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REGISTERED FIRST-DAY COVERS

by Jon Johnson

One popular area of cover collecting is First Day covers (FDCs). An aspect of these covers that seems neglected are the registered FDCs. One rarely sees them, yet they are seldom expensive, so it is mostly an effort in time to build a nice collection of them.

As an example, this envelope shown below was registered at Heard Island, the Australian Antarctic research station. Having label #207, it is clear that not many registered envelopes were sent from this sub-Antarctic island.



For a second registered envelope, shown on the next page, I borrowed one from my wife Leanna's exhibit. In this case, the envelope was mailed in New South Wales, addressed to Austria. The Royal Flying Doctor Service stamp was issued to pay the domestic airmail rate of 7d. The airmail rate to Austria was 2s15d, partly made up with two Flying Doctor stamps.

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(Please do not send payment to the editorial address at Box 6830 as this will delay your dues.)

KING OF HOBBIES, HOBBY OF KINGS

by Ron Tabbert

Stamp collectors have “poster boys” (and girls!) for their hobby. It seems John Lennon was a bit of a collector. I saw his first stamp album, now owned by the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., on display there at the 2006 international stamp show. Musician Freddie Prinz, from the band Queen, was a collector. In 1989, at another stamp show in Washington, I got Radar’s autograph. Remember him? Gary Burghoff from the old TV show MASH. He’s an avid collector of Duck stamps used as licenses by hunters. He has made a video on collecting which we show at Lady Grey School classes and clubs in Golden, B.C., where I live. Ernest Borgnine and Karl Malden, both actors, were collectors who served on the U.S. Citizens’ Stamp Advisory Committee.



Franklin Delano Roosevelt, President of the United States from 1933 to 1945. Now, if you were president and you wanted a certain stamp to be printed, I wonder... Yep, it happened. He had lots of ideas and many of them were issued as stamps.

One of the most unique items in my collection is a cover from the collection of King Faruk of Egypt. After he died in 1965 his collection was sold and now pieces show up all over the world. U.S. astronaut Hank Hartsfield is a philatelist, and it’s possible the husband of artist Mary Pratt

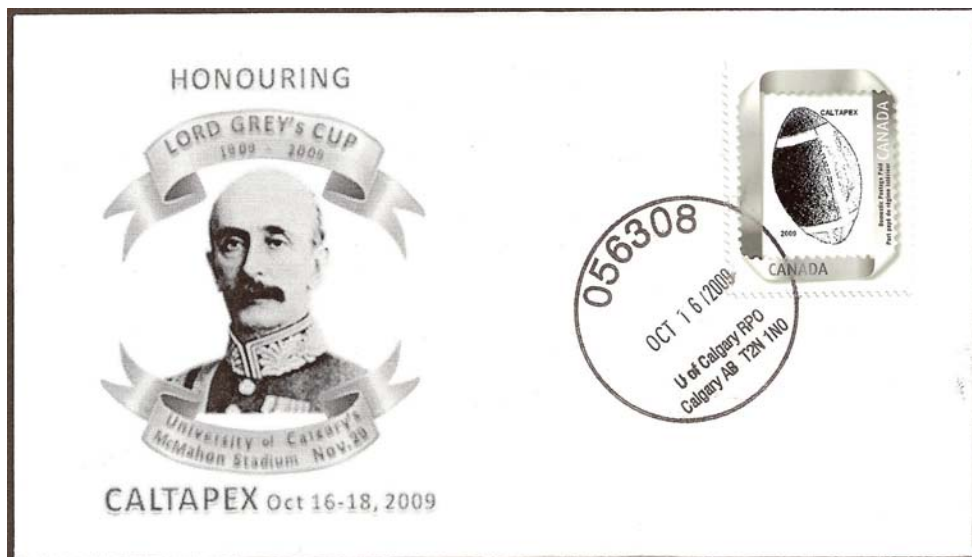
was as well. Her art appeared on two Canada stamps in 2007.

The greatest collection today belongs to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. The CPS was fortunate to be able to show some of her collection at the Royal 2006 Royale. She even has her own curator, Mr. Michael Sefi, whom we were honoured to meet at the show. It’s not hard to be a collector when every country in the British Commonwealth makes sure you get a sheet of every stamp they issue, especially when most them have your picture on them. The Queen inherited her collection from her father, King George VI, who inherited it from his father, King George V. George V was the real collector in the family. Some of the pages he wrote up himself were in the exhibit in Calgary. It is from King George V that stamp collectors get their motto: the king of hobbies, the hobby of kings.

I’ve read about a collector who collects stamps with pictures of people who collect stamps. What an interesting twist. I wouldn’t mind seeing a check-list on that.

