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CALGARY POST OFFICES - RETAIL OUTLETS

by Nicholas Watchman

This list of Calgary postal outlets is based on a Canada Post brochure available at the main Calgary post office on 9th Avenue downtown. The brochure was obtained by me in early January 2000, so I presume the list was compiled in late 1999. There are always postal outlets coming and going, so there may be changes by the time you read this. I have not visited all of these outlets and so cannot vouch for the current accuracy. The brochure only specified street addresses, so I have re-cast the list to name the shopping malls they are in for easier locating.

When visiting these outlets for handback cancellations or buying commemorative stamps, I suggest the following procedures be noted.

1) Visit during slower periods, usually mid-morning. Most places have a noon-hour rush from citizens and a late-afternoon rush from local businesses. I find it is best to visit about an hour after opening. If you show up right at the opening, they may still be setting up or dealing with an early-morning rush of door-crasher shoppers.

2) Be patient with the staff. Many places have poorly trained postal clerks who know how to handle the basic stuff but are totally flummoxed when you ask them for International Reply Coupons. On more than one occasion I have had to explain what a commemorative stamp is; they only want to sell flag definitives. It helps to start off by saying: "Good morning! I'm a stamp collector and I'd like ...".

3) Be reasonable in your requests. I try not to have more than ten covers for handback cancels. If more than that, offer to do the cancelling while the clerk looks after another customer. For covers, it helps to have a little diagram prepared to show them what you want. Remember that the clerk runs the postal outlet as a sideline to the main business and has other customers to look after. This is especially true in smaller shops where only one person may be on duty.

4) Be polite no matter what the provocation. Raised voices only make matters worse. If you do not need a specific outlet cancel, it may be easier to go to another place. Alternatively, you might come back at another time and hope a different clerk is on duty. However, I have found that a bit of explaining solves the problem. People are more likely to do something if they know the reason why.

5) If you only need the date stamp and it doesn't matter what the outlet name is on the cancel, try to use one outlet regularly (assuming, of course, that they provide good service). If you buy stamps or general merchandise frequently, the

clerks will soon recognize you as a favoured customer. As an example, I buy sheets of commemorative stamps at a time for my business, not just for my philatelic covers. I will take their leftover commemoratives for ordinary postage use, so they are happy to order in special stuff if they know they can easily sell it. I also buy my newspapers and small groceries there, so they know me as a good customer.

Northwest Calgary.

Bed of Roses 201 Beddington Town Centre Mall 8120 Beddington Blvd NW	Shoppers Drug Mart 1250 North Hill Centre Mall 1632 - 14 Avenue NW
Brentwood Mailing Centre 217 Brentwood Village Mall 3630 Brentwood Road NW	Shoppers Drug Mart Northland Village Mall 5111 Northland Drive NW
Cambrian Drug Mart 9 Northmount Village Shopping Centre 728 Northmount Drive NW	Shoppers Drug Mart 198 Spring Hill Village Centre 8060 Silver Springs Blvd NW (at intersection of Nose Hill Drive)
Country Hills Shoppers Drug Mart 725 - 500 Country Hills Blvd NE	Thorncliffe 7-Eleven 5512 - 4 Street NW
Crowfoot Super Drug Mart 28 Crowfoot Terrace NW	MacEwan Student Centre University of Calgary 2500 University Drive NW
Telstar Drugs 1437 Kensington Road NW	
Market Mall Shoppers Drug Mart 18 - 3625 Shaganappi Trail NW	West Hillhurst 7-Eleven 2604 Kensington Road NW

Northeast Calgary.

Airways Foods 115 Airways Business Plaza 1935 - 32 Avenue NE	Mayland Heights Super Drug Mart 116 - 817 - 19 Street NE
Calgary Airport Thomas Cook 2000 Airport Road NE	Super Drug Mart Sunridge Mall 2525 - 36 Street NE

Guardian Drugs Castleridge Plaza 55 Castleridge Blvd NE	Temple 7-Eleven 18 Temple Shopping Centre 7196 Temple Drive NE
Edmonton Trail 7-Eleven 311 - 16 Avenue NE	

Marlborough Stationery 92 Marlborough Town Square 3800 Memorial Drive NE
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Southwest Calgary.

