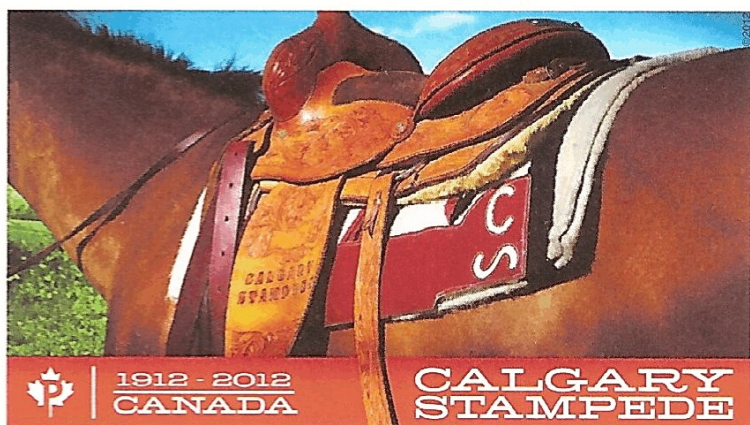


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BNAPEX 2012 CALTAPEX will go from August 31 to September 2, which happens to be the exact centennial to the day of the Calgary Stampede.

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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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STAMPEDE STAMP CELEBRATIONS

Thursday, May 17, was a busy day for Cowtown philatelists, with a first-day ceremony for the stamps at the Stampede grounds, and all kinds of ways to collect them, including virtual. The mass media gave excellent coverage to the stamp launch. CHQR 770 AM radio station mentioned it on their hourly news broadcast. The CALGARY HERALD quoted CPS members Penny Borrowman and Patricia Prevey, who were interviewed at the ceremony. Our then-President Gerry Vader was quoted in the CALGARY METRO. The television stations were there as well.



Jim Taylor took 95 photos at the ceremony, of which a few are shown here. The first photo is of our Secretary Donna Trathen, standing by the poster used for the official unveiling of the stamps. The bottom photo is of Gerry Vader.





At left, the media scrum surrounds the stamp artist Xerxes Irani.

Below is a group photo of some of the dignitaries. Irania is second from left. Second from right is Scott Hardy, who designed the \$3,000 limited-edition belt buckle shown on one of the stamps.





A couple of screenshots are shown here from the CBC Calgary newscast, as Genevieve Latour, from Canada Post, demonstrated on a tablet the virtual app that is tied to the stamp. Go to www.canadapost.ca to download the app, and then aim your smartphone camera at the stamp to activate a 3-D video game. The horse and saddle stamp will

show a horse standing over the stamp. The horse reacts when you touch it on the head, back, or rump, and you can change its colours. Aiming your smartphone at the belt buckle stamp will bring up a barrel racing game. Touch your finger to the rider and horse, and then drag them around the cloverleaf track as fast as possible to get the lowest time elapsed.



CALGARY STAMPEDE CENTENNIAL FIRST-DAY COVERS

by Dale Speirs



Normally this bulletin is printed and mailed within a week after the deadline. Because of the Calgary Stampede stamps issued on May 17, I held back the copies for Canadian and American members. Sorry to our two international members; there were no overseas-rate Stampede stamps so I used the Titanic stamp and mailed those copies at the usual time.

May 17 was a hectic day for me. At 09h00 I drove over to the Canada Post sub-office across from Chinook Mall and bought 400 of the Calgary Stampede stamps issued that day. Then I drove home and spent the next hour applying the stamps to the mailout of the June issue of this bulletin to Canadian and American members. (200 copies; the rest of the stamps will be used for a later bulletin and be mailed from the Centennial postal outlet.)

Next I took the bus downtown and went to the Stampede Station postal outlet in the Shoppers Drug Mart one block west of the Stampede-Victoria Park LRT

station. There I helped the clerk postmark the mailout with a first-day postmark. If you kept the envelope you got the June bulletin in, please write on the back (not the front!) for the benefit of future collectors that this was a first-day cover.

Having discharged my duties as Editor, I started on my personal set of five #10 envelopes with three Stampede stamps on them in vertical format. I had the clerk postmark the middle one (see above cover). I took the LRT downtown, and walked

over to the Centennial Place skyscraper at 3 Avenue SW and 4 Street, where there is a postal outlet in the Hallmark Cards on the second floor. The clerk let me cancel the stamps myself but it wasn't until I was done that I noticed she had forgotten to change the date on the handstamp. I had inadvertently postmarked the top stamp with a May 16 date, which will no doubt lead some future philatelist to conclude that this outlet released the stamps a day early.



