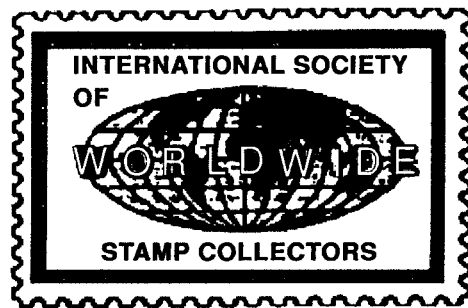


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## "The Mounties Always Get Their Man!"

by Don Plaskett (#1257)

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**T**he headline above expresses the famous motto of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police: "They Always Get Their Man!" Well, they almost got me!

I seriously considered joining the Mounties after WWII, but at that time you had to be single — and *stay* single. I wasn't convinced I could abide with that restriction.

Every Canadian respects the Mounties, with their brilliant red tunics, the Musical Ride, but mainly it's their display of confidence that can't be ignored.

Originally known as the "North West Mounted Police" (NWMP), about 300 men were authorized by Parliament on 23 May 1873 to settle differences occurring on the prairies. Recruiting notices specified that men had to be 18 to 40 years old, of good charac-

ter, sound constitution, able to ride a horse, active and able-bodied. Quite a challenge!

By 1875, the NWMP had developed into a formidable force throughout western Canada. They were described as being "awesome" in the way in which they settled confrontations without violence or bloodshed. Their triumphs came from their confident presence and persuasion. The NWMP presence was legendary at the "Red River Rebellion" in 1869-70, when curtailing whiskey peddlers.

When gold was discovered in the Klondike, the Mounties maintained law and order. Canada issued a stamp booklet recognizing this period in Canadian history and featuring the legendary Sam Steele.



**Sam Steele,  
Scott #1606c**

In 1904, King Edward of  
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allowed the prefix "Royal" to be added to their name. Then, in 1920, the Dominion Police Force merged with the Royal North West Mounted Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) emerged.

In 1935 Canada issued its first stamp honoring the Mounties (Sc. #223). A miniature "1935" can be found with magnification to the right of the horse's left hind leg. At that time, the Red Tunic became known throughout the world. The same stamp was reissued in 1982 with the

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE  
GENDARMERIE ROYALE DU CANADA

1873 - 1998

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**ISWSC President's Column**

**by Tony Zollo (#856), President and Executive Director, ISWSC**

Several important ISWSC positions are in the process of changing hands. As I announced last issue, Jim Gaul (#1853) has agreed to relieve Bob McKenzie (#1055) as the manager of the Sales Circuit. Jim and Bob have been working together to accomplish the transition and it is almost complete. As I write this column (in September) I expect that by the time you read this, Jim will be fully functioning in the position.

The overall manager of the OMNI Exchange is also changing hands. Jerry Foster (#965) has been selected from several excellent candidates to assume this position from Jerry Gross (#429). The two "Jerrys" are just beginning the transition and expect to have it complete in the next few months.

When all of the transitions are complete we will notify all members by placing an announcement in this newsletter and by notifying participants directly.

George Land (#241), the longtime co-manager of our Auction, has also asked to retire. Everett King (#1389), the other co-manager, has agreed to assume full responsibility for the Auction in immediate future. However, he may be looking for a new co-manager in the future. If you think you may be interested, please contact him and let him know.

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank Bob McKenzie, Jerry Gross and George Land for

**See President's Column, next page.**

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## "Chicken Surprise"

by Joseph E. Palko (#421)

A friend of mine is planning to give a program entitled *Chicken Philately* to some of the local stamp clubs, starting in January 2001.

As a surprise, I would like to present him with an appropriate gift.

Dr. John Nunes is the friend; he lives in Schenectady/Scotia, NY, is a member of Schenectady, and Fort Orange (Albany, NY), and Uncle Sam (Troy, NY) local stamp clubs, is a part-time dealer, and travels from Baltimore to Boston to Buffalo areas.

John is a friend to most of the local (within 100 miles) dealers, may be active in the NY state federation of clubs (so is Tom Fortunato), but is not yet interested in joining ISWSC. However, with a little help from you, maybe I can recruit him!