Bankview 7-Eleven 2619 - 14 Street SW	Sarcee 7-Eleven 34 - 4604 - 37 Street SW
Britannia Pharmacy 809 - 49 Avenue SW	Scarboro Super Drug Mart 1400 - 12 Avenue SW
Calgary South Postal Outlet 200 - 6100 Macleod Trail SW	Shawnessy Village Cleaners 240 Shawnessy Village Centre 70 Shawville Blvd SW
Super Drug Mart Canyon Meadows 15 - 11625 Elbow Drive SW	Southwood Fine Dry Cleaning 400 Southland Crossing 9737 Macleod Trail SW
Shoppers Drug Mart 24 Chinook Centre 6455 Macleod Trail SW	Super Drug Mart 148 Strathcona Square Centre 555 Strathcona Blvd SW
Mission General Store 1702 - 4 Street SW	Shoppers Drug Mart West Hills Shopping Centre 216 Stewart Green SW
Glenmore Landing Drug Mart D167 - 1600 - 90 Avenue SW	Super Drug Mart Westbrook Mall 1200 - 37 Street SW
Lakeview General Store Lakeview Plaza 6449 Crowchild Trail SW	Woodbine Pharmacy 206 Woodbine Square 2525 Woodview Drive SW

Southeast Calgary.

Albert Park Shoppers Drug Mart
5 - 3012 - 17 Avenue SE

Marshall Drugs
1233 - 9 Avenue SE

Deer Valley Cleaners
23 Deer Valley Shopping Centre
1221 Canyon Meadows Drive SE

Bonavista Cleaners
755 Lake Bonavista Drive SE

Super Drug Mart
160 Douglas Square
11520 - 24 Street SE

Super Drug Mart
MacKenzie Towne
70 High Street SE

Just Gifts
Dover Village Square
3525 - 26 Avenue SE

Midlake 7-Eleven
40 Midlake Blvd SE

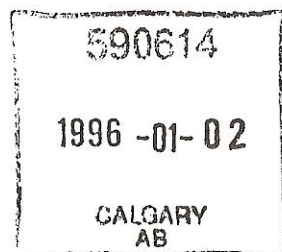
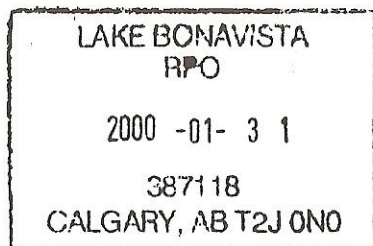
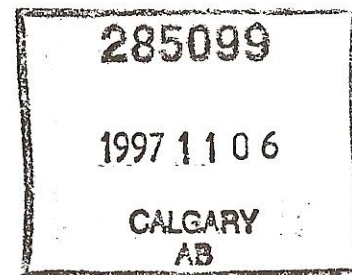
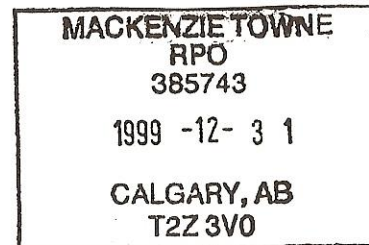
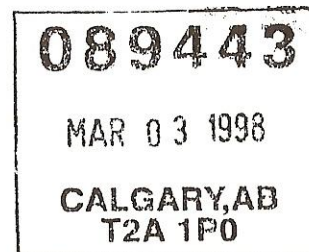
Swift Print Stationery
105 - 3716 - 61 Avenue SE

