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#### COMPUTERS AND PHILATELY (PART TWO) by Steve Davis

Last time I discussed the reasons for using a computer in philately. Now it is time to get down to the actual equipment needed should you decide to buy a computer. I will be assuming that you have decided to purchase an IBM-compatible for use in designing pages, word processing, and as a database.

Personal computer systems are made up of four main components: the processing unit or CPU, the display or screen, the input tool (keyboard or mouse), and peripherals such as printers or plotters for hard copy output.

The CPU or processing unit is the heart of the computer and does all the real work. The IBM standards are based on speed of the processor chip and are referred to as 286, 386SX, 386, or 486 processors, with 486 being the fastest and 286 the slowest. All processors have what is called random access memory (RAM). This is the working memory and is not used for storage or information, but rather for working with it until it is saved. When you leave the program or shut off the computer, the RAM is cleared each time. Think of it as just a temporary area of the computer's main brain. For storage of data there are two methods the computer uses, the hard disk or built-in disk, and floppy disks or removable disks, which come in two standard sizes, 5¼" and 3½". This is the method for storing information for later revision or reference. The other purpose of the hard drive of a computer is for holding the software programs that you need to do actual tasks such as word processing.

I recommend that the CPU be at least a 386 processor, since the prices today are very reasonable and there is a real advantage in speed. In addition, go for at least a 40-megabyte hard drive and a 1-megabyte RAM so that all software can be easily used. For a floppy drive, the 3½" is the most commonly used today and should be for quite a while. For a display screen I recommend colour, either EGA or VGA (this is the resolution quality with VGA being the better), since the price is reasonable and the software menus or instructions are easier to read in colour. If price is a real concern, then monochrome (black and white) is certainly alright. As far as size of screen, the 14" ones are the accepted ones today and again are much easier to look at.

In order to tell the computer what to do, you need a keyboard. As an option, a mouse is nice, especially if you want to use graphic design software or drawing tools. Ensure that the keyboard is an "Enhanced 101 key type", otherwise you are getting an outdated one.

To obtain an actual hard copy paper print of the pages you design, you will need a printer. These come in three main types: dot matrix (impact printers), laser printers, or ink jet printers.

Dot matrix: These are cheap to purchase and to operate. The disadvantages are that they are noisy and slow. They print by actually contacting the paper with 'pins', with the 24-pin being the best quality and the 9-pin the poorest quality. I recommend the 24-pin. These printers are also capable of doing colour provided you get one that has a colour kit. The price range is from \$200 (9-pin) to \$450 (24-pin, colour capable). Quite a nice printer can be obtained for around \$350 if you shop around.

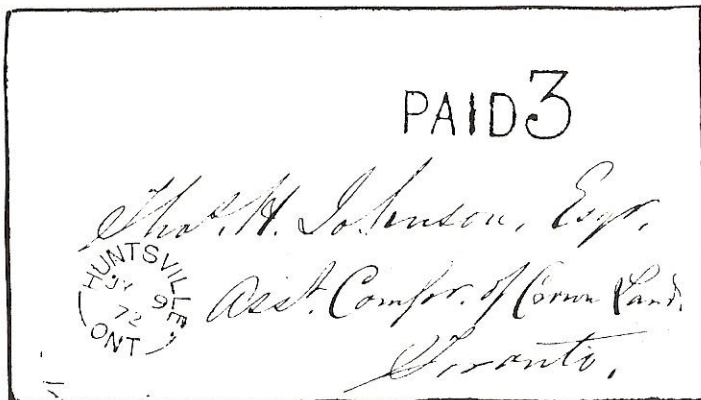
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**Laser printer:** These are far and away the best quality and the fastest, however they are quite expensive to buy and maintain. Based on a per-copy price, the cost to print is about three times more expensive on a laser printer, but the quality more than makes up for it if that's what you are after. A colour capable is out of the reach of the average individual, at around \$10,000. The price for a small laser printer for home use today is actually quite low compared to a few years ago, and runs in the \$800 to \$1200 range. Five years ago they were ten times that price. These print using a process similar to the photocopy machine and do not actually impact the page.