From there I walked over to the Central Post Office where I have my box number. They had put up posters announcing a celebration of the Stampede stamps, with a cake and decorations. I ate a piece of

cake (the slice that had the first two digits of the number 100; delicious!), and admired the display put up by the posties, who really got into the spirit of things. I asked if Central had a special cancel for the event and yes, there was one. It was about the size of a nickel and was the same as the one used at the Stampede grounds ceremony. I also used their regular Heart of the New West cancel, which they have had since 2007.





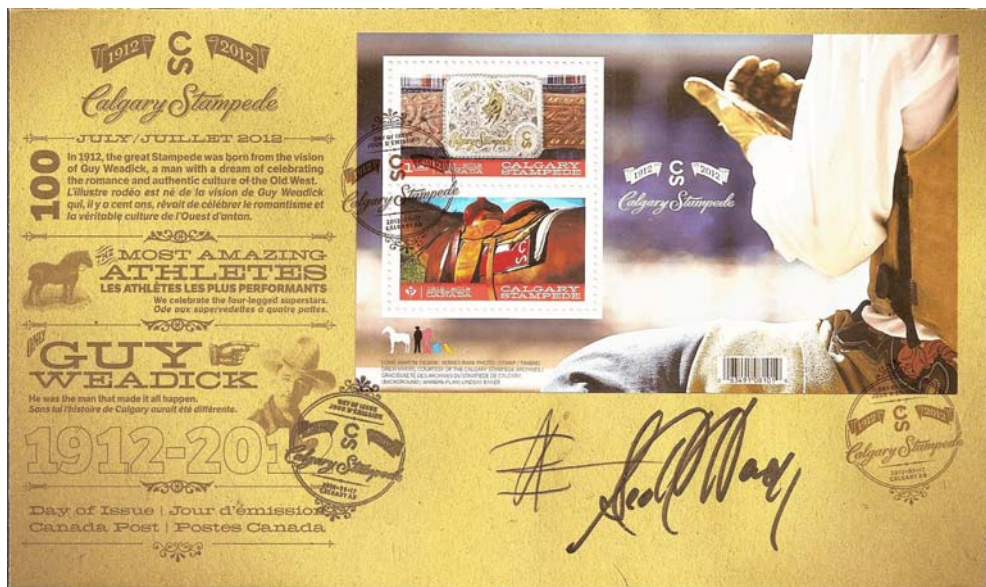
It was very difficult to photograph the displays because there was so much glass at different angles that there were reflections no matter where I stood, but I hope these photos will give some idea. Above is the display for the belt buckle stamp, with toy horses.

At right is part of the display for the horse and saddle stamp.



CALGARY STAMPEDE FIRST-DAY COVER CEREMONY

by Donna Trathen



Shown above is a Calgary Stampede first-day cover with signatures of Xerxes Irani (the stamp designer) and Scott Hardy (the artisan who made the belt buckle), and the official Stampede cancel used on it at the FDC ceremony. The official FDC had the miniature sheet of both Stampede stamps in se-tenant configuration.

I had fun and I think everyone enjoyed themselves. The Stampede speaker made a point of telling the news people that there were stamp collectors in the audience and that they should talk to us as well. We were told that if the public wanted to purchase the special belt buckle, it would cost us \$3,000 each.

