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95 years ago, in April 1922, the first meeting of the Calgary Philatelic Society was convened by its founder Dr Edward George Mason. The cover above, dated 1926 on the reverse, was donated to the CPS Archives by Hugh Delaney. The address is Mason's office, where the founding meeting had been held.

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The CPS was founded in April 1922 by Dr. Edward George Mason. It is Chapter 66 of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, Chapter 1360 of the American Philatelic Society, and Chapter 91 of the American Topical Association.

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 pdf copy can be had for free at www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com.

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COMMITTEES - see page 15 for list of committee chairpersons.

DAMN SIGHT BETTER POSTMARKS

by Elizabeth Saunaranta

In sorting through my postmarks, I came across several related postmarks I hadn't noticed before which used the same idea. All are from towns adjacent to hydroelectric or irrigation dams.



MOSCOW BICENTENNIAL STATION



Capital for a Day Station

July 20 2005



"Best little town by the dam site"

Canistota, South Dakota 57012

PRIDDIS POST OFFICE CLOSED

by Mike Braconnier

I was at the Priddis post office about the third week in December. It looked as if everything was in good order. They had moved into their temporary location. Unfortunately they could not stay open. February 28, 2017, was the last day of the post office.

[Mike enclosed an article by Krista Conrad from the local newspaper OKOTOKS WESTERN WHEEL, February 15, page 16. Some excerpts as below.]

“Priddis residents received notification at the beginning of February that the hamlet’s post office will close as of February 28, and parcel pick-up would be deferred to the Silverado postal outlet in south Calgary.”

“[Canada Post] weren’t able to find a successful candidate for the position of postmaster. ... They’re saying it’s not been successful in staffing is their reason.”

“While the changes are being made, the retail division of Canada Post is conducting its own investigation ... to determine whether another business in Priddis could obtain dealer status.”

“So a dealer level of service does not include the retail aspect of being able to send a package, but you can buy stamps or prepaid envelopes and do parcel pick-up.”

Below is the last-day postmark of Priddis, sent February 28 by Mike, and received in Calgary the next day with a March 1 spray-on cancel.



PHILATELIC FICTION

by Leanteri Polvikoski

Stamp collecting is not commonly used as a subject for fiction. Almost all of it uses stamps as a MacGuffin, a valuable object to be stolen or pursued, and which could just as easily be diamonds or atomic warheads. There are some interesting variations though.

The radio show THEATER FIVE (available as free mp3s from www.archive.org) had a 1965 episode “The Wonderful Stamps From El Dorado”, written by Robert A. Arthur. A man named Murchison inherits a stamp collection from his uncle. In the back of the book is a set of cinderellas from the Federated States of El Dorado. He can’t find it on any maps, but shrugs it off, shelves the collection, and forgets about it for years.

One day while writing a letter to his friend Harry in Boston, Murchison decides to have a little fun, and pastes an El Dorado stamp on the envelope. After doing so, it rises into the air and vanishes out the window. A moment later, Murchison gets a telephone call from Harry, saying that the letter had just floated into his house and dropped in front of him.

The two get together and examine the stamp album. They try an experiment. Using two stamps for each, they post themselves to a restaurant in Paris and arrive instantaneously. As they stand in the street in front of the restaurant congratulating each other, they are accosted by a suspicious gendarme. He demands to see their passports. Not having any, they flee by posting themselves back home.

Better prepared next time, they post themselves to Cairo in care of the American Embassy, wanting to see the pyramids. Unfortunately they arrive as the embassy is besieged by an angry mob protesting against the American government. They barely escape back home by using some more El Dorado stamps.

Third time lucky perhaps, they think, and post themselves to an African jungle resort. Alas, a civil war is underway and they land in the middle of the shooting. So once again, back home. They keep trying and keep failing. The final attempt is a South Pacific island. On arrival they find that the island is ground zero for a hydrogen bomb test, and flee immediately.

There are two stamps left. Harry hits on the idea of going to El Dorado, but only uses one stamp so that Murchison can follow him. It will be a one-way trip. Murchison doesn’t have the courage to leap out into the unknown. Harry’s disappearance does not go unnoticed by friends and family. Murchison is arrested for murder. No one believes his story about the stamps. He uses the last stamp to escape the rap, and vanishes to El Dorado.

