

## HEADHUNTERS GRAB RICK PENKO!

BY AXEL OLSSON

Last month we reported our former Editor Robin Harris, FRPSC was elevated to Stamp Advisor to CAN-ADA POST. Now our WPS past President **Rick Penko** & incumbent President of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, has been appointed Auction Manager for



philatelic sales in the US, by the prestigious auction house of **SPINK SHREVES** in Dallas, TX wef November 16th 2007. I'm sure there must be something in the water here in the Peg that breeds such great philatelic talent. Hearty congratulations to Rick on getting this challenging position. Let's wish him every success. We just know he'll love being surrounded by rare covers and stamps, rubbing shoulders with the cream of stamp experts and top collectors from around the world and then getting paid for it!(if only in US Pesos!)

### MIKE GOODMAN(1953-2007)

Many of you know already, but it is my sad duty as Editor to report the untimely passing of popular member Mike Goodman at 1.30 pm on Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup>, at St Boniface Hospital, Winnipeg. RIP.



Mike joined the WPS 8 yrs ago, developed a passion for the hobby and bid keenly at every auction; seldom did he lose. He frequented the dealers and never missed the Stampshows. He exhibited often and won many awards, even though his eyesight was not the best. And despite his losing battle with cancer, Mike was a trooper till the end, still turning up at the WPS Meetings (on Oct 4<sup>th</sup> even) while preparing excellent coffee for Club members. He was always in good spirits, and there was never a hint of self-pity. He really did live up to his name, Goodman. We'll miss him so. The wake was held at the Ft Garry Legion, Pembina Hwy on Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, where at least 15 members attended. Mike was single, 53, and survived by his mother, 2 sisters and a

brother, Jack, who gave the eulogy. It was a real pleasure knowing Mike Goodman.

### REMINDER ABOUT MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

To keep your WPS Membership current, please contact Membership Secy Don Fraser asap if you haven't already paid your 2007-08 dues of \$35.00. Over 30 Members have yet to pay and have until the end of November to do so. Thank you for your co-operation.

### WPS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Membership Secretary Don Fraser appealed to members to spread the word about our Stamp Club to attract more collectors into the fold. A Membership application form can be found on the back of the BUFFALO. We hope to boost the 151 WPS membership figure considerably. Tell your friends and neighbours about us!

### NEW STAMPSHOW CHAIRMAN

The WPS welcomes **Al Wingate** as the 2008 STAMPSHOW Chairman while thanking outgoing Chairman Des Connor for his sterling work. Al appealed to members for support and to start planning their exhibits as early as possible for the annual spring event.

### OUTGOING WPS PRESIDENT GETS AN UNEXPECTED SOUVENIR GIFT

**Bob Stanley** is known for his quick wit and quiet humour, and has during his tenure as WPS President come up with a variety of unusual but clever articles to bestow as awards on WPS members, much to the amusement of all.

When Bob handed over the reins to new WPS President Russ Thompson early October at the Scandinavian Centre and thanked all concerned, he in return was warmly thanked for his excellent leadership over the last 4 years.

Before he could get very far Mike Zacharias called Bob back to present him with a large souvenir clock( suitably inscribed ) with the hands pointing at 7.45pm "perpetually", as that is when Bob usually called the Meeting to order.

After the laughing had died down Mike told Bob he was only kidding and handed him the batteries. Kudos to the Executive for coming up with that!

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- Stamp Auction
- Nov. 15 - Business Meeting  
- Presentation by Bill Pooley ("Victoria Cross & Stamps")
- Nov 17 -300 lot Stamp Auction.  
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- Dec. 01 -Christmas Charity Auction (Donations Wellcome!)
- Dec 20 No Meeting

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## CANADIAN STAMP DESIGNER TO TALK AT WPS

Programme Chairman Bill Pooley is pleased to announce that **Robert Peters** of Circle Stamps responsible for designing a number of recent Canadian issues has graciously accepted our invitation to come to give a talk next March.

