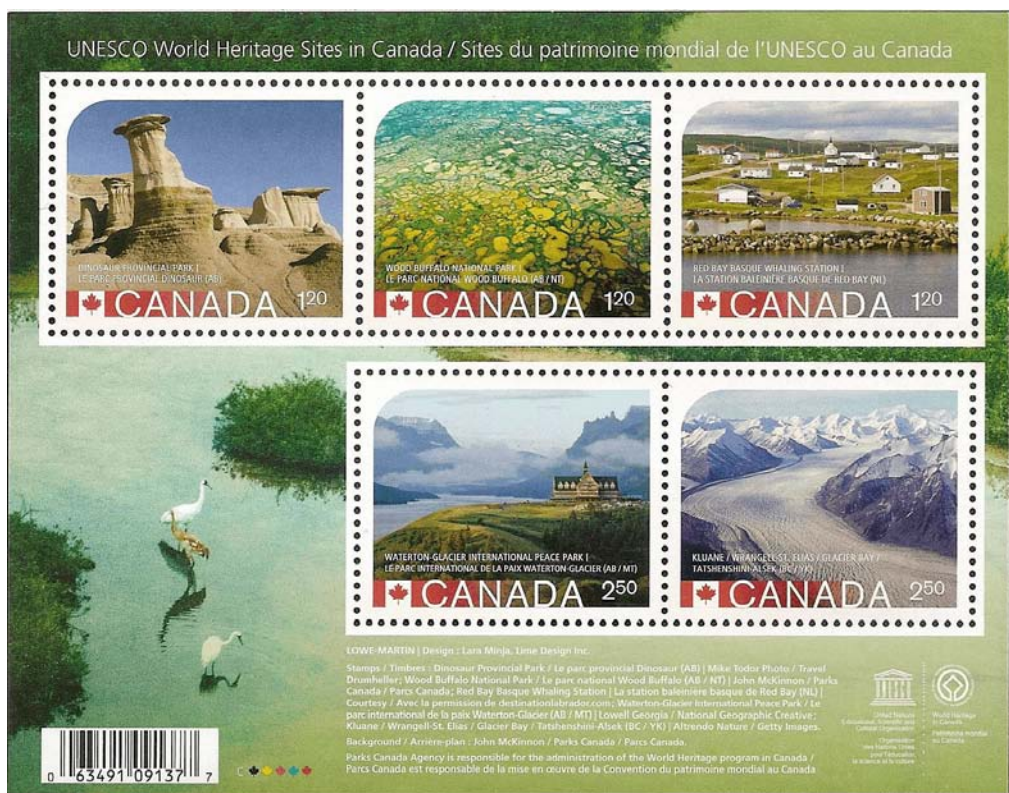


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This souvenir sheet will be one of the great rarities of Canadian philately. Did you get yours? If so, hang on to it. More of the story inside this issue on page 3.

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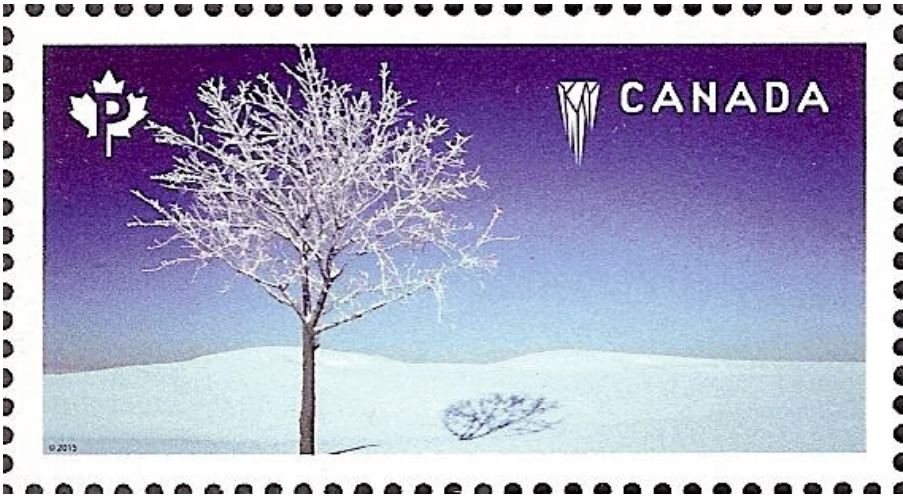
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LOTS OF ALBERTA STAMPS THIS SUMMER

Alberta philatelists got lots of topical stamps in the summer of 2015. On June 18, a set of weather stamps was issued, one of which shows hoarfrost on a tree at Beaumont. This town of 15,000 is halfway between Edmonton and Leduc, a few kilometres east of Nisku.



