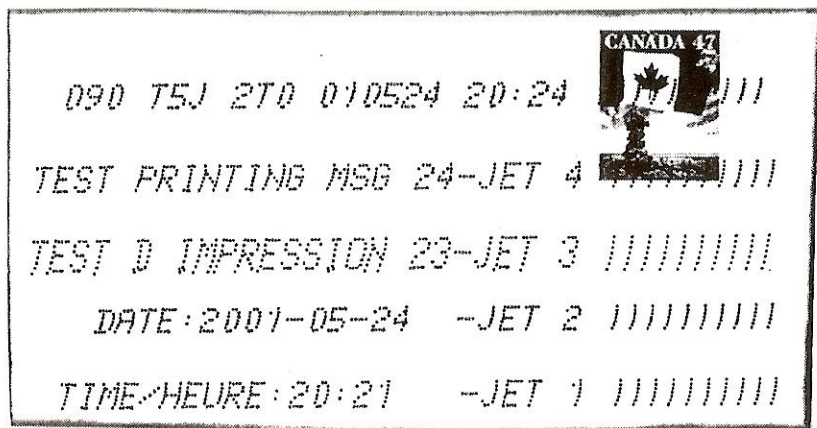


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Multiple ink jet markings on one piece of mail
by postal technician testing the machine.

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(see page 13 for list of committee chairpersons)

FUN WITH INKJET POSTMARKS

by Dale Speirs

When Canada Post introduced spray-on inkjet postmarks in 1992, there was a considerable amount of moaning from many philatelists about how it was the ruination of the hobby, and, more specifically, covers. But astute collectors immediately recognized that here was the next phase of postmark collecting, every bit as valid as squared circles or Klussendorfs. It seems likely that inkjets will follow the same trajectory as most types of stamps or postmarks, being ignored by most collectors but eventually treasured up as rare and significant after a couple of decades. The dedicated few will collect and document them now. The first basic reference work has already been published: CANADA INKJET (JET SPRAY) CANCELS 1992 - 1999 by Joel Weiner (published by the British North America Philatelic Society and available from Saskatoon Stamp Centre (the BNAPS book agent) or your local stamp dealer).

The basic form of the inkjet postmark is two lines of dot-matrix characters. The top line is: nnn ANA NAN yymmdd hh:mm ||||| |||. The second line is: ENGLISH SLOGAN / FRENCH SLOGAN ||||| |||. There are numerous variations beyond this basic postmark, such as three or four lines, and errors (since the technician typing the data into the computer is fallible). In the first line, the first portion 'nnn' refers to the machine number. Calgary has only one machine, number 087. Edmonton's is 090. Toronto and Montreal have several machines. Next on the top line is the postal code of the mail sorting plant, then the date and time. The slogan is often a default of POSTAL CODE / CODE POSTAL, but is often a seasonal or event slogan. One decided advantage of inkjets over the traditional die and hub postmark is that the latter must be mechanically prepared in a machine shop, whereas an inkjet slogan can be changed in the time it takes to type a new one into the computer.

Some philatelists collect every variation of inkjets, but there are so many produced that most specialize. You can collect all the variations of one post office, only slogans, or topical slogans. I keep any interesting slogans that come by, but in particular try to match a slogan with the return address or stamp. For example, Christmas slogans are best displayed with a Christmas stamp and postmarked in December. One of my favourites in my collection is the 'Literacy/Alphabetisation' slogan on an envelope from the National Library of Canada. I am also fond of incongruous mis-matches between the inkjet slogan and the stamp or return address. Examples are the United Way slogan on a Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal cover, a slogan urging you to collect stamps cancelling a postage meter mark, or the Superman slogan cancelling a Queen Elizabeth definitive.

One problem commonly seen is that inkjets are applied overtop CDS or commemorative cancels. There is basically nothing that can be done to stop this, so one must work around the problem. I quite often take mail into a post office for handcancelling because I know the recipient is a philatelist. In doing so, I have the handstamp applied at the bottom of the stamp, and one out in the clear on the left side, both well below where an inkjet will go. If an inkjet is subsequently sprayed over the stamp, then the hand cancel is not affected, and the two together make postal history.

