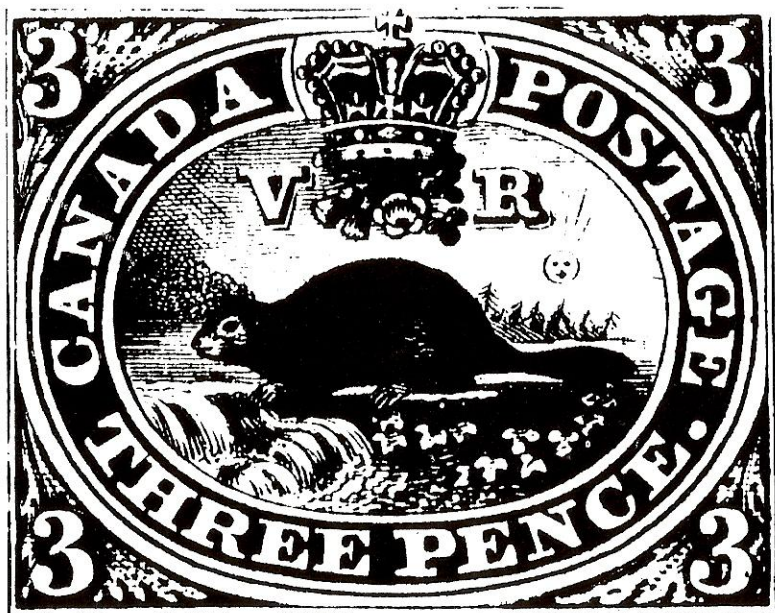


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MORE CALGARY POSTMARKS

by Perry Holinshead

In an earlier article [October 1993] we studied the first Calgary postmarks, which were from the broken-circle hammer. In a subsequent article [October 1994] we looked at the full-circle and duplex cancels. In this article, we note the oversize full-circle cancels in the proof books. Three hammers were proofed in 1949, 1950, and 1975 respectively. A two-ring cancel in our collection is from the Letter Carrier Branch, MAR 25 1918 (Figure 1). The outside ring is 30 mm and the inside ring is 21 mm. These measurements conform closely to other two-ring cancels in the proof book, but there are no Calgary two-ring cancels in the book. Another two-ring cancel dated 19 11 6 AM / 1959 (Figure 2) does not conform to anything shown in the book. The inside ring measures 27 mm and the outside ring is 35 mm.



Figure 1



Figure 2

In our own collection, we have catalogued 14 circular, 3 oval, and 14 rectangular handstamps that have been in use in Calgary in recent years. New ones are constantly showing up. (Unfortunately not all of these cancels are suitable for reproduction here.)

Circular

C(1)
Alberta District Emergency No. 1
bilingual, dated 11 21 19??
return address Benalto
diameter 37 mm



C(2)
Calgary Alberta
dated 15 IX 1977
diameter 31 mm



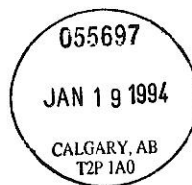
C(3)
POCON 164011
diameter 37 mm
Calgary, AB
T2H OKO
SEP 19 1994



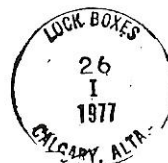
C(4)
POCON 571377
diameter 31 mm
Calgary, AB
T2H OLO
16 IX 1994



C(5)
POCON 055697
diameter 37 mm
Calgary, AB
T2P 1A0
JAN 19 1994



C(12)
Lock Boxes
diameter 33 mm
Calgary, Alta.
26 I 1977



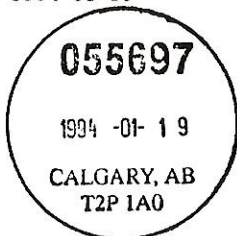
C(13)
Mail Processing Plant
diameter 37 mm
Calgary, Alta.
SEP 15 1977



C(14)
Post Office
diameter 31 mm
Calgary, Alta.
10 VIII 1978



C(6)
POCON 055697
diameter 46 mm
Calgary, AB
T2P 1A0
1994-01-19



C(7)
diameter 31 mm
Calgary, Alberta
6 X 1979



C(8)
Forward Manual
diameter 31 mm
Calgary, Alta.
25 VII 1983



Oval

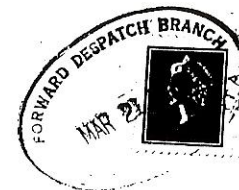
O(1)
Letter Carrier Depot 2

46 x 34 mm
Calgary, Alberta
OCT 15 1966

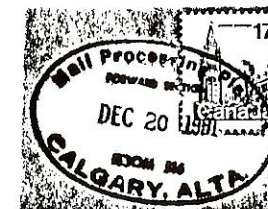


O(2)
Forward Despatch Branch

47 x 32 mm
Calgary, Alberta
MAR 21 19??
??? ?? 197?