I'm planning to make him a small pocket stock book, with a fabric cover (of course with a chicken print), the fabric which I have already. I would like to stock the book with stamps depicting chickens, or a few postcards with pictures of chickens (especially a USA postcard with the 3-cent poultry stamp !)

Chickens (no limitations) from world wide would be great — actually, I would prefer that; it might get him interested in ISWSC! I think John is of Portuguese descent, and his parents used to raise chickens.

A chicken calendar for the year 2001 would be great !

The deadline is near Christmas, his first presentation is in mid-January, 2001.

I don't want to spend a whole lot, but I'm willing to put \$5 or \$10 into items for this surprise.

You can contact me via email at palkoj421@juno.com, or write to me at: Joseph E. Palko,



### President's column, from page 2:

all their work on behalf of the ISWSC and its members over the years. As a member who has enjoyed participating in all three of these programs I want to express to them how many hours of enjoyable stamp collecting their efforts have provided to me and to the other participants (not to mention a great deal of material added to my collection!). I wish all of you the best in your future

## Dues Policy

### Dues Information:

Single/Dealer/Club membership, \$12\*

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First 30 words, including name, address, and zip code are \$3. Additional words are 20 for \$1. NOTE: State abbreviations = one word. "PO Box 12345" = two words. Zip code = one word.

**Make all checks payable to ISWSC in U.S. funds. Send text and payment for ads to the Editor, Marian MacLeod. All addresses: p. 2.**

efforts.

We still have no active Western European Regional Representative, since we lost all contact with Jean-Marc Fruit over a year ago. If you are interested in serving in this position, please contact me via email or regular mail.

Till next time...



**"Mounties," continued from Page 1:**

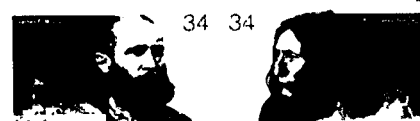
price hiked to 35 cents (**Sc. #911**).

Canada recognized the first Commissioner for the RCMP on one of a three-stamp set issued in 1973 commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Mounties. This stamp (**Sc. #612**) also traces the route made by the newly-formed NWMP from Dufferin, Manitoba, to Oldman, Alberta, a tough ride in any conveyance. A spectrograph appears in the middle stamp (**Sc. 613**).



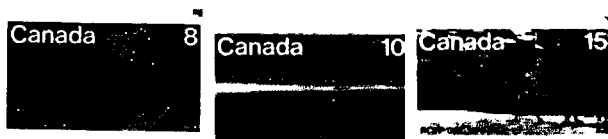
Canada 35

**Sc #911 – a reissue of #223**



**Sc #1108 – Assistant MacLeod**

**Sc #1109 – Crowfoot**



**Sc #612 – 614: Three-stamp series commemorating the NWMP of Canada**

This device is used to compute the visual spectrum of a substance as a matter of identification.

The third stamp in this series (**Sc. 614**) features "The Charge" (from the RCMP's famous Musical Ride, which was developed for training Mounties in 1876. Today, it involves 32 riders on horses that are trained to walk, trot and canter in intricate patterns of twos, fours and eights with the "charge" being the most dramatic part of the show.

In 1978, Canada issued a series of four stamps featuring coastal ice ships. The Mounties were recognized for their Marine Division and the St. Roch, a ship built in 1928 in Vancouver.

The St. Roche sailed in 1940 to the Atlantic via the Arctic on a two-year voyage. The return trip was a little more northerly and took only 86 days. The St. Roch was the only vessel to make the journey in both directions. Then, in 1950, it was the first ship to circle North America, a fact few Canadians know!

Canada recognized two men of peace in 1986 (**Sc. #1108–1109**). One stamp pictures Crowfoot, a chief of the Blackfoot Nation, while the other recognized James MacLeod, an assistant to Commissioner French of the NWMP. MacLeod was a key figure in the negotiation of the treaty made with the Stonies, Sarcee and Blackfoot Nations.

