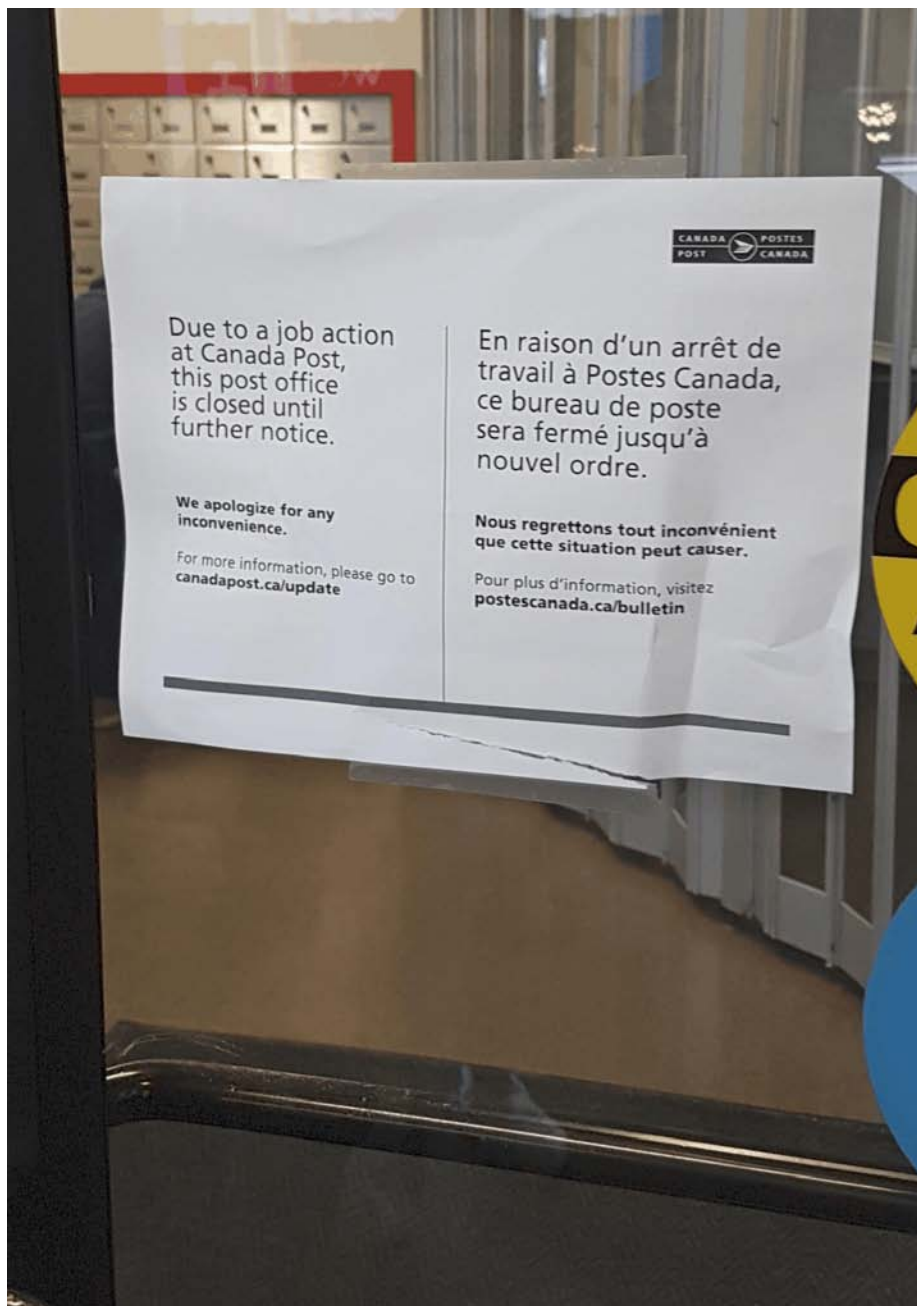


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THE 2018 POSTAL STRIKE

by Dale Speirs



Normally the CALGARY PHILATELIST is mailed the Tuesday afternoon after the deadline. I held off mailing the December issue until Wednesday morning in case the Calgary posties went on rotating strike that morning. They didn't, and the bulletins were mailed.