O(3)
Mail Processing Plant
Forward Section
Room 316
47 x 32 mm
Calgary, Alta.
DEC 20 1981



C(9)
Forward Registration
Branch

diameter 37 mm
Calgary, Alta.
Nov 3 19??

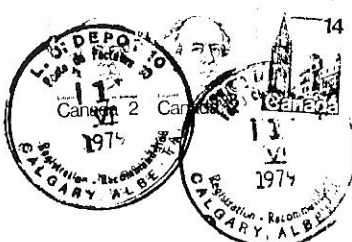


C(10)
Letter Carrier Depot
No. 2

diameter 31 mm
Calgary, Alta.
27 IX 1966



C(11)
L.C. Depot 10
Registration
bilingual
diameter 37 mm
Calgary, Alberta
11 VI 1979

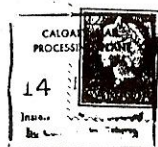


Rectangular

R(1)
Calgary Mail
Processing Plant

bilingual
29 x 27 mm

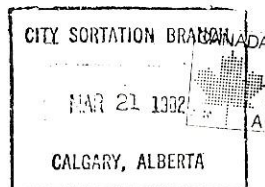
14 IX 1977



R(2)
Central Registry
Section/C.M.P.P.
Supervisor
bilingual
47 x 43 mm
Calgary, Alberta
T2E OAO
APR 28 1982

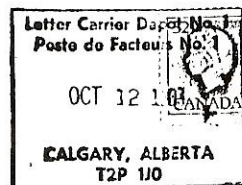


R(3)
City Sortation
Branch
47 x 37 mm
Calgary, Alberta
MAR 21 1982

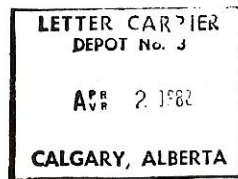


R(4)
Letter Carrier Depot
No. 1

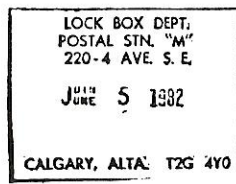
bilingual
46 x 36 mm
Calgary, Alberta
T2P 1J0
OCT 12 1983



R(5)
Letter Carrier
Depot No. 3
46 x 34 mm
Calgary, Alberta
APR 2 1982



R(6)
Lock Box Dept.
Postal Stn "M"
220 - 4 Ave. S.E.
46 x 34 mm
Calgary, Alta.
T2G 4Y0
JUNE 5 1982

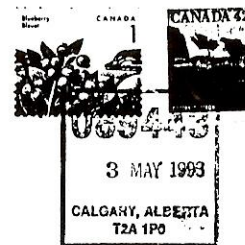


R(7)
Mail Processing Plant
Forward Section Room 513
bilingual
45 x 37 mm
Calgary, Alberta T2N OAO
MAY 16 19??



R(10)
POCON 089443

30 x 31 mm
Calgary, Alberta T2A 1P0
3 MAY 1993

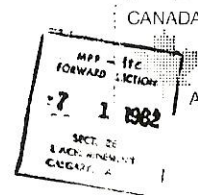


R(13)
Processing Plant
Mail Room
46 x 32 mm
Calgary, Alta.