THE CPS LAUNCHES A NEW WEBSITE

by Murray Bialek

[Editor's note: The screen shots shown here are from my Samsung Galaxy S7 smartphone using Firefox Mozilla running on top of Android 6.0.1. If you are viewing the new Website on a computer screen, you will see a different arrangement of the elements, but they will still be the same for each of the individual components.]

The CPS Web Site Committee consists of Dave Bartlet, Larry Tweedale, Peter Fleck, Dave Freeman, and Murray Bialek. After a lot of time, effort, and numerous meetings, we have launched the new Website www.calgaryphilatelicociety.com on March 1, 2017. We invite all members to have a look at it and provide us with feedback. Let us know what you like or don't like about it. Let us know about any specific problems you encounter as soon as possible while we still have our Web designer under contract.

When the home page opens, there will be slightly different layouts, depending on the device you are using (laptop, cell phone, tower, ipad, etc.). You may or may not see a menu. If there is no menu, you will see three short horizontal bars at the top left of the home page. Simply click on the three bars and the menu shown below will appear. The menu may or may not have a scroll bar. If it has a scroll bar, use your mouse pointer or a small wheel located in the top centre of your mouse, to scroll up or down. On devices without a mouse such as a tablet or smartphone, your finger becomes your pointer; touch your finger to the screen and drag the image up, down, or across.

HOME

BLOG/WHAT'S NEW

JOIN/RENEW

MEMBERS

ABOUT US

CPS GROUPS

EVENTS

DEALERS

LINKS & RESOURCES

One of the main features of our new website will be a section only available to CPS members. In order to access this area, members will have members will have to register first. To register, go to the menu on the Home Page and click on JOIN/RENEW. Then click on "Expired" or "Current Paid Up Member", which will take you to a Sign Up Form. Complete the Sign Up Form and then click SUBMIT. You will then receive an email with a link directing you to where you can create your password for logging in.





We would ask that members use their member number as their user name. Once logged in, members will have access to a number of items such as:

Recent issues of the Calgary Philatelist

General Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors Minutes

Placing and editing member ads

Place and editing member profiles for other members to view

Obituaries

In addition, our new Website will contain many new features which should be of great interest not only to our members but to anyone who views our Website. Features such as:

You may pay your annual dues with your credit card.

You may pay for multiple years.

There is a members' only section.

Our library holdings are now online.

Members can place individual ads.

Individuals may post a blog.

We have included a comprehensive club history.

Copies of recent club bulletins will be available in a members' only section.

Older copies will be available to the general public.

CPS General Meeting and Board minutes will be provided.

Members may post their own profile indicating collecting interests.

Information and links with regard to donations and estate sales will be on the website.

Advance information on monthly speakers and topics will be provided.

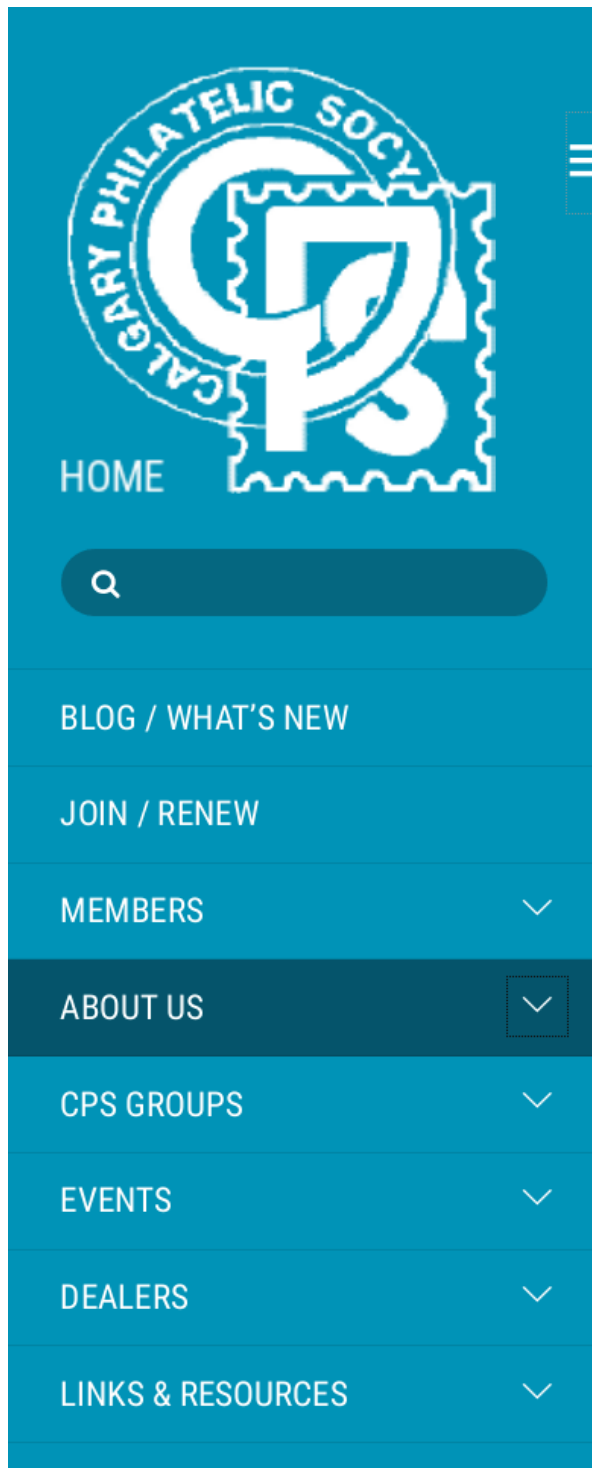
There will be a link to our joint BNAPEX/CALTAPEX 2017 show.

