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Penny Borrowman poses with Bobby Hull at a stamp ceremony in Calgary on February 20th.

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COMPUTERS AND PHILATELY (7): USING THE INTERNET TO ENHANCE COLLECTING

by Steve Davis

Recently I had a collector tell me that even though he has Internet access, he doesn't use it much for stamp collecting purposes. I then had a long conversation with him about some of the potential benefits he was missing out on.

The ability to contact other collectors from around the world in an instant is probably the most important benefit of the Internet. This is especially useful if your collecting specialty is narrow or unusual. There may not be a lot of like-minded collectors in your local area, but with the Internet you have the world at your fingertips. That elusive item you are seeking or a vital piece of information concerning your interest may be just an e-mail away.

If you have duplicate material to trade or sell, the Internet can expand your source of potential traders or buyers to the world, not just the local club. There are on-line auctions and bulletin boards where you can post material for sale or trade. Many dealers now have sites on the Internet where you can buy or sell material. It is also possible to search for dealers that specialize in your collecting area.

Do you just like to talk about stamps? If so, there are virtual stamp clubs on-line where you can meet other like-minded collectors in chat rooms and talk to them about stamps. [EDITOR'S NOTE: The CPS has just set up such a club at www.yahogroups.com for paid-up CPS members only. To join, send an e-mail to opuntia57@hotmail.com stating your real name (no Internet pseudonyms) and your e-mail address in the text. Please allow a day or two for a response. You will then get an authentication message asking you to reply to yahogroups that you are interested. After you do this, the moderator of the group, currently Dale Speirs, will welcome you. You then go to the yahogroups Website and do a one-time registration, which is entering your e-mail address and choosing a password. In addition to selecting CalgaryPhilatelicSociety (all one word) as one of the groups you want to subscribe to, there are thousands of non-philatelic groups on the site you might want to join as well. You can then post messages directly on the bulletin board through the yahogroups Website without further ado.]

Can't afford a reference library? or don't have easy access to information? There are all kinds of sites where stamp collecting and general information is readily available without leaving your desk. Need advice on an aspect of collecting? The answer is out there waiting. All you have to do is post a question in one of the bulletin boards or on-line clubs and someone will gladly answer. Collectors are always glad to help one another.

So if you are connected to the Internet, use it to enhance your collecting fun. Here are some sites that I have found useful to get you started. These were current as of January 2001.

Linn's Stamp News	www.linns.com
Stampsites	www.stampsites.com
Stamps Net	www.stamps.net
The Stamp Trader List	www.kiloware.com/stl.htm
British North America Philatelic Society	www.bnaps.org
About's Stamp Collecting Site	collectstamps.about.com/hobbies/collectstamps/mbody.htm
American Philatelic Society	www.stamps.org
Stamp Café	www.stampcafe.com
Philatelic Supersite	www.cancelnations.com
Scott Publishing Online	www.scottonline.com
Yahoo Clubs	clubs.yahoo.com
eBay Canada	pages.ca.ebay.com/index.html
Encyclopaedia Britannica	www.britannica.com
The History Net	www.thehistorynet.com
Mapquest	www.mapquest.com
American Topical Association	home.prcn.org/~pauld/ata/
Royal Philatelic Society of Canada	www.interlog.com/~rpssc/