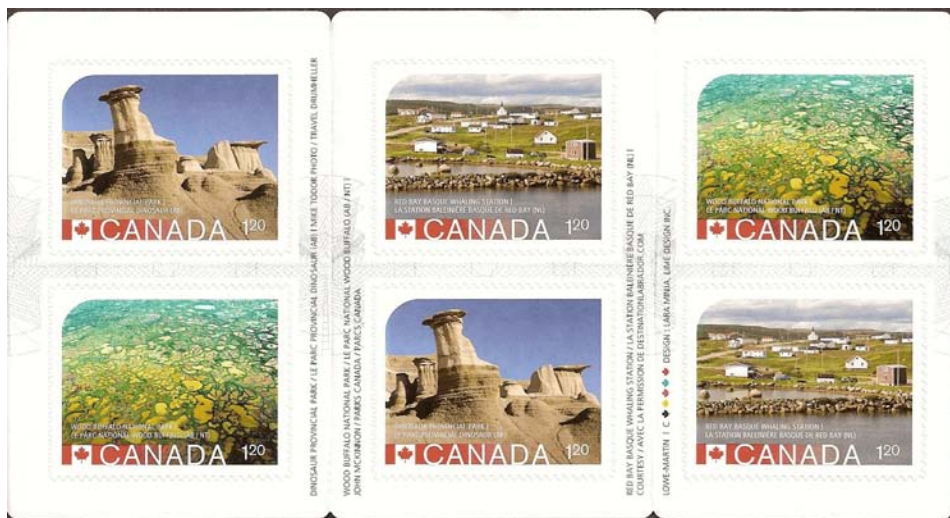
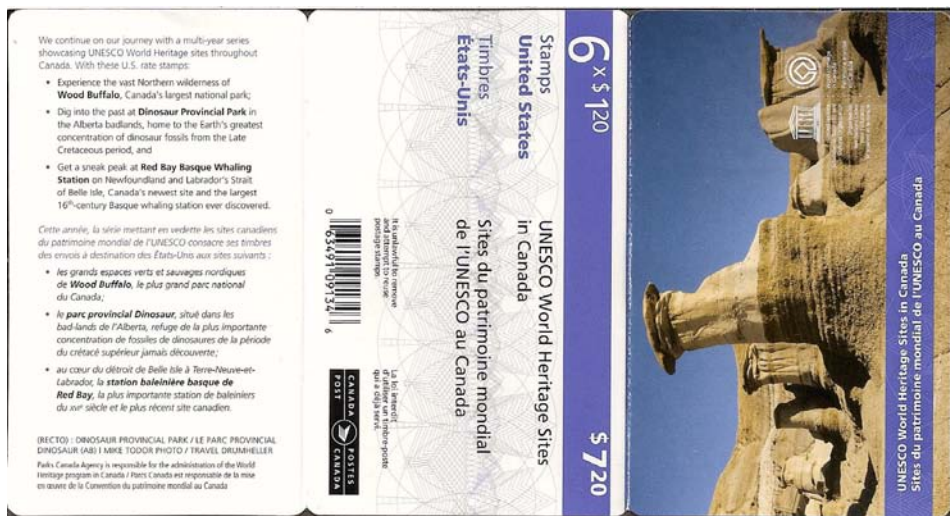
The World Heritage sites set of July 3 (which happened to be Stampede parade day) had three of the five stamps about Alberta. They honoured Wood Buffalo National Park on the northern border, Waterton National Park on the southern border, and Dinosaur Provincial Park south of Drumheller. The three stamps shown below are from the souvenir sheet.





