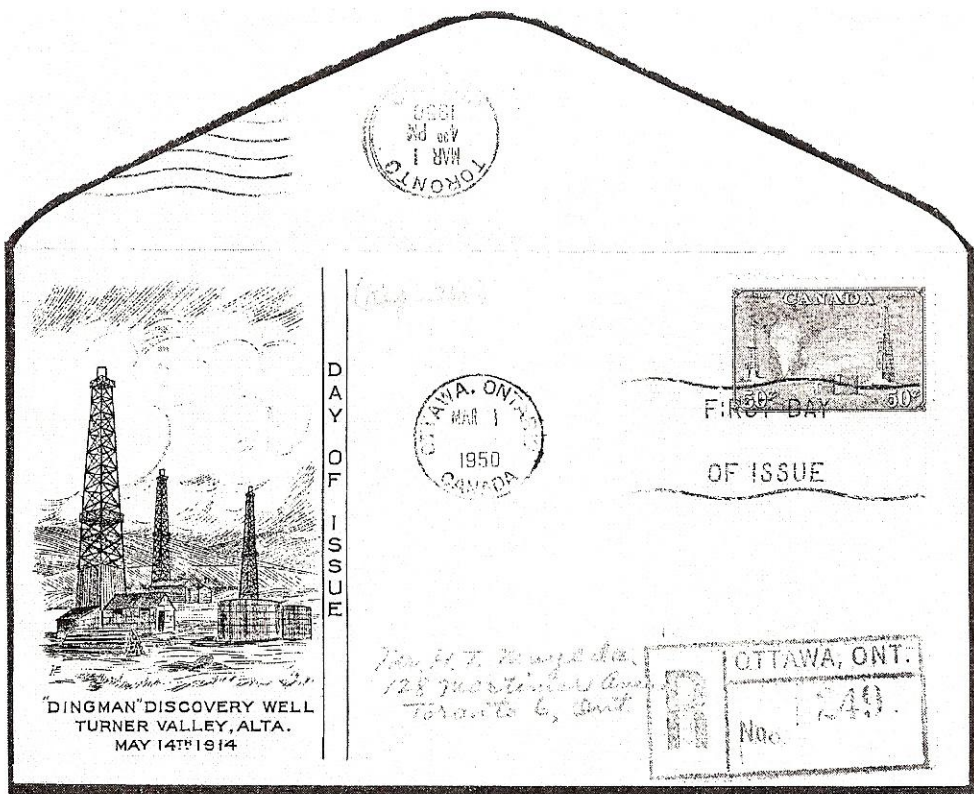


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2008 is the 150th anniversary of the petroleum industry in North America, a year in which oil has passed \$100 per barrel. Alberta's first brush with petroleum was in the Turner Valley gas fields, as commemorated by this 1950 cover.

Petroleum makes a good topical collecting area for Calgary philatelists. More inside.

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A cumulative subject index from issue #1 to date for the CALGARY PHILATELIST exists but because of its length is too long to be published in this bulletin. A copy can be had for free from the editorial address at Box 6830.

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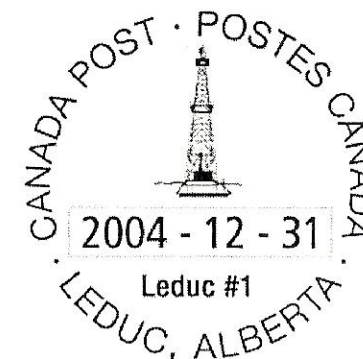
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COLLECTING ALBERTA PETROLEUM AS A TOPICAL