We got lucky. Most Calgary members received their copy the following day. Calgary posties had already been out twice, so I felt they didn't

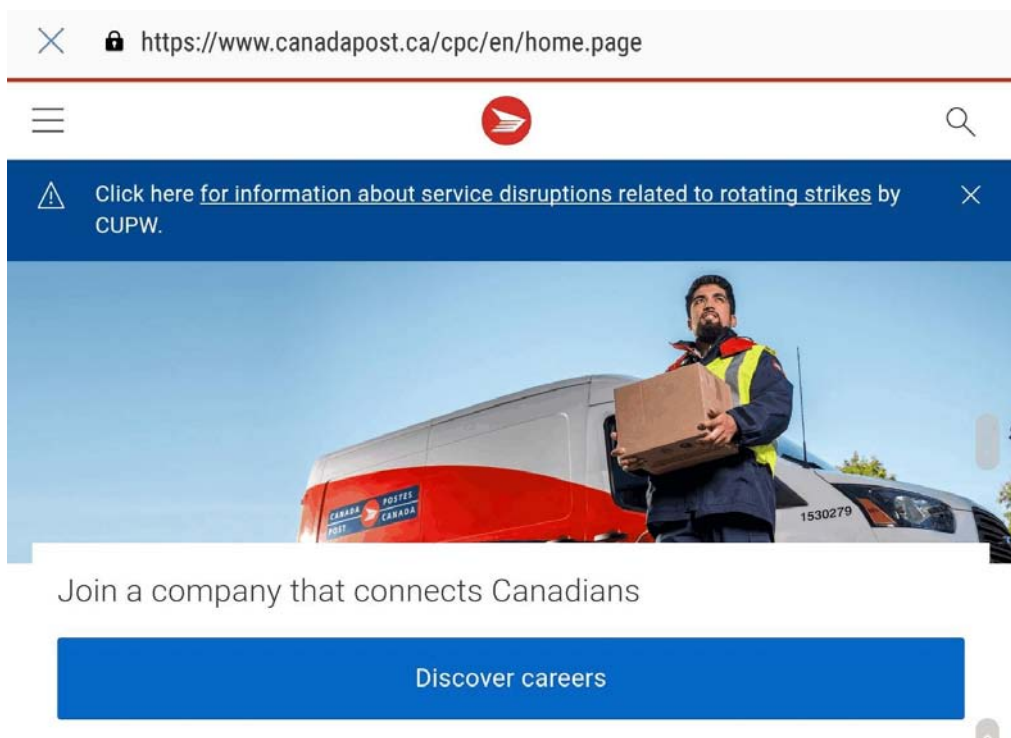
want to lose too much pay, hence my taking the chance. 190 copies of the bulletin are mailed, a 31-cm stack. The photo above shows the December issue waiting to go out.

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers began rotating strikes on October 22. Calgary's first rotating strike was on October 25. I took the photo below outside the Central Post Office where both myself and the CPS have box numbers. I know the posties at the station, and did not recognize any of them in this crowd of picketers. Calgary posties were out three times, October 25, November 5, and November 21 and 22.



Postal strikes are one of Canada's hoariest traditions. This year's strike was mainly about pay equalization between rural and urban workers, and working conditions due to Canada Post's transition from letter mail to a parcel service. The House of Commons passed back-to-work legislation and the strike ended November 27.

Each morning the Canada Post Website listed what post offices were closed in Canada that day. What I found amusing was that the Webmaster evidently wasn't paying attention, as the hiring ads continued to babble about how wonderful it was to work at Canada Post. I took the following screen shot on November 8.



I have compiled the following checklist of postal strikes over the past century.

1919 - one month in June (part of Winnipeg General Strike)

1924 - two weeks

1965 - 8 days (15 days in Montreal)

1968 - 22 days

1970 - 15 weeks

1974 - 15 days

1975 - rotating strikes from February 18 to March 28

- national strike beginning October 2 and lasting 42 days

1978 - 3 days in September (inside workers)
- 3 days in October (outside workers)

1980 - rotating strikes in September and October

1981 - 42 days (Canadian Post Office then changed from a government department to the Crown corporation Canada Post)

1987 - 18 days in June (letter carriers)
- 16 days in September (inside workers)

1988 - August and September. Technicians and supervisors strike. Mail service slowed but not stopped.

1991 - rotating strikes in August, one day national strike in October.

1997 - national strike November 19 to December 4

2011 - June 3 to 28. Rotating strikes began June 3. Canada Post locked out all posties June 12. House of Commons passed back-to-work legislation, which was given Royal Assent the next day. CUPW returned to work June 28.

2018 - Rotating strikes from October 22 to November 27

CPS YAHOO DISCUSSION GROUP

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. 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 reduce problems with spammers. Yahoo has changed its rules so that moderators can no longer sign up members. Instead, the new member must send a request to Dale, who will then approve it. That is why he needs to know your name and email address in advance.

RED DEER GATHERING ON MAY 25

by Jim Senecal

A gathering for interested members of the Calgary Philatelic Society, the Edmonton Stamp Club, and the Lethbridge Philatelic Society has been scheduled for Saturday, May 25, 2019. The location is the Liberty Christian Assembly (1B - 6315 Horn Street, Red Deer). It is also anticipated some members of the Calgary and Edmonton BNAPS Regional Groups will use a separate meeting room at the facility at the same time.

