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On July 9, Calgary philatelists celebrated the centennial of Katherine Stinson's flight from Calgary to Edmonton, the first airmail in Alberta. More details inside.

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CENTENNIAL OF KATHERINE STINSON FLIGHT

photos by Walter Herdzik



On July 9, 1918, Katherine Stinson flew the first airmail in Alberta from Calgary to Edmonton. It was the second airmail in Canada, and the first flown by a woman. In honour of the occasion, the Canadian Aerophilatelic Society and WestJet Airlines staged a special flight on July 9, 2018. A ceremony was held at Calgary International Airport at 10h00.

At left: CPS member Sandy Freeman adds a letter to the centennial mailbag from Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi to Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson.

Below: WestJet flight crew Athenia Jensen (left) and Janna Breker Kettner accept the mailbag to fly to Edmonton on the centennial WestJet flight.





Some of the philatelists who were there, representing the Canadian Aerophilatelic Society.
 (left to right): Front row: Hugh Delaney, Sandra Freeman, Dave Brown, and Terry Isaac
 Back row: Gord Mallett, Dave Bartlet, Walter Herdzik



LATER, IN EDMONTON

by Gord Mallett

Two main activities took place at Edmonton, subsequent to our arrival at YEG just after 13h00. Canadian Aerophilatelic Society members Dave Brown, Terry Isaac, and I accompanied the flight as did John Chalmers from the Canadian Aviation Historical Society.

Delivery of the Nenshi to Iveson letter: Details are in the quote below, from an article John Chalmers wrote for the SKIES magazine.

“The mailbag carried a personal letter from Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi to Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson. In 1918, acting mayor Frank Freeze in Calgary had mailed a letter to his counterpart, Harry Evans, in the capital city.”



“I had the privilege of handing Mayor Nenshi’s letter to Mayor Iveson at his office. His Worship had kindly arranged to meet during a break in a city council meeting that afternoon.”

“Presenting the letter provided a fine conclusion to recognizing the historic flight, both for its air mail delivery, and as the first flight between two major centres in Western Canada.”

Denny May and Dave Brown applied the backstamps to the commemorative covers. Denny and his wife Margaret took them to the post office. Details are in the quote, below, from Denny.

“Thank you all for your efforts yesterday. Looks like everything went very well in Calgary and we did OK here too. Marg and I took the covers to the main post office at Oliver Square this morning. Thought that would be better than our sub post office. The staff there were most interested in the stamps, the covers, the postmarks, and they put the small covers in with the large covers in a special box. We told them about Katharine Stinson’s flight 100 years ago and about the WestJet flight from Calgary. I think we made their day. I’ll be interested to hear that they get delivered safely. Dave and I pulled out a couple to be hand delivered, including our own.”



Calgary

Naheed K. Nenshi, Mayor

July 9, 2018

VIA AERIAL ROUTE

Mayor Don Iveson
City of Edmonton
2nd Floor, City Hall
1 Sir Winston Churchill Square
Edmonton, AB T5J 2R7

Dear Mayor Iveson,

Don

It is with great pleasure that I write—not text, direct message, or email—to you on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the first airmail between our cities. A century ago to the day, our predecessors exchanged greetings about Edmonton's Annual Exhibition and Summer Show. As always, you're welcome to visit us now and enjoy the Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth: The Calgary Stampede.

A hundred years ago, "the world's foremost aviatrix" Katherine Stinson amazed the citizens of our province by delivering from city to city 259 envelopes aboard her *Curtiss Special* biplane. It was a first in Western Canada and just one example of how exceptional women have built this province.

Today, this message is delivered to you by two equally exceptional WestJet pilots, Athenia Jansen and Janna Kettner. While their aircraft is also propeller-driven, I'm pleased to know they're flying a much more modern Bombardier Q400 NextGen turboprop. Did I mention WestJet Airlines is a proudly Calgary-based company?

I must thank the Canadian Aerophilatelic Society and its passionate volunteers for working hard to get this commemorative Centennial Intercity Flight "off the ground". Not enough people know about this fascinating piece of our history, and I'm thrilled that you and I get to be a part of it.

On behalf of all Calgarians, I wish you and your fellow citizens an excellent summer. My invitation to come visit us in Calgary stands. However, next time, we can just text.

Sincerely,

Naheed K. Nenshi
MAYOR

*You know you want to just jet on the return flight!
come visit!*

John Chalmers, historian at CAHF (Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame) and membership secretary of the CAHS (Canadian Aviation Historical Society), played a major role in the July 9 event. He picked up the vintage CANADA P.O. mailbag at the AAM and brought it with him to Calgary the morning of July 9.

He acted as one of the main photographers of the event. Later that day he delivered the Mayor Nenshi letter to Mayor Iveson, the afternoon of July 9, upon his return to Edmonton aboard the centennial flight. (See photo on page 5.)

