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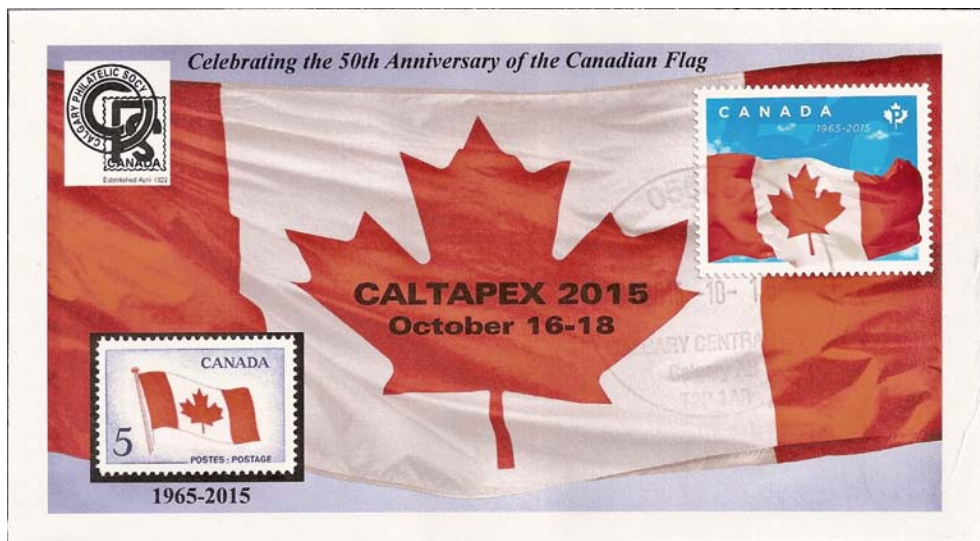
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CALTAPEX 2015

The theme of this year's show was the 50th anniversary of the Maple Leaf Flag. Peter Fleck prepared the show covers, suitably postmarked at the Central Post Office a few blocks from the show venue.



Show Chairman Walter Herdzik and his volunteers ran into a few problems setting up the event but everyone rallied together and the show opened on time. That evening at 18h00, there was a Meet-and-Greet with judge Rob McGuinness and his wife Barbara (photo below). Rob discussed various aspects of judging in a question-and-answer session.



Saturday evening was the Awards Banquet at the Danish-Canadian Club a few blocks away. The Palmares are at the end of this show report.

Sunday morning was the auction, with 366 lots submitted, and some vigorous bidding. Below is a photo of the bidder viewing.



That morning there was also the Judges' Critique, with Rob McGuinness sitting down with the exhibitors and discussing what they did right and what needed to be improved. Below is the Grand Award (Multi-Frame), a cluster of seven large maple leaves done in rustic iron.



The Grand Award (One Frame) was a similar cluster with five leaves. Both were produced by Ron Stephens, an artist based in Abbotsford, British Columbia.

CALTAPEX 2015 Palmares

CALTAPEX GRAND AWARD

Janice Brookes “The Evolution of the World Wildlife Fund Logo”

ONE-FRAME GRAND AWARD

David Bartlet “The Baby Sisters”

YOUTH GRAND AWARD

Matthew Gaiser “The NHL All-Stars Series”

JAMES R. TAYLOR AWARD

Earle Covert “Registered Mail of the Elizabethan Era in Canada and to and from the USA”

CALTAPEX AWARDS

Five levels of ribbons and certificates are awarded. Exhibits are judged according to RPSC Regional guidelines.

Gold Medal

David Bartlet “The Baby Sisters”

Janice Brookes “The Evolution of the World Wildlife Fund Logo”

Earle Covert “Registered Mail of the Elizabethan Era in Canada and to and from the USA”

Walter Herdzik “Imperial Airways, England- Africa First Flights 1931-1932”

Norma Nielson “A Study of the U.N. Chagall Window Issue”

Donna Trathen “Christina Broom, Photographer”

Vermeil Medal

Bill Bartlet “12th Scout Canada Jamboree CJ'13 Camp Woods, Sylvan Lake Alberta, July 6-13, 2013”

Cecil Coutts “Post Mark Parade”

Earle Covert “Canadian, Provincial and Territorial Alcoholic Beverage Seals”

