

SILENT NIGHT

BY ALF BROOKS

*Stille Nacht! Heil'ge Nacht!
Alles schläft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute hoch heilige Paar.
Holder Knab' im lockigten Haar,
Schlase in himmlischer Ruh!
Schlase in himmlischer Ruh!*

On Christmas Eve, 1914, in the horror of Flanders that had begun a few months before and was to continue for four more years, soldiers of the British Army heard these words being sung, heard them coming over no-man's land from the German trenches, as soldiers of the German Army remembered their homes on this special night. The British did not know the words they heard, but did know the melody, as it had become universal in the years since it had been written. Its singing became part of a truce, as soldiers from both sides stopped the killing; many met between their trench lines to exchange gifts (bully beef for beer in some instances), to show pictures of family, to play a game of football on Christmas Day. On December 26 the slaughter continued.

*Silent Night! Holy Night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon godly tender pair.
Holy infant with curly hair,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.*

These are not totally the words with which we are familiar, but they are a direct translation of the original; the version we know is from a translation by John Freeman Young, an Episcopalian priest. The six stanzas of the simple song were first sung to guitar accompaniment on Christmas Eve, 1818, in the church of Saint Nicholas in Oberndorf, a small village near Salzburg, Austria. In the following years it acquired the status of a "Tyrolean folk song," with its authorship unknown or in doubt. Some attributed it to Beethoven, Haydn or Mozart. The story is that it was sung at the court of Frederick William IV of Prussia in 1853; he directed that its origins be found. The subsequent investigation established the authorship.

Josef Mohr was the curate of Saint Nicholas in 1818. Born in Salzburg in 1792, he had been ordained a priest in 1815 and served parishes in the region until his death in the Alpine village of Wagram in 1848. In 1816 he wrote the words while in the village of Mariapfarr. On this Christmas Eve he needed a melody for his poem, and asked the schoolmaster, organist and choirmaster, Franz Xavier Gruber (1787-1863), to write a melody so



Oldenburg - Silent Night Memorial Chapel



Cancel marking the 75th Anniversary of the Memorial Chapel



Austria, Michel #928, issued 1948



Austria, Michel #1276, issued 1968

that the hymn could be sung at midnight mass. *Stille Nacht* was first sung by a choir accompanied by Mohr on guitar at that mass. Why guitar? One story is that mice had chewed holes in the organ's bellows; another, more probable, is that a recent flood had damaged the organ (the town of Oberndorf was moved upriver in the 1920's because of frequent flood damage). In any case the simple guitar accompaniment perfectly matched the simple lyrics. A recent discovery of a manuscript written and signed by Mohr has the phrase "Melodie von Fr. Xav. Gruber," confirming the earlier research.

In the next years the song became popular and was sung by musical groups throughout Austria and Bavaria. In 1924 construction of a Memorial Chapel was begun on the site of Saint Nicholas Church; since 1937 the hymn has been part of a service there every Christmas

Eve at 5:00PM. In Austria it is forbidden to play or sing the hymn in any form until Christmas Eve.

Austria Post has issued two postage stamps to celebrate "*Stille Nacht*." The first, issued in 1948, bears portraits of Mohr and Gruber. The second of 1968 pictures the crib in the Memorial Chapel. The pictured cancel commemorated the seventy-fifth anniversary of the laying of the corner stone of the chapel.

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- Dick Johnson

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- Auction

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- Auction

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- Don Fraser

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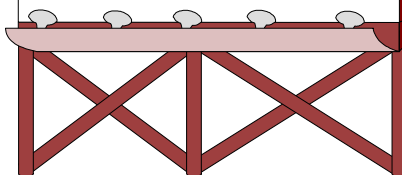
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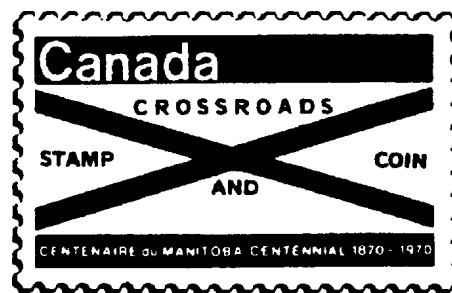
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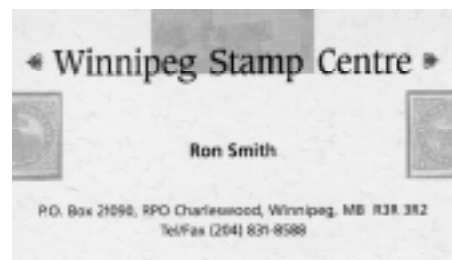


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EDITOR NOTES...