**Ink jet printer:** These printers use a high velocity jet of ink to actually spray the image onto the page, then heat bakes it on and dries the ink. This process gives almost the same quality as a laser printer. The other nice features of these printers are their small size and quietness of operation. The main disadvantage is that they are quite slow, and are in fact slower than the dot matrix printers. The price range is reasonable though, at around \$450 to \$600 for a home size.

An entire system of CPU, keyboard, screen, and printer can be obtained for around \$2000, although if you shop the sales one can be obtained for less.

I hope this answers some of the questions you may have had, and if you need advice please see me at the meetings. Next time I will discuss the software you will need to design those pages or type that letter.



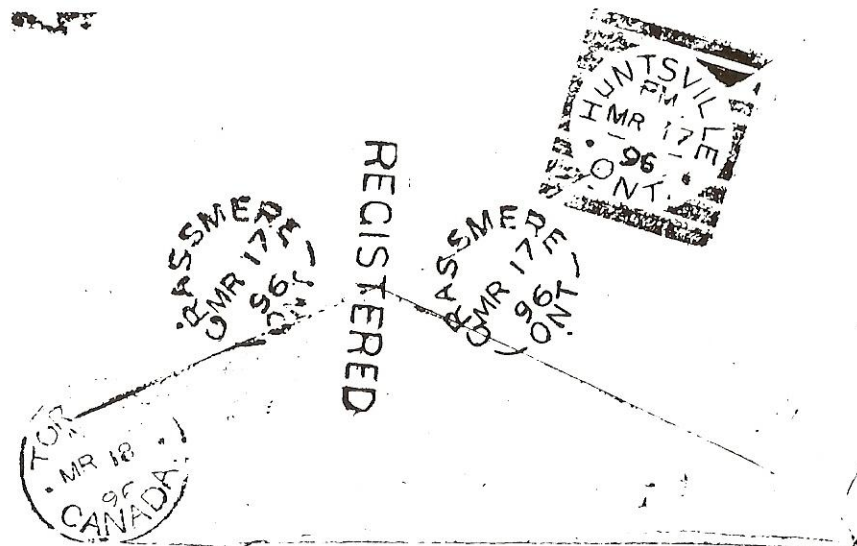
MUSKOPEX (PART 2)  
by Perry Holinshead

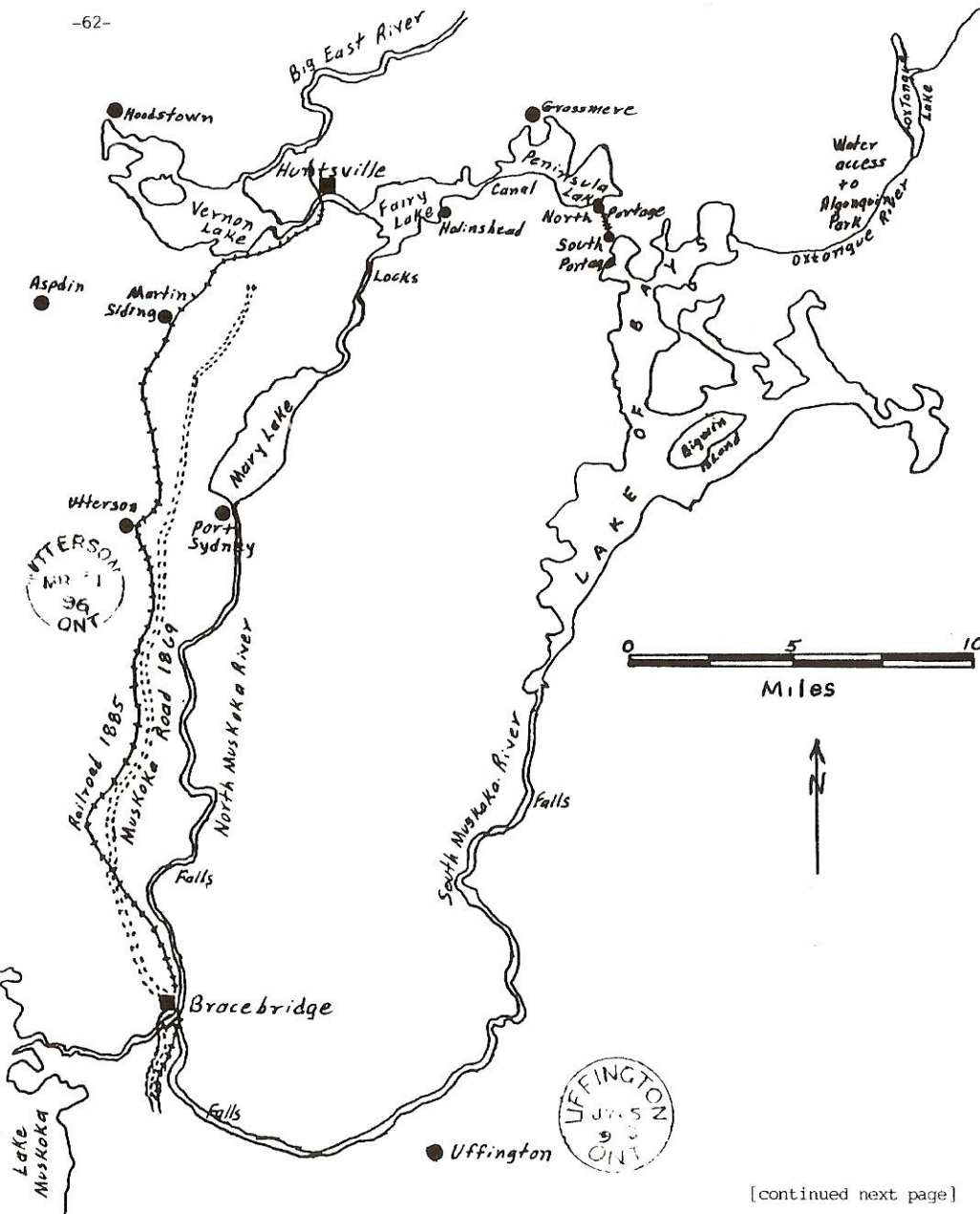
Shortly after Part 1 was written, new information and material became available. The post office in Huntsville opened in 1870. I obtained a stampless cover dated Jy 9 72. This is a very early useage of the black PAID 3 marking for domestic use. I am not aware of stamped items from the area before 1874. (See bottom of opposite page for illustration of cover)

My sister relates a story of our grandparents leaving the children in care of an Indian family while they travelled by canoe to Mary Lake for mail and supplies. I believe this to have been in 1869. Having arrived in May, they would certainly have needed supplies before freeze-up, if not sooner. At this time there were two boys, a two-year-old and a baby born in March at Stoney Creek near Hamilton.

In Part 1, I related the story of travelling to Bracebridge for registered mail. The post office at Utterson had been open since 1864 but apparently there was no registered service. The post office at Port Sydney opened in 1874. To allow the steamship service to begin, there had to be a lock built near the outlet of Fairy Lake. This must have created considerable activity in the Port Sydney area. A water-powered sawmill was built at the same site. I believe this was still operating when I passed through in 1945. The lock has been rebuilt for recreational boating.