AUG 21 1978



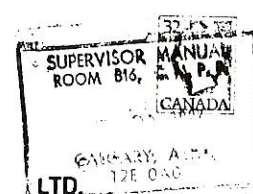
R(8)
MPP ITC
Forward Section
bilingual
28 x 28 mm
Calgary, ALta.
7 I 1982



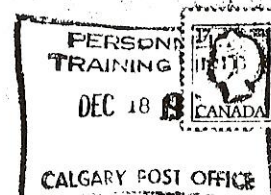
R(11)
POCON 581968
L.C. Depot 15
29 x 26 mm
Calgary, AB
X 27 1980



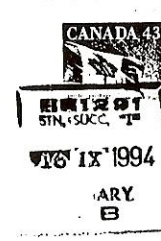
R(14)
Supervisor Manual
Room 816, C.M.P.P.
47 x 29 mm
Calgary, Alta.
T2E OAO
MAY 20 1982



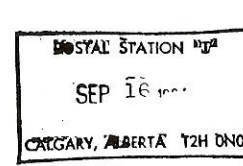
R(9)
Personnel
Training Unit
50 x 37 mm
Calgary Post Office
DEC 18 19??



R(12)
POCON ??1291
STN. SUCC. "T"
29 x 29 mm
Calgary, AB
16 X 1994



R(15)
Postal Station "T"
47 x 26 mm
Calgary, Alberta
T2H ONO
SEP 16 1994



MODERN CANADA REVIEW (12)

by Mirko Zatka

1994 did not seem as eventful in terms of stamp varieties and reprints as some previous years have been. While the low-value berry definitives were reprinted twice in 1994 (the 1¢ stamp only once), the printings are for all purposes identical, except for the marginal inscriptions found on plate blocks. The first reprint, in February, was made on Harrison paper and consisted of the 2¢ to 25¢ values. The second reprint, released in August, was on Coated paper and this time included all values. In both cases the design and perforations remained the same as the original printing in 1993. Oddly enough, the Philatelic Centre announced that until the February reprint was used up, only plate blocks of the August reprint would be sold. That is, no philatelic sheets would be made available. Since I had no trouble receiving full sheets of the August reprints one week after their issue, I am not sure what Canada Post had in mind.

Even the reprints of the Christmas stamps and the War issue, due to postponement of the postal rate increase to 45¢ (original printing was produced at the new rates) did not create any new varieties as all the reprinted stamps, albeit released late for their intended respective dates of issue, appeared to be the same. To meet the rushed reprint deadlines set by Canada Post, for example, it could have been possible for the printers to use several perforators of different gauge to perforate an issue, as this step is generally the slowest in stamp production. To date, no such varieties have been found.

One new variety that has surfaced is in an old set, the 1990 Legendary Creatures se-tenant stamps. The perforations normally found on these stamps are 12.5 x 13.5, but it would appear a perf 12.5 x 12 version also exists. I believe this is the first Canadian commemorative issue (outside of Christmas issues) with two distinctly different perforations. Typically in the past this has happened only on reprints of definitive issues. The new variety was recently advertised by Saskatoon Stamp Centre in a USA stamp paper as US\$18.95 per block of four, shown as a regular block of four. It is odd that this variety, unlisted in all catalogues, took over five years from the date of issue to surface. Saskatoon Stamp Centre have indicated that at least a portion of these stamps came from philatelic stock; plate blocks therefore exist. The price would suggest it is relatively common; do you have any mint or used? Any information you have would be of interest for later reporting in this column.

I recommended in 1993 the 1993 Cars souvenir sheet as a good item for putting away. Indeed the price seems to be rising on these now, as collectors are slowly realizing the stamps came only from souvenir sheets and are not as common as other commemorative issues. Used individual stamps and complete s/s are particularly tough to find. The 1994 version of the sheet is still available from Canada Post; pick up a few, for these too offer good future potential to increase in price.

CALGARY'S PRE-WAR STAMP DEALERS

by Bob Monilaws

Can any of you remember any of the stamp dealers who conducted business in Calgary prior to the Second World War? Actually, there weren't any that one might call a real down-to-earth dealer, as they all had either a counter in another store, or ran their business from their own home. In any case, they were all one-person operations. I knew all of the dealers below personally.

Wedman's Stamp Service was run by Elvin Wedman from his residence at 128 - 11 Avenue West. This was mostly an approval business, although he did carry a few hinges. Elvin moved to Vancouver some time during the war.

The Stamp Shop was run by D.P. Foster, who had counter space in with the Alberta Drafting & Blueprint Co. in the 200 block of 7 Avenue West. During the war, he moved in with the Premier Cycle works, 300 block 7 Avenue West. He carried a very small line of philatelic supplies.