Once you learn the machine numbers, you can then tell how a letter travelled. As an example, I get a lot of mail from Red Deer, which is always given an Edmonton inkjet (machine 090) before coming down to Calgary. For the benefit of those not familiar with Alberta geography, Red Deer is almost exactly halfway between Calgary and Edmonton. The inkjet tells me that the letter was first shipped from Red Deer 100 km north to Edmonton, then 200 km south to Calgary, passing Red Deer again on its way down. In other words, it travels 300 km to go 100 km. This explains why it takes three days for a letter to go from Red Deer to Calgary (plus another day for delivery in town), when a direct transfer would get it there overnight.

Multiple inkjets, or in combination with other machine cancels, can often reveal some strange things. I have a Hamilton, Ontario, cover dated December 10, 1996, which went through two inkjets. It first passed through machine 095 at 16h23, then machine 096 at 18h22. The two dual-line cancels were offset just enough that they were interleaved between each other instead of one overprinting on top the other, so they both showed up clearly. I suspect what happened was that a postie picked up the wrong batch of letters and fed a batch through the inkjets a second time by mistake.

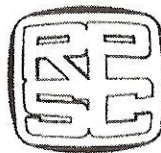
Probably the most sought after inkjet, certainly by me, is the one where the technician programmed a test batch of letters, just for fun, with the slogan VIVE LE QUÉBEC LIBRE. About 1500 letters went out with the offending slogan before it was noticed; only 670 letters were intercepted. (If anyone has one for sale, I am interested!) The letters caught in time had the slogan blacked out and were forwarded with an apology. Most inkjet errors are more prosaic date errors such as wrong year or month. Punctuation is occasionally messed up, especially accent marks on French slogans, an ongoing hazard of life in a bilingual country.

PHILATELIC LITERATURE REVIEWS

by Leanteri Polvikoski

Owney: Mascot Of The Railway Service (US\$3 from National Postal Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560-0570) One of the more interesting stories of postal history took place in the late 1800s. In 1888, a stray dog wandered into an Albany, New York, post office, and was adopted as a mascot by the postal clerks. Owney, as he was later named, one day was accidentally carried on board a mail train to New York City. After that, he became a wanderer on mail trains across the USA. He was fitted with a vest to which postal clerks along the way attached tags to track his travels. In 1895 he went on an around-the-world trip by ship and train. Owney died in 1897 when he was shot after biting a mail clerk. The Smithsonian Institution has his stuffed remains on display and has produced a 20-page chapbook, illustrated throughout, giving the details of Owney's life. An enjoyable read.

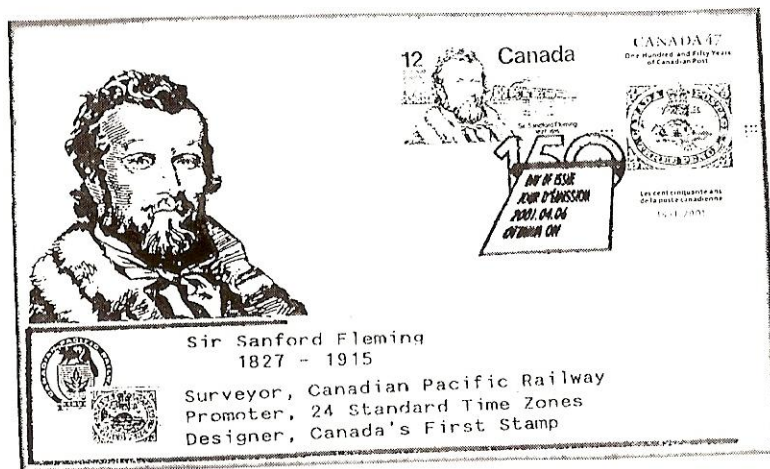
Postal History Journal #120 (US\$35 per year from Postal History Society, 8207 Daren Court, Pikesville, Maryland 21208-2211) Glossy illustrated journal on postal history worldwide; issued three times per year. The issue at hand has articles on how early postal networks were designed in the 1830s, on-site post offices at the 1893 Columbian Exposition, mail delivery on the west coast of South America, and Baltic postal history during WW2. Each issue also contains bibliographies indexing postal history articles that appeared in other philatelic periodicals.



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THE FIRST-DAY CACHET CANADA POST SHOULD HAVE ISSUED

by Ron Tabbert



AUTHOR OF THE YEAR

This award is presented for the best article(s) published in the club bulletin during the preceding calendar year. The winner is chosen by the bulletin Editor. For the calendar year 2001, the award goes to Penny Borrowman for her two-part article on China. Congratulations, Penny!