Matthew Gaiser “The NHL All-Stars Series” (youth)

Dave Russum “Great Britain Penny Posts During the Victorian Era”

Silver Medal

David Bartlet “14th World Scout Moot 2013”

Matthew Gaiser “1982 Canadian Philatelic Youth Issue” (youth)

Dale Speirs “The Maple Leaf Flag”

Jim Taylor “Migratory Bird Airmail Series 1993-2008 St. Pierre et Miquelon”

Silver Bronze Medal

Erika Peter “First Emperor of China's Tomb Complex and Terra Cotta Army”

Dale Speirs “Mail Fraud”

NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

Robert McGuinness	“Philatelic Ink Blotters”
Sandy Freeman	“Development of Bolivian Airmail Service 1910- 1945”
Calgary BNA Group	“Introduction to British North America Philately”

SPECIAL AWARDS

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Silver Award of Honor (for excellence in presentation): Donna Trathen “Christina Broom, Photographer”

American Philatelic Society (APS) Medals of Excellence:

Pre-1900 Material: Dave Russum “Great Britain Penny Posts During the Victorian Era”

1900-1940 Material: Donna Trathen “Christina Broom, Photographer”

1940-1979 Material: Norma Nielson “A Study of the U.N. Chagall Window Issue”

Post-1980 Material: Jim Taylor “Migratory Bird Airmail Series 1993-2008 St. Pierre & Miquelon”

Research: Janice Brookes “The Evolution of the World Wildlife Fund Logo”

American Topical Association Best in Topicals Awards

First Award: Jan Brookes “The Evolution of the World Wildlife Fund Logo”

Youth Award: Matthew Gaiser “The NHL All-Stars Series” (youth)

British North America Philatelic Society Awards

Best BNA exhibit: Earle Covert “Registered Mail of the Elizabethan Era in Canada and to and from the USA”

Best BNA 2-to-4 frame exhibit: Earle Covert “Canadian, Provincial and Territorial Alcoholic Beverage Seals”

Best BNA One-Frame: David Bartlet “The Baby Sisters”

Best BNA Research: Cecil Coutts “Post Mark Parade”

Elizabethan Study Group Award: Best BNA exhibit: Earle Covert “Registered Mail of the Elizabethan Era in Canada and to and from the USA”

Canadian Aerophilatelic Society Award (for best airmail exhibit)

Walter Herdzik “Imperial Airways, England- Africa First Flights 1931-1932”

Sterling Achievement Award sponsored by Women Exhibitors

Jim Taylor “Migratory Bird Airmail Series 1993-2008 St. Pierre & Miquelon”

The Chief Judge of CALTAPEX 2015 was Robert M. McGuinness (West Vancouver, B.C.)

CANADIAN ADMAIL BECOMES A NEW COLLECTING SPECIALTY

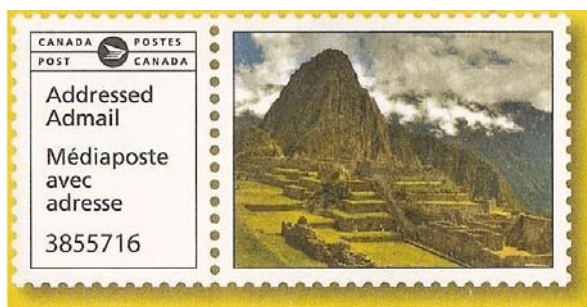
by Dale Speirs

In 2013, Canada Post changed its regulations to allow advertisers to print images with their bulk mail permits. As a result, a new collecting specialty has developed in postal history, and junk mail has become a treasure hunt. Many of the pictorial admail permits are topicals. I showed a few early ones in issues #126 and #127 of this bulletin.