## INTRIGUING PRESENTATION AT UNIVERSITY

There will be a Talk called "*An Illustrated Philatelic Introduction to Magic Squares*" in Room 330 of the Allen Bldg, UM at 3.30pm on Friday Nov 9th 2007.

Not sure what it's about or if it's free, but if you know do tell us. The rest of us might prefer to wait till next February when Peter Lole will be giving this very same presentation at the WPS Meeting.

## E-Z DOWNLOADS AVAILABLE ON CLUB WEBSITE

WPS Members can now download and print blank Auction lot Description Forms and Tally Sheets by visiting our Website at: [www.wps.mb.ca](http://www.wps.mb.ca)

and clicking on to the left hand side of the page below the Navigation buttons.

## "ONE IN A MILLION" CHANCE DISCOVERY

*The New York Times* reported in October that a US collector named Lawrence Cohen specializing in the 1923 2c black Warren G Harding memorial stamp finally struck gold after 10 long years sifting through 150,000 loose stamps in several shoe boxes he acquired.

Being colour-blind the graphic artist shied away from normal colourful stamps and amassed 200 volumes devoted entirely to just this Harding issue and its varieties at his home in Plymouth, New Hampshire.

Hundreds of millions were printed of this perf 10 stamp and used copies aren't worth more than a few cents each.

In April 2005 he hit pay dirt when lo and behold, he found not 1 but a lightly-cancelled *horizontal strip of 3 perforated 11!* "Disbelief" was his first reaction, he said. "I spent the better part of an hour trying to convince myself "that he had not made a mistake.

This major rarity was auctioned off for **US\$172, 500** inclusive of the 15% buyer's premium by Matthew Bennett International, a Baltimore stamp auctioneer on October 20th 2007.

The new owner is professional philatelist Jay Parrino in Kansas City, Missouri. "I've always loved this stamp," he said, with 2 other examples of the same rarity under his belt already.

( This should be an inspiration to those who have become a little jaded sorting through common regular stamps over the years. You never know what might turn up next! - Ed )

## MORE 2008 SCOTT PRICE CHANGES

With the arrival of more volumes of the 2008 Scott catalogue, the countries which have seen a significant number of value increases are N Korea., Jordan, Great Britain, Gibraltar and Hungary, according to the October edition of the CSN.

The editors say most increases are the result of market pressures rather than exchange rates, but caution that if the euro, (Canadian loonie) and GBP continue their steady rise against the greenback, some of the values may be understated.

## EDITOR NOTES

By A. Olsson

### 2008 USPS STAMP PROGRAMME A LETDOWN?

Next year's US stamp issuing programme strikes me as one of the most uninteresting one has seen in a while if I do say so myself. And I've been collecting US a long time.

Even though 22 different subjects are listed in the programme, none for instance reflect the growing concerns of global warming and the changing environment that are the cause of rising food and fuel prices everywhere. Maybe they think the problem will just go away if they ignore it enough, like illegal immigration from Mexico.

Instead they have Bette Davis in the Hollywood Legends series, another Love stamp, a baseball-related issue, four stamps on the sugary art of Disney, 5 values on American Journalists and five on black vintage cinema and 1 stamp on Alzheimer's Disease Awareness, among others. (There is nothing about supporting US troops in Iraq, the war against terrorism. or endangered natural wildlife, etc.)

A 60-stamp state flag series starting next spring will encompass coil stamps honouring all 50 states issued at the rate of 10 per year until 2010 in alphabetical order, beginning with Alabama.

I am sure there was a printing mistake to learn the USPS will be issuing just one stamp for the Beijing 2008 Olympics but 16 values in a pane for American designers Ray and Charles Eames. ( Maybe someone can enlighten me, please.)

### STAMP NEWS & ARTICLES WANTED URGENTLY

Unfortunately I'm away from Winnipeg for the duration of the winter but your contributions to the BUFFALO are still most welcome and can be sent to me care of Alf Brooks, past Editor (and now Asst Editor) at the Meeting or left for his attention. Just remember that the BUFFALO needs *your* steady support.