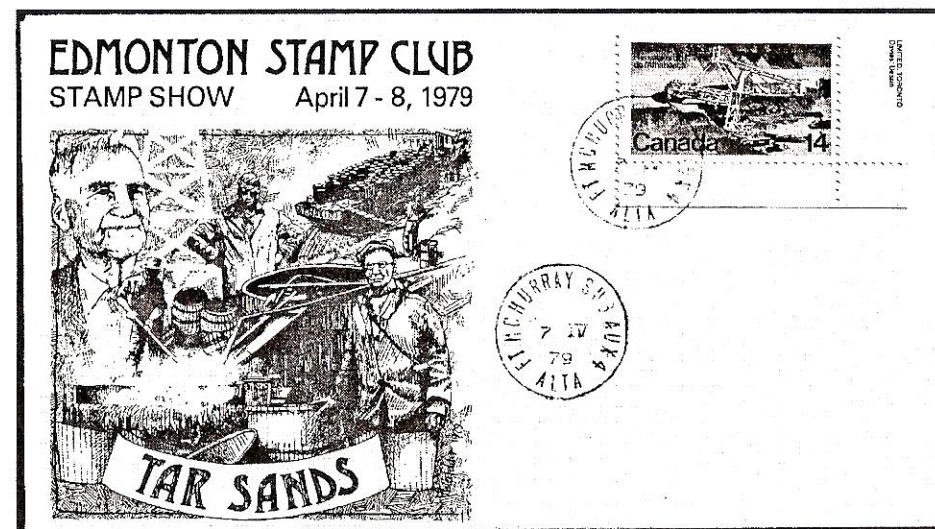
by Elizabeth Saunaranta



It seems a natural for Alberta philatelists to collect petroleum as a topical subject, seeing as how our economy stands or dies on the price of oil.

The Turner Valley natural gas fields of the World War One era were an important prelude (see front cover). There were small oil strikes over the years, but Alberta's oil industry is agreed to have begun with the Leduc #1 well in 1947, the first major oil field to be discovered.

In 1979, Alberta's conventional oil production peaked and is now half as much despite three times as many wells. Our saviour has been the oil sands, underground in the Cold Lake and Peace River districts, and aboveground in the Athabasca district. The cover below was postmarked at Fort McMurray, the capital of the Athabasca Tar Sands, with the 14-cent stamp showing the now-obsolete bucket-wheel excavator.



At least five CPS members attended the National Topical Stamp Show in Portland, Oregon. Two members, Donna Trathen and Norma Nielson, entered exhibits. Donna's 4-frame "Evolution of Horse Breeds" was awarded a silver medal. Norma's 5-frame "From Coffee to Commerce: The Story of Lloyd's" received a Gold medal as well as the APS Research Award and Reserve Grand Award. Well done to both!

PHILATELIC LITERATURE REVIEWS

by Leanteri Polvikoski

The Error World by Simon Garfield (2008) is a confessional about stamp collecting as his personal life crumbles. He is having an affair with another woman, and his wife, worse yet, has no idea of how much he is spending on his collection. Garfield specialized in error stamps, and it didn't take long for his marriage counselor to spot the connection between stamps with colours missing and a life with people missing. The memoir begins with his childhood, as told through his stamp collecting adventures, from sending off for approvals to lining up with his mother at the post office for the victory stamps when England won the soccer World Cup. On a more philosophical note, Garfield considers why he collected stamps, and concludes that it was because it offered a sense of order during his childhood. When he was a boy, his father died suddenly of a heart attack, his older brother suddenly died not long after from viral pneumonia, and his mother slowly began dying of cancer a few years later. Stamps were a release and an escape.

From there, Garfield writes of the philatelic world, mostly from a British perspective, as he saw it while chasing stamps. The stamp dealers, mostly honourable; the customers, too many of them gullible; and the sharp-practice men, who have migrated en masse to eBay. He considers at length the obsession of collectors, whether stamps, art, or soccer memorabilia, and why such obsessions are seldom taken up by the children or grandchildren these days. He notes that the greatest regrets that collectors have is not buying that one item when they had the chance. Garfield's life-long search was for the Parliamentary issue missing blue, a stamp that appeared from time to time, always priced just a bit more than he could afford at the time. All told, a sympathetic portrayal of philately.

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STAMPS WE REALLY NEED

by Neil Maki

Here are a few ideas that probably won't make it past the Stamp Design Advisory Committee over at Canada Post.

Non-denominated perpetual stamp: Depicts a Hummer, is oversized compared to regular stamps, and takes up too much room on the envelope. Instead of a numerical face value, it would have the letters WTI, and would sell for the same price as a barrel of oil, using the previous day's closing on the commodities exchange. Before you laugh, remember this: within living memory a 50c stamp used to be considered a high value stamp suitable only for registered mail and heavy parcels.

Commemorative stamps:

A set of four science fiction stamps, showing fantasy scenes such as:

- i) Deerfoot Trail with no accidents or traffic jams
- ii) Calgarians celebrating the Flames winning the Stanley Cup
- iii) LRT passengers politely lining up to get on the train after first standing aside so riders could get off
- iv) a retail store with sufficient staff who know their job and provide good service

Definitive stamps: Instead of rare tropical orchids, the next series would show typical Canadian flowers such as the dandelion, Canada thistle, and goats-beard. The insect low-values would show paper wasps, ants, mosquitoes, and blackflies.