You are accustomed to receiving your copy of *The Buffalo* at the first meeting of every month, or by mail shortly after the meeting. We do have our regular meeting on January 3rd, but you will receive your January edition on January 17th or in the mail shortly after. We have changed the schedule the better to enjoy the holiday season. And because January has five Thursdays, our next meeting will be three weeks after the 17th, when the February *Buffalo* will be ready.

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Don Fraser, our Membership Secretary, has asked me to announce that, if you see an asterisk (*) beside your name on the mailing label of this edition, you have not paid your current membership dues. You know who you are - and so does Don.

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In September we printed an item about a group of stamp dealers who were allegedly rigging auction bids and thus cheating collectors out of fair prices for their material. The allegation was that the dealers would decide before an auction who would bid on specific items, and at what price. There is now "a pending federal probe" into the alleged actions of eight dealers: John D. Apfelbaum of Philadelphia, Etienne de Cherisey of Paris, Davitt A. Felder Jr. of San Francisco, Anthony "Tony" Feldman of London, Dana Okey of San Diego, Stephen J. Osborne of Vermont and the United Kingdom, Kees Quirijns of the Netherlands and Lewis Berg of Miami, Florida.

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Travelling by air soon? Don't carry your stamp tongs, the needle-nosed variety in particular. They will be confiscated. Which may be a plus, come to think of it - someone will use them to start in our hobby.

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The United States Postal Service has redesigned its envelopes. Speculation is that the new design is in response to the anthrax spores that were recently mailed.

The USPS will issue a semipostal stamp. The proceeds will be used to aid families of emergency personnel who died on September 11th.

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I spoke to Phil recently, he feels unloved and unwanted. He receives only a few letters, and is eager to respond to many more, if only you readers would write them. He has much knowledge and opinion to share.

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And any articles readers would like to write for publication are welcome. As I have said before, a brief item for "From My Collection" would interest all readers.

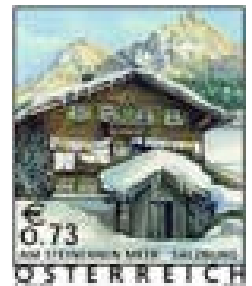
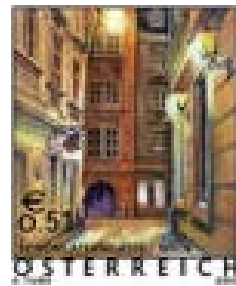
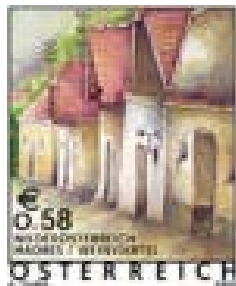
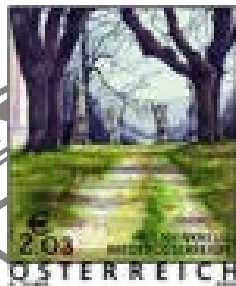
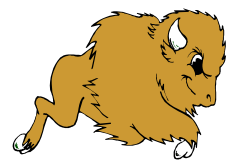
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A merry Christmas to you and yours.

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BUFFALO CHIPS



On January 1, 2002, twelve European countries will have new currency, the euro. And, of course, new postage stamps showing euro values only; for various periods in the past months the twelve have had stamps with dual denominations, the national currency and euros.

Pictured are definitive stamps of Austria, a new series in euros only.

You Had Your Chance

-ALF BROOKS

Do not say you were not told about this event, well in advance. Remember RP telling us all at the last meeting? Telling us we could attend a stamp launch? Have you been to too many of these lately? Well, most of you were not there, and you missed a good one. It was the launch of a new postage stamp, but it was much more.

Ukrainian Canadian Veterans Branch, Royal Canadian Legion 141, played host, along with Canada Post, represented by Vivian Albo, Chair of the Board, to a great afternoon on Sunday, November 11. After we had enjoyed a fine meal (you were told there would be food) we witnessed appropriate ceremony. One often hears that Remembrance Day means very little to our youth today, they do not know what war is, they certainly have only a hazy idea why the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month should be remembered as sacred. If 'treated' is the correct word for such a ceremony, we who were there were certainly treated, as the cadets of 573 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron conducted a service of remembrance. These young people knew what they were doing, they remember.

