



Stamp of approval: Colborne Stamp Club president Sharron MacDonald shows Jake Loveless a sneak preview of some of the extraordinary stamps in her collection during the 13th Annual Apple Country Stamp Show held at the Colborne Legion last Saturday. PHOTOS BY JOYCE CASSIN

Annual stamp show started in the dark

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The day of the 13th Annual Apple Country Stamp Show dawned bright and sunny, but all was dark inside the Colborne Legion as stamp collectors and dealers were forced to delay the opening due to a power failure.

"The power failure certainly put a crimp in things, but the power came back on at 11 a.m. and we've been fairly busy," Colborne Stamp Club President Sharron MacDonald said.

The event attracts a couple of hundred people each year. This year's list included dealers from Oakville, Brantford, Dorchester, Trenton, Queensville, Toronto, Nepean and Brampton. Stamp collectors had thousands of stamps to choose from, while some people just dropped in to observe and talk with collectors and members of the

Stamp Club.

"This is our thirteenth year, and the twentieth year of our club," Mrs. MacDonald said.

Members represent all levels of stamp collecting, from beginners to specialists. Juniors are welcomed but must be aged ten or older and are encouraged to join, free of charge, taking advantage of the many activities provided for their special interests.

Club activities include stamp trading, table auctions, interclub activities, club book sales, and members' sales circuit books, visiting dealers, displays and educational talks.

The club meets the second Tuesday of every month from September to mid-May at the Vourneen "Buff" Jack Memorial Centre in Colborne.

For more information on joining the club, call Sharron MacDonald at 905 355 2691 or e-mail her at sharron@linkd.net.



The Colborne Stamp Club's life member Mary Jackson, left, and 12-year member Derek Paul looked after Brighton's avid stamp collector Aris Marcus as he perused the stamps available at the consignment table. Members had their stamps sold by the Club, with the club receiving 10 per cent of all sales.

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Cam Tran strike is over

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It's just a matter of signing on the dotted lines but, for all intents and purposes, the Cam Tran strike which began May 16, 2005, is over.

Kyle Campbell, President of Cam Tran in Colborne, says a tentative settlement will likely see 19 employees accept severance packages, while two had previously resigned during the strike. Six employees, who had crossed the picket lines, will continue to be employed, although for a downsized business.

"Unfortunately, too much water has gone under the bridge," Mr. Campbell said Thursday. "When a strike goes on this long, it doesn't go well for either party."

Union representative David Lewington says Mr. Campbell has to terminate the employees because of loss of business, estimated at half the volume of pre-strike times.

According to Mr. Lewington, only 13 employees had to take a severance package, but 14 opted to do so. There were 12 openings for jobs, so Cam Tran was going to continue to employ the six who crossed the picket lines, plus offer jobs to six employees who had remained out on strike.

Mr. Lewington said that memorandum of settlement was rejected, but not by the five employees wishing to return.

"It's highly suspicious," Mr. Lewington says. "It seems like a conspiracy to keep the union out."

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Power crews worked hard to restore power to nearby homes and the Colborne Legion after a Cadillac traveling at a high rate of speed severed a hydro pole at approximately 4:15 a.m. last Saturday. The crash caused a power outage that lasted until about 11 a.m.

After hitting a tree, the car came to a stop in the creek near the Colborne OLCO station. Two men were observed running from the car a short time later. Later Saturday, an 18-year-old Colborne male came forward and admitted to driving the car. He was charged with careless driving and failing to remain at the scene of an accident.

U-TURN CRASH



PHOTO BY CHAD MILLER

Around 2:25 p.m. April 26, an eastbound Pontiac Sunfire pulled a U-turn in the Kensington/County Road 2 intersection in Colborne. A grey Chev pickup, also eastbound, collided with the car. Charges are pending against the car's driver. Cramahe Township employees John Jakab and Phil Kelly helped redirect traffic until Northumberland OPP arrived at the scene.