The Dinosaur Park stamp caused a controversy because the hoodoos shown on the stamp are located near the hamlet of East Coulee, 100 km upstream from the park, on the Red Deer River just south of Drumheller. There are hoodoos in the park, but not the ones depicted on the stamp. Canada Post withdrew the stamps on July 6, which was a sensation.

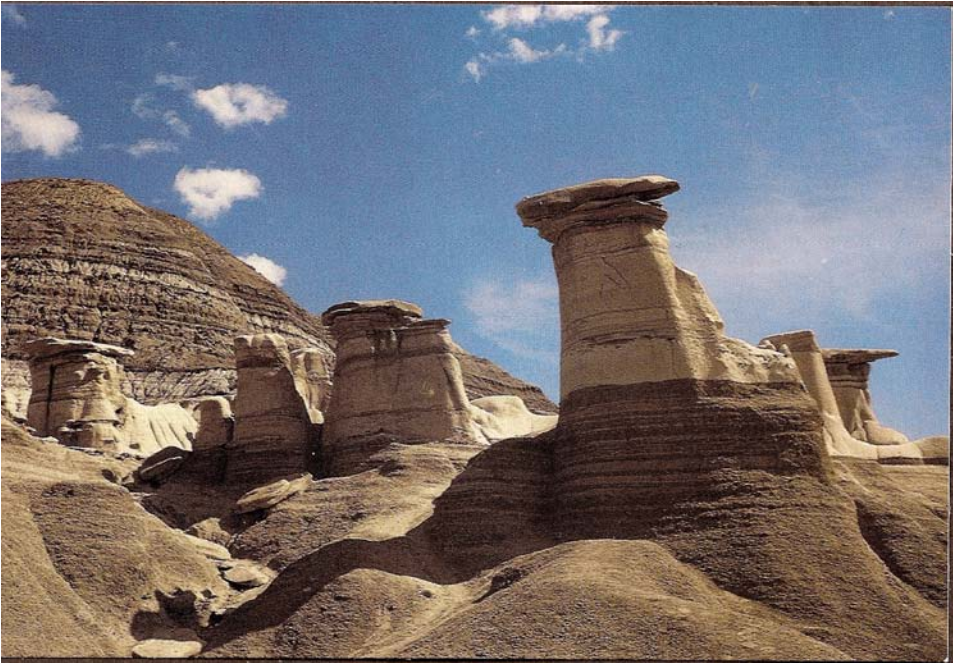
The two sides of the withdrawn booklet are shown below.



The stamps were on sale for four days nationwide, plus a few standing-order clients received theirs directly. Most had their World Heritage stamps stripped out before shipping. Online sellers were asking high prices, but it remains to be seen what the final price will settle at. Don't rush to buy at any price; values will settle down as quantities become known and demand reaches equilibrium.

What you should definitely do is look for genuinely-used covers from July 3 to 7 inclusive, that being the only real period of use. They can still be used for postage afterwards, of course. The search will be a toughie though, because the stamps paid the American rate, so genuinely-used covers will have gone south of the border.

There was also to be a postal card with the hoodoos but since Canada Post never ships these until several weeks after the stamps come out, it is unlikely that anyone could have got them. In 1972, the Canadian Post Office issued a set of scenic postal cards included a view of the exact same hoodoos, more accurately being identified as being near Drumheller.



Canada Post Office Postes canadiennes
Pre-stamped postcard Carte postale timbrée



Canada Postes
Postage 8

“Hoodoos”, erosion in the Badlands near Drumheller — Alta.
“Hoodoos”, érosion dans les “Badlands” près de Drumheller (Alb.)

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After the recall announcement was made, Calgary philatelists rushed about to find any retail postal outlets (RePOs) whose staff didn't read the memo. Two such RePOs were found, and quickly cleared out. Which ones they were won't be named to avoid getting them in trouble with Canada Post.

CPS members were kept informed of this fast-breaking news by our Yahoo discussion group. If you're not on it, you should be. If you are a paid-up member of the CPS, one of the benefits of joining is a private discussion group on Yahoo restricted to within the club. The group is used for breaking news that would miss the bulletin, and for any general philatelic discussion that you may have. It is not a heavy-traffic site, so your email inbox won't be swamped. The day's postings by group members are compiled into a daily digest and automatically transmitted to members by Yahoo the following morning.