Canada is proud of the Mounties. It will be hard for you to see the familiarity and famous red tunics unless

you visit the Parliament buildings in Ottawa. Here, they appear at formal national affairs for dignitaries, such as the Queen of England.

Some Canadian provinces have Mounties as their provincial police force. If you speed across the Prairies, a Mounty, in an olive-brown uniform will ticket you and in Ontario, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) will do the honors.

One thing you can count on: If you violate the law in Canada, "the Mounties always get their man"!



## Last Chance!

by Tom Fortunato (#379)

Preparations are underway for a new membership roster, scheduled to be published in 2001.

To be guaranteed that changes will appear in that issue (probably due out in March), we need to receive details by January 1. This includes your address, email address, and collecting interest codes.

Send your updates to: Tom Fortunato, 42 Maynard St, Rochester, NY 14615-2022.

### INTEREST CODES KEY

Collecting Interests A= All worldwide B= Worldwide (from-to) C= Mint only D= Postally used only E= Postally used/CTOs only F= Mint/postally used/CTOs G= Mint/postally used only

Age AA= under 15 BB= 15-21 CC= 22-40 DD= 41-65 FF= over 66

L= languages read & write Top= topicals Yrs= years collecting

Other Interests 1= covers 2= postal stationery 3= postmarks/cancels 4= precancels 5= perfins 6= post cards 7= countries of interest 8= souvenir sheets 9= maximum cards 10= other stamp interests



# New Sales Circuit Mgr. Introduces Self

By James Gaul (#1853)

**G**reetings to all of my society members. I'm the new Sales Circuit Manager. My name is Jim Gaul. I am 52 years old, born and raised in the Lehigh Valley of Pennsylvania. For the past 15 years I have lived in Hellertown with my family. For 31 years I worked at the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and am now retired and can devote a lot more time with my hobby of stamp collecting.

I have been a stamp collector, on and off, for about forty years. I started collecting stamps as a young boy at the age of 10 or 11. I remember an old worldwide album my father acquired while fighting overseas in World War II that I used as a basis for trading stamps with my friends. We spent many a day looking at and trying to identify some of the foreign stamps in that old handmade album.

After my childhood days other interests appeared and I left stamp collecting for awhile. I married my

wife Terry and had a daughter, Jenny. I resumed collecting again in the late '60s and early '70s. I began in earnest to buy stamps for my Worldwide and U.S. albums. I would obtain these stamps in various ways: Mint U S from the post office, used U S off of mail and world-wide through mail order companies such as Littleton Stamps and Jamestown Stamps. I also joined the American Philatelic Society and have been a member for over 20 years and have purchased and sold through their sales circuits.

In the late '70s and, up to the present day, I have been specializing in the stamps of Hungary. I have three volumes of Minkus albums of all mint Hungarian stamps; about 97% complete up to 1999. I have started to put together a used album of Hungarian stamps with emphasis on postal used versus the cto's that abound on the market. I also started to amass quite a few town cancels

on stamps prior to 1920 that I hope to one day turn into an exhibit. Lastly, I have a few first day covers, some postal used envelopes and postcards of Hungary.

Also, I have a mint and used world wide collection, mounted in 7 Scott International albums, covering the years 1840 to about 1978, but by no means complete or anywhere near it.

In addition to the APS I am also a member of the Society of Hungarian Philately and have participated in their sales circuit.

Finally, a year ago I joined a local stamp club, the North Penn Stamp Club, and for the first time have shown a one-frame exhibit of my Hungarian stamps.

I have been a member of this society since August of '98 and have enjoyed reading the Circuit and visiting the society's web-site. A couple of months ago I saw a request in the circuit for someone to volunteer to take over the sales manager position. I thought this would be a good opportunity for me to get more involved in one of the societies I belonged to! One thing led to another and I was selected to fill Bob McKenzie's shoes. Boy, what big shoes he has! Just kidding, I met Bob at the Providence Stamp Show in late August and he has been assisting me to make the transition easy and complete. I hope to continue giving the society as great a service as Bob has done. He deserves every credit for the excellent work he has done.