There will be a calendar indicating upcoming events.

An updated list of dealers has been added.

Dealers will be able to place ads.

There is an extensive listing of links and resources.



It should be noted that the browsers best suited are Internet Explorer versions greater than 9, Chrome, and Safari. Using older versions like IE8 and IE9 may result in unpredictable displays.

The Webmaster is Dave Bartlet, assisted by Peter Fleck. If you have trouble with the Website or notice any malfunctions, Dave can be contacted at: webmaster@calgaryphilatelicsociety.com

SPRING BOURSE

Don't forget the annual Spring Bourse of the CPS, to be held as usual in the Kerby Centre, 1133 - 7 Avenue SW, in the main gymnasium on the ground floor. It will be on the weekend of April 29 and 30.

On the Saturday of the bourse, it will be open 10h00 to 17h00. On Sunday, it will run 10h00 to 16h00. There will be an auction on the Sunday, featuring many estate lots, as well as dealer and member lots. Bring in your lots at 10h00 for bidder viewing. The auction will be called at 13h00. Details from Doug Kollar.

STUDY GROUP NEWS

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society had its regular monthly meeting on January 11, where Jim Taylor gave a talk on pre-UPU foreign mail from St Pierre et Miquelon. Before they joined the UPU in 1879, islanders sending letters to foreign destinations had to use Nova Scotia or Canadian stamps. Afterwards, the BNAPSers discussed plans for the upcoming BNAPEX 2017 show in Calgary on the Labour Day weekend.

At their February 8 meeting, the BNAPSers heard Jon Johnson on the postal history of the Canadian Merchant Marine during World War Two, a little-known subject. These were freighters supplying Europe. Their only defence was a 4" gun at the stern. They took twice the casualties of the army. WW2 mail addressed to Box 9000 at either Vancouver or Montreal is Merchant Marine mail. All but a few of the freighters were S.S. [name] Park, so if you find any WW2 mail with a ship name ending in Park, that is also Merchant Marine mail.

The Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (CAPE) meets monthly on fourth Wednesdays. On January 25, they discussed the upcoming Edmonton show and new national exhibiting and judging rules. At their February 22 meeting, there was a roundtable discussion of exhibiting.

EDMONTON SPRING SHOW

A final reminder about the Edmonton Spring National Show on the weekend of March 25 and 26. Each year a strong contingent of Cowtowners head north to take in the show and to exhibit there. The show opens each morning at 10h00 at the Central Lion's Recreational Centre, 113 Street and 111 Avenue. More details from www.edmontonstampclub.com

AWARDS PRESENTED



At the February 2 meeting, two awards were presented by Gerry Vader to their recipients. The photo at left shows Dave Freeman receiving the Founders' Award for service to the CPS over the past season.



This photo shows Julius Szekrenyes becoming a Life Member for his work over the decades.. Unlike other clubs, all CPS Life Memberships are honorary only and cannot be purchased. Julius is only the 40th Life Member since the club was founded in 1922.

BNAPEX 2017

This year the CPS will be hosting a national-level show. BNAPEX 2017 will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Centre Street and 7 Avenue SE. The show will run from September 1 to 3. The Show Committee has been planning for it since early 2016. The photo below was taken at the January 26 committee meeting this year.