1990 - Mirko Zatka
 1991 - Georg Gerlach
 1992 - Perry Holinshead
 1993 - Jim Karr
 1994 - Bob Monilaws
 1995 - Ed Harris

1996 - Phyllis Weston
 1997 - no award
 1998 - Jan Grasmeyer
 1999 - Dinu Matei
 2000 - Hugh Delaney
 2001 - Penny Borrowman

HONOURARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS ANNOUNCED

This award is administered by the Life Members Committee, and is presented to the winner(s) at the Society's annual Christmas party. Unlike other clubs, a Life membership cannot be bought, nor is it given just for having paid membership dues for a long time. It can only be earned. It is awarded to a member who, over a period of ten years:

- has promoted the hobby of stamp collecting
- served on the Executive, directorship, or a committee
- assisted in special functions and/or annual shows
- continually supported the Society in all of its endeavours

At the December 2001 Christmas party, two new members were named. They are Bruce Irvine and Mike McPhail. Congratulations to Bruce and Mike! Their curriculum vitae are as follow:

Bruce Irvine: Member since 1987. CPS Director from 1990 to 1993 and 1996 to 1997, Treasurer from 1993 to 1995, Vice-President from 1997 to 1998, President from 1998 to 2000. Active behind the scenes in other informal capacities.

Mike McPhail: Member since 1981. Founders' Award for 1989/90 season. CPS Secretary from 1983 to 1986, Circuit Books Manager from 1986 to 1992, Director from 1998 to 2000. Active behind the scenes in other informal capacities.

The complete list of Honourary Life Members is as below. As you can see, Mike and Bruce are only the 29th and 30th Life members in the 80 years of this club's existence, so this is not an honour given lightly.

Name	Year awarded
1 - Dr. Edward George Mason	1933
2 - William C. Black	1933
3 - Alfred B. Harris	1934
4 - William J.F. Emslie	1937
5 - Sid T. Richardson	1947
6 - Alan Sorby	1955
7 - Harlow M. Hartney	before 1962
8 - John Learmonth	1972
9 - Ted Chiswell	1976
10 - Brien Horne	1977
11 - John Jarabek	1978
12 - Bob Monilaws	1978
13 - Jack Cotton	1981
14 - Ed Harris	1981
15 - Phil Wolf	1983
16 - Jim Taylor	1984
17 - Walter Jackson	1989
18 - Jim Sadler	1989
19 - Bob Perry	1990
20 - Jon Johnson	1992
21 - Greg Sereda	1992
22 - Jim Karr	1994
23 - Al Munro	1994
24 - Dale Speirs	1994
25 - John Van Staden Jr	1996
26 - Don Wilson	1997
27 - Robbert Hoffmann	1998
28 - Doug Kollar	2000
29 - Mike McPhail	2001
30 - Bruce Irvine	2001

THE UKRAINIAN COLLECTORS' CLUB OF CALGARY

by Alex Malycky

The Ukrainian Collectors' Club of Calgary (henceforth referred to here as the Club) was founded in 1987. Its members are interested in, actively collect, and exhibit mainly the Ukrainian and topically Ukrainian philatelic and numismatic materials, but also various other Ukrainian collectibles, such as Christmas and Easter cards, printed ribbons marking various Ukrainian occasions and then distributed to the public, buttons advertising various Ukrainian themes, military and civil insignia, medals, and so on.

The Club's membership has never been large, up to ten members at its highest. Meetings take place in the Library of St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Orthodox Congregation, on the first Monday of each month, with the exception of one summer month for vacations and one winter month for Christmas/New Year holidays. At these meetings, members show their new acquisitions, share information on various new issues that appeared in both Ukraine and the Ukrainian Diaspora, exchange various duplicates, and discuss plans of what the Club can exhibit.

The exhibitions of the Club have been taking place either at various festive gatherings of the local Ukrainian community (usually paralleling the themes of those gatherings), or, on rare occasions, outside Calgary. For instance, in Edmonton, all this mainly during the 1980s and early 1990s. Exhibits promote the awareness of the Ukrainian philatelic and numismatic presence among the public at large, mainly at the annual exhibitions of Calgary's philatelic and numismatic clubs. On rare occasions, there were national displays in Toronto, and international displays in Detroit, both times at Ukrainian shows.