Duck stamp: Shows a scenic view of a tailings pond up at the Athabasca Tar Sands.

1-cent stamp: Made from shredded sub-prime mortgages, thereby doubling the value of the paper. Depicts a banker being hanged on a Bay Street light pole by an angry mob of investors.

AS OTHERS SEE US

"Stamp-collectors are a strange, silent, fish-like breed, of all ages, but only of the male sex; women, apparently, fail to see the peculiar charm of gumming bits of coloured paper into albums."

George Orwell, in his essay "Bookshop Memories", published in the November 1936 issue of FORTNIGHTLY REVIEW.

CURRENT POSTMARKS OF CALGARY: PART 5

by Dale Speirs

Northeast Calgary.

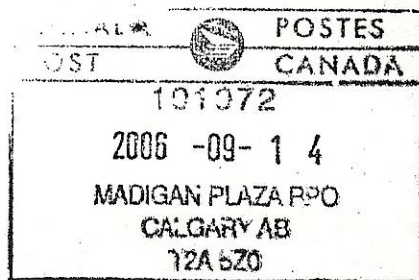


Airways Industrial district: shopping plaza on south side 32 Avenue NE at 19 Street.
Airways Foods
A nice topical cancel.

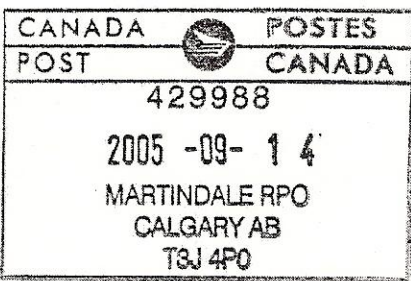
Coral Springs: 68 Street NE
and Coral Springs Boulevard.
Dollar & More Dry Cleaning



Country Hills: Country Hills
Boulevard NE, Shoppers Drug Mart



Marlborough: Memorial Drive
and 60 Street NE
Shoppers Drug Mart



Martindale: Martindale Gate NE
7-Eleven

Mayland Heights: 19 Street NE and 8 Avenue. This is an interesting one. When I first got the postmark, the store was a Super Drug Mart. I scanned the postmark, put it away, and not until I was setting up this series of articles did I notice that it was an error postmark, reading "Maryland" instead of "Mayland". I went back to get another sample to see if they had noticed the error, but in the meantime Super Drug Mart had been bought out by Rexall Drugs. Every time that ownership of a RePO changes, so does the outlet number, so the whole thing became a moot point.

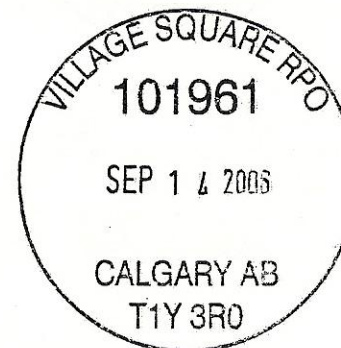


Super Drug Mart - error "Maryland"



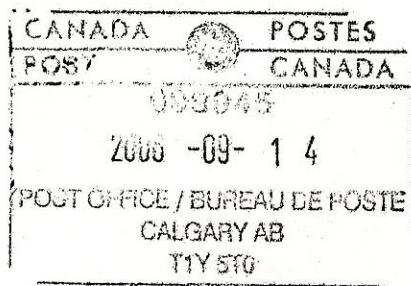
Rexall Drugs - corrected "Mayland"

Pineridge: 52 Street NE and
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Village Square Dry Cleaners

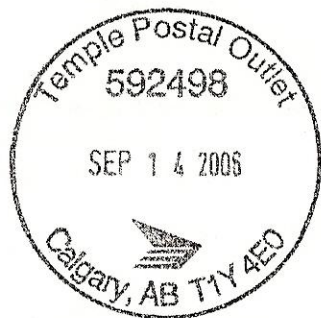




Saddleridge: 80 Avenue NE and
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Shoppers Drug Mart



Sunridge Mall: 36 Street NE
and 24 Avenue
Shoppers Drug Mart



Temple: 52 Street NE and Temple
Road
7-Eleven



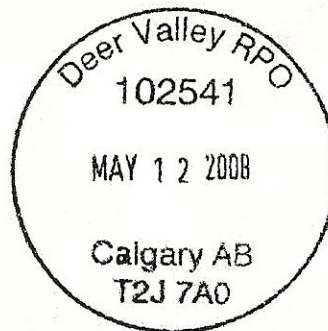
Falconridge: Falsbridge Drive NE,
Shoppers Drug Mart
This is an error postmark still in use.
The address is garbled as 'Falconbridge'
instead of Falsbridge.