NEW ISSUES OF STAMPS

by Toivo Humalamaki

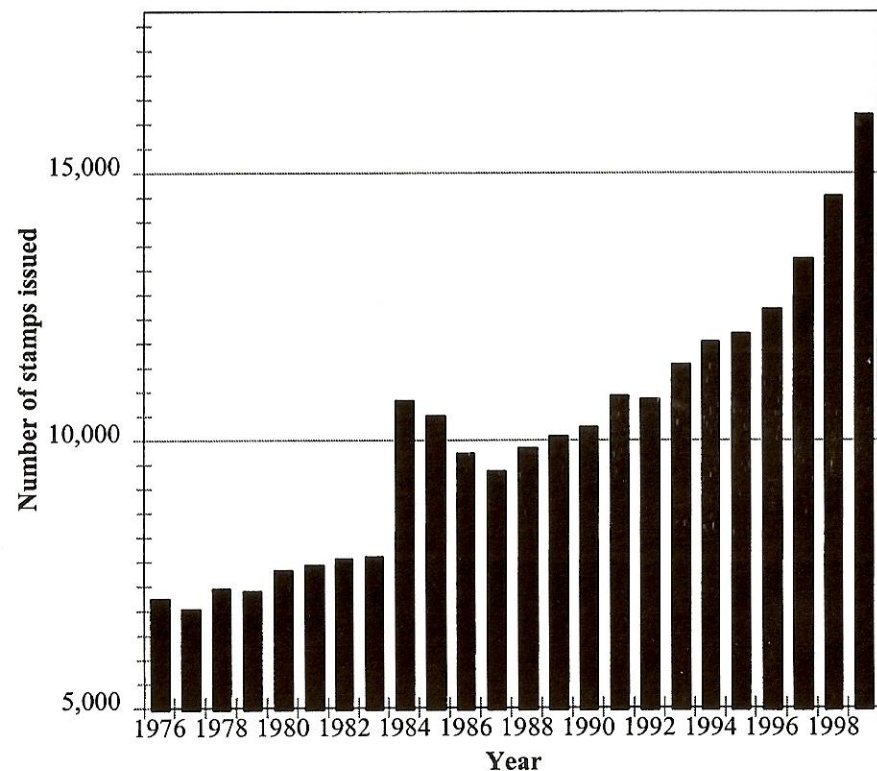
For several decades, the publishers of the MICHEL stamp catalogue have been keeping track of the number of new issues of postage stamps. Results for the most recent year, 1999, are now available, and are shown below. For 1999, Canada was the 23rd most prolific stamp issuer, and the USA was 13th. The top issuers were the usual suspects from various African and Caribbean countries.

Year	New Issues	Year	New Issues	Year	New Issues
1976	7,046	1984	10,750	1992	10,776
1977	6,847	1985	10,465	1993	11,428
1978	7,235	1986	9,758	1994	11,863
1979	7,185	1987	9,422	1995	12,014
1980	7,575	1988	9,858	1996	12,463
1981	7,666	1989	10,077	1997	13,406
1982	7,793	1990	10,248	1998	14,580
1983	7,830	1991	10,841	1999	16,107

From 1976 to 1999, the number of stamps issued increased by 229%. For comparison, the total inflation rate in Canada between 1976 and 1999 was 245.5%, based on Statistics Canada tables. During the same time, the average cumulative rate of wage increases was 173.4%. So in other words, while the number of stamp issues was about the same as the inflation rate, wage increases were not. The face value of new issues increased from \$9,861 in 1984 to \$10,810 in 1999.

Obviously few if any collectors are left who can afford to spend ten grand a year to be complete on worldwide issues. In fact, postal agencies haven't relied on country collectors in decades. They aim at the topical market, and in recent years at the associational market. Associational collectors are non-philatelists who collect stamps related to their interests but are not stamp collectors per se. For example, hockey fans buy the Canada Post NHL commemoratives but are not interested in any other stamps and will never join a stamp club.

Stamp New Issues (Michel)



PHILATELIC LITERATURE REVIEWS

by Leanteri Polvikoski

La Catastrophe #23 (US\$20 per year from the Wreck and Crash Mail Society, c/o Henry Berthelot, 132 Livingston Place West, Metairie, Louisiana 70005) Quarterly periodical in card covers, illustrated throughout. As you might guess from its title and publisher, this journal deals with railroad, truck, ship, and aircraft mail disasters. Such incidents usually produce a plethora of postal markings explaining to the recipient how their mail came to grief. The best part of collecting this type of mail is that condition does not matter! The issue at hand discusses a 1959 Oregon Highway Post Office vehicle wreck, a 1944 train derailment, a 1966 Cypriot steamship fire, and airplane crashes from 1929 (Nebraska), 1944 (Australia), 1928 (Scilly Islands), and 1935 (China). There is also the usual society news and notes, an advice column, and auction realizations.