Ogden Shoppers Drug Mart
Glenmore Square Shopping Centre
7740 - 18 Street SE

Heritage IDA Pharmacy
377 Heritage Drive SE

Shoppers Drug Mart
Southcentre Mall
356 - 100 Anderson Road SE

Copy Inn Ltd.
929 - 42 Avenue SE

**Central Calgary.**

Banker's Hall Postal Outlet
135 Banker's Hall
315 - 8 Avenue SW

The Coffee Post
345 - 4 Avenue SW

Bow Valley Central Stamp
204 Bow Valley Square
205 - 5 Avenue SW

Hing Wah Oriental Imports
312 Centre Street SE

Main Post Office
207 - 9 Avenue SW

Dominion Drugs
665 - 8 Street SW

COMPUTERS AND PHILATELY (6): IS LETTERMAIL DOOMED?

by Steve Davis

The United States Postal Service (USPS) recently announced plans to investigate the feasibility of a service to allow individuals the ability to have an e-mail message delivered via regular mail to recipients who do not have Internet access. Because the USPS is one of the largest handlers of mail in the world, this development could have a profound impact on the way mail is handled in the 21st Century.

Here's how it would work. The sender would be able to send e-mail to the nearest post office to the recipient. The USPS would then print and package the message for local delivery to that person. This would eliminate the city to city delivery time. Delivery time is estimated at either the same day or next day service. The recipient could also take a message to the local post office and it would be sent to an e-mail address in much the same manner.

The advantage of this service is the ability to reach people without computers, and to contact persons in small rural centres where Internet service does not exist or may not be a reality for some time. Cost of the service is unknown at this time, however the intent is to make it competitive with first-class lettermail. If this service is introduced and is a success in the United States, other countries would follow suit.

Here is a sampling of current or planned electronic products as obtained from USPS:

PC Postage: Computerized postage that can be downloaded from a personal computer onto an envelope or label. The service, which began in August 1999, is provided through two companies, E-Stamp and Stamps.com. Other companies have also requested certification to offer the product.

Digital Certificate: Provides proof that all parties in an electronic transaction are who they say they are. Offered at start of PC Postage.

Delivery Confirmation: Allows customers to verify delivery of parcels and priority mail by logging on to www.USPS.gov. Launched in March 1999.

Priority Mail: Describes postage rates at www.USPSPriorityMail.com for shippers and shoppers. Launched in August 1999.

Merchandise Return: Accessible through the Priority Mail site where postage-paid, plain-paper Priority Mail labels can be downloaded to return merchandise to participating on-line merchants. Also called [Returns@ease](mailto>Returns@ease). Started in October 1999.

Electronic Postmark: Verifies when an electronic message was sent. Scheduled to start this year.

PosteCS: Post Electronic Courier Service will serve as an international Internet-based service that provides privacy for electronic messages, receiver and sender authentication, and proof of delivery. To start this year.

Shipping Online: Offers electronic access to expedited services, such as creation of shipping labels, pickup schedules, and delivery confirmation, that can be paid for with a credit card. To start early this year.

Mailing Online: Allows mailers to electronically transmit documents and mailing lists to the Postal Service, who will ensure that documents are printed, stuffed in envelopes, and transported to the nearest post office for delivery. Expected to receive approval of the Postal Rate Commission for a three-year, nationwide test starting this year.

Canada Post already has an electronic mailbox that an individual can use to pay bills and be a clearing house for e-mail messages from designated senders. Canada is a large and very rural country and would be a natural fit for this type of service. Because the message would still have to be delivered conventionally at the end of its journey, postage of some kind would still be involved. An entirely new area would open up to collectors. The cancellations and postal markings could be very interesting to say the least.

I suggest that those who are interested should watch for further developments on the USPS and Canada Post websites:

USPS	www.usps.com
Canada Post	www.canadapost.ca

It is my belief that lettermail will survive; it will just adapt to the new reality of the information highway.