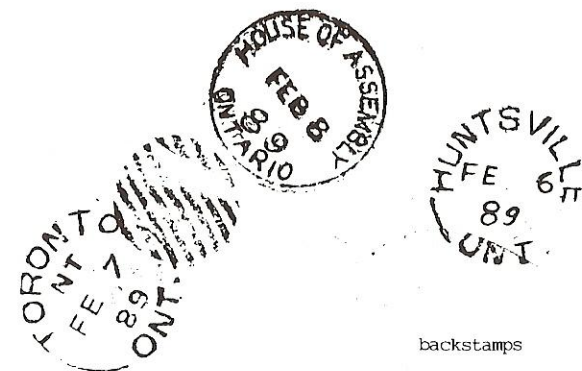
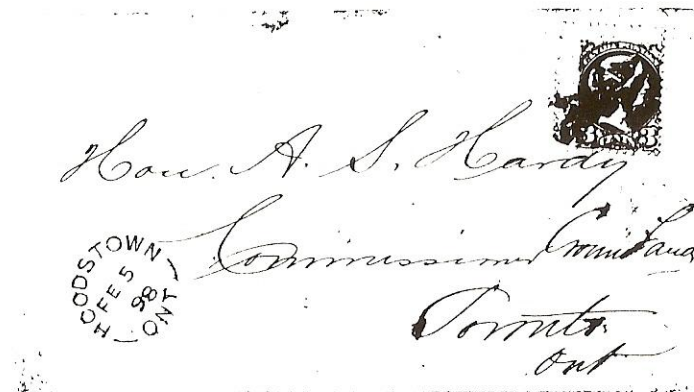
The Province of Ontario had passed the Homestead Act in 1868 and had sent agents to Britain and Europe to recruit immigrants. The area was being rapidly settled and there was pressure in the Legislature to improve roads and transportation in these wilderness areas. The Grassmere post office on Peninsula opened in 1874 and remained until 1957. The Holinshead and Rogers partnership had timber limits and a mill in the Grassmere area.





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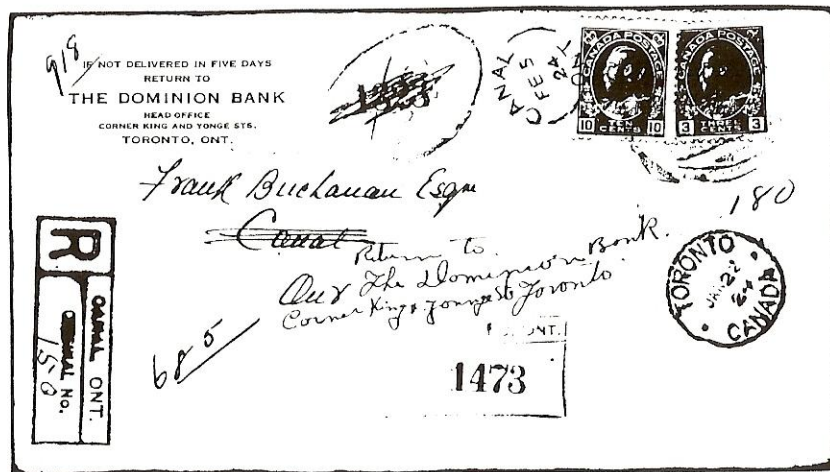
The post office at Hoodstown on Vernon Lake opened in 1879. When news arrived that the railroad was to be extended from Gravenhurst, there was intense lobbying between Huntsville and Hoodstown to establish the route. When the route through Huntsville was chosen, Hoodstown went into decline and the post office closed in 1891. The postmark date on the cover shown below is in error and should be 89, as shown by the backstamps. The backstamps are interesting in that the cover left Hoodstown FE 5, received a transit strike at Huntsville FE 6, was received in Toronto FE 7, and was delivered to the House of Assembly FE 8.



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The chronology of the area post offices illustrates the development.

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|-------------|-----------------|
| Gravenhurst | 1862 to present |
| Bracebridge | ?? to present   |
| Utterson    | 1864 to present |
| Uffington   | 1864 to 1959    |
| Huntsville  | 1870 to present |
| Port Sydney | 1874 to present |
| Grassmere   | 1874 to 1957    |
| Aspdin      | 1874 to 1968    |
| Hoodstown   | 1879 to 1891    |
| Canal       | 1916 to 1967    |



A registered cover dated Canal, Ontario, February 5, 1924.