To join, see Dale Speirs in person at the meetings and give him a slip of paper with your name and email address. He will then send you an email invitation containing a link that you click on to join the group. Yahoo may require that you register but this is free and is not intrusive. No online or telephone registrations can be accepted, in order to avoid problems with spammers or trolls.

CIRCUIT BOOK REQUESTS

by Larry Tweedale

Some members have expressed their disappointment when circuit books are returned to them with low sales. It is also frustrating for me to see their efforts show less than satisfactory results. However it is important to maintain a fresh inventory of books as this aids in maintaining interest in the circuit books and thus increases sales. All books closed this year, with the exception of one, had at least 1.5 years of circulation. In total, 94 books were closed and 89 of these were submitted to me in November 2013 or earlier.

Please keep in mind that the commonest issues, heavily cancelled or faulty stamps, and heavy hinged stamps do not sell well. Also, buyers prefer prices that are less than half catalogue value and they tend to balk if the prices are higher than this.

Countries that sell well and that I need are:

1. Canada (all periods)
2. Great Britain
3. Germany (less common issues)
4. United States (early or recent)
5. China (very popular now)
6. Japan (none in stock presently)

I have had requests for these countries: Newfoundland, China, Russia and Venezuela. Once again I would like to thank everybody who has put in the huge effort to produce circuit books. This program owes its success to you!

CANADIAN POSTAL CARDS

by Dale Speirs

In 1979, the late Allan L. Steinhart published *THE POSTAL HISTORY OF THE POST CARD IN CANADA 1871-1911*, a look at the advent and spread of the Papernet's version of email. Originally both post offices and philatelists used the terms "postal card", "post card", and "postcard" interchangeably. The modern usage is that a postal card is issued only by a post office and has the postage imprinted on it, so that no stamp is necessary. A postcard can be issued by a post office but is more commonly privately produced, and requires that a postage stamp be added.

A German by the name of Heinrich von Stephan first proposed the idea of a postal card in 1865. Germany did not exist at that time; it was a collection of quarrelling principalities and minor states, and there was no unified postal system or currency system. The idea did not succeed because of that problem, but von Stephan is recognized as one of the two fathers of the postal card. Dr. Emanuel Herrmann, an economics professor in Austria, later took up the idea, and by constantly nagging the Austro-Hungarian Postmaster-General, was able to have the world's first postal card issued by Austria on 1869-10-01.

The idea was an instant success, and within a few years there were hundreds of millions of postal cards used in dozens of countries. The postage rate was the cheapest in every country's postal tariff, usually one cent or the equivalent in other currencies.

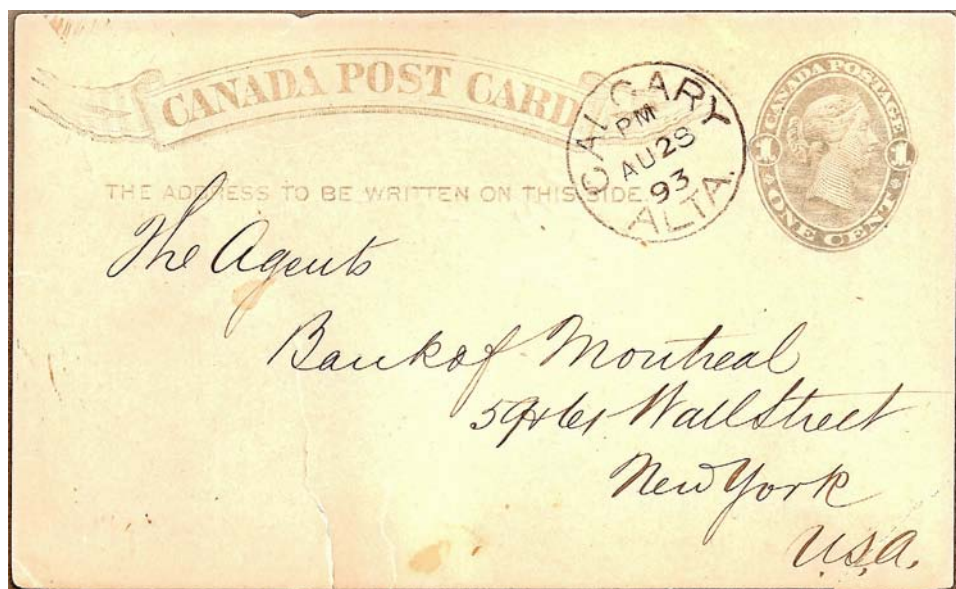
Postal cards were fast and easy to use. Address on one side, a quick message on the other. No having to fold paper, stuff envelopes, or stick stamps on. In those days, most large cities had several mail deliveries per day, so one could send an enquiry in the morning and get an answer back that afternoon. The killer app was advertising. Businesses could buy sheets of uncut postal cards, have advertisements printed on them, then cut to size, and mass-mailed. Countless clubs and churches used them for meeting notices.