Chalmers is writing a series of reports and articles for several newsletters/journals/societies, including the CANADIAN AVIATOR, SKIES magazine, the Alberta Historical Society, and the CAHS newsletter.



The mailbag with the flight crew and cabin attendants of the Q400 NextGen turboprop. From left to right are: First Officer Janna Breker Kettner, flight attendants Sandra Ostertag and Rabia Saghen, and Captain Athenia Jensen.

There was a three-frame display prepared by the Canadian Aerophilatelic Society. Dave Bartlet is arranging for the display to be sent to Québec City for the BNAPEX convention to be held there September 21 to 23. The display will be returned to the west in time for CALTAPEX 2018 on the weekend of October 13 and 14.

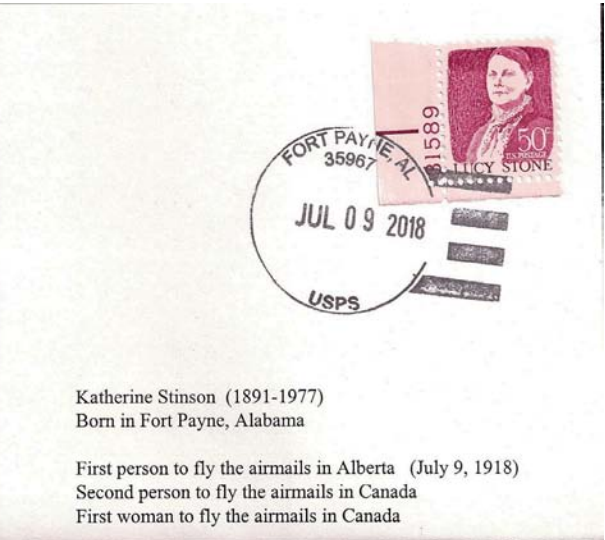
CENTENNIAL STINSON COVERS

Dale Speirs prepared two different sets of covers using a scan of a real-photo postcard of Katherine Stinson as the cachet, and slightly different explanatory texts. One set was postmarked on the centennial here in Calgary at the appropriately named Airways postal outlet. The covers were franked with the Picture Postage stamp prepared by Dave Bartlet. The RePO is located on the southern edge of Calgary International Airport at 32 Avenue NE and 19 Street. Another set of covers was postmarked in Fort Payne, Alabama, where Stinson was born and raised, and learned to fly nearby.



Katherine Stinson (1891-1977)

First person to fly the airmails in Alberta (July 9, 1918)
Second person to fly the airmails in Canada
First woman to fly the airmails in Canada



Katherine Stinson (1891-1977)
Born in Fort Payne, Alabama

First person to fly the airmails in Alberta (July 9, 1918)
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259 numbered covers were prepared by the Canadian Aerophilatelic Society, the same quantity as carried by Stinson. 82 covers were distributed to passengers on board as well as the flight crew and cabin attendants. The rest were distributed to CAS members and others through the mail system on arrival at Edmonton.

Commemorating
Western Canada's Inaugural
Air Mail Flight:
Katherine Stinson - July 9 1918
Calgary to Edmonton



WestJet Airlines Guest
Centennial Intercity Flight
CYYC (Calgary) to CYEG (Edmonton)



No. 175 of 259

Dave Bartlet prepared covers as shown below.

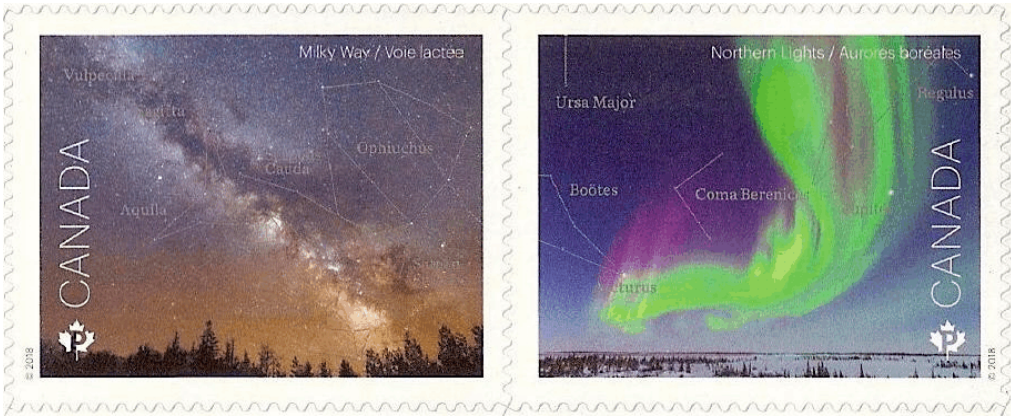
**Centenary of Western Canada's First AirMail
Flight – Calgary to Edmonton 9 July, 1918
Pilot: Katherine Stinson**



**Centenary Flight on WestJet Encore #3143 July 9, 2018
Pilot: Captain Athenia Jansen,
CoPilot: Captain Janna Breker-Kettner**

ASTRONOMY STAMPS FIRST DAY CEREMONY IN CALGARY

Calgary philatelists enjoyed a first-day ceremony held on the evening of June 29 at the Red-And-White Club, McMahon Stadium, University of Calgary. Canada Post issued a pair of stamps for the 150th anniversary of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, which was holding its annual convention at the university campus. CPS members were invited to join the RASC attendees, and about a dozen of us watched the astronomers who supplied the photographs for the stamps unveil the designs.



