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In This Issue: Pronghorns, scientific name *Antilocapra americana*, are often referred to as antelopes, but they are not. They are distantly related to deer, but are in their own family, the Antilocapridae. More about pronghorns inside.

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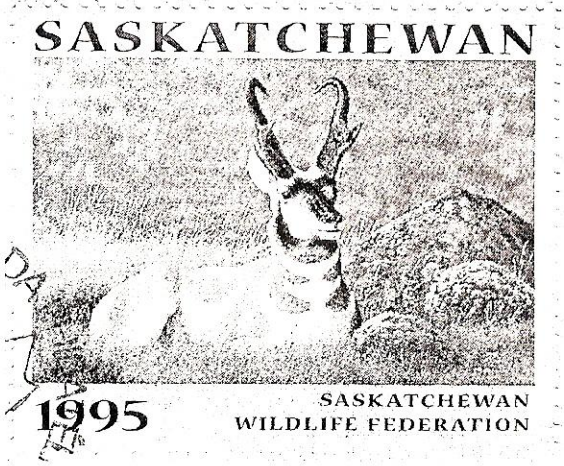
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PRONGHORNS

by Dale Speirs

There are a number of fossil species of pronghorns known, of which the existing species is the last survivor. They are native to the shortgrass prairies of western North America, ranging from southern Alberta and Saskatchewan to Sonoran Mexico, on both sides of the Rocky Mountains and as far east as the Missouri River.



Before the arrival of Europeans, pronghorns were as abundant as the bison, in the tens of millions, but were slaughtered just as much. Their meat is said to be very tasty. By 1915, their numbers had dwindled to about 12,000. Since then, conservation efforts in Canada

and the USA have allowed populations to return to about 1 million or so. About half of all pronghorns live in Wyoming.

It is widely accepted that the two fastest land animals in the world are pronghorns and cheetahs (kangaroos are a close third). The top recorded speed for pronghorns is 98 km/hr, although the usual is about 55 km/hr for up to 6 km distance. Cheetahs are faster (record speed of 114 km/hr) but they are sprinters and are quickly winded after 200 metres. It has been argued that pronghorns are actually the fastest land animals because they can sustain their speed and give a truer account than cheetahs. The Guinness Book of World Records hedges this point by listing two categories, one for sprints and the other for endurance running.



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The high speed of pronghorns was a puzzle to zoologists for many decades because the only predators that are capable of taking down an adult pronghorn are nowhere near as fast. Coyotes and wolves chase their prey, but are not in the same class of attained speed. The answer came when paleontologists discovered that up until 13,000 years ago, there were cheetahs in North America. Pronghorns co-evolved with the now-extinct North American cheetah, a different species than the African one. Their high speed is thus an evolutionary response to a predator that no longer exists. Pronghorns are therefore the American ecological equivalent of African gazelles.

Herds of pronghorns are extremely vigilant. They have excellent long-range vision and a 320-degree field of vision. Hunters are well aware that it is nearly impossible to get in close on foot to a herd of pronghorns. I don't hunt myself but I have observed them in the shortgrass prairie of southeastern Alberta. In my experience, it is possible while driving a vehicle to get within 10 metres or so of a herd grazing near a road. As soon as I got out of my car, they bolted for the horizon, no matter how slowly or non-threateningly I moved. They are conditioned to accept motor vehicles as harmless but know humans as predators.