As the new Sales Manager, I will do my best to provide the society with the great service that you have come to know and expect. I also hope to recruit more participants in the sales circuits. Take care, and keep on stampin.' *Jimbo*

## Survey Results

by Randy Smith (#1111)

**E**arlier this year, a survey of the ISWSC membership was conducted concerning the Swap Circuit program. Nearly 120 surveys were returned, 67 from current Swap Circuit participants, 43 from members who have never participated in the program, and 8 from past Swap Circuit participants. Following is a summary of results:

For those not currently participating in the program, "lack of time" and "unfamiliar with program" were listed as the top reasons for not joining the program.

For current participants, the vast

majority (56) of members felt the level of yearly fees was about right, and nine felt they were too low. One member felt the fees were too high.

Current participants were almost evenly split on whether stamp fees should be paid per circuit requested (33) or per circuit type requested (38).

Most current participants (45) indicated that they would not change their level of participation in the program if fees were lowered. Of those that indicated they would change their level of involvement, 14 indicated they would request more circuits, while 11 said they would request circuits

See "Survey Results," Page 7.



# Worldwide Stamp Collecting: A Two-Hour Session for Fourth Grade

by John Rose, "The Stamp Man"

It was Catholic Schools Week in early February 2000. I was asked if I would put on a two-hour session for 24 fourth grade students at St. Scholastica in Pittsburgh. Because of the length of the program and the grade level, I decided to do a modified Arts Festival Worldwide program. I used the album *Postage Stamps from the Countries of the world*. The goal of this program is to get to know your world better so you can love it more.

Three posters were placed, showing a student hugging a globe, stamps of the world and the palindrome "A MAN, A PLAN, A CANAL, PANAMA."

The album used lists all of the countries of the world, alphabetically by continent. Broderbund maps clearly show the location of the 192 countries of the world. Because it calls for only one stamp from each country, the album can be used for large classes. The back page of the album contains a stamp identifier which provides much of the fun.

As an assistant handed out the albums and small white paper plates containing stamp hinges, I asked the class to reply in unison to the following questions:

- ☞ What country are we in?
- ☞ Which continent do you live on?
- ☞ Do you live in the Eastern or Western Hemisphere?
- ☞ Why do they call it the Western Hemisphere?
- ☞ What is a country?
- ☞ How many countries are there in North America?

Plates of stamps were then passed out and students were asked to hinge in one stamp from each country in North America, plus one for the United Nations. Hinges were demonstrated to the class. After a short while postcards were awarded to those who had hinged in four stamps. The design on the postcard was the same as the U.S. stamp hinged, and the same as the T-shirts worn by me and my assistant: Globe Love.

Students were next asked the following questions:

- ☞ What is a Nation? (One answer I gave is that it issues stamps.)
- ☞ How many countries are there in the United

Nations? Let's get to know our neighbors.

- ☞ Why do they call it Latin America?
- ☞ What is a "Romance language"?
- ☞ What languages are spoken?
- ☞ What currency is used?
- ☞ What recently happened to the Canal Zone?

Large red plates were then passed out, filled with stamps from Latin America, including the Canal Zone. These were then picked up and a quiz was passed out, to be answered by groups of two. Central America was reviewed and a map quiz was given, asking for identification of the seven countries and the Canal Zone. Those who did well were awarded a Love Stamp design postcard with a Latin America Parrot. Next the 12 countries of South America were reviewed and the Script Love postcard awarded.

Students were then asked:

- ☞ How many countries are there in the world?
- ☞ What is the only country that doesn't put its name on its stamps?
- ☞ What is the correct name of that country?
- ☞ Do you know 50 languages and six alphabets?

The next four pages of the album were reviewed briefly:

- ✓ EUROPE: common currency of the European Union
- ✓ AFRICA: old and new names for most of the countries
- ✓ ASIA: Hong Kong stamps passed out; Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan discussed
- ✓ ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC: Australia and Singapore unique

Green and blue plates were passed out, filled with stamps from around the world. Students were asked to hinge in one stamp from as many countries as possible. They also had access to a file of envelopes of stamps sorted by country., Love Bird postcards were awarded for at least three stamps on each page. Because it was a two-hour session, three sets of questions were asked. Because we picked up the plates