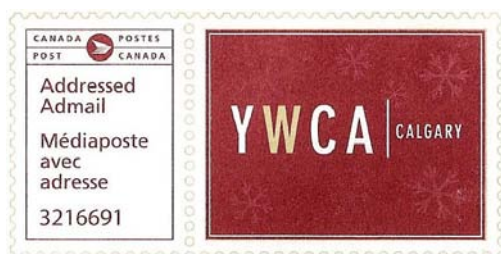


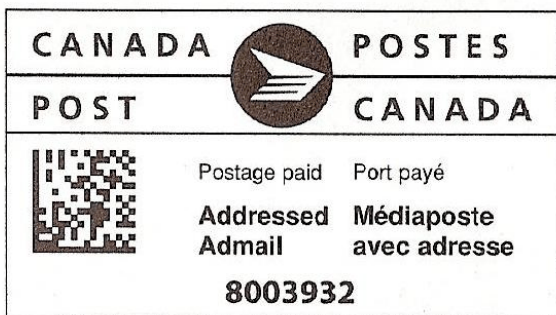
It is too soon to set up a classification of admail styles, but here are a few to be going on with. The one at left is from a 2014 Aéroplan cover. It shows simulated perforations with shading all around them to make them look three-dimensional.

At right is an image of the Andes mountains as used on a 2014 cover from World Vision. It uses a slightly different style where the 3-D shading makes it look as if the light was shining down on the stamp from above and to the left.



Many pictorial admail permits do not bother with the shading, as shown in the examples below from 2015. At left is a Calgary YWCA permit, and at right is a World Vision permit.



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RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED
PORT DE RETOUR GARANTI

The latest variation in admail permits showed up in late 2015, with the insertion of QR codes into the permit area. This example is from a University of Calgary fundraising letter.

The Mustard Seed homeless shelter in Calgary has used several styles for its fundraising. Below at left is from a 2014 envelope and at right from 2015.

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I keep getting junk mail from a Calgary real estate agent who always uses the same elephant image.

CURRENT POSTMARKS OF CALGARY: PART 33

by Dale Speirs

New Postmarks.



Brentwood: Hallmark Cards, Brentwood Shopping Plaza, Charleswood Drive NW and Crowchild Trail. Whenever a retail postal outlet (RePO) changes ownership, a new office number is issued, which also requires a change in the postmark. The Hallmark Cards RePO changed hands and thus got a new postmark.

STUDY GROUP NEWS

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society had its first meeting of the new season of September 9. Peter Hay gave a presentation on Canadian art on the stamps of Canada, with particular reference to the Group of Seven. The BNAPSers also discussed the issue that very day of the stamp for Queen Elizabeth II becoming the longest reigning British monarch. Several people attempted to get the stamp postmarked at the Britannia retail postal outlet and were stymied because the clerk mis-read the memo and refused to release them until almost at the end of the day, thinking they were not to be sold until September 14. One BNAPSer had to buy QEII definitives to make his event covers because the postmark was the important thing.

At their October 14 meeting, the BNAPSers had a presentation by Dale Speirs on the pioneer post offices of the Red Deer River badlands. There was a discussion of recent major stamp shows, and members had their regular show-and-tell of philatelic items.

The Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (CAPE) meets on fourth Wednesdays except June to August and December. The members range from beginners being mentored for their first local exhibit to those who have won International Gold. Meetings discuss how to prepare exhibits, the little details that matter to judges, and the practicalities of shipping exhibits off to shows.

For more information, contact Jim Taylor at 238-3698 or see him at the general meetings.

SOAKING THE \$5 MAPLE LEAF FLAG STAMP

by Michael Teekens

I have quite a few of these Flag stamps in my possession which originally came on parcels superbly cancelled. At the same time of issue, on February 15, a smaller version of the flag stamp came in booklet form. The booklet sheet contains 10 stamps.

The backing to the \$5 stamp is hard to peel off. You have to look very carefully to see the perforations and then try to peel them off very carefully because they are self-adhesive. Patience is required and do not get quickly upset.

I decided to leave them as they are to the backing. I attached them with a very small piece of easy-to-remove cellophane tape to the parcel to keep them in place and covered them with a plastic sheet after they had been cancelled very nicely. When it came to removing the stamps in the backing paper, the small pieces of tape came off easily from the parcel paper without any damage. Upon receipt of the parcel at the destination they were all in perfect condition. Not a single one was damaged.

Now the challenge to peel them off and attach them to a piece of white paper and then soak them off in hot water. After some time I started to peel the stamp off very carefully but the gum that was applied to these stamps did not entirely come off. In fact, after soaking the stamp once more, the gum largely stuck on again to my horror. I tried soaking off one more such stamp and the same result almost. I stopped soaking the stamps off to prevent any damage.