American Philatelist (February 2001) (Available on loan from the CPS Library; ask Penny Borrowman) Full-size slick paper, with full colour throughout. This is the monthly publication of the American Philatelic Society, of which the CPS is a chapter. This month's issue has articles on using stamps to teach English in China, a topical collection of hearts on stamps, Cuban mail to and from Angola during their intervention there, and postal history of the War Between The States.

Postal History Journal (February 2001) (US\$35 per year from Postal History Society, 8207 Daren Court, Pikesville, Maryland 21208-2211) High-quality illustrated quarterly on slick paper covering worldwide postal history. This issue starts off with an article on all the stamp-issuing changes that occurred in the Baltic countries between 1918 and 1923 as a result of the fall of the German empire in 1918 and the success of the Soviet empire in 1923. Other articles discuss Hawaiian forwarding agents, a Swiss folded letter that was not what it appeared to be, and 17th Century letters between Palestine and Italy.

The Canadian Philatelist (Jan/Feb 2001) (Available on loan from the CPS Library; ask Penny Borrowman) Full-size slick paper, with colour. This is the bimonthly magazine of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, of which the CPS is a chapter. In addition to other benefits such as liability insurance for our meetings and shows, or circuit books (ask Dwayne Miner for details), we get this magazine. The issue at hand has articles about minerals on stamps, the new bar codes on mail, and early French postmarks, as well as the usual news and notes.

Scott Stamp Monthly (February 2001) (\$4 from Chapters, Indigo, or various newsagents around town) Newsprint tabloid. The cover story is a new type of collectible, stamps with remarques. A remarque is a tiny drawing or painting in the selvedge of a stamp. It is related to the stamp design and is greatest valued when done by the same artist as did the stamp design. This issue shows duck stamps with remarques. Other articles cover pictorial bulk rate permits, unusual mailboxes, OLYMPHILEXes, and Valentine FDCs. The new-issues listing are naturally included, as well as news and notes.

Stamp Magazine (February 2001) (Available at Chapters Macleod Trail or Chinook Centre and some newsagents around town) Full-colour British commercial monthly. The usual news, notes, advice columns, new issues, and ads, and lots of articles on a wide variety of topics. This month's issues has articles on poster labels of 1919/20, unusual postmarks, Sarawak postal history, 19th-century China postal history, dogs and cats on stamps, and the India independence fighter Subhas Chandra Bose. Of particular interest is an article on the panic among Burma's stamp designers when Edward VIII abdicated while they were in the middle of a design featuring him, and, to make life interesting, preparing Burma Independence stamps at the same time. Another weird situation is the story about a Nyasaland definitive, a L10 value stamp that was unknown until 1988, not just an unrecorded variety but the basic stamp itself.

BOBBY HULL AT THE CALGARY POST OFFICE

by Dale Speirs

Penny Borrowman telephoned me and told me that NHL star Bobby Hull was coming to the main Calgary post office on 9th Avenue SW to autograph the recent NHL stamp sheet issued by Canada Post. One stamp, of course, bears his visage. The session was on February 20th for an hour or so at 16h30. I met Penny down there for the event. As we were early, we went next door to the stamp shop operated by Dwayne Miner and Ihor Rudyk and visited with them for a few minutes.

After going back to the post office lobby, Penny waited in line to buy some of the NHL stamps. I saw a white limousine pull up at the curb, and went outside to take a photograph. As I was getting ready to take the picture, Bobby Hull stepped out of the car and immediately came over and shook my hand. I was so surprised I forgot to take the picture, as I had expected he would walk straight into the post office instead of chatting with onlookers out on the sidewalk.