Harvest Hills: 96 Avenue NE and
Harvest Hills Boulevard,
Rexall Drugs
The Harvest Hills subdivision was
completed several years ago, but the
shopping centre to serve them is only
now under construction.

Southeast Calgary.

Acadia: Heritage Drive SE and
Fairmount Drive
Shoppers Drug Mart

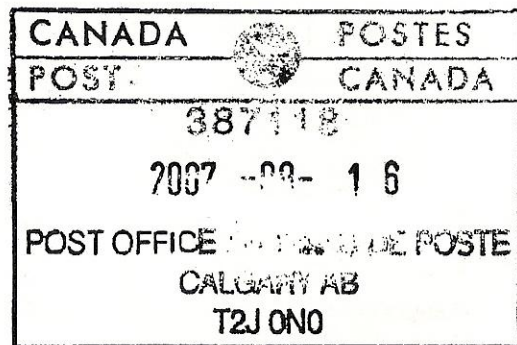
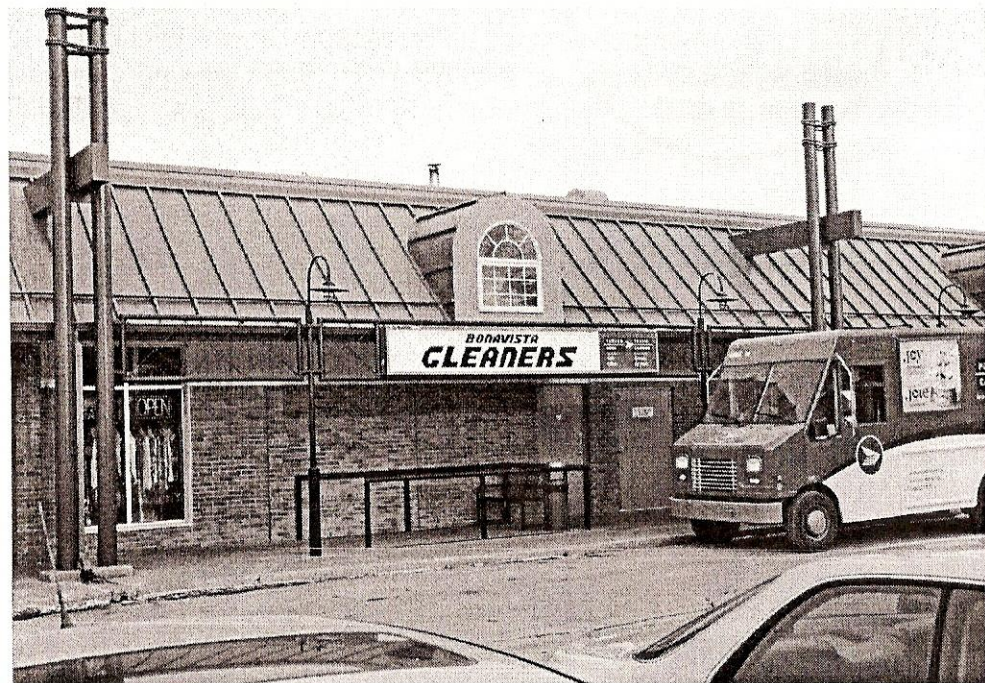


Deer Run: Bow Bottom Trail SE and
Canyon Meadows Drive
White Oak Cleaners

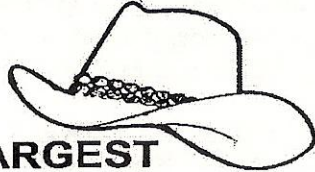


Douglas Glen: 24 Street SE and
Deerfoot Trail
Rexall Drugs

Lake Bonavista: Lake Bonavista Drive SE and Acadia Drive, at the rear of the shopping plaza. Bonavista Cleaners. As you can see, a Canada Post van was making a pickup at the time I took the photo.



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2008

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	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.

CALGARY ASSOCIATION OF PHILATELIC EXHIBITORS meets fourth Wednesdays. For details, contact Jim Taylor at 238-3698.

Dues Are Due!

Membership dues for the 2008/09 season will be due and payable at the September general meeting. Please see Isobel Attrell.