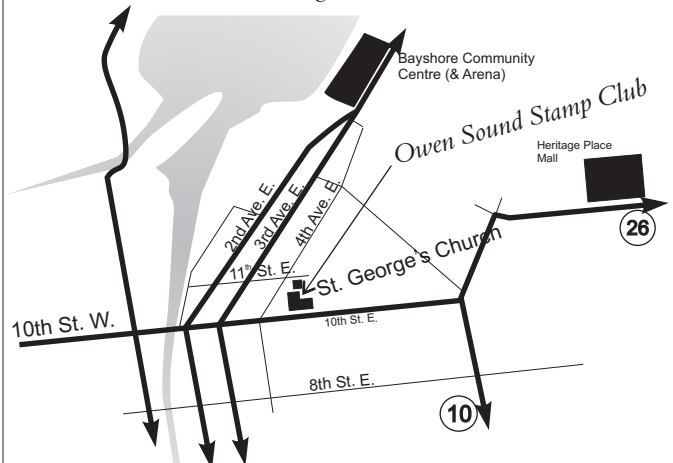
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The Owen Sound Stamp Club meets at 7:00pm on the third Wednesday of each month in the basement of St. George's Anglican Church (on the corner of 10th St. E. and 4th Ave. E.). The main business of the evening is typically to check out the stamps in circuit books from the North Bay Philatelic Society, the Royal Philatelic Society and/or the Peninsula Philatelic Circuit. Members also trade stamps and covers between themselves.

There are presently about 25 active members whose interests cover just about everything at all levels from beginner to expert. New members are always most welcome.

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