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2009 is the
centennial
of the Grey
Cup.

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The CPS was founded in April 1922 by Dr. Edward George Mason. It is Chapter 66 of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, Chapter 1360 of the American Philatelic Society, and Chapter 91 of the American Topical Association.

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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100 YEARS OF THE GREY CUP

by Neil Maki

In 1909, the Governor-General of Canada, Lord Albert Grey, 4th Earl, established a cup for the best rugby team in Canada. He is remembered philatelically by the post office of Earl Grey, Saskatchewan, named in his honour. A stamp was issued for the Grey Cup itself in 1987. The Grey Cup is one of the oldest sports trophies in the world. By contrast, soccer's World Cup began in 1930, the American Super Bowl was established in 1967, and rugby's World Cup only in 1987.



Rugby, soccer, and football were still evolving a century ago, which is why Canada, Australia, Britain, and the USA now have different forms of football. The Grey Cup eventually became the award for the Canadian Football League in 1954, and will celebrate its centennial in 2009. Calgary will host the Grey Cup final in 2009 at McMahon Stadium.

The Calgary Stampeders have not been an overly successful football team for much of their history, often going generations between Grey Cup victories before starting to win more frequently in recent years. The Stampeders won the Grey Cup in 1948, 1971, 1992, 1998, 2001, and 2008. Cowtown can take credit for inventing the full-scale Grey Cup festivities in 1948, when the final was played in Toronto. It is now traditional for Calgarians to put on a western-style party in the host city if the Stampeders are playing in the finals, with pancake breakfasts on the sidewalks, cowboys riding horses through hotel lobbies, and Stampede rodeo princesses.



1995 spray-on cancel from Regina, Saskatchewan, host city for the Grey Cup that year

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

The December 3, 2008, meeting was our annual Christmas social, and went quite well, with a very good turnout. Activities included a humorous quiz, a wine-tasting contest, a huge smorgasbord, clothesline exhibits, and a cookie decorating contest. The proverbial good time was had by all.



The wine-tasting contest. What's in brown paper bag #4?



Finalists in the cookie decorating contest.



Food as far as the human eye could see.



Contemplating a tough quiz question.

OFF WE GO INTO THE WILD BLUE YONDER

by Elizabeth Saunaranta

2009 is the centennial of the first heavier-than-air powered flight in the British Commonwealth, a flight which just happened to be in Canada. It was on February 23, 1909, that pilot John McCurdy lifted up into the air in the Silver Dart. The plane was co-designed by him and Alexander Graham Bell, and was flown at McCurdy's birthplace of Baddeck, Nova Scotia.



The Silver Dart was pictured on a 1959 stamp, which also showed three Avro Arrows. The Canadian government cancelled the Arrow project a few days before the stamp was issued. Officials then denied that

the jets were Arrows, but since they were the only delta-winged aircraft Canada ever had at the time, no one believed them.

The village of Botha, Alberta, has a pictorial postmark advertising the Underwood Flying Machine of 1907. The brothers John, George, and Elmer Underwood had heard the exciting stories of the Wright brothers, and decided to build their own flyer. They tested it successfully in 1907 as a man-carrying kite. In 1908, they installed an engine and propeller on it, but it was too heavy to leave the ground. They tried to find an engine light enough and powerful enough to lift the machine off the ground, but the cheapest quote they could get was for \$1,300, a veritable fortune in the money of the day. So they gave up, and they and Alberta missed the chance for aviation immortality.



CURRENT POSTMARKS OF CALGARY: PART 8

by Dale Speirs

Rectangular To Round.

Rectangular postmarks require a separate ink pad, while round postmarks are self-inking. When a retail postal outlet (RePO) buys a new postmarking device, the conversion is made. Some RePOs, such as Bowness, still cling to their old postmarkers. The following RePOs have recently converted to round cancels.

Bridgeland: Luke's Value Drug Mart,
1 Avenue NE and 4 Street



Hillhurst: 7-Eleven, Kensington Road
and 25 Street NW

Mount Royal College: Copy Shop,
basement of Unit Z





Chinook Centre Mall: Shopper's Drug
Mart, Macleod Trail SW and
Glenmore Trail

Sarcee: 7-Eleven, 37 Street SW
and 46 Avenue



Outlet Number Change.

When a RePO changes hands, a new number is issued.



Woodlands: IDA Pharmacy, 24
Street SW and Woodview Drive

Super Drug Mart To Rexall Drugs.

The Super Drug Mart chain has recently been bought out by Rexall Drugs, which is slowly converting the stores one by one. Each conversion results in a new postmark for the associated RePO.

Canyon Meadows: Elbow Drive SW
and Anderson Road



Strathcona: Strathcona Blvd SW

Rexall, however, is closing some of the stores it takes over. The Scarboro store, and RePO, at 14 Street SW and 12 Avenue, closed on December 31, 2008.