Calgary's Ukrainian public was thus served by the Club either at the Ukrainian Orthodox Cultural Centre, or at the church hall of the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God. The 1989 exhibitions of the Club were staged in January (various issues of Ukraine), March (Taras Shevchenko-related philatelic and cinderella items), and November (postal history of Western Ukrainian Republic). During 1990, two exhibitions were staged; in November dealing mostly with Ukrainian Seech Riflemen Legion cinderellas and the Western Ukrainian Republic, and in December when Ukrainian Christmas cards and postcards were exhibited. The year 1991 saw, for some reason, no exhibition activity in the Club. In 1992, the club exhibited at Edmonton. In 1993, three exhibitions were staged. In March, Shevchenko-related items, in October Halychyna-related items, and in November cinderella items depicting the Ukrainian Woman.

The Club subsequently considered it less productive to start repeating its exhibition topics corresponding to the customary Ukrainian festivals staged each year in Calgary. It transferred its exhibitions to a larger stage, mainly to Calgary's philatelic and numismatic public. And so, from 1994 on, there were almost every year at least one and at times as many as four Ukrainian philatelic exhibits. These were shown at the annual Spring Stamp Show and CALTAPEX.

Moreover, a member of the Club continued to be instrumental in publishing, on behalf of the Library of St. Volodymyr's, commemorative covers. They featured outstanding figures of Ukrainian cultural life such as Taras Shevchenko in 1989, Oleh Ol'zhych in 1994, and Oleksander Konys'kyi in 2000. Other covers marked historical events such as the anniversary of independence in 1993, 1996, 1998, and 1999, or to Ukrainian-Canadian life (the centennial of the Ukrainian settlement in Canada in 1991, and the anniversary of this Library in 1998 (40th) and 2000). It is worth adding that with 22 Ukrainian cachet issues appearing in Calgary prior to the founding of the Club, owing to the initiative of this member between 1966 and 1986, this city rivals the town of Dauphin, Manitoba, for the distinction of being the capital of Canada's Ukrainian cachets.



CPS FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING JUNE 30, 2001

by Walter Herdzik

CPS Treasurer

Comparative Balance Sheet As At June 30, 2001 and 2000

		2000	2001
Current Assets:	Bank	4,474.48	1,506.34
	Floats	260.00	260.00
	Investments	22,000.00	21,000.00
	Accounts receivable	423.00	342.80
	Inventories	0.00	0.00
	Total current assets	<u>27,157.48</u>	<u>23,109.14</u>
Fixed Assets:	Equipment	19,242.73	19,242.73
	less accumulated depreciation	(9,620.00)	(11,544.00)
	Total fixed assets	<u>9,622.73</u>	<u>7,698.73</u>
Other:	Prepaid expenses	250.00	250.00
	Total other assets	<u>250.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>
Total Assets:		<u>37,030.21</u>	<u>31,057.87</u>
Current Liabilities:	Accounts payable	0.00	213.41
	Due to circuit book holders	3,823.48	2,598.40
	Due to private treaty holders	60.58	0.00
	Deferred members' fees	324.00	468.00
	Accounts payable - CALTAPEX	0.00	0.00
	50-50 draw	0.00	377.00
	Total current liabilities	<u>4,208.06</u>	<u>3,656.81</u>
Members' Equity:	Capital account - July 1	39,450.48	32,822.15
	Current surplus (deficit)	(6,628.33)	(5,421.09)
	Total members' equity	<u>32,822.15</u>	<u>27,401.06</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity:		<u>37,030.21</u>	<u>31,057.87</u>

**Comparative Statement Of Revenue And Expenditures
For The Year Ended June 30, 2001 and 2000**

	2000	2001
Revenues:		
Membership fees	2,342.00	2,269.00
Circuit book commissions	826.03	957.26
Auctions (net)	817.95	740.50
Interest from investments	907.51	972.00
Private treaty commissions	316.99	296.41
Spring Show	0.00	304.35
Total revenues	<u>5,210.48</u>	<u>5,539.52</u>
Expenditures:		
Meeting expenses	2,142.67	2,902.08
Depreciation	1,924.00	1,924.00
Bulletins	1,533.12	1,445.06
CALTAPEX (net loss)	996.00	1,755.80
Christmas party	552.67	953.97
Library	93.47	756.35
Frame storage	400.00	400.00
Host ORAPEX visitor	0.00	213.41
Club mailbox rental	190.46	190.46
Ideas meeting	0.00	170.00
Bank charges	87.98	108.18
Insurance	69.55	69.55
Club memberships	0.00	71.75
Miscellaneous	250.08	0.00
Circuit book printing	1,597.51	0.00
Write-off inventory		
medals/ribbons	2,001.30	0.00
Total expenditures	<u>11,838.81</u>	<u>10,960.61</u>
Net surplus (deficit)	(6,628.33)	(5,421.09)