When soaking the smaller flag stamps, the gum easily comes off. I suspect the gum used for the large Flag stamps is of poor quality and perhaps the wrong type of gum. I have quite a few of the these \$5 stamps left to the backing for sale. When I had soaked one such stamp and peeled the backing off with the gum still on, there is a nice feel to the front that feels like a piece of cloth. Quite clever invention but the result of soaking off is not satisfactory.

My question now to collectors is: does anyone else had the same experience of soaking that I had. If there is a special way of soaking off or dare I say some other hot liquid, I would like to hear from the person who may hold the answer. They can contact me via my email which is: michateekens@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL 2015

Instead of the regular meeting on December 2, there will be a Christmas social, beginning at 19h00 in the usual room. The dinner is potluck; please bring a plate of finger food or non-alcoholic beverage.

There will also be a contest. Bring a sheet or two (in plastic protectors) in one of the following categories for a clothesline exhibit:

- 1) Ugliest, messiest, worst abused cover
- 2) Nicest, prettiest, most attractive cover
- 3) Most colourful cover

BULLETIN POSTMARKS

The CALGARY PHILATELIST is usually mailed the Tuesday after the deadline. Our bulletin is mailed with current stamps, often with postmarks related to the stamp subject. The envelopes are taken by the Editor to a local retail outlet or occasionally out to a rural post office. He presents them at the counter, explains to the clerk that it is the latest bulletin from a stamp club, and specifically asks that the envelopes be hand-cancelled. The envelopes are cancelled right there at the counter. (Except on two occasions when the clerk said she'd do it later, and, fortunately, did.) If the envelopes are just dropped into the collection box at the outlet counter, they will be sent directly to the Mail Processing Plant and will not get the outlet postmark.

Many stamp clubs use old discount postage that is worthless when postmarked out of the period of use. Most aren't even cancelled anymore because if envelopes are dropped in bulk into the mails, the postie will check one to verify the weight, then throw the others in the sorting machine without cancelling them. Or, in the alternative, they get a messy spray-on. Either way, few collect the results, and the stamps are most likely to be clipped and thrown into a junk box. Discount postage is cheaper for a club but involves more labour because several stamps have to be applied and because they have to be wetted if they are dry-gum stamps, which they usually are.

We mail out 190 copies of each bulletin, so the time savings of peel-and-stick stamps are certainly appreciated. More importantly, a commemorative legitimately cancelled during its period of use with a clear and uncommon postmark will be of greater value to recipients. It is to be considered a bonus of membership in the CPS, and well worth the extra cost.

Occasionally it has been possible to delay mailing the bulletin a few days in order to make it a first-day cover. We hit the jackpot in 2012 when so many Calgary-related stamps were issued, such as the Stampede centennial and the CFL stamps. Other covers have subsequently gained value when the postal outlet permanently closed. As an example, CPS members received their 2010 August bulletin with a South Trail Calgary postmark from an outlet that only lasted a few months, making it a modern rarity. Mount Royal University once had its own postal outlet which has since closed. The covers that were mailed there are keepers.

It is an editorial policy that no postal outlet be used twice, so that over a period of time, one will be able to get a nice collection of Calgary and area postmarks. There are about 80 outlets and post offices in the city, plus about 20 within a half hour drive of city limits, thus it will take 14.3 years to get them all at the publication rate of seven bulletins annually!

DUES ARE DUE!

Please be sure to have paid your membership dues to the CPS. See Julius Szekrenyes at the general meetings, or mail a cheque for \$15 to the CPS, Membership Chairman, Box 1478, Calgary T2P 2L6.

EDMONTON STAMP CLUB

2016 SPRING NATIONAL STAMP SHOW

Calgary philatelists have competed at the Edmonton show for many years and have always done well. Make a note for your calendar. Here are the details:

April 2 to 3, 2016

Saturday 10-5pm, Sunday 10-4pm

Central Lion's Recreational Centre

113 Street and 111 Avenue, Edmonton

The theme of the show is: Edmonton: Gateway to the North

Free Admission, Free Stamp Evaluations

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National-level Competitive Stamp Exhibits (WSP)

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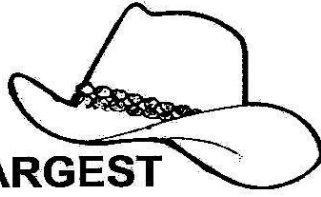
PALMARES FOR CPS MEMBERS AT OTHER SHOWS