In 1870, Bulgaria, France, Britain, and Switzerland adopted postal cards. Canada and many European nations, including the newborn Germany, took up the idea in 1871. The USA began producing postal cards in 1873, and by the end of the decade very few countries did not have postal cards.

Steinhart begins his book with the spread of the postcard idea to Canada. The Canadian Post Office (as Canada Post then was) began considering the idea in 1870, and on 1871-06-01, the first Canadian postal card was issued. Canada was the first nation outside Europe to produce postal cards. Like most countries, the Canadian postal card had official text and a one-cent stamp imprint on one side, where the address was to be written, and a blank reverse side for the message. View cards, with a pretty picture on front, were decades into the future and had to wait for advances in printing presses.

Initially the postal cards were only valid for domestic mails, but over several years from 1872 were allowed for international mail if additional postage was added. In 1877, a two-cent postal card was issued for mail to Newfoundland (then a separate country) and Britain. Strangely the 1877 rate to Germany was 2½ cents, although that only lasted sixteen months

before it conformed to regular rates. In 1878, Canada joined the Universal Postal Union, which standardized postage rates in a wide variety of categories, including postal cards at the 2-cent rate. Because of the cheap rate for postal cards, they could not be forwarded free like letters.



Calgary to New York City, 1893. Use of a postal card for business transaction.

A variation of the postal card that began in 1872 was the international reply card. This consisted of two postal cards hinged together, one for the initial message, and the other to be separated and used for the reply. The idea was that people could use them where they did not want to inconvenience the recipient for postage costs. They worked fine in the gold-standard era when international exchange rates and costs were relatively stable (excluding war or disaster).

When the world went to fiat currencies after 1971, currencies became so volatile that it was difficult for postal administrations to settle accounts with each other. The increasing use of telephones as international calls became cheaper, followed by faxes and finally emails, killed off reply cards. Canada issued its first reply postal card in 1882.

From the very beginning it was illegal to send postal cards with obscene, libellous, or dunning messages. Postal staff were not supposed to read messages because it wasted their time but at the same time were required to catch illegal messages. The January 1894 POSTAL GUIDE issued the following rule, which makes perfect sense to anyone who has worked for a bureaucratic organization. "*Postmasters are not intentionally to read Post Cards passing through their offices, but cards which are so conspicuously improper as to arrest attention, or the dunning character of which has been intentionally made prominent,*

are to be stopped and sent to the Dead Letter Office.” I published a history of postcard libel in 2005 in the journal *POSTAL STATIONERY* (Vol. 47, pages 119 to 123).

Private postcards were not permitted until 1895 at postal card rates; they had to be paid as letters. Initially they had to be in the same format as postal cards, with one side for the address and stamp only, and nothing else. The message or advertisement had to be on the back.

The first crack in this policy was the following year when postcards were allowed to have the return address on the same side as the addressee. Little by little the rules were amended until December 1903, when the modern form of postcard was allowed, the divided back, with address, stamp, and message on one side and a view or advertisement on the other.

Another problem with private postcards was that people were mailing them without a stamp, then blaming the post office when they didn't arrive or were assessed double-deficiency postage due. This led to postcard printers putting a small vertical rectangle in the upper right corner with a text reminding users to add a stamp. During the gold standard days when rates seldom changed, they often specified the amount of postage to be paid.