Captain W. Emslie ran a small business from his home in the Bankview district. Prior to this he resided in Edmonton and moved back there sometime during the war. He dealt mostly in over-the-counter sale of stamps.

A.B. Harris ran a small business upstairs in the Bay Block, which was located in the 200 block of 8 Avenue West. He dealt mostly in single stamps and packets. You could buy a thousand mixed stamps for 10¢, but any good ones in these packets were all damaged.

H.C. Hughes operated from an office in Johnson's Storage & Cartage, 300 block of 10 Avenue West, and also from his residence in the Sills Apartments. Mr. Hughes gave the impression that he was a buying agent for other American dealers.

Harry Saxton ran his stamp business from his home in the 100 block of 10 Avenue NE, and was probably the best known dealer in Calgary. Doris McKay of the Edmonton Stamp Club is his daughter, and Dierdre McKay is his granddaughter.

If there were any other dealers than these mentioned, they were in all probability smaller than a 'vest pocket'. This article is strictly from memory, so if any members have further information on Calgary's stamp dealers, please submit a brief article to the Editor and share your knowledge.

[Note added by the Editor]

Harris and Emslie were Honourary Life Members of the CPS. Hughes, Saxton, and Harris served as Presidents, and Foster was a Director.

THE LACOMBE, ALBERTA, POST OFFICE FIRE
by Jim Karr

The interior of the Lacombe Post Office was extensively damaged by fire in the early hours of Sunday, February 5, 1995. The fire was allegedly set by youths after forcing entry by breaking glass in a door between the lobby and the wicket area. Some parcel mail was pilfered before the fire was set. Four youths have been arrested and charged with break-and-entry and arson.

It is thought the building is still structurally sound. It will probably take two to three months to repair the interior. A temporary post office was opened in the Lacombe Centre Mall about three blocks to the northeast. It took three days to get the office operational in what was a vacant store. Banks of post office boxes on trollies were set up in the mall for boxholders to pick up their mail.

During the emergency, a franchised sub-post office operated by Speedee Video continued to provide most of the postal services for the public, except for incoming mail.

Registered mail, the hand daters, and hammers were not destroyed as they were in the walk-in vault. However the extent of damage to the Klussendorf machine canceller is not known at this time. Was it totally destroyed, or is it repairable, or will it be replaced? No use of the Klussendorf has been seen since Friday, February 3, 1995. Will this date be the last day of use of the LACOMBE / AB Klussendorf?



Last day of Lacombe Klussendorf?



LONG SERVERS

You will recall that last year we honoured Sid Richardson for 65 years (now 66) as a CPS member. He joined in 1929, seven years after the CPS was founded, and has been a member continuously since. Ed Harris and Dale Speirs wrote letters to a number of philatelic periodicals to see if this was a record.

In the June 1994 AMERICAN PHILATELIST is an advice that A.S. Mackie has been a member of the Aberdeen & North of Scotland Philatelic Society for 63 years. The 1994 March 12 issue of STAMPS reports that Vernon E. Bressler was still a member of the Capital City P.S. (Pittsburg, Pennsylvania) 69 years after he helped found the club in 1925.

THE LIBRARIAN HAS SOMETHING TO SAY ... AGAIN!
by Penny Borrowman

As was announced at the December meeting, I am the proud recipient of the Founders' Award for 1993-94, for "starting the library". I am honoured that the Life Members chose me for this award, but would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that no single person can accomplish so complex a task alone. So read on; the list of credits follows.

First I credit and thank Phil Wolf, who shared his knowledge of philatelic literature with me, and who has given so much of his time and interest, poring over lists and catalogues, helping me order items which have greatly enhanced our collection. We are always interested in new sources of material, especially Canadian. If you have any ideas, or catalogues, please bring them to Phil or me.

Nothing can be done in a club without a committee of course, and the Library Committee is one of the best. Linda Kot and Bill Herd have been with me from the beginning, and deserve major recognition. We held planning meetings at each other's homes, and both came to my house for major work bees, preparing the first batches of books and magazines for library duty. Linda and Bill have manned the library when I was away at classes, ensuring the library stayed open. Linda has been involved in many special projects, with me lending support and good ideas. Hearty thanks to both.