New Listing.

Sunridge Industrial: 32 Avenue NE and
34 Street, Sobeys



PHILATELIC LITERATURE REVIEWS

by Leanteri Polvikoski

Postal Stationery #363 (US\$34 per year from United Postal Stationery Society, c/o Stuart Leven, 1445-50 Foxworthy Avenue #187, San Jose, California 95118-1119) This nicely-printed 8.5x11 bimonthly deals with worldwide postal stationery. In the Nov/Dec 2008 issue, subjects discussed include Canal Zone postal cards, Gerald King's Alice In Wonderland cinderella stationery, India POW cards, Bechuanaland postal card essays, various USA stationery, British Forces aerogrammes, and how an Australian postal card design was plagiarized from a Mexican revenue stamp.

Topical Time (2008 Nov/Dec) (Available at the club library; ask Penny Borrowman or Linda Kot) The CPS is a chapter of the American Topical Association, and as one benefit we get this bimonthly. The issue at hand has articles on fashion models, Emperor Trajan, feeding the world, the American Civil War, spy planes, Disney, steamboats, and Dr. Livingstone (of "I presume" fame). Additionally every issue has checklists, topical-related stamp and postmark news, a cinderella column, and ATA news. The ATA is a very useful resource for the topical collector.

PHSC Journal (2008 Fall) (Sample copy \$6.25 from Postal History Society of Canada, c/o Stephane Cloutier, 255 Shakespeare Street, Ottawa K1L 5M7) Well-printed square-bound quarterly. The issue at hand has articles on the postal history of Surge Narrows (BC), Red Deer (AB), Tignish (PEI), Swastika (ON), and Selton (ON). Articles by theme discuss the early history of FDCs in Canada, Northern Pacific express envelopes, UPU rates, and postal relations with Belgium. As well, there are letters to the editor, book reviews, and news items about postal history.

AS OTHERS SEE US

From the September 27, 2008, issue of THE ECONOMIST, in an article discussing government surveillance of Web users:

"Spies are increasingly snooping on private Internet use. ... Data-mining software develops profiles by taking into account all Web pages visited by a computer user. If the suspect visits a stamp-collecting Website, the suspicion score is lowered."

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This award is given annually for the CPS member contributing the most to the club during the recent season. For 2007/08, the award was presented to Dave Russum. In addition to his duties as President, Dave worked hard to get our revised constitution approved by the provincial government, and carried out numerous duties behind the scenes.

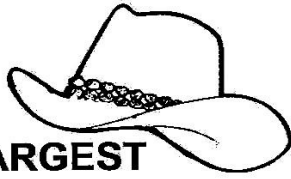
The photo show Jim Taylor (left) presenting the award to Dave.



DR. E.G. MASON AWARD

This trophy, named after the founder of the CPS, is given for long service behind the scenes. For 2008, it was awarded to Dwayne Miner, a stalwart supporter of Calgary stamp shows who has worked hard to make them successes.





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FOR SALE: British colonies KGV to QEII, New Zealand and Australia, very reasonable. All mint, LH or NH. Phone Felix at 464-3252.

FOR SALE: USA mint stamp collection 1973-1994 Face value \$432.57; virtually complete. \$400.00 or best offer. Call Doug at 547-3838.

FOR SALE: Used stamps of Australia and New Zealand. Also have Canada mint both singles and plate blocks. Call Craig Allison at 281-3852.

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WANTED: Canadian military covers and postcards with hospital ships (white with red crosses). Contact Jon Johnson at 253-8411 or jcjperfins@hotmail.com

WANTED: Tanna Tuva, especially covers. I used to have a few and now starting over. Phone Keith at (780)437-1787 (Edmonton)

WANTED: Stamp show catalogues, Canadian and international shows. The older the better. Please contact Ed at 274-0021 or harrise@shaw.ca

WANTED: Owl stamps worldwide. Cash or trade. Call Pat at 238-3435.

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. Phone Doug Kollar at 547-3838.

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.

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WANTED: Stamps and covers from China to 1949, People's Republic of China, and Taiwan. Special interest in overprints and bulk lots. Prefer postally used. Call Penny at 686-2662 or pkborrowman@yahoo.ca.

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WANTED: Canadian stamps, mint or very fine used. Call Arnie at 279-5957.

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2009

January	21	Auction
February	4	General meeting
	18	Auction
March	4	General meeting
	4	deadline for April bulletin
	18	Auction
April	1	General meeting
	15	Auction
	25 to 26	Spring Bourse
May	6	General meeting
	6	deadline for June bulletin
	20	Auction
June	3	General meeting
	17	Auction
August	1	deadline for August bulletin
September	2	General meeting
	2	deadline for October bulletin
	16	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.

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.