PHILATELIC LITERATURE REVIEWS

by Leanteri Polvikoski

Affordable Foreign Errors by Paul Greenlaw (Krause Publications, 1999). Trade paperback, 212 pages, ISBN 0-87341-614-7, C\$23.95/US\$15.95. I found this at Chapters; you could also order direct from Krause Publications, 700 East State Street, Iola, Wisconsin 54990-0001, USA, or check with local stamp dealers).

An interesting catalogue which lists non-USA error stamps selling for less than US\$200. Some of the photos are muddy black but hopefully this will be corrected in a future edition. And there should be a future edition. There is a nice colour section in the middle of the book depicting some of the error stamps and sheets. Overall, a well-produced book. The stamp errors listed are production errors such as inverts and overprint mistakes (as opposed to design errors, which are the fault of the designer, not the printer).

The author is American, therefore Canada and the pre-Confederation Dominions and colonies are listed herein, so BNA enthusiasts should not ignore this title. Greenway classifies error stamps into four categories: repositioned (ex. inverts), transmuted (ex. colour errors), omitted (ex. imperfs), and augmented (ex. doubled overprints).

You know this is not the staid reliable Scott catalogue when country listings in this one are summarized with poetry. Dare I say doggerel without being insulting to the author, whose day job is being a university professor in political science. The Canada listings, for example, end in: "*Up there they sing "O Canada" / And of imperfs galore / And recent errors too, can it be true / Of stamps they want e'er more?"*".

Greenlaw, by isolating error stamps out of the main catalogue of stamps in general, has been able to establish trends in error productions, both by countries and over time. This is something that would bear greater analysis by him or some other enthusiastic philatelic researcher. Overprints are the most common type of error since they are usually done hastily due to war or urgent deadline such as stamp shortages, and often by a local printer with no experience in such things. Colour errors show trends between countries. What would be fascinating would be to correlate number of stamp issues, quantity printed per issue, and the printer who did it, just to see objectively who the sloppiest printers are.

Rubber Soul: Rubber Stamps And Correspondence Art by Sandra Mizumoto Posey (University Press of Mississippi, ISBN 0-87805-903-2, C\$25.45 via special order desk at Indigo). This book is part of a series of volumes on folk art. In looking at the other titles listed in the endpapers I'm not sure which was more alarming, the one on punk body art or the title STAR TREK FANS AND COSTUME ART. But to retreat to the book at hand, RUBBER SOUL starts with a brief introduction to the history of rubber stamping and mail art. It uses the Rubber Amateur Press Society (RAPS) as an example to illuminate current stamping and mail art practices.

RAPS was created in 1992 by Donna Nassar. It has 20 members, who create 21 sets of rubber stamp art every second month, which are sent in to the editor. The pages are then collated into sets, and each participant gets a set, with one left over for the archives. A colour portfolio of sample works is included as an appendix to this book.

Much of this book is taken up by a consideration of why long-distance communities such as RAPS form, whose members are scattered over the world and communicate by mail. Like stamp collectors or science fiction fanzine publishers, the participants in mail art and rubber stamping are initially drawn together by mutual interest. They are marginal outsiders who don't do 'real' art. Real art is supposedly what you find in a museum or gallery, not a nicely decorated envelope with a nice postage stamp and appropriate postmark.

In the interviews with several RAPS members, one of them comments that their mail art is a reaction to a world where money and material possessions are the signs of success. The mail art community is formed of people who seldom meet, and may not want to do so. Like high school classmates who see each other only at once-a-decade reunions, or science fiction fans who only meet one or two times a year at conventions, the community can nonetheless sustain itself. Such communities are increasingly important in a world running headlong to a 24/7 work week.

Triangular Philatelics by Chris Green (Krause Publications, 1998). Trade paperback, 160 pages, ISBN 0-87341-588-4, C\$13.95/US\$9.95. At Chapters; you could also order direct from Krause Publications, 700 East State Street, Iola, Wisconsin 54990-0001, USA, or check with local stamp dealers).