I also want to thank all the club members who helped us get started, with donations of useable materials and helpful suggestions. Especially recognized are Keith Brown, who generously donates a current set of Scott's catalogues for club use, and who filled our first order for us! And Charles Dryden, who has donated to the Library from his private and business collections, and from whom we have bought many valuable and interesting items.

The best measure of value is success, and I must say that the club library is very busy at every general meeting, and getting more so all the time. We may have to introduce one-way swinging doors! If you haven't yet sampled our wares, come and join the crowd. You are welcome to browse, or ask Linda, Bill, or Penny for information on your special interest.

Be watching for more information on our second big Sale of Rejected Library Materials! Great prices! A wealth of information! The deal of the century! Volunteers needed!

Thanks again for the honour of the Founders' Award, and thanks to everyone who has made the Library a success, helpers, contributors, and readers alike!

This is just the beginning.

MARK THE CALENDAR FOR LATE APRIL
by Hugh Delaney

Two major events in the Calgary philatelic calendar occur the last weekend in April. On the 28th and 29th, the British North America Philatelic Society, Calgary Regional Group, is sponsoring an outstanding group of presentations at the International Hotel on 4 Avenue SW. There will be a get-together Friday evening to talk stamps, then on Saturday there will be a group of speakers discussing their specialties. Circuit books and a silent auction will also take place, and in the evening a banquet with an outstanding speaker.

Sunday at the Chinese Cultural Centre, the CPS is sponsoring Stamp Day, with a bourse of many dealers, and a exhibition of various collections on display.

For more information, contact Hugh Delaney at 255-0422.

AUTHOR OF THE YEAR

At the January 4, 1995, meeting, the 1994 Author of the Year award was presented for best article in the CALGARY PHILATELIST. The winner was Bob Monilaws, for his D-Day account in the June issue. Congratulations, Bob!

For the record, the cumulative list of winners is as below.

1990 - Mirko Zatka	1993 - Jim Karr
1991 - Georg Gerlach	1994 - Bob Monilaws
1992 - Perry Holinshead	

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE - CALTAPEX 95

CALTAPEX 95 was originally intended for October 20 to 22, but due to a conflict with a Saskatchewan show the date had to be moved up. CALTAPEX will now be held October 13 to 15 but is still at the same place, the Chinese Cultural Centre. Information can be had from the Show Chairman, Don Wilson, at 284-4479.

CALGARY BNA COLLECTORS ACTIVE

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society meets on second Wednesdays of the month except July and August. Meetings are held at the Museum of the Regiments at 730 pm. The Museum is on the east side of Crowchild Trail opposite Currie Barracks; enter off Flanders Avenue and come in at the south end of the building.

Programmes are announced in advance by circular and Calgary BNAPSers are asked to bring along items for a show-and-tell afterwards. It's amazing what some Calgary collectors have hidden away in their collections!

At the December 14, 1994, meeting, the programme was by Keith Brown, the well-known Calgary stamp dealer (Clyde Vincett Ltd, at 2823 - 14 Street SW). Keith's talk was on philately of yesteryear as shown by artifacts such as antique stamp catalogues, albums, price lists, approval books, house organs published by dealers, and P.O. posters announcing new stamp issues. He showed old packets of Mercury stamp hinges and a toy stamp collecting kit. After the programme and the show-and-tell, there was a brief business session. Hugh Delaney advised on the upcoming BNAPS Spring Meeting, held as usual in conjunction with Stamp Day on the last weekend of April. Bill Pawluk, who is on the executive of BNAPS, gave a brief talk on events at the national level.

The January 11, 1995, programme was given by Gordon Hill, who gave a talk on his specialty of coil stamps, and posed a few "Stump-The-Experts" questions to the audience. He passed around pages from his collection, and there was a viewing afterwards. Later in the evening the BNAPSers posed for a group photo out in the Museum rotunda, much to the amusement of the commissioner on guard duty.

The February 8 meeting had Bill Wilson giving the talk, on the Edward stamps of the early part of this century. His examples were mostly on beautiful advertising covers; a most impressive collection. There was much discussion about the fact that in the past postage rates have actually gone down, not up. Hard to believe in this day and age but true nonetheless!