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING ON JUNE 28

Murray Bialek was able to arrange a presentation by Canada Post officials Sally McMullen (at left in photo) and Elia Anioia about future stamp issues as far ahead as 2020. The meeting was held at the Kerby Centre in our regular meeting room, but had to be on a Thursday, June 28, to match the presenters' schedule. Both of them work for the Stamp Services department in Ottawa.



There are twelve people on the team, who supervise the design and production of Canadian stamps. An average stamp takes 18 to 24 months to produce from approval of the topic through the design stages and on to the printed stamps.

Stamp Services does not decide what stamps to issue. The Stamp Advisory Committee, which has philatelists on it, recommend topics to Canada Post's Board of Directors, who then make the final decisions.

About 200 topics per year are considered, then reduced to a short list. The topics have to be researched, families contacted if the stamp depicts a person, artists dealt with, and deciding what products to sell.

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FOR SALE: Zillions of Stamps is a Website organized by country and catalogue number using Scott, Michel, Stanley Gibbons, or Yvert, as well as by topics such as birds, trains, Scouts, or famous people. I am one of the contributors and have listed over 35,000 worldwide items under I. Rudyk. Contact Ihor Rudyk at ivrudyk@shaw.ca or visit www.zillionsofstamps.com

FOR SALE: Stamp collector's storage cabinet; white, six drawers and six mail boxes. Drawers are divided for storing various sized covers and loose items. \$100 May be viewed on Kijiji under Hobbies. Contact Al at 282-1030 or dorandal@telus.net

FOR SALE: Seven Unity Canada stamp albums in a case. Annual pages to end of 2016. About 65% of stamp slots filled. Initial years mostly used. Recent years almost 100% mint. Price to be negotiated. 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.

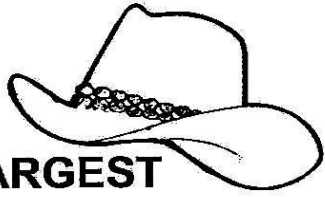
FOR SALE: Queen Elizabeth Machins, stamps and strips of four VFNH, about \$100 face value.
WANTED TO BUY: Early German and British Colonies stamps to George VI. Call Godfrey at 464-3252.

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.

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CLUB NEWS

The July issue of this bulletin was mailed with the Memorial Cup hockey stamp from the Madigan Shoppers Drug Mart postal outlet. That one was chosen because it is on Memorial Drive at 52 Street NE.

The Kerby Centre held its annual free Stampede breakfast on July 13. Several CPS members attended and enjoyed the flapjacks, sausages, watermelon slices, and beverages. There was a live band, and because seniors vote, the big-name politicians were there. Also visiting were the Stampede Queen and Princesses. A good time was had by all.

CALTAPEX IS COMING!

CALTAPEX 2018 will be held on the weekend of October 13 and 14, the traditional weekend after Thanksgiving, and at the Kerby Centre gymnasium as usual. Walter Herdzik and his Show Committee are planning some changes, so as the dates get closer, keep an eye on this bulletin, and for fast-breaking details, the Website and the Yahoo discussion group.

The theme of this year's show will be the centennial of Katherine Stinson's famous flight. Dave Bartlet has made arrangements for the special three-frame display that was at the WestJet ceremony on July 9 at Calgary International Airport to be brought to CALTAPEX.

DUES ARE DUE!

Membership dues are \$15 for the 2018-19 season. Help make our Membership Chairman's job easier by remitting a cheque ahead of time by mail (CPS, Box 1478, Calgary, Alberta T2P 2L6), by Paypal online (www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com), or paying cash or cheque in person at the September 5 meeting.

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MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

WARNING!

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2018

September	5	Annual general meeting and elections
	5	Deadline for October bulletin
	12	BNAPS Regional Group
	19	Auction
	26	CAPE meeting
October	3	General meeting
	10	BNAPS Regional Group
	13 and 14	CALTAPEX 2018
	17	Auction
	24	CAPE meeting
November	7	General meeting
	7	Deadline for December bulletin
	14	BNAPS Regional Group
	21	Auction
	28	CAPE meeting
December	5	Christmas social
	12	BNAPS Regional Group

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. If you park in either of the two Kerby lots, 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 September to November and January to May on second Saturdays (north side of city) and third Saturdays (south side of city). Information from Jim Senecal at 547-7681 (north side) or Pat Prevey at 238-3435 (south side).

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