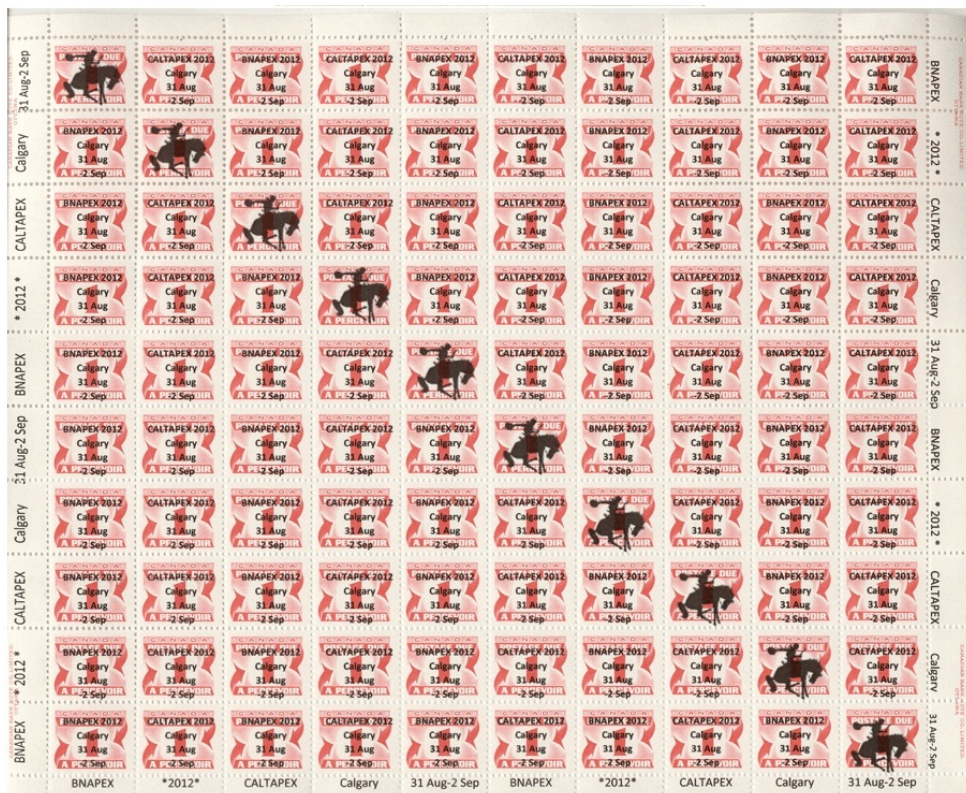


I also got to meet Allison Boswell, who was the 1995 Stampede Queen. It is her horse Sunny that was used for the image on the domestic-rate stamp. It is also her Stampede Queen saddle on his back for the stamp, as seen in the close-up at left.

BNAPEX 2012 CALTAPEX

August 31 to September 2 will be the combined show of the British North America Philatelic Society and the Calgary Philatelic Society. It will be at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Calgary at Centre Street and 7 Avenue SE. This will be a national level show with more events and exhibits than our regular show. The bourse and exhibits are free to the public but seminars and other events are restricted to paid delegates.

The theme of the show will be a celebration of the centennial of the Calgary Stampede. Today the Stampede is held in the middle two weeks of July, but the first one in 1912 was on the Labour Day weekend. This means that BNAPEX 2012 CALTAPEX will be on the exact centennial anniversary of the Stampede. Shown below is one interesting souvenir of the show, sheets of Canada postage dues overprinted with the BNAPEX 2012 CALTAPEX name and a cowboy riding a bucking bronco.



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IT NEVER RAINS BUT IT POURS

Calgary hit the jackpot this year for stamps. First the John Ware stamp in February, then the Stampede stamps in May, and now two stamps for the 100th playing of the Grey Cup. The one shown below was released on June 29 as a coil of fifty stamps. On August 16 there will be a set of booklet stamps, one showing a Stampeder football player circa 1948. The other CFL teams had similar stamps as well.

Your editor will delay mailing this bulletin until August 16 and will endeavour to make it a first-day cover postmarked from the Stadium postal outlet at Paragon Drugs in the shopping plaza at 16 Avenue NW and Uxbridge Drive. Check the envelope this issue came in if you are a Canadian reader (sorry, no American or international rate stamps for the CFL). Make sure you mark on the back of the envelope that it was an FDC.



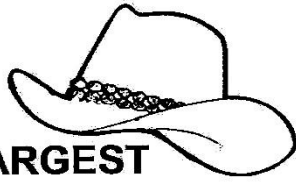
DUES ARE DUE!

Members are reminded that memberships are up for renewal at the September general meeting. Please be ready to pay \$15 to our Membership Chairman Julius Szekrynes at that meeting.

IN MEMORIAM: JAMES SADLER

On 2012-04-27, Jim Sadler passed away at the age of 88. He was predeceased by his wife and daughter, and is survived by two siblings, a son, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He served in WW2 in the Royal Canadian Navy, and survived the sinking of his ship after it was torpedoed by a U-boat.

Jim joined the CPS in 1963. He served as Secretary for 1970/71, and was President from 1971 to 1973. He was Circuit Books Director from 1978 to 1980, and worked behind the scenes in various capacities. Jim received the Founders' Award in 1973 and was made an Honourary Life Member in 1989.



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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)

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August 31 to September 2		BNAPEX 2012 CALTAPEX
September	5	Deadline for October bulletin
	5	General meeting
	19	Auction
October	3	General meeting
	17	Auction
November	7	General meeting
	7	Deadline for December bulletin
	21	Auction
December	5	Christmas social

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January	2	General meeting
	2	Deadline for February bulletin
	16	Auction
February	6	General meeting
	20	Auction
March	6	General meeting
	20	Auction

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

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