Coming up in April is the Spring Regional Meeting at the International Hotel on the 28th and 29th. There will be a get-acquainted session on Friday night, seminars all Saturday, plus BNAPS circuit books, an auction, and miscellaneous other activities such as a banquet. Sunday is Stamp Day, with a dealer bourse and exhibits. Details from Hugh Delaney at 255-0422.

If you collect Canada or BNA, and are interested in the Calgary group, contact Ed Harris at 274-0021 or drop by the Museum for meetings. Most, if not all, BNAPSers in Calgary belong to the CPS, so you can ask around at the CPS meetings for details as well.

SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS

These ads are free to paidup CPS members. Mail your ads to Dale Speirs, Box 6830, Calgary, T2P 2E7, or hand them to me before the meetings start. Next deadline is May 3 for the June bulletin.

WANTED: Booklet singles or multiples used on cover, any era. Price individually, as a batch, or ask for my offer. Will give generous trade of MNH Canada for items I need. Call Ed Harris at 274-0021 or see me at any meeting.

FOR SALE: Greece, Korea, New Zealand, Ryukyus. Fairly complete, much NH. France Numeral cancels, also "pubs", Canada 400 and first flights. Phone Bill 337-3260 or see me at meetings or Sunday bourse.

FOR SALE: 900 envelopes all different town cancels, Alberta only from A to L towns and cities, 1960-70 years. British Colonial sets MLH from 1959 to 1979. Contact Bob Perry at auctions or meetings, or phone 282-4520.

FOR TRADE: Canada, USA, UNO, mint and/or used and plates. Also France, UK, and Vatican, to trade for some countries of western Europe. Call Jean Maltais at 541-1541.

WANTED, TRADE, or SELL: I need Canada mint and used 1983 to 1992. I have worldwide mostly earlier material to trade or sell, plate blocks and singles of Canada, USA, and UN. First-day covers, ship cancellations, socked-on-the-nose cancels, mostly Manitoba, some Christmas and Easter seals. Phone Mack at 640-2185.

FOR SALE: Album pages as plain stock, holed, and/or printed with a grid and border, in multiples of 100 or 1000. Call John Van Staden Jr. at 285-1874 or see samples at club meetings.

FOR SALE: Calgary Olympic FDC (not sold by Canada Post) with OLYMPLEX 88 show catalogue. Articles on sports philately, Olympics, and Calgary postal history. Price is \$5 from Dale Speirs at meetings or \$6 by mail, payable to CPS, Box 6830, Calgary, T2P 2E7.

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

STUDY GROUPS

Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society meets second Wednesdays at the Museum of the Regiments (enter at south end of building), located east side Crowchild Trail off the Flanders Avenue interchange. Details from Arno Kolster at 284-4239.

Australasian Study Group meets third Wednesdays. Call Don Fraser at 275-0809.

Great Britain Study Group meets every second month. Call Bruce Irvine at 938-7027.

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS IN 1995

April	2		Sunday bourse
	5		General meeting
	19		Auction
	26		Auction
	28 and 29		BNAPS Spring Regional Stamp Day
May	3		General meeting
	3		Deadline for June bulletin
	7		Sunday bourse
	17		Auction
	24		Auction
June	7		Election meeting
	21		Auction
	28		Auction
September	6		General meeting
	6		Deadline for October bulletin
	20		Auction
	27		Auction
October	4		General meeting
	13 to 15		CALTAPEX
	18		Auction
	25		Auction
November	1		General meeting
	1		Deadline for December bulletin
	15		Auction
	22		Auction
December	6		Wine and cheese party

MEETINGS and AUCTIONS are at Kerby Centre, 2nd floor, 1133 - 7 Ave SW, at 730 pm. Auction lots should be in before 730 pm to allow viewing.

SUNDAY BOURSE is at Rosscarrock Community Hall, 4411 - 10 Ave SW, from 10 am to 4 pm. Table bookings from Walter Jackson at 242-4128.

BNAPS SPRING REGIONAL and STAMP DAY are at International Hotel and Chinese Cultural Centre respectively. Details from Hugh Delaney at 255-0422.

CALTAPEX is at Chinese Cultural Centre. Details from Don Wilson at 284-4479.

IMPORTANT NOTE! Please note that the date of CALTAPEX has been changed, and is now the weekend of October 13 to 15.