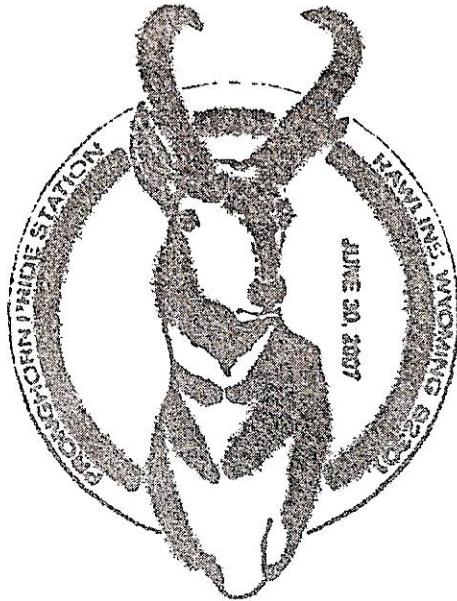
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The postmark above is from Rawlins, Wyoming, which bills itself as the Pronghorn Capital of the World.

The United Postal Stationery Society publishes a bimonthly **Postal Stationery**, devoted to all aspects of the subject worldwide. The March/April 2008 issue had a horror story that makes philatelists' blood run cold. Edward Deschl, an authority on the postal stationery of India and editor of a catalogue on that subject, died in 2007 alone in his apartment. He outlived his family and friends and left no instructions for his estate, which included dozens and dozens of cartons of Indian States rarities and postal history. The landlord, following New Jersey law, stored the cartons for the required time for claimants to come forth, and when no one did, pulped them. One can only imagine how much valuable philatelic material went to the landfill. No blame can be attached to the landlord since he had no instructions and could not reasonably be expected to act as an executor.

Do you have a will that clearly states what is to become of your collection? Please note that verbal instructions to your kids (who may or may not remember what you said about all that junk) are not valid in probate court. Also not valid are handwritten instructions which are not part of your will. What if they start feuding over the collection? It doesn't matter how well they get along while you are alive. Many families have been riven by disputes over who gets what in an inheritance. Forget those \$29.95 will kits advertised on television and instead get a will drawn up properly for your circumstances. Many deceased stamp collectors didn't want to spend \$300 for a lawyer to draw up a proper will, as a result of which the heirs spent tens of thousands of dollars fighting the case in court.

If you don't have family members who collect, specify in your will that the collection is to be auctioned by a stamp dealer. On a separate sheet of paper, provide a list of dealer names in order of preference, since your family won't know who to approach. Let the money go to your kids, and the stamps go to other collectors who will appreciate them. Or you can do as I did in my will, where I specified that my collection goes to the Calgary Philatelic Society to be auctioned off. This gives money to the club and puts my material back in circulation. Do NOT leave your collection to a museum or university. They won't know how to handle it, won't spend the money preserving it, and will either lock it away to be forgotten, ruined by poor storage conditions, or looted by staff.

Leave instructions and your will where they can easily be found, such as a desk drawer or with the person named as executor. Don't lock the will in a safe deposit box where no one can get at it. (I was executor of one estate where we had to drill the lock open because no one could find the box key.) Everything must be in writing; don't assume that people will remember correctly what you intended.

Mac's Convenience Stores.

Not too many Mac's stores have Retail Postal Outlets (RePOs) compared to other chains such as 7-Eleven or Shoppers Drug Mart. All of the following RePOs are Mac's.

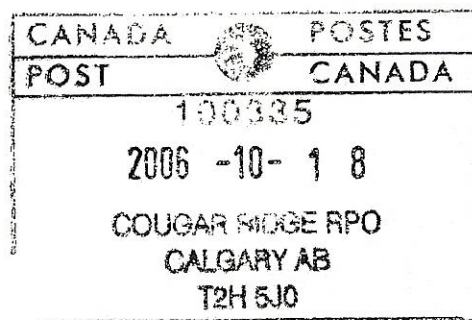
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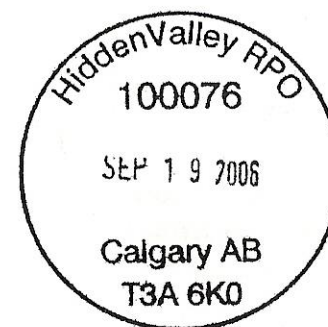
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Cranston - Cranleigh Drive SE
and Cranston Blvd





Edgemont - Edgemont Blvd NW
and Edgebrook Drive



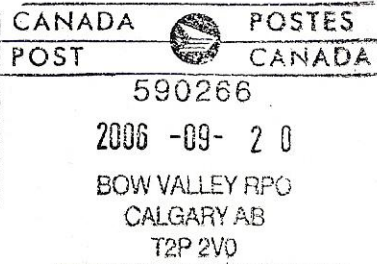
Hidden Valley -
Hidden Creek Drive NW
and Beddington Trail

Downtown RePOs.