NORDIA 92  
by Jim Taylor

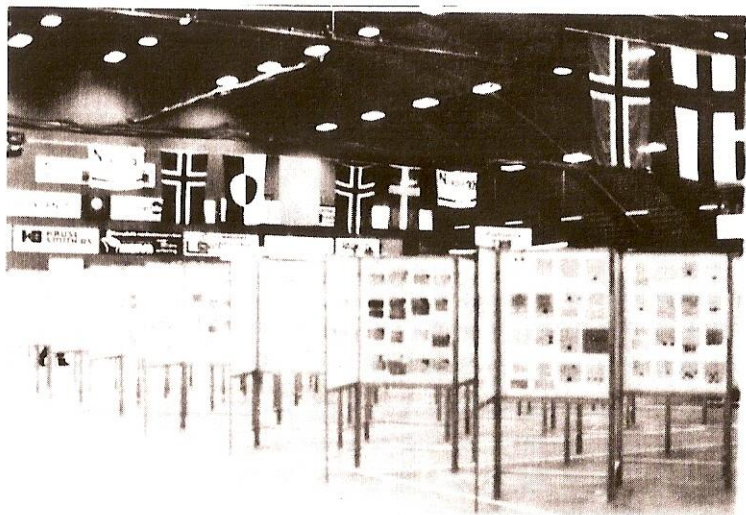
NORDIA 92 was an international stamp exhibition held in Kristiansond, Norway, on October 10th. It was a Saturday and I took the early train down from Stavanger for the day. The exhibition was held in the Gimlehallen, or sports centre. This was a large show: 1191 frames, 42 philatelic literature entries, and 35 commercial booths. Some of the flags that hung over the exhibit frames I didn't recognize. The people spoke languages I was unfamiliar with, but with a friendly gesture switched to English when they saw I was unilingual.

The layout of the exhibits was well done. The dealer tables were constructed as booths, and only one had a few stools to rest on while reviewing stock. The colourful Scandinavian flags were hung over row upon row of well-filled frames. The seldom-seen flags of Greenland and Faeroe Islands were there with the other better-known Nordic states. The traditional and postal history classes were, as expected, rich in material from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Finland, as well as the lesser known corners of Scandinavia. But the exhibits also included material from Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia. Specialized studies of China, Great Britain, Siam, etc. were also entered by Scandinavian collectors. Remarkably not a single U.S. or Canadian exhibit was present.

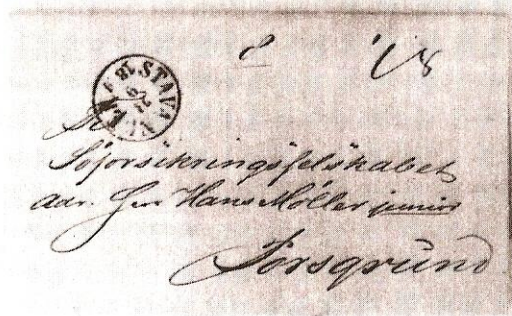
The bourse included northern European dealers; they all had their Norway and Scandinavian stocks front and centre. Although U.S. and Canadian covers could be had (the German dealer had a selection of 30 or so), they were expensive because of the recent drop in the value of the Canadian dollar, and prices were expressed in D-marks or kroner. I was after covers connected to Stavanger, Norway, a town where I lived for five months in 1992. Stavanger is world-famous for its sardine industry (remember King Oscar Brand) which flourished in the early part of the century. I must have looked at more than 15,000 Norwegian covers that Saturday afternoon. I did manage to find some early stampless covers postmarked at Stavanger in the period 1853-1870. These came complete with interesting letters which refer to fishing industry activity.

Among the dealers were the stands of the Scandinavian post offices and the sponsor, the Kristiansand Filateliklubb. One dealer was selling Norway covers from the period 1900 to 1940 from a large horde he had acquired from old business files. I picked up some nice oil company advertising covers for only a few dollars each. The excellent full-colour program was a bargain at about \$8. Admission to the exhibit hall was free.

I did a quick walking tour of the downtown Kristiansand harbour area while waiting for the train from Oslo. As the sun set high on the ridge above the water, I saw the words in large letters "FALCONBRIDGE", a reminder that the Canadian company's nickel refinery was located here and a reminder of Canada.



View of NORDIA 92 exhibits, with flags overhead.