FOUNDERS' AWARD

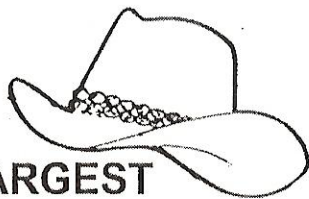
This award is given for contribution to the club during the past year. For the 2000/2001 season, the recipient was Jan Brookes, for her work as Show Chairwoman in revitalizing the club shows. Congratulations, Jan!

Previous Founders' Awards winners are as follow:

1973 - Jim Sadler	1975 - Tom Lemon
1974 - Ken Ford	1976 - Walter Jackson
1977 to 1979 - used as a show award	
1980/81 - Don Fraser	1990/91 - Doug Kollar
1981/82 - Keith Brown	1991/92 - Perry Holinshead
1982/83 - Al Munro	1992/93 - no award
1983/84 - Leanne Johnson	1993/94 - Penny Borrowman
1984/85 - John Jarabek	1994/95 - Ernie Bell
1985/86 - Guy Boissonneault	1995/96 - Bob Hoffmann
1986/87 - Dale Speirs	1996/97 - Isobel Attrell
1987/88 - no award	1997/98 - Minaz Ramji
1988/89 - Greg Lang	1998/99 - Andy Puczko
1989/90 - Mike McPhail	1999/2000 - Walter Herdzik

COMMITTEES

Archives	Dale Speirs	243-1752
Auctions - regular	Doug Kollar	547-3838
- silent	Jim Senecal	547-7681
Bulletin - Editor	Dale Speirs	243-1752
- Advertising	Hugh Delaney	255-0422
Circuit books	Bob Hoffmann	274-2425
Library	Penny Borrowman	686-2662
Membership	Isobel Attrell	294-0935
Private Treaty books	Gerry Vader	293-0158
Programmes	Marge Hunt	274-2259
Publicity	Hugh Delaney	255-0422
Show	Jan Brookes	251-1769
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WANTED: Stamp show catalogues, Canadian and international shows. The older the better. Please contact Ed at 274-0021 or harrise@cadvision.com

FOR SALE: Scott catalogues: 2000 Vol. 1 (A-B) \$10; 1999 Vol.2 (C-F) \$10; 1997 Vol. 3 (D-I) \$5; 1997 Vol. 5 (R-Z) \$5; 1989 Vol. 2 (A-F) free; 1988 Vol. 1 (USA, GB, Canada) free; or offers. Call Julius at 282-7982.

FOR SALE: I have a very nice used collection of old Sweden stamps, mounted on album pages and well written up. All used; nothing after 1941. Scott catalogue value over US\$700. See Bob Monilaws at meetings or phone 277-5128.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: USA annual commemorative folders, all with original MNH stamps: 1972 to 1974, 1976 to 1981. Contact Ron Tabbert, Box 959, Golden, British Columbia V0A 1H0 or call (250)344-2935(office) or (250)344-5939(home).

WANTED: Advanced collector of World Wildlife Fund (anything with the panda logo) stamps, postally-used covers, FDCs, postcards, maximum cards, even cookie cans. Top dollar paid! Phone Jan at 251-1769.

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.

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

WANTED: Stamps and covers from China to 1949. Special interest in overprints. Prefer bulk lots. Call Penny at 686-2662.

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

WANTED: Calgary Stampede philatelic memorabilia. I collect all phases of this fascinating field. Call Ed at 274-0021 or harrise@cadvision.com

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2002

February	3	Sunday bourse
	6	General meeting
	20	Auction
March	3	Sunday bourse
	6	General meeting
	6	Deadline for April bulletin
	20	Auction
April	3	General meeting
	17	Auction
	26 to 27	Spring Stamp Show
May	1	General meeting
	1	Deadline for June bulletin
	15	Auction
June	5	Election meeting
	19	Auction
August	2	deadline for September bulletin
September	4	General meeting
	4	Deadline for October bulletin

SPRING STAMP SHOW is at Polish Canadian Club, 3015 - 15 Street NE. Contact Jan Brookes at 251-1769 for details. Please note this year's show is only on the Friday and Saturday of the weekend, not Sunday.

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.

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.