Figure 1: Canada Post sales table at the Bobby Hull signing.

I followed him in and clicked off photos of the autograph session. It took Penny about 20 minutes or so to work her way up to the head of the line. I was interested to see that as each person came up to the head of the line, a P.R. person would check what they wanted to have signed. Only philatelic material was allowed. I noticed that a few people who had non-NHL licensed items were told they couldn't get them signed, only the stamp sheets and covers.

Hull sat at a table set up at the back of the box numbers in the lobby, and besides signing stamps also posed for pictures. A CFCN cameraman came by halfway through the signing ceremony and interviewed him briefly. Penny and I left before the signing was over, so I didn't get a picture of Hull going back into the limo.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Walter Herdzik

Comparative Balance Sheet As At June 30, 2000, and 1999.

Current Assets	1999	2000
Bank	4,165.21	4,474.48
Floats	260.00	260.00
Investments	26,171.01	22,000.00
Accounts Receivable	0.00	423.00
Inventories	<u>2,371.30</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	32,967.52	27,157.48
Fixed Assets		
Equipment	19,242.73	19,242.73
less depreciation	<u>(7,696.00)</u>	<u>(9,620.00)</u>
Total	11,546.73	9,622.73
Other		
Prepaid expenses - CALTAPEX	<u>1,350.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>
Total Assets	45,864.25	37,030.21
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	0.00	0.00
Due to circuit books	4,721.09	3,823.48
Due to private treaty	38.16	60.58
Deferred members' fees	320.00	324.00
Accounts payable - 1,334.52	0.00	
Spring Show		
Total	<u>6,413.77</u>	<u>4,208.06</u>
Members' Equity		
Capital account - July 1	41,321.71	39,450.48
Prior year's adjustment - CALTAPEX	275.00	0.00
Circuits	(1,263.77)	0.00
Current deficit	<u>(882.46)</u>	<u>(6,628.33)</u>
Total	39,450.48	32,822.15
Total Liabilities And Equity	45,864.25	37,030.21

Comparative Statement of Revenue And Expenditures For The Year Ended June 30, 2000, And 1999

Revenues	1999	2000
Membership fees	2,499.00	2,342.00
Circuit book commissions	1,281.23	826.03
CALTAPEX (net gain)	1,275.48	0.00
Auctions (net)	1,117.15	817.95
Interest from investments	956.71	907.51
Private Treaty commissions	240.40	316.99
Other income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	7,369.97	5,210.48
Expenditures		
Meeting expenses	1,963.05	2,142.67
Depreciation	1,924.00	1,924.00
Bulletins	1,833.69	1,533.12
CALTAPEX (net loss)	- -	996.00
Spring Show (net loss)	1,015.35	0.00
Frame storage	400.00	400.00
Miscellaneous	218.60	250.08
Club mail box rental	190.46	190.46
Bank charges	104.25	87.98
Insurance	69.55	69.55
Library	21.32	93.47
Circuit book printing	0.00	1,597.51
Christmas party	512.16	552.67
Writeoff inventory medals/ribbons	<u>- -</u>	<u>2,001.30</u>
Total	8,252.43	11,838.81
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(882.46)	(6,628.33)

AUDITOR'S REPORT

by Hans Jensen

To the members of the Calgary Philatelic Society: I have audited the balance sheet of the Calgary Philatelic Society as at June 30, 2000, and the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the twelve months then ended.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the executive, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Calgary Philatelic Society as at June 30, 2000, and the results of its operations for the twelve months then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

MONTHLY MEETING REPORTS

The February general meeting was held February 7. Speaker for the evening was Jim Taylor, who discussed the 1926 Admiral 2-cent surcharges on the 3-cent stamps. His theme was not varieties or usage but rather the circumstances behind the overprints, which resulted from bad planning by the Post Office planners, who had 130,000,000 3-cent stamps left over, a 25-year supply, when the first-class letter rate was reduced from 3 cents to 2 cents. Dr. Edward George Mason, who founded the Calgary Philatelic Society in 1922, led the outcry against the sharp practice of the Philatelic Bureau and certain stamp dealers in the sale of the surcharges. Jim pointed out that Dr. Mason's role in the exposure of the goings-on has been neglected by philatelic historians; Boggs and other writers quoted Mason's letters without attribution.

