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Le phare de Point Atkinson, non loin de Vancouver en Colombie-Britannique, guide les navigateurs à l'approche des falaises qui bordent la côte.

The lighthouse at Point Atkinson, near Vancouver, British Columbia, is a familiar beacon to sailors approaching the rocky coast.

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THE LAST 50-CENTS BOOKLET

by Raymond Villeneuve

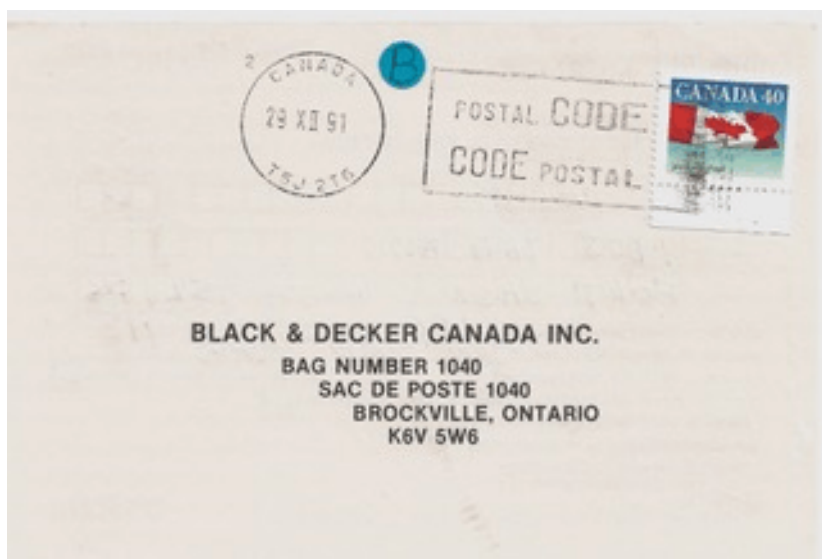
This was the last 50¢ booklet issued in Canada on 1990-12-28, shown on the front cover of this bulletin. It was the first booklet to be charged the Goods and Services Tax (GST). Only 47¢ of face value was offered for 50¢, so customers were getting a little less face value for their money. As of 1991-01-01, all stamp booklet purchases were subjected by Canada Post to a 7% GST.

This 50¢ booklet was also the last with multiple value stamps. It had a 40¢ stamp, a 5¢ and two 1¢ stamps. The 40¢ stamp was used to cover the 1st class rate that came in effect 1991-01-01 until 1991-12-31.

The front cover of the booklet pictured the Canadian flag over a coastline. It also depicted the lighthouse at Point Atkinson near Vancouver B.C. The booklet pane consisted of two 1¢ flags over orange background, one 5¢ flag over pink, and one 40¢ flag over blue background.

They were lithographed in 5 colours on Coated Papers paper. They were tagged on all sides and perforated 13.5 x 14.0. The left and right edges of the pane were imperf. The booklet was withdrawn on 26 June 1992-06-26. It still catalogues for a few dollars mint but you could be on the lookout for the imperforate booklet pane, which is listed at \$2000 in the Unitrade catalogue.

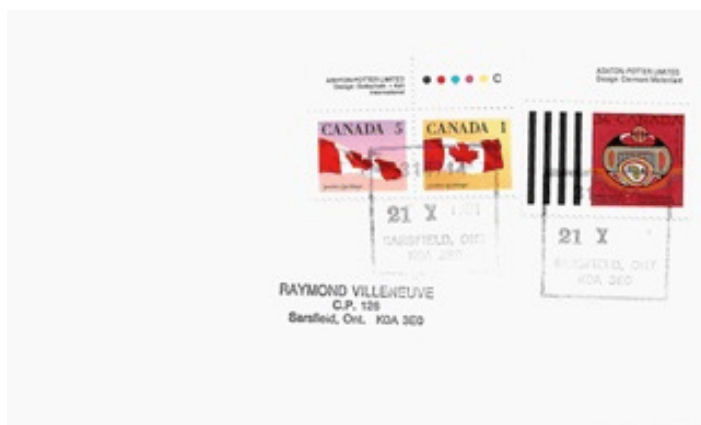
Here are several examples of usage of these booklet stamps on cover.



