

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings once again from Aurora (Ontario), where we have been experiencing some really fabulous weather, with everyone out there gardening away and planting all their new spring flowers. Today (May 21st) is Queen Victoria's birthday, which we celebrate here in Canada. Also, I see from my calendar that it is National Patriot's Day in Quebec, where they are currently experiencing lots of student unrest. Since I am a motor racing fan from way back, I am looking forward to next weekend, when the Indianapolis 500 and Monaco Grand Prix will be running and I shall be glued to the T.V. screen!

The ATA Convention is rapidly approaching, and being located this year in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, there should be plenty of opportunity to collectors from the surrounding States to attend. The ATA is planning the start-up of "ATA Topics Online" and there will be meetings at the show on all three days to solicit comments and suggestions on this new possibility to buy and sell topical stamps. It sounds like a great idea to me, especially as I am getting to the stage when I must start thinking about getting rid of my collections! So I hope to see a few Biology Unit members there as well as at the Biology Unit meeting on Saturday morning at 10 A.M. It should be a good show and the surrounding countryside is extremely interesting, with plenty of sights to be seen.

Until next time...

*Alan J. Hanks*