If contact can be established with former members of the Red Deer Stamp Club, they will be encouraged to attend in the hope of reconstituting their body. Peter Fleck will act as an initial contact point for that purpose.

Programme:

09h30 to 10h30: Presentations by Calgary, Edmonton, and Lethbridge concerning recent activities, challenges, and future plans. To be followed by open discussions and coordination for future plans. The target group would be board directors, but members are welcome to attend.

09h00 to 13h00: Circuit books from Calgary, Edmonton, and Lethbridge would be available for viewing and purchases.

11h30 to 14h00: Members' tables at a cost of \$5 each would be open for direct sales. Reservations will be limited and can be made directly with Jim Senecal (403-547-7681) on a first-come basis. The tables will be round dining tables.

13h30 to 14h30: Auction viewing. An auction limited to 200 lots will be conducted by the CPS Auction staff. Commission will be 10%. Initial limit of 6 lots per individual. Minimum bid is \$3.

14h30: Auction called.

16h00 or earlier: End of gathering.

Additional Details.

Meals: No food will be provided. Individuals can bring lunches or go to the restaurant in the strip mall or a fast food outlet further north. Coffee will be available for honour pay.

Registration: There is no entry charge but we ask all attendees to sign in to gauge interest and allow contact for future events. Those wishing to take part in the auction must register separately to obtain bidder numbers.

Volunteers: We still need a couple more volunteers to man the registration desk in turns, and to replenish the coffee dispensers. Please contact Jim Senecal.

Google maps of the Red Deer meeting. It is interesting to note that the church is immediately adjacent to a Shoppers Drug Mart which has a retail postal outlet. Attendees should bring along some covers for postmarking.



STUDY GROUPS

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society meets second Wednesdays. Details from Dave Bartlet at 829-3580. At the September 12 meeting, Jon Johnson gave a presentation on World War Two maritime mail with Canadian merchant marine markings.

At the October 10 meeting, Hugh Delaney presented a display on covers relating to famous Canadians from New France to Confederation. For the November 14 meeting, Graham O'Connor showed a collection of World War One real-photo postcards and Yukon territory material. At the December 12 meeting, Eldon Godfrey presented on Christmas postcards and covers from 1900 to date.

CPS EXHIBITORS AT OUT-OF-TOWN SHOWS

VICPEX: Victoria, British Columbia, October 3 to 4. Jim Taylor won a Gold for his exhibit on the 1947 issue of Saint Pierre et Miquelon.

EXFIL: Santiago, Chile, October 9 to 13. Don Wilson won a Large Vermeil for his exhibit on Australian mail to Great Britain before 1891. Jim Taylor won a Bronze and the Special Studies award for his exhibit on Antarctica overlapping claims.

SHOW AND TELL FOR NEXT TWO PROGRAMMES

by Penny Borrowman

For the months of February and March, there will be an audience participation show-and-tell at the general meetings. CPS members are asked to bring one item and will have three minutes to explain it. For the February 6 meeting, members with surnames from S to Z will do the programme. For the March 6 meeting, members with surnames beginning from L to R are asked to participate.

MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE

Unfortunately, rising room rentals, refreshment costs, and postage rates have forced the CPS to increase annual membership dues to \$25 per season, beginning in June 2019. The last hike was in September 2001, so 18 years without an increase is a pretty good record.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL 2018

The December 5 meeting was, as usual, given over to a potluck supper and awards presentation, with about 60 people attending. Janice Brookes organized the supper and presented awards, while Dave Russum and Walter Herdzik looked after the competitions.

Two new Honourary Life Memberships were presented. Unlike most other clubs, a life membership cannot be purchased, it is only awarded for long service to the CPS. Larry Tweedale became the 41st Life Member since the CPS was founded in 1922. He has served the club in a variety of positions, is a Past President, and is currently the Circuit Books Chairman. Linda Connolly was the 42nd Life Member. She has been a librarian for the CPS for three decades, served in other positions, and worked behind the scenes in shows and other club activities.

Larry Tweedale and Linda Connolly



The Dr E.G. Mason Award went to Norma Nielson, who is a Past Treasurer, was active on the Show Committee and as an exhibitor, and worked behind the scenes.

The Founders' Award for 2017/18 went to Murray Bialek, our Membership Chairman, and who was on a variety of committees and behind the scenes.

CPS President Jim Senecal was immaculately dressed with a Bluenose stamp tie.