Stavanger cover. (Photos by Jim Taylor)

# RATE COVERS

by Johan Saunaranta

Anyone who reads philatelic literature extensively will be used to seeing articles on rate covers, those stampless covers covered with mysterious scribbles and addressed in illegible handwriting that makes one marvel at the ability of postal clerks to decipher it. But one aspect of this section has always baffled me, namely the breathless reports by a philatelist that a certain cover was sent at an incorrect rate. Like Admiral retouches, incorrectly-paid covers are of no real significance in the realm of philately. Obviously a postal clerk made a mistake, and so what? When one considers the horrible complexity of postal rates before the Universal Postal Union, it seems apparent that more covers than not should have been sent at incorrect rates. Not only did rates vary from one country to the next for mail sent out of Canada, but it also varied depending on how it was sent. Postal clerks had to know about packet boats to England, whether the letter was to go via New York or Halifax, and so forth.

In modern times, a new version of rate covers has arisen. The table of postage rates has indeed been simplified considerably since U.P.U., but privatization of Canadian post offices has thrown a new wrench into the works. What you pay at one post office may vary depending who's on duty, never mind the difference between different post offices.

The Calgary Herald had an interesting article in the November 8, 1992, issue. An elderly gentleman had complained to a newspaper reporter that his letters were quoted at two different rates in two Calgary post offices. A reporter went to those places to verify the quotes, and was given different ones altogether. He then went on to check at other post offices, both privatized and government. There seemed to be no pattern; clerks quoted widely-varying rates for the same item, regardless if they were private or government clerks. The quoted rate ranged from 42¢ to \$3.76.

My observation is that everyone should have their own weighscale and a table of rates. If your scale says your letter is on the boundary line between two postage rates, send it at the lower rate. The odds are that it will pass through unnoticed, and the worst that could happen is that it might be returned to sender. The Calgary postal system handles more than a million letters a day, so the chances of a clerk spotting a 32 gm letter paid incorrectly at the 30 gm rate are next to nil. If you are mailing a batch of identical items, don't mail them all at once. Mail them over a few days, and at different mailboxes so the same truck doesn't pick them all up. This will scatter your items in the mail stream at the airport Mail Processing Plant, and make them less conspicuous to the bored workers watching a million letters go by a day on the assembly line. Don't hand in your mail to a postal clerk; drop it in a street letterbox. That way, it will be processed in bulk, not individually handled and thus more likely to be spotted.

SPEAKER'S CORNER

by Ed Harris

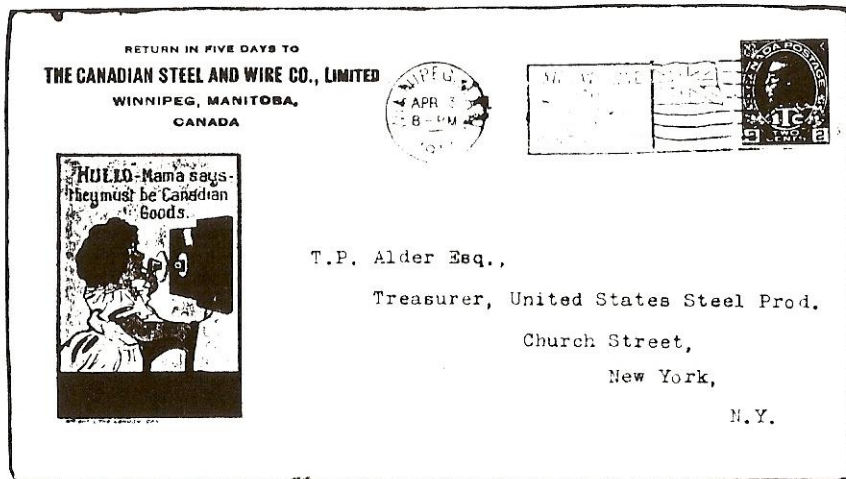
The program for the first meeting of the 1992-93 season was given on September 2 by Dr. Julius Szekrenyes. Julius has spoken to us on several occasions, and his talks are always interesting and educational.

This talk was titled simply 'Seashells', and covered the wide range of shells depicted on stamps issued by countries the world over. Julius told us that seashells break down into three main groups: cephalopods, bivalves, and (the largest group) sea snails. In addition to showing slides from many different countries, Julius brought several examples from his collection of seashells. This collection dates back to his medical student days in Galveston, Texas. He joined the local seashell club there and eventually became its president.

