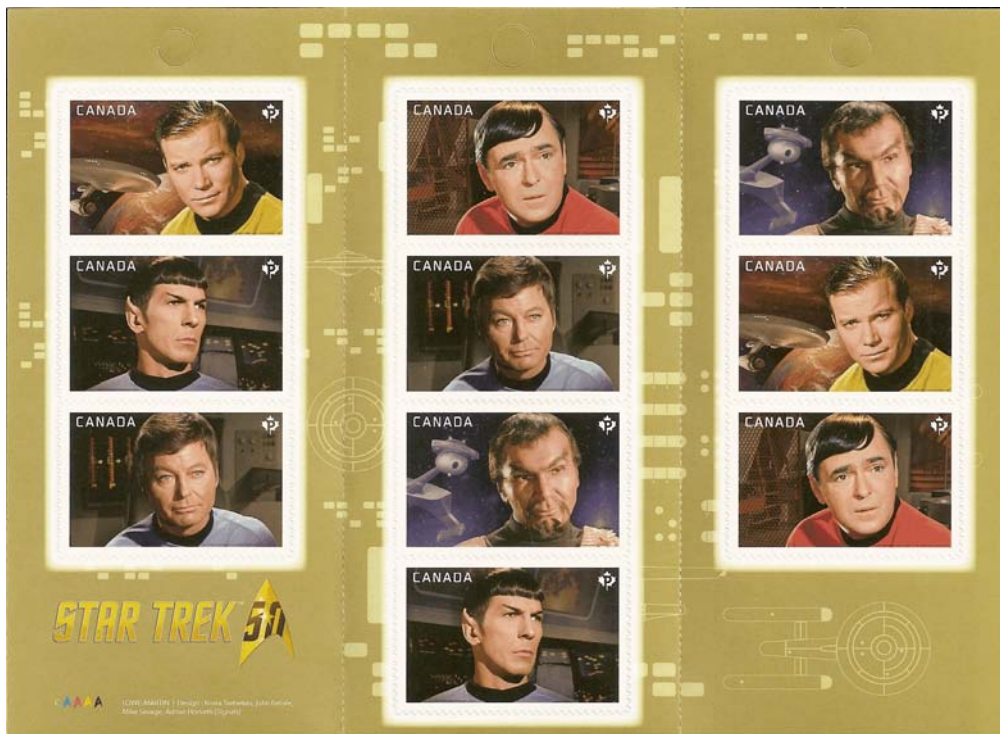


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Canada Post released numerous stamps and souvenir items on May 5, 2016, on the occasion of Star Trek's 50th anniversary. Three of the actors were Canadians, and we know that Spock was an Albertan because it was specifically stated in the series that he was from Vulcan. More details inside.

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WHERE HAVE I BEEN?: THE TALE OF A WELL-TRAVELLED COVER

by Danny Chow

What makes a cover interesting? For me, it's the postmark. With postmarks, one can trace where the cover had been. This makes registered mails my favourite. Prior to barcode tracking system, with registered mail, each postal office that the mail passes through was required to postmark the mail for tracking purposes. For overseas mail to smaller cities with many connections, it would mean a lot of postmarks. Furthermore, up until about the late 1970's, one could forward the mail to another address if the intended addressee had moved. This would create even more postmarks. If the postmarks alone are still not attractive enough, try throwing in censorship and damaged repair labels. This would make it a very interesting cover.



Figure 1 is one such cover. It has just about everything such as airmail, registration, military, forwarding address, censorship, and damage repair. The only thing that is missing is postage due (which I think it should be charged because of the extra distances the cover travelled).

So here is the trail of this cover. You might want to cross reference it as I retrace its journey. This cover was mailed on April 22, 1943 in Xi Zhen, in the Anhui Province of China, with the returned address listed as Chungking, China. Its destination was Grand Forks, B.C. After the cover was mailed, it went to Kweilin, China, on May 2 before heading overseas.

It took over two months to reach Miami on July 10. The route it took is quite interesting. Like me, some of you might be curious as to why the cover went the opposite direction to Miami instead of the shorter route to Vancouver via Seattle or San Francisco.

Here is what I think happened. Because of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbour, all commercial flights across the Pacific had been suspended until after the war.

