



THE CALGARY STAMP

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PHOTOGRAPHERS WANTED!

The Calgary Philatelic Society is looking for some photographers, for two purposes. Firstly, we want someone to take color slides for use in the monthly programs. This would involve making arrangements with speakers to visit them in advance and photograph their material. It is expected that eventually the Society could build up a good library of slides for rental to other philatelic societies, for use by program speakers, and for reference by members.

Secondly, the Editor wants people to produce sharp black-and-white prints suitable for reproduction in this bulletin.

Several photographers are wanted so as to spread the workload, provide diversity, and ensure that continuity is maintained. Suitable cameras are required, that is, single-lens reflex with close-up lenses. The Society will pay for the film and processing. Photo credits will be given but copyrights will be retained by the Society. If you are interested please contact the Editor or one of the executives.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

As befits any good editor, I am asking for contributions to the STAMPede. All that is asked is that your copy be printed or typed, and not libelous. If you are uncertain of your writing skills, then put something together in note form and I will ghostwrite the article for you. Sign your article please or else use a pseudonym. If you submit an article written under a pseudonym please let me know your real name as well and I will keep it in confidence. Anonymous articles will be thrown out without being read.

PHILATELIC LANGUAGE IN AUSTRALIA

(Reprinted from the Bulletin of the British Society of Australian Philately, Compiled by Geoffrey Durham.)

Postal history - Result of using first-class mail.

Postal stationery - Mis-spelt result of using second-class mail.

Unhinged - Specialist collector.

Double perf - Drunk's view of Western Australian capital

Dry ink - Australian drought worsens

Saddle on emu - Australian fuel crisis worsens

Coil starter - Needed when riding emu

A COMPARISON WITH NUMISMATICS

by D.C. Speirs

I attended a local show put on by a numismatic society a few months ago, and while there made a number of comparisons with our own Caltapex shows. There were fewer exhibits and more dealers than what one would see at Caltapex. This does not necessarily mean anything, as one can easily think of many stamp "shows" which were better described as dealer bourses. Here is a trap that many philatelic and numismatic societies fall into. It is too easy for committee members to start worrying about money at the expense of quality. Many societies are on shaky ground and so concentrate on making as much money as possible from the show while spending as little as possible. The result is a roomful of dealers with only a few exhibits. In the short term, such a result will not be harmful and in fact may be beneficial in bringing in funds for the society. In the long term, great harm will be done as only the already-converted collectors will be patronizing the show. Possible recruits who walk into the show room see nothing but people spending money, and decide that this is not the hobby for them. Eventually the society becomes decidedly middle-aged and grey-haired, and wonders why it can't attract new members.

On one hand, a show needs dealers to attract the advanced collector, and on the other hand, a show needs exhibits to attract the interest of new people and to inform everyone. An ideal show is about half-and-half. Caltapex, I believe, is one of those ideal shows with enough for everyone.

The quality of exhibits is an important factor. I was stunned at the poor quality of the numismatic show exhibits, which were quite unlike philatelic exhibits. Most of the numismatic exhibits were cluttered with extraneous material and frivolous design. Very little research was evident, as almost all the exhibits were of the same style, showing a few unrelated coins or material always guaranteed to bore people. One exhibitor even displayed his wedding pictures! Written material mostly repeated the obvious. For example, next to a 1974 coin commemorating the RCMP one would read a writeup saying that this coin was issued in 1974 to honor the RCMP and the design shows a Mountie astride his horse.

PRIVATE TREATY SALES - INFORMATION FOR SELLERS

by Al Munro (Phone:273-6133)

1. All lots are to be mounted on $5\frac{1}{2}$ by $8\frac{1}{2}$ sheets provided by the Society at a cost of \$2.50 per pad of fifty sheets. All information is to be completed by the seller, except lot number.
2. Prior to sale of lots, sellers shall enter the lot descriptions and prices, as well as their membership number onto a summary sheet provided by the Society.
NOTE: Lot numbers will be entered by the Society.
3. Submit all material to the Private Treaty Chairman.
4. Lots will be sold to buyers at the price marked. Fifteen percent of this figure will be retained by the Society as commission.
5. Payment received from private treaty sales will be distributed to sellers at the last meeting of the season. Individuals requiring other arrangements are welcome to contact the Private Treaty Chairman.
6. Lots remain the property of sellers until sold, and may be withdrawn at any time prior to sale.

WANTED TO BUY - Back issues of the following philatelic journals. Good clean copies only. Contact Dale Speirs at the meetings or phone 243-1752.

Canadian Philatelist - Sept-Oct 1980

BNA Topics - Nov-Dec 1982

Maple Leaves - May-July 1971

Jan to June, Sept-Oct 1966
all issues for 1965

March to May, Nov-Dec 1964

July to Sept, Nov-Dec 1962

Jan to Sept 1961

American Philatelist - just about every issue
from 1970 on.



Stephen Avenue (8th Ave.) Calgary 1884

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With this issue of the CALGARY STAMPede we wish to extend a sincere invitation to you to attend the first regular meeting of the 1983/84 season of the Calgary Philatelic Society. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 7, at the C.U.P.E. Hall at 104 - 13 Ave. S.E.

I hope that your summer has been enjoyable, and a pleasant break from such indoor pastimes as philately. However, if you are anything like me, a few months away from my favorite hobby is quite enough and I'm about ready to delve back into the old albums!

Actually, it hasn't been all fun and games for your executive this summer. At an executive meeting held in July, it was moved and carried that we augment the new slide projector acquired last year, by purchasing a microphone and speaker system for use at club meetings and exhibitions. For any of you who may have experienced problems hearing the program speakers in the past, the new sound system should add dimension to the meetings.

The first meeting will also feature the introduction of our new name tags which the membership voted last year to adopt. The tags, carrying the CPS logo along with the member's name and year of membership, are composed of a permanent quality plastic in a format conducive to wearing to any and all philatelic functions. CPS members can now be recognized at any activity they attend.

Speaking of activities, be certain the dates of October 14, 15 and 16 are circled on your calendar for CALTAPEX '83. In addition to affording all collectors the opportunity of studying fine exhibits, bargain hunting among a number of dealers, and enjoying an excellent banquet with former Calgary Mayor Rod Sykes as speaker, CALTAPEX '83 also offers a hospitality room in which members can visit and become better acquainted with fellow members. The hospitality room, which also features philatelic workshops, has been very well received by all over the past number of years. Do feel welcome to stop by at any time during the show for some refreshments and good fellowship.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable and productive season in the Calgary Philatelic Society this year, and hope that you can attend and participate in all our events to help make it a successful year. See you on September 7th!

Good Collecting!

Greg Sereda
President

MEETING DATES

1983

September	7		Annual meeting
	20		Auction
	28		Auction
October	5		General meeting
	14		Caltapex auction
	15		Caltapex show
	16		Caltapex show
	18		Auction
	26		Auction
November	2		General meeting
	15		Auction
	23		Auction
December	7		General meeting
	15		Christmas party

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January	4		General meeting
	17		Auction
	25		Auction
February	1		General meeting
	22		Auction
March	7		General meeting
	20		Auction
	28		Auction
April	4		General meeting
	17		Auction
	25		Auction
May	2		General meeting
	15		Auction
	23		Auction
June	6		Election meeting
	19		Auction
	27		Auction

General meetings and auctions are held in the lower floor of the CUPE Hall, corner of Center Street and 13 Ave SE. Caltapex '83 will be held at the Marlborough Inn, 1316 - 33 Street NE.