Left to right:

Back row: Larry Tweedale, Jim Taylor, Dave Bartlet, Doug Kollar, Walter Herdzik

Middle row: Erika Peter, Norma Nielson, Eldon Godfrey, Dave Freeman

Front row: Hugh Delaney, Murray Bialek, Jon Johnson

Dale Speirs was at the meeting but since he took the photo, he wasn't in it.

Details are being finalized, and over the next few months will be publicly released. For more information, keep an eye on www.bnaps.org

SELECT STAMPS AND COVERS

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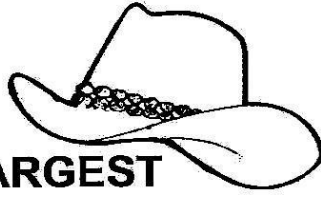
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Phil Wolf, proprietor, in the store



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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: Five Unity albums with Canada stamps complete to 2012, and pages to 2015. Contact Al at 282-1030 or dorandal@telus.net

WANTED: Canadian perfin covers and Canadian military covers and postcards. Contact Jon Johnson at 253-8411 or jcjperfins@hotmail.com

BUY, SELL, OR TRADE: Great Britain and colonies, Canada and provinces, many other countries. Let me know interest. Robin Mitchell at (250)346-3275, mitchellcb39@gmail.com, or Box 56, Brisco, British Columbia V0A 1B0.

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, 83 Headingley Road #1, Mount Waverley, Victoria 3149, Australia, or michateekens@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.

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

CLUB NEWS

The February bulletin was mailed from Southland Crossing Dry Cleaning RePO, in the plaza at Macleod Trail and Southland Drive SW, using the Year of the Rooster stamps.

CPS members who had works recently published include: Cecil Coutts with Volume 2 of INTERNATIONAL RAPID CANCELLING MACHINES, covering Ontario. This is available from www.bnaps.org.

Jim Taylor had an article "First aircraft at Martinique, October 12, 1922" in the 2017 January issue of FRANCE AND COLONIES PHILATELIST.

Ron Tabbert had an article in the 2017 Jan/Feb issue of CANADIAN PHILATELIST on two-element stamp designs.

Bill Cowling published a 3-volume set of books on Japanese postmarks: A LIST OF JAPANESE PLACE AND POST OFFICE NAMES (2 volumes) and AN INTRODUCTION TO JAPANESE POSTMARKS. (Copies available in the CPS Library.)

At the February 1st general meeting, the President's Pot was awarded to Dale Speirs for his work in editing and mailing out the bulletin. The speaker at that meeting was Ian Hunter, who presented a thematic approach to Cayman Islands stamps.

At the March 1st general meeting, the President's Pot went to Phil Wolf on the occasion of his 50th year of membership in the CPS. Over the years he has served in numerous executive and committee positions. Murray Bialek then presented an online display of the new CPS Website, which went live that very morning.

COMMITTEES

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- silent	Jim Senecal	547-7681
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Life Members	Gerry Vader	293-0158
Membership	Julius Szekrenyes	282-7982
Programmes	Penny Borrowman	686-2662
Webmaster	Dave Bartlet	829-3580

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

WARNING!

Vehicles in both Kerby lots must have licence plate numbers registered inside the building at the computer terminals. This is a 24/7 policy and the CPS is not exempt. Otherwise your vehicle will be clamped or towed.

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2017

March	15	Auction
	22	CAPE meeting
April	5	95 th birthday party of the CPS
	8	Junior Club meeting
	12	BNAPS Regional Group
	19	Auction
	26	CAPE meeting
	29 and 30	Spring Bourse - Kerby Centre main gym
May	3	General meeting
	3	Deadline for June bulletin
	10	BNAPS Regional Group
	13	Junior Club meeting
	17	Auction
	24	CAPE meeting
June	7	General meeting
	10	Junior Club meeting
	14	BNAPS Regional Group
	21	Auction
	21	deadline for July bulletin
July	14	Kerby Centre - free Stampede breakfast in main gymnasium. Meet at 08h00.

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. Don't forget to register your vehicle's licence plate at the computer terminals in the building.

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 except July and August on second Saturdays. Information from Jim Senecal at 547-7681.

CAPE (Calgary Association Of Philatelic Exhibitors) meets fourth Wednesdays except June to August and December. For details, contact Jim Taylor at 238-3698.