### PHILATELIC HUMOUR

1. You must have also seen that comic strip where a woman goes to a yard sale to see about selling her husband's stamp collection. She explains that her late husband was a 'philatelist'. The woman in charge replies: "Oh, I am too, Honey!— I always say if something's gonna happen, it's gonna happen!"
2. You need to use a little naughty imagination for this one (from PLAYBOY): the mailman on duty is on the living room couch in the arms of a beautiful blonde housewife. She asks "So you're sure you can get the Post Office to put my picture on a commemorative stamp next year?"

### CANADA POST TO MODERNIZE MAIL SYSTEM

The WFP on October 16th reported that Canada Post is planning to spend \$1.7 billion to modernize its outdated sorting equipment after 11 straight years of profit.

The expenditures will be spread over 5 years and geared to the large number of postal workers expected to retire over the coming years while honouring all Canada Post's promises about job security, according to Canada Post CEO Ms Moya Greene.

Also affected would be its fleet of 7,000 aging postal trucks to be replaced with more “environmentally-friendly“ vehicles.

### PAUL ANKA NOT A CANUCK?

It came as quite a shock to read in Canadian Stamp News (24th July) that wonder boy **Paul Anka** who was recently featured on a Canadian postage stamp and received the Order of Canada had been *naturalized as a US citizen* as long ago as 1990, would you believe?!

66-yr old Paul was born in Ottawa, made his fortune singing and writing songs and performed on Canadian Idol on TV in August this year should have come clean, do Members agree? Someone wanted an expression similar to “As American as apple pie” for Canada and I thought to myself :”As Canadian as Paul Anka”of course! Boy, was I wrong!

I wonder if Canada Post knew about this before they made the choice but went ahead anyway? That’s what happens when they are in such a hurry to honor living people on stamps. Next thing you’ll tell me that buxom **Pam Anderson** is no longer a red-blooded Canadian citizen either!!

### MORE ON SHADOW THE ‘KILLER CAT’

Last month you recall we did a piece on a black cat that terrorized mail carriers in Winnipeg. I visited the local library but failed to find any more news about it in their archives. I’ve just located a passage in the June 12th Canadian Stamp News which made interesting comparison with the earlier report in the Free Press.

Entitled “**CAT-ASTROPHY**”the article said the 8-yr old cat had attacked 2 posties a total of 3 times. A Canada Post official cited the cat’s actions as “growling, stalking and in one case, pouncing on a mail carrier to try to scratch his face”.

When a CBC news crew went to check on the story, Shadow hissed and bared its fangs at the cameraman.

I imagine this cat must be quite a celebrity at Halloween! Canada Post has suggested the owner keep the animal indoors whenever the mail is delivered.

### SID KROKER BACK IN THE FREE PRESS AGAIN

It’s the 110th anniversary of Upper Fort Garry, aka Ft Garry Gate, one of 3 historic fur trading sites owned & operated by the Hudson’s Bay Company in the 1830s in Winnipeg. (Watch the video at [www.winnipegfreepress.com](http://www.winnipegfreepress.com).)

The Free Press devoted half a page to report on the latest developments that would put a 15-storey apartment block on the adjacent site when they spoke to our own Sid Kroker about it in its Oct 13th edition, that included a colour picture of him as on-site archaeologist.

Now it looks as if the project might not go ahead, following the discovery that the site of the development encroached 10 feet more of the Fort site than at first thought.

### NEW EDITION OF HONG KONG SPECIALIZED CATALOGUE OUT

I hope to include a review of the 2007 Edition of the N.C.YANG Catalogue of Hong Kong Stamps in the December BUFFALO and may be able to bring some copies back when I return to Winnipeg if I could have some idea of the number of copies wanted. I believe they cost under C\$10 each. The last time it was published was 3 years ago.