Figure 1: back of cover

Figure 2: front of cover



This effectively closed all trans-Pacific airmail services. New mail routes from China to North America were created using three different carriers. For this particular cover, it probably went from China to Calcutta by CNAC (China National Aviation Corporation), then to Lagos by BOAC (British Overseas Airways Corporation) and finally to Miami by PAA (Pan American Airways). [1]

Its first stop in Canada from Miami was Ottawa on July 24. It was postmarked twice in Ottawa. I believe this is where the censorship of the cover took place. It would explain the two Ottawa postmarks: one upon arrival in Ottawa, and the second after the censorship.

The rest of the trip was straight forward. The cover flew to Toronto's AMF (Air Mail Field) the same day, then to Lethbridge the next day, hopped onto a train from Medicine Hat to Nelson, and finally to its destination at Grand Forks on July 26, only to find out that the addressee had moved. So the journey continued with some back tracking to the train on the same day from Nelson to Midway, then onward to Vancouver.

By the time it reached Vancouver, the cover suffered some damage that was repaired in Vancouver. Then it stayed in

Vancouver's MPO (Military Post Office) for the weekend before heading to Ganges, B.C. with a stop in Victoria along the way.

Mercifully it arrived to its final destination on August 3 and its journey ended in Ganges. There is just no more space on the cover to take on more postmarks and the aerogram cover is so fragile that it could not take on more handling by the Post Offices without falling apart. As you can see, this cover had travelled a long distance over three continents in 102 days, and left nineteen tell-tale postmarks for those who wish to follow.

Chronology.

Return Address

British Military Mission
Chungking, China

Mailed

Xi Zhen, Anhwei (or Anhui), China

Destination

Grand Forks, B.C.

Re-directed to

Vesuvius Bay
Ganges
Salt Spring Island



Postmarks

Date

Remarks

Anhwei, China	April 22, 1943	
Kweilin, China	May 2, 1943 ?	
Miami, Florida	July 10, 1943	
Ottawa	July 24, 1943	probably censored here
Ottawa (R)	July 24, 1943	
Toronto AMF (R)	July 24, 1943	
Lethbridge	July 25, 1943	
M. Hat & Nel R.P.O. No. 8	July 25, 1943	
Grand Forks	July 26, 1943	
Grand Forks	July 26, 1943	
Nelson & Midway R.P.O.	July 26, 1943	
NEL & MID R.P.O.	July 27, 1943	
Vancouver	July 28, 1943	
Vancouver MPO 1106	July 29, 1943	
Vancouver, Postal Station K	July 29, 1943	
Vancouver, Postal Station K	July 29, 1943	found damaged, officially repaired.
Vancouver	July 29, 1943	
Vancouver MPO 1106	Aug 2, 1943	
Vancouver	Aug 2, 1943	
Victoria, B.C.	Aug 3, 1943	
Ganges, B.C.	Aug 3, 1943	

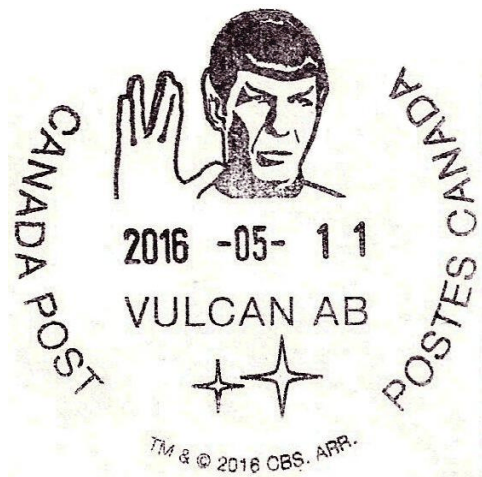
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[1] www.chinastampsociety.org/files/Chinese-International-Airmail-1931-to-1949-Exhibit.pdf

VULCAN MAIL

by Dale Speirs

The June issue of this bulletin was mailed with the Star Trek actors stamps issued May 5. I took them down to Vulcan on May 11, about an hour's drive southeast of Calgary. I knew the post office had a pictorial postmark showing the Star Trek museum there, but when I asked for it, the postal clerk told me a brand-new pictorial was issued the week before showing Spock rasing his hand in the traditional Vulcan salute.



Naturally I said yes. She said she would cancel the envelopes later (we mail 190 copies of the bulletin). I showed her how the postmark should be applied, and fortunately they came through okay. Whenever I travel anywhere, I always carry a supply of self-addressed stamped envelopes, so I had one cancelled for me as a handback.