Thank you, Julius, for an enjoyable evening at our club.

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'Cinderella Philately' was the title of a talk given by our President, Charles Dryden, at the October 7 meeting. Charles had many slides of a subject that most of us knew little of nothing about. All manner of labels and stickers were shown, covering Christmas, TB, fairs, political, war patriotic, and many other categories.



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Photography was the subject at our November 4 meeting. CPS member Ed Schultz told us about combining his two interests of stamps and photography. Collectors may wish to take pictures or slides of their collections for several reasons, but proof of loss and preparing slides for a talk seem to be the most popular. Ed brought some of the equipment he uses when taking his pictures, and explained the use and alternatives available.

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We are always looking for program speakers or ideas on what to do. Please don't hesitate to call Ed Harris at 274-0021 if you can make a contribution. The programs are only as good as you make them.

STUDY GROUPS

Calgary is fortunate to have a number of specialized study groups. Besides the opportunity to meet and discuss your favourite aspect of philately, there is the fellowship and contacts to be had.

The BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY has a Regional Group in Calgary which meets on second Wednesdays. For information, contact Arno Kolster at 284-4239.

The Australasian Study Group meets on third Wednesdays. Contact Jon Johnson at 282-9775.

The Great Britain Study Group meets every second month. Call Steve Davis at 288-0864.

HISTORY BOOK NOW AVAILABLE

"History of the Calgary Philatelic Society" is now available for \$2 each from Dale Speirs at the meetings, or by mail (add an extra \$2 for postage) from the C.P.S., Box 6830, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2E7. The book is 64 pages and illustrated throughout.

## MEMBERSHIPS

Dues are now due for the 1992-93 season and remain at \$10. (New members must also pay a one-time initiation fee of \$5) See John Van Staden Jr. or Brenda Rosvick at the meetings or Bob Perry at the Wall Auctions. Look for the MEMBERSHIPS sign.

Some notes to answer questions about receipts/cards/name tags:

For dues mailed in, receipts and cards will be included with your next bulletin.

For dues paid at the club, receipts/cards will be issued the same evening. For new members, the cards will be included with your next bulletin, once your membership number is assigned. Any receipts/cards not picked up the same evening will be included with your next bulletin.

Name tags are ready for all members up to and including member #1000. Please pick them up at the club. We need ten new members before we order more name tags for cost efficiency; an announcement will be made once they are done.

Members are reminded that any enquiries about missing bulletins should be directed to John Van Staden Jr. (285-1874), not the Editor. The most common reasons why bulletins are not received are:

1) Didn't renew in time. Mailing labels are printed out about a month in advance of your receiving the bulletin, so if you paid you dues a week before the scheduled arrival of the bulletin, your name would not be on the list. Bulletins are scheduled to arrive by mail about one month after the deadline date for that issue. You can get your bulletin usually faster by picking it up at the next meeting after the deadline.

2) Moved house and didn't tell us.

3) Poor handwriting on your membership application or change of address. Print clearly.

## LIBRARY

Don't forget that the club library is now up and running. It is kept at the meeting site for your convenience. See Penny Borrowman or Linda Kot at the meetings for details.

## SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS

These ads are free to paidup members of CPS. Mail your ads to Dale Speirs, Box 6830, Calgary, T2P 2E7, or hand them to me at general meetings. Next deadline is January 6 for the January bulletin.

FOR SALE: People's Republic of China official presentation booklet #1/140 and C1-C5. 59 stamps total. \$200. Call Bruce Irvine at 243-2999.

WANTED: The CPS is looking for three swing-arm lamps, so that auction committee, program speaker, etc., can read in dark and allow better view of slides by turning off all room lights. If any members have unwanted lamps, please contact Charles Dryden at meetings or phone 276-9802.

FOR SALE: Canada souvenir books 1982 to 1985 for face value of stamps. Phone Brenda Rosvick at 274-4712.