If you are hunting for these,
better take the bus or LRT.
Good luck finding a
parking space!

Chinatown -
Centre Street South,
Hing Wah Imports





Downtown - second floor,
5 Avenue SW and 1 Street,
Bow Valley Square



Downtown - northwest
corner of 8 Street SW and
7 Avenue, across from the
LRT station.
Dominion Drugs

Downtown - second floor,
5 Avenue SW and 2 Street,
Calgary Place

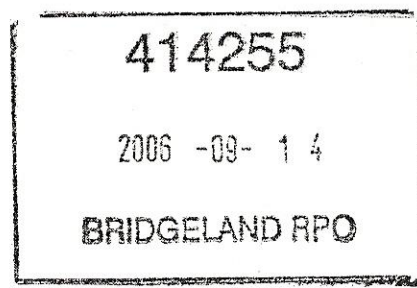


Inner City.

Inglewood - southwest corner
of 9 Avenue SE and 12 Street.
Marshall Pharmacy.

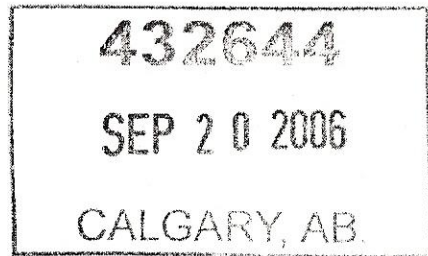


Downtown - second floor,
8 Avenue SW and 2 Street,
Scotia Centre, Rexall Drugs



Bridgeland - 1 Avenue NE and
4 Street.
Luke's Value Drug Mart

Downtown - Bankers Hall,
8 Avenue SW and 3 Street,
Hallmark Cards



Kensington - Kensington Road NW
and 14 Street.
Shoppers Drug Mart



Scarboro - northeast corner of
14 Street SW and 12 Avenue
Rexall Drugs

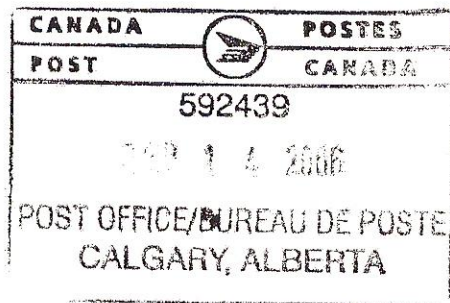


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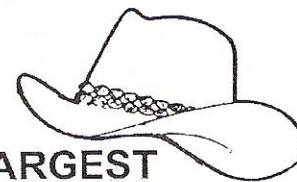
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West Hillhurst - northwest
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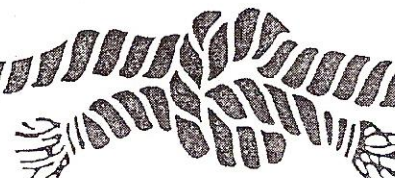
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June	1	Sunday bourse
	4	Election meeting
	18	Auction
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September	3	General meeting
	3	Deadline for October bulletin
	17	Auction
October	1	General meeting
	15	Auction
	17 to 19	CALTAPEX 2008
November	5	General meeting
	5	Deadline for December bulletin
	19	Auction
December	3	Christmas social

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CALGARY REGIONAL GROUP OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets second Wednesdays. For details about meeting places and times, contact Ed Harris at 274-0021.

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