This postmark is apparently unique in the history of Canadian postmarks, because it includes a copyright and trade mark notice by

CBS Studios in the rim of the cancel. They own the rights to the name and image of Spock. This is the first postmark ever to carry a copyright notice.

The Vulcan post office had an enlarged version of the cancel decorating the front of it. I took the photo at left. It is the exact same image but no date on it.



This bulletin will be mailed with the Star Trek coil stamps, which depict a Klingon bird-of-prey starship and the good ship Enterprise. On the reverse side of the coil, the backing paper has inkjet quotes from the show. The quotes are bilingual, and none of them repeat, which means that completists will have to buy two coils to display both sides.

Space, the Final Frontier... - Kirk | I'm a doctor, not an escalator. - McCoy | That Vulcan
Espace, frontière de l'infini... - Kirk | Je suis un docteur, pas un ascenseur. - McCoy | Ce

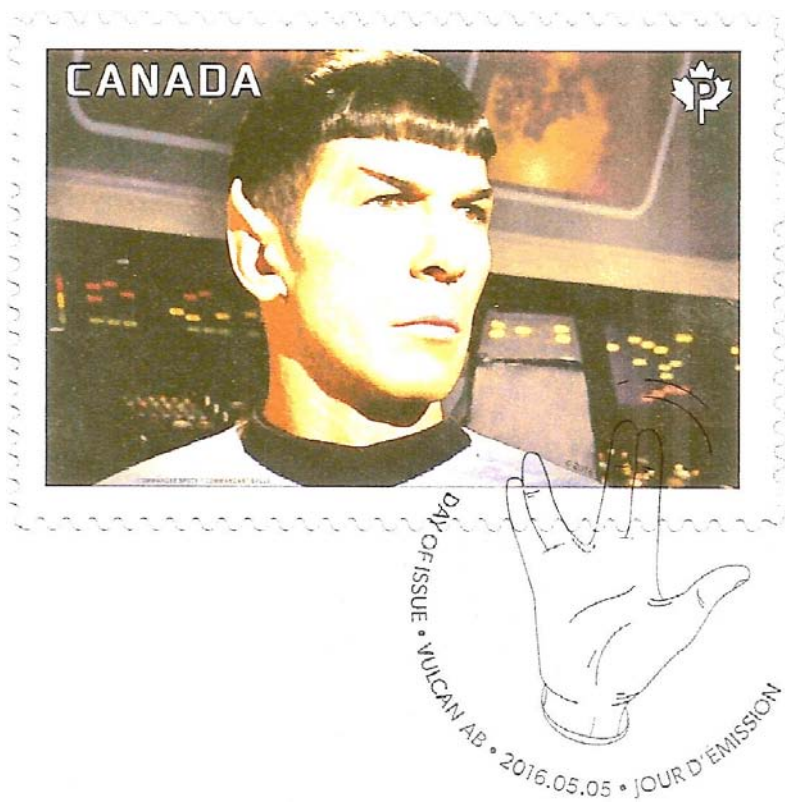
The start of the coil is shown above. The inkjet apparently was only filled with ink once during the print run because the quotes are so faint. From start to finish, the quotes are:

Space, the Final Frontier .. - Kirk
I'm a doctor, not an escalator. - McCoy
That Vulcan won't be satisfied 'til these panels are a puddle of lead! - Scotty
It would have been glorious. - Kor
Scotty, beam us up. - Kirk
By golly, Jim, I'm beginning to think I can cure a rainy day. - McCoy
Scotch? It was invented by a little old lady from Leningrad. - Chekov
Ah, what do you mean "if both survive?" - Kirk
Live long and prosper - Spock
May the great bird of the Galaxy bless your planet. - Sulu
Hailing frequencies open. - Uhura

There were a plethora of first-day covers, one for each actor and starship stamp, and the usual combinations. The Spock first-day cover had a Vulcan postmark which never saw the light of day in that town and was printed on it in Toronto (shown on next page).

Continuing to milk the Trekkies for all they could, Canada Post issued a souvenir sheet of two lenticular \$5 stamps. The images on the sheet and stamp change as the sheet is tilted. One stamp shows a sequence of the actors beaming down to a planet, and the other of Kirk and Spock jumping through a time gate. It was difficult to photograph these for print, but page 9 has one view of the stamps and a scan of the reverse side of the sheet.







Angle shot of lenticular stamps.