The first triangle-shaped stamp was issued in 1853 by the Cape of Good Hope (now subsumed into South Africa). Since then 1,655 triangulars have been

produced in 105 countries, as of 1998. Originally and still most commonly, the triangular stamp is used to help postal clerks quickly separate special classes of mail, although in today's mechanized age, such stamps are mostly used to separate philatelists from their money.

This catalogue lists not only the Scott or Gibbons-listed stamps but also numerous revenues, labels, and other Cinderellas. The book has an introductory how-to-collect-stamps section that is too basic for most philatelists. Given that this is a trade paperback aimed not only at the experienced philatelist but random browsers in Chapters or Indigo, this is quite acceptable; you can skip over this section without missing anything.

Regular stamps are listed without Scott or Gibbons numbers, although blank spaces are left for the reader to write them in. I presume this was an effect of the lawsuit between Krause and Scott over what constitutes fair use of Scott numbers. This isn't really important since the stamps are listed in order of country and easy enough to locate. More importantly, the majority of listings are Cinderellas which are non-Scott anyway.

The Cinderella listings are the most interesting part of this catalogue. There are municipal revenues, charity seals, etiquettes, publicity labels, patriotic, local posts, rocket mail, phantoms, and artistamps (produced by mail artists). There is a stamp finder and other useful appendices in the back of the book. Overall, good reading, especially if you collect Cinderellas.

The Canadian Philatelist V51#1 (\$25 per year plus one-time initiation fee of \$5 from Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, Box 929, Station Q, Toronto, Ontario M4T 2P1) Colour on coated-stock 8.5 x 11 bimonthly of the RPSC, of which the Calgary club is a chapter. The Jan/Feb 2000 issue has various news and notes about RPSC business, but the major pieces are an introduction to aerophilately and how to collect it, and an article on submarines in the Arctic and the covers they produced.

Topical Time V51#1 (US\$25 from American Topical Association, Box 50820, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87181-0820) 5.5 x 8.5 bimonthly devoted to thematic philately. Every issue has checklists, reviews, and other information services galore for the topical collector. Articles in this issue include Daffy Duck, money and banking, and medicine on stamps. Regular columns include topicals on meters, postal stationery, and maximaphily.

COMMEMORATIVE AIR MAIL COVERS

The Canadian Aviation Historical Society is pleased to announce that, as part of its national convention planned for Calgary from May 25 to 29, 2000, it will be staging a re-enactment and commemorative mail flight between Calgary and Medicine Hat, Alberta. This flight is to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the March 3, 1930, commencement of the regular Prairie Airmail Service linking the cities of Winnipeg, Regina, Moose Jaw, Medicine Hat, Calgary, Edmonton, North Battleford, Saskatoon, and Lethbridge. The flight will take place May 25 from a vintage aerodrome near Calgary and proceed to Medicine Hat. It is planned to use an authentic 1929 vintage Fokker mail plane owned by the Western Canada Aviation Museum.

Commemorative flight covers are being offered at \$5 each. A special cachet will be prepared for this occasion. A maximum of 3538 letters will be carried, as was carried on this leg of the original flight. These will be cancelled at departure and destination by Canada Post, and will be forwarded in regular mail under separate cover or can be picked up by convention goers at the convention desk. Requests received before April 25 will include a photo of the re-enactment dress rehearsal. First 500 requests will be signed by the pilot.

Mail your requests, complete with legible addresses and cheque for \$5, payable to CAHS Convention 2000, Box 87024, Douglas Square RPO, Calgary, T2Z 3V7.



VOLUNTEER NEEDED

by Bob Monilaws

I am looking for a responsible person to take over the presentation of the Quiz at our annual Christmas social. I have four sets on hand plus classified material for another ten. Anyone interested please see me at meetings or phone me at 277-5128.

SUNDAY BOURSE IS MOVING

The Rosscarrock Community Hall is no longer available for the Sunday Bourse, so it will be moving to a new location. Details had not yet been established as this issue went to press. For information, please call Bill Szaroz at 337-3260 or Phil Wolf at 259-8750.