Brian Garagan, Manager of Media and Community Affairs, Canada Post, presided over the launching of the postage stamp that marks the



seventy-fifth anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion. As stated on their website, "...the Legion's commitment to the Remembrance of those who gave their lives for peace and freedom, is as valid today as it was then. Today the Legion is one of the largest community service organization in Canada with 500,000 members and 1600 branches in Canada, the USA and Germany. As well as service to veterans and the community, the Legion has a strong and continuing commitment in promoting Canada's contribution to

world peace, the protection of Canadian sovereignty and the preservation of national unity." It is certainly fitting that a stamp is issued to honour this organization, and the design of the stamp does the Legion and the designer, Neville Smith of Aylmer, Québec, proud.

Also contributing to a successful afternoon were Major General Steven Lucas, Commander, Canadian Air Division/Canadian NORAD Region; Mr. Brian Wilson, President, Manitoba and North Western Ontario Command, Royal Canadian Legion; and Mr. Roy Nias, General Manager, Mail Operations, Prairie Region, Canada Post.

FROM MY COLLECTION

BY AB CHUDLEY

Stamps with unusual topics or images

I began collecting worldwide stamps as a 10 year old, and stopped as a young adult as other important things took over in my life. I returned to collecting about 3 years ago, and I focused on specific topics, such as medical stamps, Red Cross, anti-malaria, anti-alcohol, and about 20 other topics. During the course of my hobby research, I came across stamps with topics of a most unusual nature, in which non-philatelists would or could not imagine. I have assembled a few of these stamps to share with you.

The first stamp is from Denmark that was issued on August 22, 1991. The message is "Keep Denmark clean". The image shows a dog lover picking up his dog's mess (I wonder if the mint stamp was a scratch and sniff variety?).

The next stamp is a Europa Issue stamp from Yugoslavia released on April 28, 1986. It shows an injured deer in the middle of a road (really, it is road kill).

More gore! This 1988 souvenir sheet from Iraq depicts a child's bleeding head separated from the body in the grasp of a wolf's claw. It commemorates victims of the Bilal Al-Shuhada school massacre of October 13, 1987 during the Iran-Iraq war.

It seems that the Americans are not the only ones declaring war. This stamp from Nigeria issued on February 27, 1985 to promote the "War Against Indiscipline". The stamp shows a worker arriving a half-hour late for work, not very punctual! The other stamp in the 2-stamp issue discourages bribery.



Finally, I have included a stamp more in keeping with my topical interest of a medical nature. This Hungarian stamp issued on April 17, 1958 to commemorate the Universal and International Exposition in Brussels, depicts Brussels' famous mascot, the 17th century bronze statue by Jerome Duquesnoy which he called *Manneken-Pis* featuring a left-handed (male) youngster demonstrating micturition with a nice stream. A number of pathological disorders can be excluded by this observation.

If others have come across other oddities, I would ask you to share them with me.



MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 04/01

BY SID KROKER

- The meeting was called to order at 8:01 by President Gordon Turnbull, with 49 members present (by count). The sign-in book had only 32 signatures [so that future historians would assume a smaller membership or poorer attendance].

Correspondence

- Michael Zacharias noted that CJ Stamps is starting a mail order business. Contact information can be obtained from the Executive.
- Bob Stanley said that he had sent letters to Andy Ho and his supervisor expressing appreciation for Andy's presentation at the last WPS meeting.

Announcements

- Gerry Babij announced that he and Bob Fennel had resurrected the Youth Stamp Club. The first meeting is to be held at All Saints Church at the corner of Broadway and Osborne on Sunday, October 14, in the Parish Hall. This announcement was greeted with a warm round of applause.
- Sid Kroker announced that the Red River Stamp and Coin Group will be holding their monthly bourse at the Charterhouse Hotel on October 14 (10:00 AM - 5:00 PM)
- Copies of Voxair, containing an article by Alf Brooks (the editor of *The Buffalo*) were available at the front desk for anyone who wished to pick them up.
- *The Buffalo* was available for pick-up.

Life Memberships

- Gord Turnbull announced that one of the more pleasurable duties of the President each year was the ability to confer Life Memberships on long-term club members. Life Memberships were presented to Marilyn Smith, Ray Smith, and Forbes Sharpe.