STAR TREK 50

Inspired by "The City on the Edge of Forever" – one of *Star Trek*'s best episodes and an outstanding performance by Canadian star William Shatner – these lenticular motion stamps celebrate the 50th anniversary of a series that, by daring to dream of a bright future, launched a franchise and inspired fans worldwide.

Ces timbres lenticulaires s'inspirent de l'un des meilleurs épisodes de la série *Star Trek* (Patrouille du cosmos), soit « Contretemps », dans lequel on peut y admirer la remarquable prestation de l'acteur canadien William Shatner. Ces figurines animées soulignent le cinquantième anniversaire d'une série qui a non seulement vu naître l'un des plus grands empires télévisuels, mais qui a su conquérir le cœur d'innombrables admirateurs.

CANADA POSTES
POST CANADA

LOWE-MARTIN Design: Kosta Tsietsikas, John Belisle, Mike Savage (Signal)

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STUDY GROUPS

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS) meets second Wednesdays. At the March 9 meeting, Earle Covert presented a display of modern Elizabethan registered mail, showing how Canada Post keeps changing it. The registered mail we have today is not your grandfather's registered mail; it is handled much differently than even a couple of decades ago and does not necessarily represent proof of delivery.

At the April 13 meeting, Jon Johnson showed collateral material from his Canadian hospital ships exhibit, such as postcards and menus. The May 11 meeting was a thematic show-and-tell where members brought covers and revenue documents with Admiral issues on them. The June 8 meeting was a report by several members who had attended the New York City international stamp show.

The Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (CAPE) is a group ranging from beginners to international exhibitors. At the March 23 meeting, the topic of discussion was proposed new rules for national shows in the USA. This will also affect Canadian shows because the APS and the RPSC try to keep their rules synchronized so that members can exhibit in each other's shows. The May 25 meeting was a discussion of members' thematic exhibits.

SHOW WINNERS

At the ORAPEX 2016 show in Ottawa, Cowtowners won medals for their exhibits. The theme of the exhibition was aerophilately.

Sandy Freeman: Bolivian airmails 1910-1945

Gold, American Air Mail Society Best Airmail, APS Medal of Excellence

Walter Herdzik: England-Africa First Flights 1931-1932

Vermeil

Dave Bartlet: 1913 Winnipeg Stampede

Silver

Hugh Delaney: Aerophilately Fun and History

Silver-Bronze

Earle Covert: Armed Forces Air Letter Sheets

Gold, Postal History Society of Canada Best Military Postal History, APS Medal of Excellence, BNAPS Award

Two CPS members competed in the New York 2016 International show, Jim Taylor and Jon Johnson.

Jim won a Large Vermeil for his exhibit on St Pierre et Miquelon Colonial stamps, and a Large Silver for his book on Newfoundland French Shore postal history. Jon Johnson received a Large Silver for the 5th edition of his catalogue of Canadian perfins.

