



THE CALGARY STAMP

CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY — ESTABLISHED 1922



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For the February issue, copy must reach Editor by Jan.	14
April	March 18
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month's message is a pleasure to write because it is an opportunity to describe the success of Caltapex '83 and a chance to thank all those who contributed their time and energy to help make it so successful.

The show unofficially began with the Friday night auction held in conjunction with the Calgary Stamp Shop, who reported that floor sales were greater than anticipated. In fact, throughout the show the bourse dealers were pleased, with both collectors and dealers alike more than satisfied with philatelic buys and trades, and with new contacts made.

As usual, the Junior Table was a beehive of activity, with the younger collectors having to elbow between the older "rookies" who invariably have a good time at the 2¢ table. This year the club activities were supplemented by a Canada Post booth and a welcome table featuring sales of limited edition covers commemorating the centenary of postal service in Calgary.

The quality of exhibits was its usual high standard, with a Court of Honor featuring the Canada Pence Issue which left dabblers in philately like myself in awe.

The banquet was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. With Ed Harris as Master of Ceremonies and Rod Sykes as guest speaker, how could it not be fun? Rod described how his interest in philately started with the George V Medallion Issue, expanded to include the exciting Sudan "Warrior" Issue (It's actually a postman on that camel!), and his current collection of Pre-U.P.U. transatlantic covers.

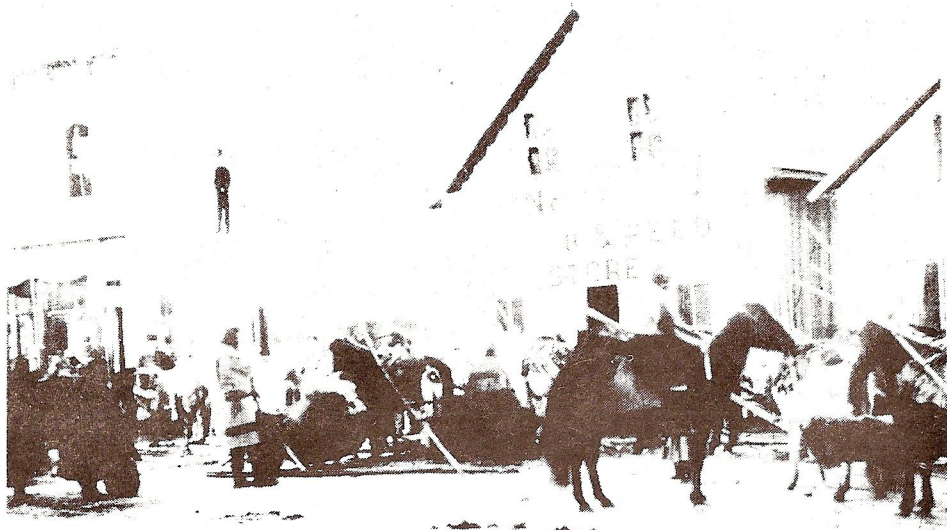
Prizes won by lucky attendees ranged from an actual Smurfdom plate (rubber, of course) for producing your own stamps, to a fine Lighthouse stockbook filled with quality material donated by the dealers.

Presentations at the banquet included the N. C. Tunna Award won by Ed Harris, the awarding of a life membership to Phil Wolf (And who deserves it more?), and a special presentation to Mary and John Jarabek for their outstanding service to the club for so many years.

I'm finding as I write this, that it is impossible to adequately describe the features of Caltapex '83 without producing a lengthy manuscript. And although it is a cliché, there are too many people to thank individually, but I must mention the following, without whom the show would not have been possible:

Emma Benning - Secretary, never in the limelight but always helping out
John Jarabek - Treasurer and Banquet
Bob Perry and Bob Monilaws - Security
Jim Taylor - Exhibits Judge and Publicity
Ed Harris - Dealers' Bourse
Guy Boissoneault - Exhibits
Ray Skrepnek - Frames
Dale Speirs - Auction
Al Munro - Club Activities
Don Fraser - Hotel Liaison and Workshops
The Johnsons - Welcome Table and Post Office
Phil Wolf and Greg Sereda - Co-chairmen

And finally, on behalf of the Calgary Philatelic Society, I would like to thank most sincerely all those who attended. It is the continued support of the Calgary philatelic community that does indeed make exhibitions like Caltapex '83 truly worthwhile.