New Issues

The WPS secret agent working with the Stamp Advisory Committee provided the membership with some information. Rick Penko noted that the Hot Air Balloon set of 4 had just been released. He also said that, with regard to the Greeting Booklets, the unsealed booklet is scarce. Also, some news about next year's releases—there will be a 50th anniversary of the accession to the throne of Queen Elizabeth II.

Exhibition Committee

- Chairperson Clark Grierson stated that the Exhibition Committee will hold their first meeting for the spring show on October 16.

Door Draw

- The winners of the door draw were: Clark Grierson, Ron deWitt, Don Oliver, and Pat McNaught.
- AT THIS POINT, THE GAVEL WAS TURNED OVER TO BEVERLEY BARR, PAST PRESIDENT, TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WINNIPEG PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 01/01

BY JUDY LIPSEY

- Meeting called to order by Gord Turnbull at 8.00 p.m.
- Welcome guests: Leo and Linda Orobko.

Announcements:

- The Buffalo is available, as is Vox Air with Alf Brooks' article.
- Robert Zacharias: The auction will take place on Nov. 17, Saturday. Viewing will be at 1.30 with the auction from 2-5. There are about 250 lots already in, and room only for another 50.
- Ken Kristjanson: A detailed list of the auction items will be made by Michael. The lots will run numerically from 1-300.
- Sat. and Sun. Nov. 3-4, Coin and Stamp Show at the Marlborough Hotel, 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.
- Sunday Nov. 11, Red River Bourse at Charter House Hotel, 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
- Clark Grierson: Show meeting was held and the bad news is that only four people showed up. The meetings are going to be held on the last Thursday of each month, at 7.00 p.m. at 1010 Sinclair in the library. The next meeting will be Nov. 29, 2001. Please attend if you want to help with the show.
- Don Fraser: membership dues are being collected.
- Rick Penko: New issues. Today the new Christmas stamps were issued.
- Sunday Nov. 11 there will be a stamp launch 2:00 p.m. at Legion 141, Selkirk Ave. Royal Canadian Legion stamp launching. If you go mention you are a club member. There will be a band and dignitaries, and fine eats.
- Bob Stanley: Carl Bachman will do a presentation next meeting on Machins. Please bring perf gauge and ultra violet light and loops.
- Jan. 1st meeting will be a presentation and the second meeting will be an auction.

Door Draw

- Bill Raynor, Gunter Sickert, Des Connor, Ian Guttormson.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8.15.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OCTOBER 04/01

BY SID KROKER

• The gavel was turned over to Beverley Barr [Past President], who opened the Annual General Meeting.

• All members stood in silent tribute while the Membership Secretary read the names of members who had passed away during the last year:

Ray Aubertin (1999)

Anatol Kurdydyk (1962)

Effie M. MacDonald of Minnedosa (1974).

• Beverley noted that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting had been published in *The Buffalo*. She asked if there had been any errors or omissions. No comments were forthcoming. [It should be noted that a formal motion adopting the minutes of the 2000 Annual General Meeting was not made. However, in view of the lack of comments, tacit approval can be assumed.] Beverley called for reports from the members of the Executive and the Duty Officers.

• Michael Zacharias [Treasurer] noted that the financial statement showed that the WPS was in generally good shape. A profit of \$637 has been made on the stamp show and the circuit books had brought in \$639. Increased expenses had occurred through the doubling of the room rent, the increase in premiums for liability insurance and the maintenance of the Website. Also, a debit for \$900.00 for depreciation of the frames was a major item.

• Robert Zacharias [Librarian] reported that use of the club library is up again, with an average of 8 transaction per meeting. In terms of journals, the club receives the American Philatelic Society journal, Scott Stamp Monthly, the Postal History Society Journal, Topical Times and the journal put out by the Royal Philatelic Society. Robert stated that he is currently in negotiations with the Winnipeg Public Library about obtaining a full set of the 2001 Scott catalogues when the library obtains the next year, rather than the WPS purchasing two or three volumes each year. The cataloguing of the entire holding of the WPS is nearly complete, preparatory to making arrangements with the Winnipeg Public Library for accessing the material.