CALTAPEX 2009 COVER

As usual for our annual show, a commemorative cover was produced, thanks to the work of Norma Nielson and Dale Speirs. The obvious theme for this year's show was the Grey Cup football game. Not only was this year the centennial of the Grey Cup, but Calgary hosted the 2009 championship game as well. The cover was franked with a Picture Postage stamp showing a football and a cachet depicting the Earl Grey. It was postmarked at the University of Calgary retail postal outlet since the university owns McMahon Stadium, the site of the 2009 Grey Cup.



We have a few covers left over from the show, available for \$3 each plus \$1 for postage from the CPS, c/o Dale Speirs, Box 6830, Calgary T2P 2E7, or see him at the meetings.

CALTAPEX 2009 PALMARES

Court of Honour

Tim Bartshe	Bloemfontein 1910
Tim Bartshe	Rainbow trout
Tim Bartshe	Transvaal occupation stationery 1900-08
Tim Bartshe	Orange Free State VRI overprints of 1900

Grand Award

Earle Covert	Canada electronic mail services
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Grand Award (One-Frame)

Dave Bartlett	Ration booklets of Newfoundland
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Grand Award (Youth)

Matthew Gaiser	Canada 1982 International Philatelic Youth issue
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Gold

Dave Bartlett	Ration booklets of Newfoundland
Dave Bartlett	Newfoundland savings stamps

Vermeil

Earle Covert	Canada electronic mail services
Earle Covert	RCMP postcards
Leanna Johnson	Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia
Dave Russum	Postally abused
Donna Trathen	The Lippizan horses
Donald Wilson	Australian mail to the United Kingdom to 1891

Silver

Janice Brookes	Giant pandas
Sandy Freeman	WW2 reciprocal propaganda with Germany
Matthew Gaiser	Canada 1982 International Philatelic Youth issue
Patricia Prevey	Owls
Jim Taylor	1988 Calgary Olympics postcards

Silver-Bronze

Penny Borrowman	Canada's birds fly the mail
Steve Davis	5-cent USA regular issue of 1962
Ethan Gaiser	NHL All-Stars

Bronze

Dale Speirs	Cattle drives
Avrille Aiello	Stamps on stamps

Non-Competitive

Janice Brookes	Mediterranean mouflon
Jon Johnson	Canadian military hospitals at sea
Glen Lundeen	1-cent Small Queens

Special Awards

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors

Janice Brookes	Giant pandas
Sandy Freeman	WW2 reciprocal propaganda with Germany

American Philatelic Society

Donald Wilson	Australian mail to the United Kingdom to 1891
Janice Brookes	Giant pandas
Sandy Freeman	WW2 reciprocal propaganda with Germany

APS Research Medal

Earle Covert	Canada electronic mail services
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American Topical Association

Matthew Gaiser	Canada 1982 International Philatelic Youth issue
Patricia Prevey	Owls

British North America Philatelic Society

Dave Bartlett	Ration booklets of Newfoundland
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WE (Women Exhibitors)

Janice Brookes	Giant pandas
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Ed Harris Award (Best Exhibit by a CPS member)

Donna Trathen	The Lippizan horses
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CAPE SCHEDULE FOR 2009/2010

The Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors is a support group for stamp collectors who are serious about exhibiting. Members range from international-gold winners to beginners just starting out. CAPE meets fourth Wednesdays; for details; contact Jim Taylor at 238-3698. Their schedule for the next season is as below.

2009

November 25	Classes for exhibiting, philatelic elements	Donna Trathen
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2010

January 27	Organization - telling a story - chapters, headings, subheadings	Dave Russum
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February 24	Presentation - paper types - mats and mounts - layout by frame - computer tips (fonts, etcetera)	Pat Prevey
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March 24	Using a computer for design and layout	Dave Bartlet
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April 28	Finalizing the title page and plan page	Jon Johnson
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May 26	Entering a show - competitive or not? - entry form and fees - the synopsis - judges' critique - shipping and delivery	Jim Taylor
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CURRENT POSTMARKS OF CALGARY: PART 13

by Dale Speirs

New RePOs.

Beltline: 15 Avenue SE and 1 Street,
Shoppers Drug Mart.

This store is at the base of a new condo tower one block straight west of the Victoria Stampede LRT station. This will no doubt be popular as a topical cancel during the annual rodeo, since that event hasn't had a post office for years.



Beltline: 17 Avenue SW and 7 Street,
Shoppers Drug Mart
Technically this is in Mount Royal but since it is right on the boundary line, faces the Beltline, and is obviously intended to service the Beltline area, I classify it here.

Meanwhile, way down yonder in the deep southeast of suburban Calgary ...

Riverbend: 18 Street SE and
Riverglen Drive,
Sobey's



And way out in far west Calgary ...



Aspen Woods: 17 Avenue SW and
83 Street,
Shoppers Drug Mart

Revised Postmarks.