“Hi Postman Phil, *Who were the first people to deliver mail?*”  
PP:” I’m glad you asked. The world’s first known mail carriers hauled the inscribed clay tablets of Babylon more than 4,000 years ago. The young men were said to be fleet-footed and staunch of courage. The clay tablets were

much heavier than the 35 lbs carried by today’s mailmen, so that in time they were replaced by bronze tablets and were carried on horseback. In Persia in the 6th Century BC mail was carried by riders.”

“Another question for you, Phil: *how did the word “post” originate to connect with mailing letters?*”

PP: “Good question. “Post”comes from the French ‘poste’, meaning a ‘station’ or ‘fixed place’, where a government courier either mounted a fresh horse or turned over the messages to another courier. Relay posts were used by the Chinese more than 2,000 years ago.”

“ I read somewhere that *the Romans had a pretty sophisticated mailing system, is that correct?*”

PP:”Absolutely right. Postal services were an important means of communication during the time of Augustus, Emperor of Rome, and Charlemagne, Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire.”

“**When did France begin having a postal service?**”

PP:”They started having one in the 1400’s during the reign of Louis XI (Father of the French Post), but it was for the use of high court officials only. The 1st public postal service commenced in 1506 to include Flanders, Vienna, Castile, Paris and Rome, but the cost was so high only the wealthy could afford it.”

“**Didn’t Britain have a postal service in place yet?**”

PP: “England’s first successful postal system, for the Royal Family, was started in 1516. It was named the Royal Post. “During the reign of Queen Elizabeth (1558-1603), the warning phrase ”Haste, Post, Haste, For Thy Lyfe, For Thy Lyfe, Haste!” was often written on letters to remind the postboys of their duty.

(The postboys carried the mails for about 200 years and were required to sound the post horn least 3 times every mile, travelling at 7 mph during the summer and 5 during winter}”

“**What year did the exchange of mail between Canada & the US first come into play?**”

PP: “An agreement to that effect was signed in 1792 when Canada was divided into Upper (now Ontario) and Lower, due to racial differences.”

“Finally, can you tell me **how often was mail delivered around that time in Canada?**”

PP: ‘Mails were dispatched monthly to England and semi-weekly between Quebec and Montreal, or Halifax.”

**MINUTES OF THE  
WINNIPEG PHILATELIC SOCIETY  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 4th, 2007  
By Al Wingate**

The President **Bob Stanley** called the Meeting to order at 7.53 pm. President elect **Russ Thompson** was introduced to the Club.

Bob asked each of the past Executive to present their Report to the Membership.

Show Chairman **Des Connor** reported the Show was a success despite a drop in attendance.

**Russ Thompson** as Programme Chairman said in his Report that the previous year's presenters had done a good job and much useful information was imparted to the Members.

**Robert Zacharias** reported that the Library had spent \$482 on new publications. He experienced some difficulty managing the books which are spread around 6 different homes as we no longer have a proper storage facility as before.

**Len Krucznski** reported that the Brit C'wealth circuits under his care sold approx \$1000 which showed a decline; he said there is a need for more members to submit books. As a promotion exercise, the purchase price of 25c per blank book has been waived. Len proposes listing the circuit books on the Club website so that members can plan which books to pursue. Len said the current value of books in his possession was around \$2600.

**Gerry Babj** reported that the all world circuit books under his care did quite well, selling \$1933 but distanced himself from the free offer since his stamps are on LL binders, not bound bks

**Michael Zacharias** presented the Financial Statement as reviewed by John Salmi. Highlights were that the Club operated with a \$288 cash loss in the past year but that we have a \$10,000+ in cash assets together with \$12,000 in hard assets (including exhibition frames & projection equipment etc.). Mike's report was moved for acceptance and seconded by Des Connor and carried.

**Don Fraser** reported on membership, saying we have 152 Members(63 regular, 50 Seniors, 13 Life and 26 Hon Life members) during the year up to June 30th 2007. An average of 51 attended the meetings he said. A minute's silence was observed for the 4 WPS Members who passed away, including **Ted Mayo, Robert Bates & Ester Melno**. RIP.