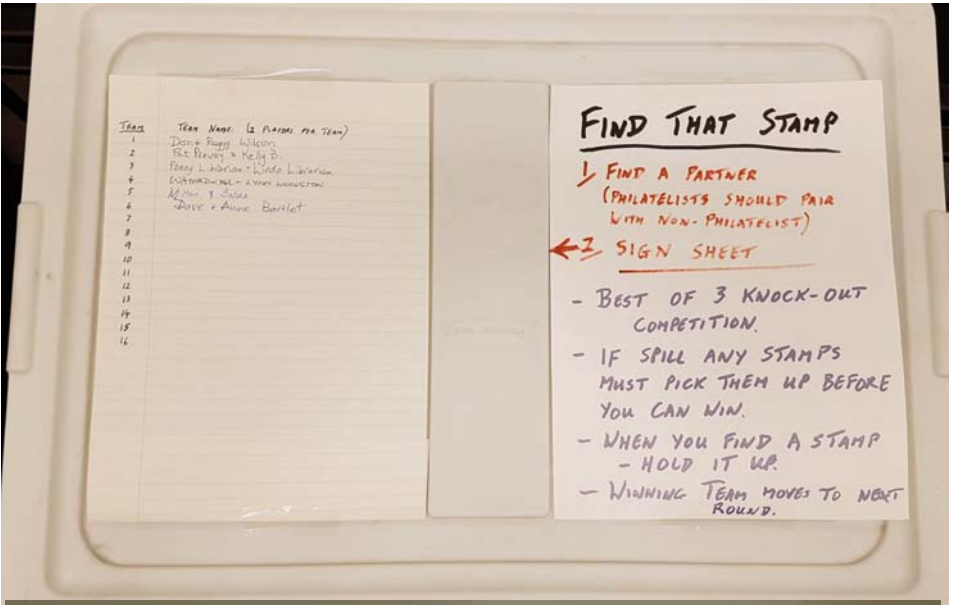
There was a clothesline competition with results as follow:

Messiest cover - Penny Borrowman

Prettiest cover - Amelia Kelbert

Most interesting postcard - Hugh Delaney

Dave Russum organized a Find That Stamp competition. Each team assembled around the box full of stamps. Dave then stated what type of stamp they had to find (ex. cats on stamps, an Asian stamp) and the teams raced to get the first one out of the box. Dave is wearing the Santa hat.



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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: Canada Children's Paintings 1970. I need philatelic FDCs (plate blocks, strips, non-plate blocks, and singles on cover), privately mailed FDCs, plus multiple blocks and various multiple strips (both on and off piece) to complete a specialty collection. Please mail list of potential offerings and price asked to Tony at: Stamp Hoarder, Box 1372, Didsbury, Alberta, T0M 0W0.

HELP WANTED: Someone to list stamps on eBay. Pay negotiable. Contact Phil Wolf at 264-1551.

WANTED: Chinese stamps buyer pays top dollar for Asian stamps. Send email scans or pictures. jon@chinesestampbuyer.com or www.chinesestampbuyer.com

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

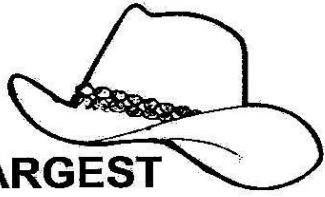
BUY, SELL, OR TRADE: Great Britain and colonies, Canada and provinces, many other countries. Let me know interest. Robin Mitchell at (250)346-3275, mitchellcb39@gmail.com, or Box 56, Brisco, British Columbia V0A 1B0.

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, 912 Olympia Crescent SE, Calgary, T2C 1G7, 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 December 2018 bulletin was mailed from the Strathcona Rexall Drugs RePO, using the Armistice centennial stamp. That outlet was chosen because one of Alberta's regiments is the Lord Strathcona Horse armoured unit.

Congratulations to CPS member Bill Wilson, who recently became co-editor of BNA TOPICS, published by the British North America Philatelic Society. Calgary has always had a strong contingent of BNAPSers since the 1950s. Bill has also written the New Issues column in that publication. Another CPS member, Dave Bartlet, is the Regional Group chairman for BNAPS.

At the January 2 meeting, Janice Brookes was awarded the President's Pot for services rendered to the club. The speaker that evening was Don Wilson, who discussed the stamps of Van Diemens Land and Tasmania.

Publications by CPS members:

Jim Taylor had an article on the secret mission of a German survey ship in 1925-27 published in the 2018 October issue of THE LONDON PHILATELIST. In the 2018 Nov/Dec issue of CANADIAN PHILATELIST, he had an article about FIAF, the Inter-American Federation of Philately (its initials are of the Spanish title).

Dale Speirs published "Postal History Of Alberta: The Caroline District" in the 2018 November issue of POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF CANADA JOURNAL.

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MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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2019

January	16	Auction
	23	CAPE meeting
February	6	General meeting
	13	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	20	Auction
	27	CAPE meeting
March	6	General meeting
	6	Deadline for April bulletin
	13	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	20	Auction
	27	CAPE meeting
April	3	General meeting
	10	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	13 and 14	Spring Bourse (Kerby Centre gymnasium)
	17	Auction
	24	CAPE meeting
May	1	General meeting
	1	Deadline for June bulletin
	8	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	15	Auction
	22	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 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.