At each meeting this year there is a 50/50 lottery in aid of the Show Committee. After the usual business agenda, there is a draw for the lottery. The February meeting draw was won by Anne Bradbury who got \$13 as her share, the rest going in aid of the Show Committee. At the March meeting, Marge Hunt won \$50. So it pays to belong to the CPS! After each meeting, there are light refreshments. Circuit books, private treaty books, and the silent auction also operate at every meeting. If you don't come out to the meetings, you are missing good opportunities to buy or sell stamps.

EDMONTON SPRING NATIONAL STAMP SHOW

The Edmonton Stamp Club once again will be hosting a spring show. This year's theme is "Stamps and Sports", as Edmonton is hosting the 8th IAAF World Championships in Athletics and the 2001 ITU World Triathlon Championships.

Competitive exhibits, over 20 dealers, Junior's room, sale books and stamp packs, banquet, and seminar. Admission is free; public very welcome.

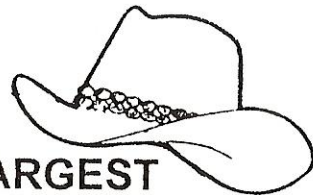
For general information, call (780)466-9967. Dealers call (780)437-1787, and exhibitors call (780)435-7006. E-mail to ameech@telusplanet.net

Where: West Edmonton Mall Conference Centre
3rd level, Europa Boulevard

When: March 30, Friday	1 pm to 8 pm
March 31, Saturday	10 am to 5 pm
April 1, Sunday	10 am to 4 pm

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

WANTED: Northern Rhodesia covers from 1925 to 1964. Will buy outright or trade for whatever. Call Walter Herdzik at 238-3171.

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.

FOR SALE: "History Of The Calgary Philatelic Society" for \$2 each from Dale Speirs at meetings, or add an extra \$2 for postage and send to: CPS, Box 6830, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 2E7.

FOR SALE: Long-time collector selling complete collections in order to reduce workload and focus on a few specialty areas. Clean, organized, and unpicked. Catalogue values are Scott 2001. Norway used/covers \$2830. Australia mint \$4430, used/covers \$3230. GB mint \$960, used/covers \$4070. Bermuda mint/used/covers estimate \$400. Worldwide/Canada mint/used/covers including better singles, estimate \$5720. Details/offers to Rhys Harrison at 270-4007 or rhysharrison@home.com

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: Stamps from many countries, including new issues, to trade for same. Call Joe at 284-3907.

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

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.

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2001

March	21	Auction
April	1	Sunday bourse
	4	General meeting
	18	Auction
	28 to 29	Spring Stamp Show
May	2	General meeting
	2	Deadline for June bulletin
	6	Sunday bourse
	16	Auction
June	6	General meeting and election
	20	Auction
August	3	Deadline for September bulletin
September	5	General meeting
	5	Deadline for October bulletin
	19	Auction
October	3	General meeting
	12 to 14	CALTAPEX 2001
	17	Auction

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

SUNDAY BOURSE is at Palliser Community Centre, 2323 Palliser Drive SW, from 10h00 to 16h00. Details and table rentals from Bill Szaroz at 337-3260 or Phil Wolf at 259-8750.

CALTAPEX and SPRING STAMP SHOW are at the Polish Canadian Club, 3015 - 15 Street NE. Contact Jan Brookes at 251-1769 for details.