At the Singapore 2015 international exhibition in August, Jim Taylor won a Large Vermeil for his St Pierre et Miquelon, Colonial Series to First Pictorial. Sandra Freeman won a Vermeil for her exhibit of Bolivian airmails 1910-1945. In the Literature Class, Jim's book MAIL FROM THE FRENCH SHORE OF NEWFOUNDLAND won a Large Silver. Jon Johnson won Silver for the 5th edition of his book CANADIAN STAMPS WITH PERFORATED INITIALS.

At BNAPEX 2015 in Niagara Falls, Eldon Godfrey's exhibit on Canadian Foreign Exchange Control won the Order of the Beaver Novice Award and a Gold medal. Dave Bartlet won two Vermeils for exhibits on the Baby Sisters and the 14th World Scout Moot. Earle Covert won two Golds for exhibits on Elizabethan registered mail between Canada and USA, and for military letter sheets. Jon Johnson won Gold for Canadian hospital ships.

PHILATELY AT HIGH ALTITUDE

That was the title of Jim Taylor's presentation at the November 4 general meeting, about his trip this summer to Quito, Ecuador, to represent Canada at the EXPOAFE 2015 international stamp show. Jim is a director of both the RPSC and FIAF, and does extensive travelling on their behalf to international shows. He showed photos of the exhibition, as well as Quito, high up in the Andes between volcanoes, one of which had just erupted. He also helped design a stamp issued by the Ecuador post office, and showed the essays and actual stamps for the show.



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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.

WANTED: Anyone who collects Alberta split-circle or slogan cancels. I am interested in trading, buying, selling, sharing views, etcetera. Contact Peter West at westp@telus.net or (403)819-4107.

WANTED: Pilot-signed First Flight covers and also any signed material by Canadian notables. Contact Glenn at pgdaze@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Current Canadian stamps, very fine used. Contact Michael Teekens, 22 McAllister Road, Monbulk 3793, Australia, or michaeteekens@gmail.com

WANTED: We volunteer at the MCC thrift store in Calgary. They raise money for worldwide disaster relief and are looking for donations of old albums and pages, covers, and bulk stamps. Contact Greg Lang at 282-1644 or Gerry Vader at 293-0158.

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.

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.

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.

CLUB NEWS

The President's Pot was awarded at the October 7 general meeting to Dave Freeman and Dave Bartlet for their work on the CPS Website redesign. At the November 4 meeting, it went to Mike McPhail for his behind-the-scenes help.

The October bulletin was mailed from Bragg Creek, using up leftover stamps from previous mailings.

Publications by CPS members included Dale Speirs with Part 2 of his postal history of High River in the 2015 Sep/Oct issue of CANADIAN PHILATELIST, and the postal history of Olds-Sundre district in the 2015 Oct issue of POSTAL HISTORY JOURNAL (USA). Jim Taylor wrote about "Dear Doctor" postcards from St Pierre et Miquelon in the 2015 Sep/Oct issue of COLLECTORS CLUB PHILATELIST.

Dave Bartlet was appointed Vice-President for Regional Groups of the British North America Philatelic Society. He was previously their Webmaster from 2012 to 2014 and still assists in that capacity behind the scenes.

Dale Speirs was interviewed by the Collectors Weekly website for their October 16 issue with respect to his 2010 book on mail bombs. The interview can be read at:
www.collectorsweekly.com/articles/the-most-dangerous-letters-in-the-world/

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Webmaster	Dave Bartlet	829-3580

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2015

November	11	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	18	Auction
	25	CAPE meeting
December	2	Christmas social. Begins at 19h00 in Lecture Room.

2016

January	6	General meeting
	6	Deadline for February bulletin
	13	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	20	Auction
	27	CAPE meeting
February	3	General meeting
	10	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	17	Auction
	24	CAPE meeting
March	2	General meeting
	2	Deadline for April bulletin
	9	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	16	Auction
	23	CAPE meeting
April	6	General meeting
	13	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	20	Auction
	27	CAPE meeting

MEETINGS and AUCTIONS are at the Kerby Centre, Room 205 (Lecture Room), 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.