40¢ Domestic First class rate (1991-01-01)



46¢ U.S. rate



40¢ makeup rate



42¢ First class rate in 1992

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ABU DHABI: SELECTING YOUR LOOKS FOR POSTAGE

by Marc Charest

Abu Dhabi (meaning: Father of the Gazelle) is part of a country called the United Arab Emirates, or UAE, that sits on the southern shore of the Persian (or Arabian) Gulf, and is incredibly rich in oil and gas. The UAE, or just “the Emirates”, became a reality in 1972 and brought together seven “Trucial States”, or sheikdoms, sandwiched between independent Oman and Qatar (Figure 1). Abu Dhabi is by far the largest Emirate (wealth, population, size), occupying over 80% of the 83,000 km² that constitutes the federation. By another comparison, the UAE is almost thirteen times smaller than petroleum-producing Alberta, which has an area of 861,848 km².



Figure 1: Map of the UAE

In the late 1960s, when I was finishing high school in Québec, I had (and still have) a friend whose father worked overseas, including the Emirates. I collected stamps at the time, and the torn envelope corner featured in Figure 2 (next page) was a particular favourite of mine, in part because of the colourful assortment of stamps, but mostly because of the small story behind this mailing from Abu Dhabi to Canada, postmarked 1969-09-14.

Abu Dhabi, like the rest of the Emirates, is governed by a hereditary sheik. The Emirate of Abu Dhabi was first settled in 1761. The al-Nahayan family emerged as rulers at that time. Treaties made with Great Britain in 1820 (another source says 1853), which had all sorts of positive consequences like the suppression of piracy and slavery, expired at the end of 1966 (in 1968, London announced that it was withdrawing from everywhere east of Suez in 1971).



Figure 2: From left to right, the increasingly youthful Sheikh Zayed (Zaid). Source: Mr. Gerry Roy

Abu Dhabi definitives had been issued starting in March 1964, all depicting the then sheik, His Highness Shakhboub Bin Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan. Currency unit at the time was the Rupee (Rs). One stamp, the 5 Rs denomination, depicts a petroleum drilling rig, in addition to the likeness of the sheik (Figure 3). A new currency of 1 dinar equals 1,000 fils, was introduced by Abu Dhabi in 1967.



Figure 3: Shakhboub stamps.

A new set of definitives was issued depicting a new sheik. His Highness Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan. Zayed had acceded to the Abu Dhabi throne in 1966, after bloodlessly pushing aside his brother Sheikh Shakhboub, who had apparently refused to spend petroleum royalties (petroleum was discovered in the region in 1958).

The new sheik of Abu Dhabi was approximately 48 at the time. A new set of definitives was issued in 1967. The red 100 fils denomination stamp (Figure 2 at far left) shows the sheik as he really looked, if you check online.

But, the story goes, His Highness did not appreciate the depiction of himself on the 1967 definitives. He preferred his likeness as shown on the middle, 10 fils stamp. The “old” sheik was therefore withdrawn from circulation. However, the story continues, the date on the postmark in Figure 2 is 1969-09-14, which is after the date that the 1967 set was supposedly withdrawn from sale and, presumably, use (I have confirmed this with Mr. Roy, whose name appears on Figure 2).

The third and last stamp, on the right in Figure 2, is one of four commemoratives issued in 1969, depicting oilfield operations and commemorating “The Third Anniversary of the Accession of Shaikh Zaid Bin Sultan Al Nahaiyan.” Figure 4 shows the four-stamp commemorative set on cover. The now 51 years old sheik is shown as a younger man than in the 1967 definitives. A sample stamp close-up from Figure 4 is shown in Figure 5.