• As Gloria Vacola had resigned as 1st Vice-President, the Show Committee was jointly chaired by Clark Grierson (current 1st Vice-President) and Des Connor. Des reported that the show was a great success and that the full report had been previously given and published in *The Buffalo*. The dates for next year are: Delta Marlborough Hotel -May 3 -5, 2002.

• Don Fraser [Membership Secretary] reported that the WPS currently has 140 members with an average attendance of 54 at the meetings. During last year, 16 new members (in alphabetical order) had joined:

Karl Bachman, George Green, Raymond Guenettie, Patty Harmon, Rick Harmon, Peter Hellsten, Colin Ivory, Zbigniew Izydorczyk, Bob Kenal, Pat McDonald, Emil Orobko, Stanley Payton, Wendy Smith, Russ Thompson, Donald Watson, Alex Zwygiers.

There are currently 10 Life Members and 21 Honorary life members (as of June 30, 2001) with three new Honorary Life Members as of this meeting.

• Gerry Babij [Foreign Circuit Manager] noted that there were 145 books in his circuit last year, which realized \$3500 in sales with the circuit sheets bringing in another \$484. Thus, the world circuit table brought in close to \$500.00 in club revenue. Gerry noted that 5 books were lost, four of which have been paid for and the last, a Russian book, is still outstanding. Gerry's report had been previously printed in the September issue of *The Buffalo*.

• Len Kruczynski [Commonwealth Circuit Manager] noted that his sales for last year were \$2,355, on material which totalled \$8300. This calculates to 28% of all material being sold which is better than average. Both Len and Gerry are flexible on the format of the books to be entered in their circuits with some books up to 24 pages. Len's report had been previously printed in the September issue of *The Buffalo*.

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• Rick Penko [WPS Website] reported that the site had received more than 100,000 hits by March, 2001, making it the most popular club website in Canada. It has also been mentioned in an APS article. Rick noted that members can list their interests on the site, as well as selling and trading options.

• It was moved by Clark Grierson and seconded by George Apps that all reports be accepted as presented.

• A question was raised regarding comparative data in the Treasurer's report. Michael replied that 1999 was used as the year to compare with this year as 2000 was an abnormal year due to hosting the Royal Show.

• A question was raised as to the investment options considered for the assets of the Club. Michael said that he would look into some of the potential, no-risk options. The vote was called on the motion. Approved.

• Beverley stated that it was time to move to one of her favourite portions of the meeting -the awarding of certificates and medals. Robert Zacharias noted that medals were not available due to production problems.

Junior Stamp Award for Best School Stamp Club Jointly awarded to Hampstead School and Clifton School.

• Certificates of Participation were awarded to:

Gerald Kennedy - *Canada War & Peace*

Justin Lacko - *Year 2000 Canada Official First Day Covers*

Knud Markmann - *Danish Christmas Seals 1904- 1947*

• Bronze Medals to:

Vahan Melikian - *UPU 100th Anniversary, Great Britain British Commonwealth Islands*

• Silver Bronze (Small Silver) Medals to:

Norman Dennis - *Water Mammals Of The World*

Neil Holroyd - *Royal Mob*

Knud Markmann - *A Selection Of Danish Perfins*

• Silver Medals to:

Gerald Kennedy - *Canadian Semi-Official Stamps, Blocks & Covers*

• Small Gold Medals To:

Robert Zacharias - *A Sampling of Germany's Private Post*

Robert Elias - *Canadian Wilding & Associated High- Value Elizabethan Definitives; Paper Texture & Fluorescence*

• The Trophy For Best Topical Exhibit Was Awarded To George Kennedy For *Water Mammals Of The World*.

• The exhibit by Robert Elias garnered the trophies for: Best Exhibit by a WPS Member; Best Canadian Exhibit; Best in Show.

• The Distinguished Service Award is presented on an irregular basis. It is only awarded when a candidate of sufficient achievement is nominated and confirmed by the Executive. This year the award was jointly presented to Robert Zacharias and Michael Zacharias. Robert Zacharias has been a member of the club since 1989 and has served as the Librarian for 10 years. He has been the Exhibits Chair for many shows, including Royal 2000. He also is the organizer for the WPS Public Auctions. Michael Zacharias has been a member since 1996. When he originally volunteered to finish Celia Ross' term as Treasurer, he wasn't a member or even a stamp collector. He has since succumbed to the addiction, specializing in souvenir sheets. In addition to his role as the club Treasure, Michael was on the Show Committee and served as the Treasurer for Royal 2000. He also is a mainstay for both the WPS monthly auctions and the Public Auctions.