Two new Members were introduced and freebies of perforation gauges & stamp tongs were presented by Don as welcome gifts.

Bob Stanley expressed his gratitude to the Executive and membership, and said his goodbye before stepping down as President. Michel Zacharias then presented Bob with a special award in the same tradition Bob himself set. **Ken Kristjanson** ex-

pressed his appreciation to Bob & the Executive and called for a big round of applause.

The gavel was turned over to the incoming Russ Thompson before the AGM was adjourned.

**MINUTES OF THE  
WINNIPEG PHILATELIC SOCIETY  
ORDINARY MEETING  
OCTOBER 4th 2007**

Several reminders/announcements were made by various Members:-

**Ken Kristjanson** called for generous donations for the December 1st Charity Auction to make it the best ever. Once again he reminded contributors to bring the donations on the evening of the sale due to shortage of storage space at the Centre.

He also plugged the Antiques & Collectibles Show at Assiniboia Downs on the weekend Oct 13-14 with 200 tables filled with good ephemera items from 10-4pm. Admission \$4.00.

The **Red River Bourse** would be open for business as usual on the second Sunday Oct 14th & Nov 11th, from 10am-4pm. Free admission and much to like.

**Rick Penko** congratulated Axel for a great BUFFALO. He noted that the Royal would start on Oct 12th in Toronto. Orders for the 2008 UNITRADE at the very special rate of only \$33 were being taken by Ken (reg price \$45), and that this year marks the 107th birthday of the Winnipeg Philatelic Society. Ours is one of the oldest and largest clubs in Canada.

**Bill Pooley** congratulated **Gordon Turnbull** for his excellent Presentation last month, setting a high standard with his Talk on the first Canada QV Booklet.

**Al Wingate** would be presenting one on Ebay selling on Oct 18.

**Des Connor** speaking as Club Historian would like all Members to keep their eyes peeled for any old stuff like cards & letters, records & documents relating to the early history of the WPS, especially after WWI circa 1922-23, to let him know right away, even if he can only view the item if it is not for sale. What a great shame that twice it happened that scarce archival material about the WPS was lost or destroyed in the past, Des said ruefully.

The Lucky Draw winners were:-  
Hassan Majid, Mike Goodman, Fred Ostapchuk & Russ Thompson.

The Meeting was adjourned and the regular auction ensued.

Al Wingate  
Actg Recording Secretary  
(while Judy is away)





# BUFFALO CHIPS

BY Alf Brooks



## STANLEY GIBBONS AUCTION

Got some spare cash lying around? Stanley Gibbons Auctions is currently offering various philatelic items with a minimum bid for the entire lot @ GBP200,000, including this lovely cover here from 1840 bearing two Penny Blacks and a Tuppenny Blue. Click on to their website for more details!



## SWISS SILHOUETTES

On November 13, Swiss Post will release 4 stamps illustrating the intricate art of cutting silhouettes using scissors and cutters. The technique originated in China before spreading to Europe some 400 years ago. These ones shown on the stamps however, were created by 20th Century artists.



## CANADA CHRISTMAS ISSUE

On November 1st Canada Post will issue this secular theme Permanent 1st Class Reindeer Christmas stamp in a booklet pane of 12. The stamp design includes clear holographic foil snowflakes.



## HERE WE GO AGAIN!

The USPS is all set to begin a new series of 12 Lunar New Year stamp issues on February 7, 2008 with the Year of the Rat, based on an illustration by New York Chinatown artist Kam Mak. The gold printing of the 41c denomination along with the cut silhouette of the rat and Chinese character are on the left. (The red lanterns however seem to have taken up more importance than the Rat itself.) Déjà vu all over again!

## THE MICHEL CATALOGUES FOR EUROPE

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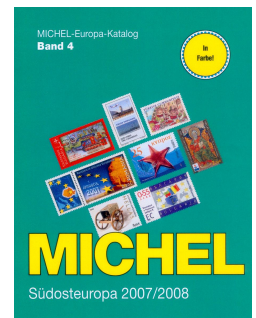
Prominent price increases for several Austrian issues, moderate increases throughout.