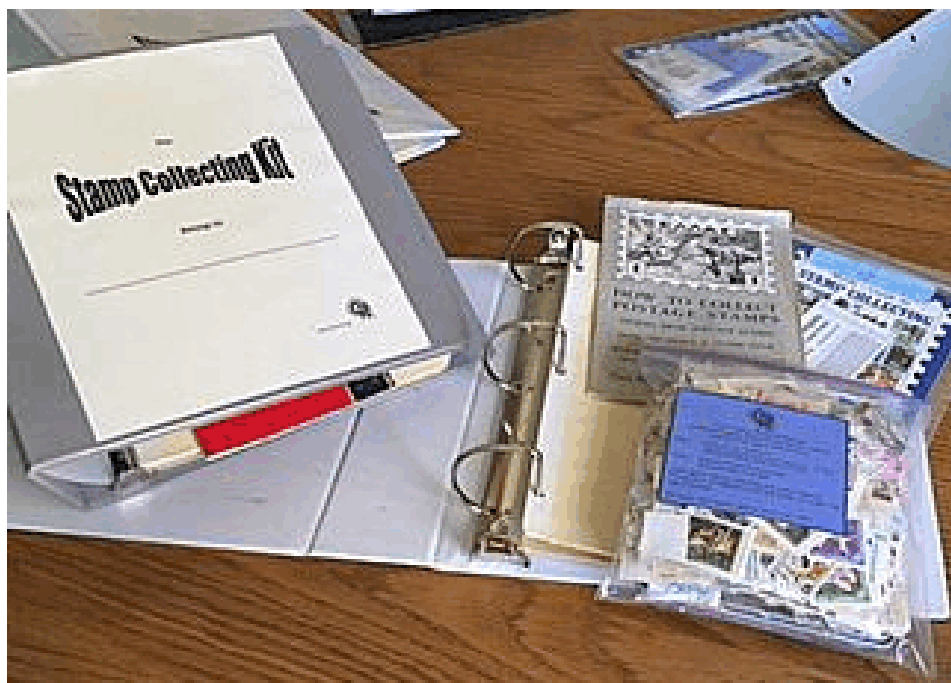
FORT MCMURRAY EVACUEES ASSISTANCE

by Norma Nielson

[Editor's note: Thousands of evacuees from the disastrous fire at Fort McMurray have made their way to Calgary and are being housed in emergency shelters at the two universities. Norma, who is a professor at the University of Calgary, sent me this email on May 15.]

Many thanks to the CPS members who have helped assemble Stamp Collecting kits in the last 24 hours. The youth in attendance at the May 14 meeting of the Junior Club helped design what should be included, and selected stamps to put in. Jim Senecal found stock pages and tongs among the supplies assembled for Juniors. Donna Trathen found binders.

I'll be dropping these off May 16, along with some puzzles and games, to the evacuees housed at the University of Calgary.



[After the city of Fort McMurray (pop. 80,000) was completely evacuated on May 4 when the forest fire burned through it, Canada Post ceased operations there. Mail for the Athabasca Tar Sands was embargoed at Edmonton. Evacuees, who are now spread all over Alberta, have been advised that they can get free forwarding services to an alternative post office for their mail.]

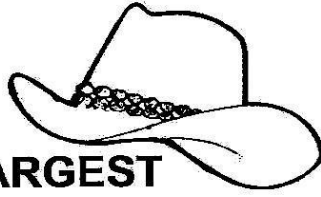
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FOR SALE: Queen Elizabeth Machins, stamps and strips of four VFNH, about \$100 face value. WANTED TO BUY: Early German and British Colonies stamps to George VI. Call Godfrey at 464-3252.

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.

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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

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

CLUB NEWS

CPS members continue to publish in many journals. Jim Taylor wrote about WW1 internment mail from Vernon, B.C., in the 2016 May issue of LONDON PHILATELIST (Royal Philatelic Society of London). Eldon Godfrey wrote on slogan postmarks of Canada in the 2016 April MAPLE LEAVES (Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain).

Dale Speirs published the postal history of the southeastern Porcupine Hills and Granum area in the 2016 June issue of POSTAL HISTORY JOURNAL (USA). He is now consolidating many of his articles in the JOURNAL OF ALBERTA POSTAL HISTORY, available as free pdfs from: www.postalhistorycanada.net/php/StudyGroups/Alberta/

At the June 1st meeting, the President's Pot was awarded to Larry Tweedale. Walter Herdzik presented the programme, speaking on mail from Northern Rhodesia to North America.

DUES ARE DUE!

Help our Membership Chairman by mailing in your dues this summer for the 2016-17 season to the CPS Membership Chairman, Box 1478, Calgary, T2P 2L6.

STAMPEDE BREAKFAST

Every year the Kerby Centre hosts a Stampede breakfast in the main gymnasium, beginning 08h00, this year on Friday, July 15. Good food and musical entertainment. A tradition has developed in the past few years for CPS members to meet there at 08h00 and take a table together. If you can make it, why not drop by?

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MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2016

July	15	Free Stampede breakfast at Kerby Centre in the main gymnasium, sponsored by the Kerby Society. If possible, meet at 08h00 and join other CPS members.
August	10	Deadline for August bulletin
September	7	Annual general meeting
	7	Membership dues are due!
	7	Deadline for October bulletin
	14	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	21	Auction
	28	CAPE meeting
October	5	General meeting
	12	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	14	CALTAPEX - show set-up 17h00
	15 to 16	CALTAPEX 2016 - open daily 10h00
	16	CALTAPEX - auction
		lots submitted 10h00
		auction called 13h00
	19	Auction
	26	CAPE meeting
November	2	General meeting
	2	Deadline for December bulletin
	9	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	16	Auction
	23	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.

CALTAPEX 2016 will be held in the Kerby Centre gymnasium. Details from Walter Herdzik at 238-7845.

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.