Calgary's first post office

COLLECT ALAND AND OTHER FINE WALLPAPERS

by Dale Speirs

The Channel Islands and Finland now have something in common. Both have prostituted themselves philatelically by issuing stamps for islands that do not require them. The Finnish postal service announces with great pride that they will follow a conservative policy and only issue a few stamps per year for the islands of Aland. There is no valid reason for these stamps except as a source of income.

A common excuse for this type of postal policy is that the new philatelic entity is too remote or difficult to reach and therefore cannot be reliably supplied with stamps of the mother country. I find it hard to believe that it is easier to ship Aland stamps than Suomi stamps to those islands. Any nation making this claim should be asked why the United States does not issue Alaska stamps. Canada can beat any nation except the USSR when it comes to remote areas serviced by the post office, yet we see no Pond Inlet stamps.

The sad thing about this is that Aland stamps will soon become respectable, just as the Channel Islands now have their own catalog. I would not be surprised to learn of an Aland Study Group. Country collectors, who are not philatelists, will strive to complete their sets and will discourse learnedly about key issues and MNH.

Lundy, anyone?

PHOTOGRAPHERS WANTED

Both the Editor and the Program Director are looking for photographers. The former seeks someone for black-and-white prints, the latter for color slides. If interested, please respond.

CALTAPEX 83 AUCTION

The show auction was held on the Friday night of the Caltapex show (October 14) starting at 730 pm. The Calgary Stamp Shop conducted the auction. Back-of-the-book material did very well. As an example, Officially Sealed labels all sold for better than estimate.

QUESTIONS ?

Do you have some things pertaining to stamps that you cannot figure out? We are preparing a problem slide program and will present it at the February 1984 general meeting. Perhaps the membership can come up with some of the answers. Please get the information (stamp, envelope, etc.) with your name, address, and the question to Leanna or Jon Johnson (242-2864) on or before January 7 so that slides can be prepared.

AUSTRALIASIAN MEETING

The Australiasian Study Group meets the third Wednesday of each month, year round. All collectors are welcome to the informal meetings, especially those interested in stamps from Australia, New Zealand, and the southwest Pacific region. For location of the next meeting phone Don Fraser at 274-7411 or Leanna Johnson at 242-2864.

ARE YOU A FRUSTRATED WRITER?

You needn't be, you know. If the subject is philately, and you are a philatelist, why not write up a short note on your favorite subject and send it to the editor? See Dale Speirs at the meetings or mail articles to: Box 6830, Stn "D", Calgary, T2P 2E7.



THIS IS YOUR INVITATION TO
ATTEND THE
CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Date: December 15 (Thursday)

Place: CUPE Hall

Time: 700 pm

BITS AND PIECES

by Bob Monilaws

Swiss Provincial or "Cantonal" stamps - Switzerland issued stamps for the provinces of Zurich, Geneva, and Basle prior to the first issue for Switzerland in 1850. One of the stamps issued by Geneva was a curious double design of the 10¢ stamp, with each half being usable as a 5¢ stamp. These are called "Double Genevas".

Edmund Dulac was born in Toulouse, France in 1882 and became a British subject in 1912. His sculptured head portrait of King George VI was the basis of the design for the 1937 - 52 stamps of Britain. He also designed the 1937 Coronation stamp, the 1s3d 1953 Coronation stamp, and the 1944 French "Marianne" design. He died in London in May 1953.

Newfoundland stamp #117 was overprinted "First Trans Atlantic Air Post April 1919" to be used on the mail carried by H.G. Hawker on his abortive flight. It was Alcock and Brown who finally made the first flight from Newfoundland to Ireland in June 1919.

Hela U-Boat stamps - The German inscription reads "Deutsche Durch Feldpost U-boot". This stamp was issued in 1945 for use on the soldier's letters from the isolated detachment on the Hela Peninsula in the Gulf of Danzig. This detachment surrendered soon after and there is very little evidence that any of the stamps were actually used.

Inselpost - Meaning Island Post, German stamps so overprinted were used for letters on the soldier's mail from Crete, Rhodes, and the Aegean Islands during World War Two.

Luftfeldpost - A German blue stamp showing an aeroplane in flight was used on military mail for German forces cut off from their bases during 1941 and 1942.

Macedonia - This was a puppet state set up by Germany in September 1944. Stamps of Bulgaria were overprinted and surcharged with new values. They were only in use until November. This state is now divided amongst Bulgaria, Greece, and Yugoslavia.

Monster - This is a Dutch and Afrikaans word applied to some stamps of the Netherlands and Transvaal, meaning "Specimen".