**Volume 2: South-West Europe. 1232 Pages, 12 500 colour illustrations, 61 000 price quotations.**

Numerous price increases for stamps of Andorra, Spain up to 1940 and France up to 1975.

**Volume 3: Southern Europe. 1248 pages, 13 000 colour illustrations, 63 000 price increases.**

Yugoslavia is now a 'closed' collecting area, with the new stamps of Serbia and Montenegro now listed after the entries for these 2 countries before the formation of Yugoslavia. Some spectacular increases for the FIFA 2006 World Cup up from 14.50 euros to 500 euros.



**Volume 4: South-East Europe. 1152 pp, 14 000 colour illustrations, 60 000 price increases.**

The market for stamps of this areas generally stable, with some large increases for some stamps of Greece, Romania and Turkey.

**Volume 5: Northern Europe. 928 pp, 9000 colour illustrations, 48 000 price increases.**

There are significant price increases for the stamps of Latvia, Iceland and Norway.

**Volume 6: Western Europe. 1152 pp, 12 000 colour illustrations, 62 000 price increases**

Listed are significant price increases for Belgium up to 1940 and sub-categories of Great Britain.

**Volume 7: Eastern Europe. 1104 pp, 12 000 colour illustrations, 50 000 price increases.**

Prices are generally stable, with some noteworthy increases for issues of Poland and the Soviet Union.

And if you are looking for an alternative to all of the above, go to MICHEL website at [www.briefmarken.de](http://www.briefmarken.de) or [www.michel.de](http://www.michel.de) for information that is updated on a regular basis.

**MINUTES OF THE  
WINNIPEG PHILATELIC SOCIETY  
OCTOBER 18TH, 2007  
BY MIKE ZACHARIAS**

Russ Thompson called the Meeting to order at 7.50 pm

We welcomed one guest: - the husband of Letty Taylor

Michael Zacharias announced that the C Firby auction catalogues were sent to the Club for distribution to members.

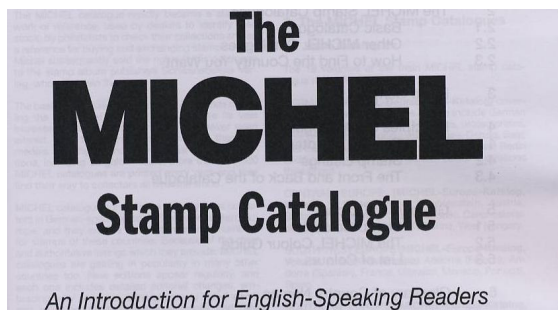
Mike Goodman is at St Boniface Hospital in the intensive palliative care unit. A get well card was passed around for members to sign before sending to Mike.

Peter Farenhorst received the 5 awards he won for exhibiting in the WPS 2007 STAMPSHOW, including Best by a Novice and Best in the Show. Congratulations, Peter!

Tonight's Presentation is by Al Wingate on how to sell stamps on Ebay based on his own first hand experience.

Lucky draw winners were Beverley Barr, Gordon Turnbull, Ron De Witt, and Herb Warkentin. Nice going.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8.05 pm.



**Like the MICHEL Catalogues But Don't Read German? Here's Your Answer** by Alf Brooks

I am told that, per capita, Germany leads the world in the number of stamp collectors, so it is no wonder that MICHEL publishes stamp catalogues that are revised frequently. However, they are, naturally, in German. MICHEL has the solution for many non-German-speaking collectors with a booklet published not only in English but also in French, Italian and Spanish as well. The 28 pages in English introduce the reader to MICHEL catalogues, including a page to a typical stamp listing, followed by a list of colours (e.g. blau=blue), country names (Osterreich=Austria) & philatelic terms all translated (Abart=variety) Then follows 15 pages in English, a wealth of information that a collector would find at the beginning of a stamp catalogue, with illustrations, all for 4.80 euros.

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