WANTED: Mint plate blocks of Christmas stamps or booklet 1977 or earlier. Will trade. Call Jan Grasmeyer at 249-2657 or see me at the meeting.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Canadian FDC, United Nations, worldwide mint stamps for sale. Phone Fred Oelhaup at 289-0852.

WANTED: Centennial issue covers addressed to foreign destinations, no USA or UK please. Price individually, as a batch, or ask for my offer. Will give generous trade of mint NH Canada for items I need. Call Ed Harris at 274-0021 or see me at any meeting.

FOR SALE: "History of the Calgary Philatelic Society" book now available at \$2 each from Dale Speirs at meetings. Mail orders add an additional \$2 for postage and remit to CPS, Box 6830, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2E7.

WANTED: Sunny Alberta always wanted. Alberta town cancels, covers, postal history, Edmonton and Alberta postcard views. Write to Keith Spencer, 5005 Whitemud Road, Edmonton, Alberta, T6H 5C2.

FOR SALE: OLYMPLEX 88 catalogue. Illustrated, with articles on Calgary postal history, Olympic and sports philately. Price is \$6 postpaid anywhere, from the CPS, Box 6830, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2E7.

WANTED: 1965 Churchill horizontal strips of five (MNH) Australia #389, Canada #440, USA #1264, Netherlands #606, New Zealand #371 (need strip of seven). Also need mint (hinged) Army officials of GB, 054 through 058. Call Walter at 286-5513 evenings and weekends.

WANTED: Clean, unmarked copies of the following philatelic periodicals. See Dale Speirs at the meetings or phone 243-1752 and leave a message on the answering machine.

BNA Topics: whole numbers 1 to 31, 33 to 75, 79, 84, 95, 96, 98, 99

Maple Leaves: need most issues 1954 and earlier

Topical Time: 1988 Jan/Feb, 1987 Jul to Dec, 1986 Jan/Feb, 1985 need all issues

Philatelic Literature Review: whole numbers 27 to 51

## MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

1992

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| December | 2 | ..... | Wine-and-cheese party                    |
|          | 6 |       | Sunday bourse - last one at old location |

1993

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| January | 6  | ..... | General meeting                          |
|         | 6  |       | Deadline for February bulletin           |
|         | 17 |       | Sunday bourse - please note new location |
|         | 20 |       | Auction                                  |
|         | 27 |       | Auction                                  |

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| February | 3  | ..... | General meeting                          |
|          | 14 |       | Sunday bourse - please note new location |
|          | 17 |       | Auction                                  |
|          | 24 |       | Auction                                  |

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| March | 3  | ..... | General meeting                          |
|       | 3  |       | Deadline for April bulletin              |
|       | 7  |       | Sunday bourse - please note new location |
|       | 17 |       | Auction                                  |
|       | 24 |       | Auction                                  |

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| April | 4         | ..... | Sunday bourse - please note new location |
|       | 7         |       | General meeting                          |
|       | 21        |       | Auction                                  |
|       | 23 and 24 |       | BNAPS Regional meeting                   |
|       | 25        |       | Stamp Day                                |
|       | 28        |       | Auction                                  |

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| May | 5  | ..... | General meeting            |
|     | 5  |       | Deadline for June bulletin |
|     | 19 |       | Auction                    |
|     | 26 |       | Auction                    |

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| June | 2  | ..... | Election meeting |
|      | 16 |       | Auction          |
|      | 23 |       | Auction          |

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| September | 1  | ..... | General meeting               |
|           | 1  |       | Deadline for October bulletin |
|           | 15 |       | Auction                       |
|           | 22 |       | Auction                       |

MEETINGS and AUCTIONS are at Kerby Centre, second floor, 1133 - 7 Avenue SW, at 730 pm. Auction lots should be in before 730 pm to allow bidder viewing.

1992 SUNDAY BOURSE is at American Women's Club, 1010 - 14 Avenue SW, from 10 am to 4 pm. (Please do not park in the vacant lot on west side of building.) The 1993 bourses will be held at Rosscarrock Community Hall, 4411 - 10 Avenue SW.