In the first decade of the 1900s, view postcards became extremely popular, and billions were sent around the world. It was the Golden Age of the postcard, an era when most people could not afford cameras and even if they could, there was only black-and-white film. View postcards were a cheap and easy method of sending images of “We are here”, often in colour. Even the humblest village would have a general store (where the post office usually was) selling a view of Main Street or an adjacent lake or mountain. Resorts went all out with scenery views, and big cities liked to show off their skyscrapers and monuments.



Postal card from Calgary to Lobley (extinct P.O.), forwarded to nearby Mound (also extinct)

CPS LIBRARY REPORT

by Penny Borrowman

As reported at the spring 2015 meetings, the Library was cleared of all its material and given a complete overhaul, its first real clean-out in its 23-year history. Some of the material, especially those items now dated, damaged, duplicated, or deemed uninteresting to current members were removed. Other items were recatalogued to make them easier to find and share. Nearly all books now live in narrow boxes with like materials for ease of finding. All the CDs are in one box. All the Scott catalogues are in a pile, and all the oversized books sit together on the same shelf.

Our periodicals will be handled differently too. All titles will be put in a box together, from which members may take the titles that appeal to them. When returned, these items will be put on the table near the door for others to enjoy. Now these items will not be hidden at the back of a shelf, taking up space and being difficult to access. There will be no uncirculated back issues.

Beginning later in the fall, there will be a Big Book Sale at each general meeting, held after the regular meeting events, so as not to disturb the smooth flow of meeting procedures. Most books will sell for \$5 or less, proceeds to the CPS, which purchased the books in the first place. Any donations that are not still in the Library have been offered back to the original owner. Those no longer wanted will be in the sale.

Every paid-up member is welcome to borrow Library material at general meetings only. Items are due back to the Library at the next general meeting, unless by arrangement with the Library attendants. It is not possible to manage Library affairs during the third-Wednesday auctions.

We now have a new electronic database named Zotero, which lists all our Library's materials and which will be available on our CPS Website later in the fall. Members are encouraged to scan the list for interesting reading, bring your want list to a general meeting, and borrow what interests you most. Normally we do not lend our Library materials to collectors outside of CPS, so the listing of our items on the Website is not an invitation to the wider world to access our holdings. Other bigger libraries fill that need.

This has been a fun and interesting project, still to be fine-tuned for some time to come. Huge thanks to Linda Connolly and Pat Prevey for help, ideas, and encouragement. It has been a joint project.

SEPTEMBER IS THE QUEEN'S CELEBRATION

On September 9, Queen Elizabeth II will surpass the record set by Queen Victoria and become Britain's longest reigning monarch. Since she is Queen of Canada in her own right, separate of other titles, this might be an opportunity to create event covers. The best place to have the covers postmarked would be the Britannia postal outlet at Britannia Drugs, one block west of Elbow Drive on 49 Avenue SW.

CALTAPEX 2015 STAMP SHOW

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Friday October 16 : Show
1 - 6 PM

Meet the Judge - 6-
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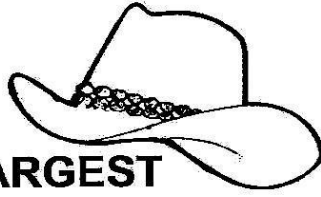
Saturday October 17 :
Show 10AM - 5 PM

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10AM - Juniors Meet at
Show

Banquet 6PM - 9PM -
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Unless stated otherwise, telephone numbers are area code 403. Alberta is on Mountain Time. Any advertiser can be reached through the CPS e-mail at calphilso@shaw.ca, but please allow time for forwarding to offline members.

FOR SALE: Just released book, INTERNATIONAL RAPID CANCELLING MACHINES, WESTERN CANADA. 115 pages, coil-bound. \$30 postpaid from cec.coutts@telus.net

WANTED AND FOR SALE: Wanted: stamps of India. For sale: Stamps of Egypt, Ceylon, and Burma (advanced collection). Contact jay_chahal@shaw.ca

WANTED: International machine cancels (year at bottom of cancel hub) on cover from Ontario, Quebec, and Maritimes. Email to: cec.coutts@telus.net

FOR SALE: People's Republic of China from 1990 to 2014. MNH, asking 50% of Scott. Phone Willi at 239-2273.