SPRING STAMP SHOW POSTPONEMENT

by Minaz Ramji

Due to difficulties with the hotel over bookings, the Spring Stamp Show cannot be held in April. At best it will be held in May or June, and might be cancelled if no satisfactory alternative can be arranged. The Show Committee is working diligently to find facilities at reasonable cost.

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Auction - silent	Ernie Bell	288-3042
Bulletin - Editor	Dale Speirs	243-1752
- Advertising	Hugh Delaney	255-0422
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Membership	Bob Perry	282-4520
Private Treaty books	Gerry Vader	293-0158
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Sergeant-At-Arms	Andy Puczko	241-2593

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NOTE TO INTERNET VIEWERS: Unless stated otherwise, telephone numbers are area code 403. Alberta is on Mountain Standard Time.

FOR SALE: West Germany MNH year sets from 1963 to 1986, Berlin MNH year sets from 1960 to 1982, Austria MNH year sets from 1966 to 1987. Phone Elmer at 239-3966.

WANTED: Any Small Queen issue stamps, 1870-1897, any denomination, any quantity. I prefer the 3-cent issue but will take all. Also wanted covers of the same era, as well as Registration stamps (F1-F3) of same period. I will pay cash, trade for other stamps, or trade for automotive work (I'm a licenced mechanic). See me at club meetings or call Doug Kollar at 547-3838.

TRADE: Need automotive work done on your car? Let's trade my labour for your stamps that I need. I am a licenced mechanic with 20+ years experience (just ask Penny). Phone Doug Kollar at 547-3838.

WANTED: Calgary Stampede philatelic memorabilia. I collect all phases of this fascinating field. You may have just the cover or cancel I need. Cash or generous exchange. Call Ed at 274-0021.

FREE: Hundreds of clean unused light-brown window envelopes, 8.75" x 3.75" (22.8 cm x 9.5 cm). Call Julius at 282-7982.

FOR SALE: Ukrainian and Russian stamps new and used. Also Ukrainian FDCs and special cancels from 1991 to date. Call Andy at 236-2037.

FOR SALE: Recent fine used stamps of Australia. Contact Michael Teekens at 286-7927.

TRADE: Worldwide stamps including many new issues. Some mint but mostly used. To trade for same, based on Scott catalogue. Call Joe at 269-4685.

WANTED: Private collector pays cash for larger stamp collections. Phone Willi at 239-2273.

FOR SALE: Mint and used Canadian, also used New Zealand and Australia stamps, Calgary Olympics first-day covers. Call Craig Allison at 281-3852.

FOR SALE: Anybody interested in perfins, contact Robert Perry at 282-4520.

FOR SALE: Dutch stamps MNH complete yearly issues including all souvenir sheets, 1979 to 1992 inclusive. Contact Hank Van Wyngaarden at 246-5316 or see at meetings.

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2000

April	2	Sunday bourse
	5	General meeting
	19	Auction
May	3	General meeting
	3	Deadline for June bulletin
	7	Sunday bourse
	17	Auction
June	7	Election meeting
	21	Auction
July	28	Deadline for August bulletin
September	6	General meeting
	6	Deadline for October bulletin
	20	Auction
October	4	General meeting
November	1	General meeting
	1	Deadline for November bulletin

MEETINGS and AUCTIONS are at the Kerby Centre, 2nd floor, 1133 - 7 Avenue SW, at 19h30. Auction lots should be in before 19h30 to allow bidder viewing

CALGARY REGIONAL GROUP OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets on the second Wednesday of the month except July and August. For details about meeting places and times, contact Ed Harris at 274-0021.

SPRING STAMP SHOW is postponed due to booking problems. CALTAPEX is at the Coast Plaza Hotel (formerly Marlborough Inn). Details from Minaz Ramji at 280-0770.

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