

WEST COAST



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Chilliwack it is 2016 Meeting Set

The 2016 Annual meeting will be held in Chilliwack next April 29, 30 and May 1. Venue has been established at the Best Western Hotel - 43971 Industrial Way. Chilliwack, BC V2R 3A4 . Phone 1 877 722 3997.

The decision followed a survey of members taken earlier this fall by the Chairman. A map locating the hotel and pictures from their advertising can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. We will follow the same basic format approved by members for the past several meetings - meet Friday evening as we arrive for supper and the hospitality room. Saturday morning philatelic presentations. Saturday afternoon a group activity with partners - should enough partners register some activity for the morning will be scheduled.

Saturday evening a banquet at the hotel with a guest speaker and then the hospitality room again.

Sunday morning philatelic matters and presentations.

The hotel features a few pet friendly rooms - members with pets should book early.

It would appear that perhaps our numbers will be up from the past few meetings based on the response to the survey and emails since.



Lobby of Best Western Hotel



Membership Drive Continues

While we have had some new members join over the past year we still can use an infusion of new blood. Talk it up among the BC local clubs and show what we can offer.



Rooms at the hotel



Presenters Wanted for Philatelic Sessions

This is the call for members to present at the meetings - we usually need five - a strange phenomena would seem to have occurred in that we have had two volunteers before the call has been sent out as opposed to pulling hen's teeth to try and fill the needed spots - so we need three more - e mail or phone the chairman at 250-982-2474 or

peterfralick@outlook.com

Clothesline

Prepare for Clothes Line at the meeting. Members are reminded that we offer an opportunity to share philatelic (or other) items with the group at this popular feature. No advance warning is needed.

Timeless Truth

If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.

Mark Twain

DUES DUES DUES

Our long suffering secretary / treasurer has commented on the lack of response from members in reply to our request for payment of back dues - several members are a year or two in arrears - please send in your dues - if in doubt as to your status please contact Shirley-Ann Frick. Her contact information is at the end of the newsletter. The \$10 fee for 2016 will be due when the calendar turns over at the end of December.

Associate Membership

Remember we now (passed at the last AGM) have an Associate membership - for partners and those who want to be part of the group but are not necessarily into the philatelic side of things. At least one of those has been requested thus far.

Partner Activities

One of the reasons some members have given for allowing their membership to lapse is the lack of partner activities at the AGM - but for the last two there were only three or so partners registered - a change in demographics from when the two groups were about equal. This item will be on the agenda for the business side of the meeting. Please let me know of other items for the agenda anyone thinks important.

Something Special

Ken Pugh - renown bird photographer -will be one of our happy midst this time around and has offered to:

- a. have a session on the ins and outs of bird watching and photography and
- b. take a group to the bird sanctuary (a few minutes away) and guide them through - apparently the blue herons are due about the time we would be there.

When the registration form comes out in January-February it will ask you to indicate which group scheduled for that time you wish to join - we realize not everyone is able to do the sanctuary bit so will have another

activity available for those. So hone your bird skills and camera work between now and then.



Pool and hot tub at the hotel



Items for the Newsletter

Note we now accept advertising from members (only) for inclusion in the newsletter. We have one this time around. Ad material should be received by the newsletter editor well before publishing time - i. e. for the next one in late January have it to me early in January. Teaching me to be more accurate in my comments is the ad this time - when envisioned we considered classified type ads - but we got a display type ad - so in it went as no one -much less the editor - specified.

We also are prepared to put anything which members might think of interest to the group in the newsletters - same necessity for submissions. These could be short articles or information which is of interest. I had some comments on the letter from 1915 about the Atnarko settlement - all positive.

Any suggestions for improving the service we can provide members will be gratefully

received. To date we have visited home bound members and offered advice on collecting topics - offered advice on disposing of deceased member's collections - on exhibiting - on writing monographs, books and articles and a host of other helpful things.

Questions have been asked about computer use in collecting and the answers were all over the possible spectrum. Do we need a list of which programs work for which type of need - i.e. a page making program - an inventory type program - etc. etc.? Should we have someone (somebodies) who can advise about basic computer types - so that one doesn't make the same mistakes I did - and since have found out I was merely one of many who never twigged to the difference between computer capabilities now and a few years ago which greatly influences which programs they will accept. That is the 64 bit and 32 bit detail with shops not seeming to know that they should inform the buyer that some programs do not have the ability to run on the 64 bit ones and one needs up dates if in fact they are available. Not every klutz, however, manages to lose up to 10 000 pages of printed album space and 100's of pages of text. We'll be kind and not reveal names. What other uses do collectors make of computers in their pursuits - maybe some of our "experts" would give us the benefit of their expertise with a note or two on this topic?

More Timeless Truths

Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries.

Douglas Casey, Classmate of Bill Clinton at Georgetown University

In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm and three or more is a government.

John Adams

March 2016 RICHPEX Auction

Our auction features outstanding Canada & US Postal History, Postcards, Canada & Worldwide stamps, documents, philatelic reference books, and at least 800 intact collections to satisfy the most discerning collector.



Registered 1½ ounce triple rate cover posted at VANCOUVER on November 20, 1906 and addressed to MITCHAM England. Routed via MONTREAL on November 26th and sent to the MONTREAL Dead Letter Office for Customs inspection. Re-posted the next day with three rare #OX2 Official Seals tied by MONTREAL-BRANCH-DLO double oval handstamps. Also note a Montreal DLO wax seal on back and MITCHAM arrival backstamp on December 8th. The only reported cover with three #OX2 Official Seals.

Consignments & Catalogs

The consignment deadline is September 1st each year. Catalogs arrive four months later in January along with internet bidding at Stamp Auction Network. New clients, please order your free catalog early as they quickly sell out.

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Outside View of Best Western



Tropical Garden Walk



Dining Room



A Meeting Room

Mast Head

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