Portable Mailboxes - For many years, mailboxes were placed on cross-channel ships sailing between England and the Continent. They were first used in 1840 and were regulated under the Anglo-French Postal Convention. Mail posted in these boxes received special cancels inscribed "Boite Mobile" or "Moveable Box" or the initials "B.M." or "M.B.". These boxes were discontinued just before World War Two.

CLASSIFIED ADS

These ads are free to C.P.S. members wanting to buy, sell, or trade philatelic material. Limit is ten lines, inclusive of name and address.

WANTED TO BUY - Back issues of the following stamp journals, clean unmarked copies only. Phone Dale Speirs at 243-1752 or see me at meetings.

BNA Topics - 1982 Nov-Dec

American Philatelist - 1982 Nov, Dec

1981 Jan to May

1980 August

1978 Jan to May, July

1977 and earlier - all

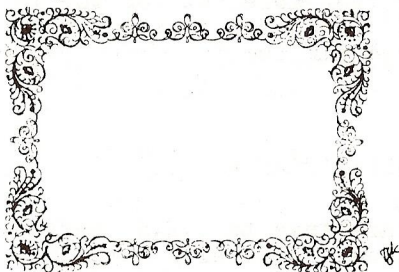
WANTED TO TRADE - Stamps of British Empire, Channels, Ireland, Scandinavia, U.N., U.S., Canadian blocks of four, etc. Have many traders collected over many years. Phone Bruce Cairns at 282-5805.

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The NASHUA PHILATELIC SOCIETY's 1981 EXPOSITION
honors

ORIGINAL GUM

pristine, unhinged, untouched by human fingers:



Although most philatelists think GUM's purpose is to attach postage stamps to mail, unhinged collectors and dealers know better. Here is GUM for all to admire, freed at last from the encumbrances of a postage stamp!

★*Issued 28 February 1981 at Nashua, NH 03061*★

The NASHUA PHILATELIC SOCIETY's 1983 EXPOSITION
honors

MISSING PERFORATIONS

Above are shown perforations which are completely missing and which divide the space into squares, triangles, rhombi, diptychs, triptychs, hexagons, and other forms of philatelic confetti! ALL GENUINE, TOO!

Issued 26 February 1983 at Nashua, New Hampshire 03061
LIMITED EDITION

MEETING DATES

1983

November	13		Sunday Bourse
	15		Auction
	23		Auction
December	7		General meeting
	15		Christmas party

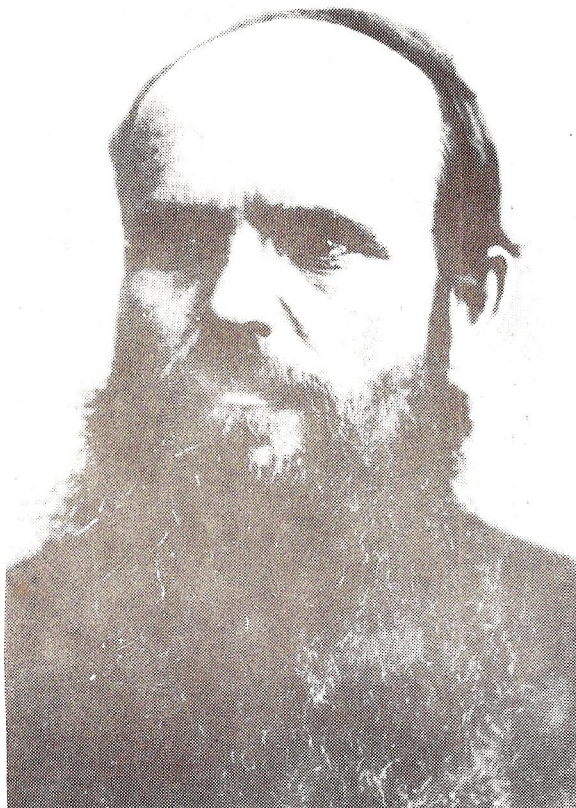
1984

January	4		General meeting
	17		Auction
	25		Auction
February	1		General meeting
	5		Sunday bourse
	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 auditorium of CUPE Hall, corner of Center Street and 13 Ave SE. Starting time is 8 pm sharp.

Sunday bourses are held at the American Women's Club, 1010 - 14 Ave SW. Bourses are open from 10 am to 430 pm. For further details phone Walter Jackson at 242-4128.

Calgary's first post office began operations one hundred years ago on October 1, 1883. The postmaster was Wm. Bannerman.



William Bannerman