Sherwood: Beacon Hill Shopping Centre, 112 Avenue NW and Sarcee Trail, Shoppers Drug Mart. This RePO has a new postmark, easily recognized because the name of the outlet is now at the bottom.



old



new

Closed RePOs.

Martindale: Martindale Gate NW, 7-Eleven.
Last day was 2009-10-30.

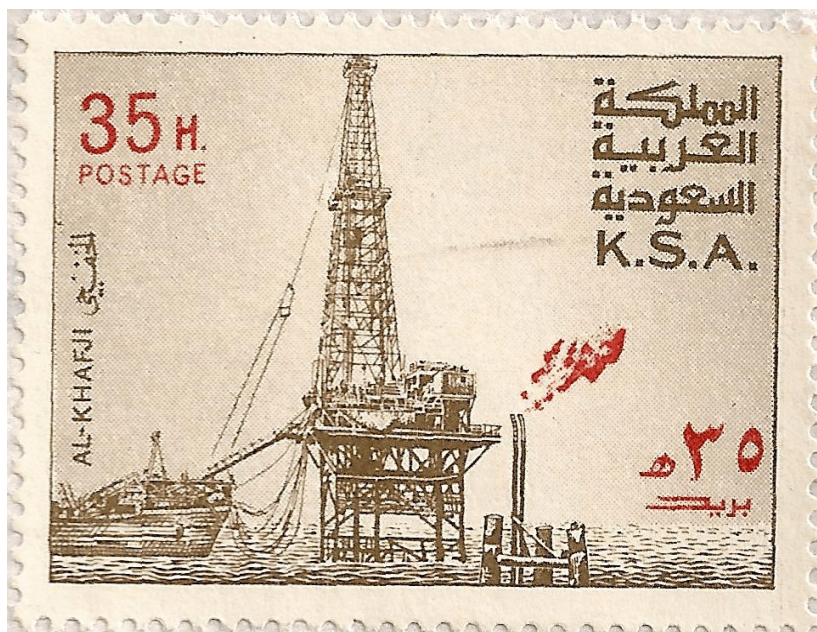
West Hillhurst: Kensington Road and 25 Street NW, 7-Eleven.
Last day was 2009-10-30.

Bankview: 14 Street SW and 26 Avenue, 7-Eleven. The store is being completely gutted and rebuilt. It will be interesting to see if the new store keeps its RePO when it re-opens.

PEAK OIL

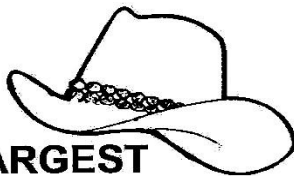
by Elizabeth Saunaranta

In 1956, a petroleum geologist named M. King Hubbert correctly predicted that American oil production would peak in 1970 and slowly decline thereafter. Even the North Slope oil from Alaska didn't bring production back up. Alberta's conventional oil production peaked in 1976 and today we have three times as many wells producing one-third the oil. World production peaked circa 2006 to 2008, and even \$147 oil couldn't boost oil production since older fields are declining faster than new fields are brought on stream.



Saudi Arabia has not discovered any new oil fields since the 1970s, and is now using offshore rigs to pump from the underwater extensions of land fields. The stamp shows one such rig. "KSA" means Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Peak Oil doesn't mean we are out of oil, only that we have used the easy-to-get, light sweet crude. It also has nothing to do with reserves because it doesn't matter how much oil there is underground if it can't be recovered fast enough to supply demand. Nor does it have anything to do with price; if the economy crashes, so does the price but the oil still continues to deplete. Peak Oil means the new sources of oil are heavy crude (such as the Athabasca Tar Sands), Arctic oil, or offshore oil (which requires billion-dollar rigs).



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

WANTED: Any covers, wrappers, or postcards from Great Britain sent after May 31, 1951, bearing 1d postage. Excellent prices paid for good items. Contact Dave at 284-4775.

FOR SALE: Canadian annual collections from 1980 to 2001. Call Al at 282-1031.

WANTED: Used Machin stamps with selvage attached. Cash or trade. Call Georg at 547-0409.

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WANTED: Collector of stamps, books, and history. Special interest in submarine material. Contact Wayne at 295-3275 or kingwi@shaw.ca

FOR SALE: Stamps of Australia, fine used. Up-to-date issues of the last couple of years, stamps and miniature sheets, good selection. Also have stamps and covers of Norfolk Island. Call Michael Teekens at 286-7927

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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.

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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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MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2009

November	18	Auction
December	2	Christmas social

2010

January	6	General meeting
	6	deadline for February bulletin
	20	Auction
February	3	General meeting
	17	Auction
March	3	General meeting
	3	deadline for April bulletin
	17	Auction
April	7	General meeting
	21	Auction
May	5	General meeting
	5	deadline for June bulletin
	19	Auction

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