• Beverley Barr, as out-going President, thanked the Board of Directors, the Executive and the Duty Officers, and the general membership for their support during her term of office. She noted that it had been a very active time with excellent attendance at the club meetings and auctions and at the three stamp launches that had occurred beginning with The RCAF 75th Anniversary at 17 Wing. Minister André Oullet launched the Mailbox issue with the WPS Centennial Acknowledgment at Royal 2000 and the Year of the Snake was launched at the Chinese Cultural Centre. She felt that the invitations and the excellent turn-outs showed that the community recognized the Winnipeg Philatelic Society as a very viable organization. She finds that the club is in very good health.

• The Annual General Meeting was adjourned.



Dear Phil,

I recently attended my first WPS meeting, hoping to find serious-minded people who would teach me some of the finer points of the hobby, and with whom I could exchange stamps and ideas. I was interested in adding to my collection and having serious

discussions with like-minded philatelists. For the most part I have not been disappointed, I have bought some stamps at auction, I have made some trades and have found that most of the members are pleasant to talk to.

However: I was shocked recently when a member conducting an auction destroyed a stamp and then had the nerve to laugh about it. And then many others laughed with him! The incident had something to do with an upside-down Canadian Seascope, I didn't get it all and didn't understand all the comments because of the laughter.

My perception of collectors has changed. I had read that the purpose of the WPS was "to encourage the exchange, purchase and study of postage stamps and kindred subjects among the members." Mocking a serious hobby can only change how others see collectors. I am reconsidering whether I should join your group.

Disillusioned

Dear Disillusioned,
Amen.



Collector from Brazil will exchange stamps of his country for stamps of other countries.

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Collector from India will exchange mint and used stamps of India, Nepal, Bhutan and other countries for stamps of Canada, USA, UK and other countries. Main interest is in the exchange of year packs of mint stamps.

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Many of us combine two great hobbies, stamp collecting and computer use. There is now an organization, address <www.pwmo.org>, the Philatelic Webmasters Organization, that "has been created in order to promote, support and develop philately through philatelic webmastering." The site lists a number of links, including those to the sites of individual members' web pages. One of their current endeavours is to identify and stop the issue of illegal stamps, defined as "illegal issues for territories which are not entitled to issue stamps and false stamps produced by fraudsters in the name of an issuing authority with the intent to defraud collectors." They also list sites that show and sell illegal stamps and dealers selling illegal stamps on eBay.

AUCTION REPORT

The WPS held it's most successful auction to date on Saturday, November 17. There were 304 lots submitted. Sales totalled \$2,163.50, over \$500 more than the previous highest total. There were 210 lots that were sold, contributed to the sale by 22 WPS members. The sale was well-attended, with 42 bidders registered; 36 were successful in buying at least one lot. The WPS made \$234.80 in total in commission and for material sold that belonged to the WPS.

And soon we do it again, it is not too soon to start organizing lots for the next sale, in a few months.



MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15/01

BY JUDY LIPSEY

- Meeting called to order by Gord Turnbull at 8.00 p.m.

Announcements

- Michael Zacharias: The last auction had \$180.00 in sales which resulted in \$18.00 for the club.
 - Don Fraser is not here tonight. I will collect membership dues.
 - Gord Turnbull: At our meeting on Dec. we will hold a charity auction. Proceeds of the auction will go to the Cheer Board and Salvation Army. Bring in things to sell, and baking to enjoy. Drinks are on the club.
 - Clark Grierson: The next meeting of the exhibition committee will be held Nov. 27, Tuesday at 7.00 p.m. at 1010 Sinclair in the library.
 - Robert Zacharias: The auction will take place on Nov. 17, Saturday. Viewing will be at 1.30 with the auction from 2-5. There will not be mail out, the list is available here.
 - Bev Barr: The auction was announced in the Winnipeg Free Press in the Lifestyles section under "On a budget" section.
 - Letty Taylor: There will no longer be any cancellations from country post offices. In time, the mail will be picked up and taken to Winnipeg for cancellation and then shipped out from there to their destinations.
- Tonight's presentation is by Carl Bachman on Machins.
 - Door Draw. Bob Harris, Alf Brooks, Letty Taylor, Carl Bachman.
 - Meeting was adjourned at 8:15.



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