WANTED: Book of Alberta proof strikes by Robert Lee. Call Milton Lowe at 243-0412 or email at aromatics@excite.com

FOR SALE: Fine used modern Canada and Australia. Please contact Michael Teekens at 805-4442 or michateekens@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Extensive collection of Alberta postmarks uniquely filed in 28 binders. Supplemented with historical data items of postal relevance. Contact Al at 282-1030 or dorandal@shaw.ca

WANTED: Used GB Machin Queen stamps with any selvage attached. Cash or trade (many countries). Call Georg at 547-0409.

WANTED: I volunteer at the Mennonite Community Centre store in Calgary. They raise money for worldwide disasters, and are looking for donations of old albums and pages, covers, and bulk stamps. To donate, please contact me, Greg Lang, at 282-1644.

FOR SALE: various QE2 Canada plate block sets between Scott #727 and #1070, various QV to KGV Canada VFNH singles and pairs between Scott #51 and #300. Contact Les at 278-3511.

FOR SALE: Large accumulation used off-paper, mostly pre-1990s commemoratives. Canada, USA, GB, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and kiloware. Phone Roland 243-1637 or decaenr@shaw.ca

FOR SALE: Major collections of many countries at liquidation prices. Call John at 474-1212.

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

CLUB NEWS

Dale Speirs published a postal history of the Pincher Creek/Lundbreck/Cowley district in the 2015 June issue of POSTAL HISTORY JOURNAL (USA). The 2015 July/August issue of CANADIAN PHILATELIST had two articles by Calgary philatelists, Dale Speirs with Part 2 of his Nanton and district postal history, and Jim Taylor on the history of the CBC Stamp Club of the Air.

The Kerby Centre where the CPS meets had its annual free Stampede breakfast on July 10. A small group of CPS members enjoyed a good time together, dining on pancakes, sausage, watermelon slices, and fruit juice.

Five CPS members attended the National Topical Stamp Show at Portland, Oregon, on the August long weekend. Norma Nielson took along her exhibit "The Story Of Lloyd's", for which she won Gold, the APS Research Medal, and the Lighthouse Society Award.

SEPTEMBER IS THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The September 2, 2015, meeting will also be the AGM of the club, during which elections will be held. For more information, contact Larry Tweedale (282-9726) or Murray Bialek (241-2006).

DUES ARE DUE!

Please help out our Membership Chairman by mailing your \$15 dues renewal this summer for the 2015-2016 season. Address is Membership Chairman, Box 1478, Calgary, T2P 2L6.

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MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2015

September	2	Annual General Meeting
	2	Deadline for October bulletin
	9	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	16	Auction
	23	CAPE meeting
October	7	General meeting
	14	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
October	15	Show set-up for CALTAPEX at 17h30
	15	Exhibits for mounting until 20h00
	16 to 18	CALTAPEX 2015
	16	13h00 to 18h00: Show open
	16	18h00 to 20h30: Meet-and-greet with Chief Judge. A fee will be charged to cover the cost of a Chinese dinner.
	17	10h00 to 17h00: Show open
	17	18h00 to 21h00: Awards banquet (\$30 per person) at Danish-Canadian Club.
	18	10h00 to 16h00: Show open
	18	Show auction - 10h00: submit lots 11h00: bidder viewing 13h00: calling of lots
	18	18h00: show teardown
October	21	Auction
	28	CAPE meeting

CALTAPEX 2015 will be at the Kerby Centre, main floor gymnasium. Details from Walter Herdzik at 238-7845 or visit the CPS Website.

MEETINGS and AUCTIONS are at the Kerby Centre, Room 205, 1133 - 7 Avenue SW, at 19h30. Auction lots should be in before 19h30 to allow viewing.

BNAPS (Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society) meets second Wednesdays. For details, contact Dave Bartlet at 829-3580.

JUNIOR CLUB meets monthly on Saturdays. Information from Jim Senecal at 547-7681.

CAPE (Calgary Association Of Philatelic Exhibitors) meets fourth Wednesdays. For details, contact Jim Taylor at 238-3698.