Figure 4: First Day of Issue cover, Abu Dhabi; Source: Mr. Gerry Roy

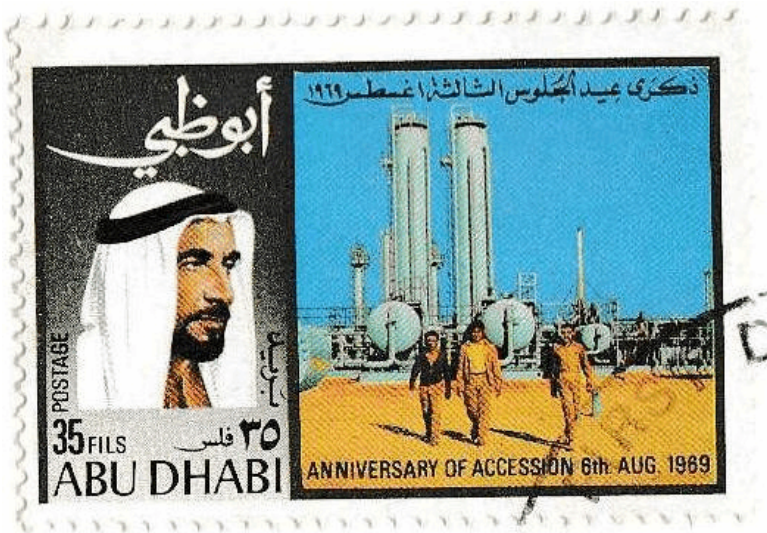


Figure 5: Close-up of a stamp from Figure 4, showing the youthful sheik at age 51.

Issues continued until the introduction of UAE stamps in January 1973. In all, between 1964 and 1972, Abu Dhabi issued 95 stamps.

Sheik Zayed (1918-2004), originally a Bedouin tribesman, achieved independence from the British and piloted his emirate into the modern world, ruling Abu Dhabi for over 30 years. He was instrumental in the formation of the UAE and became its first President, staying at the helm for almost 33 years. His son Sheik Khalifa Bin Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan (born 1948) succeeded his father, and became president of the federation in November 2004.

Sheik Khalifa is also chairman of Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, which manages \$875 billion in assets, the largest amount managed by a nation's head of state in the world. Collectively, the Al Nahayan family is believed to hold a fortune of \$150 billion (Wikipedia). A long long way from living in tents in the desert, trading camels and horses. A long way too from the time of the lucrative but dangerous profession of pearl diving, which dates back around 7,000 years and started declining in the early 1900s when the Japanese discovered how to make artificial pearls.

Note: A lack of consistent transliteration of many Arab words has led to multiple spellings in English for the same word. Information for this article was harvested online and from personal experience.

MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE

by Murray Bialek, Membership Chairman

This is the third and final notice that membership dues will increase for the 2019-2020 membership year beginning on July 1, 2019. As previously stated, our last increase was in 2001, 18 years ago! Due to steadily increasing costs (Kerby Centre room rental, postage rates, shows, website, refreshments, etc.), yearly dues will rise to \$25 per year.

Time is running out for you to renew (for up to five years) at our current rate of \$15 per year:

in person at our next CPS meeting;

via Canada Post (CPS address on the inside front cover of this newsletter);

or via our website at www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com

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SPRING BOURSE REPORT

by Murray Bialek

Our Spring Bourse auction in April was conducted very smoothly, efficiently, and in record time. Jim Senecal, our auctioneer, and his crew did a great job. Every person who wanted to bid in the auction was required to register and obtain a bidder number card in advance.

Before the auction began and immediately after owners removed their lots which had not received any bids, Mike McPhail and Murray Bialek, with the help of Ray Villeneuve, walked around the auction tables and recorded lot numbers and seller ID's for the remaining lots which had received only one bid: Mike on paper and Murray on his laptop. As soon as this was completed within a few minutes, the auction began. The lots which received only one bid were considered as sold. The remaining lots which had received more than one bid were now auctioned off.

As Jim orally called out each lot number, seller ID, highest final bid, and buyer number, this data was instantly recorded by Mike (on paper) and Murray (on his laptop). As each called lot passed through our auctioneer, Dwayne, Wayne, Gerry, and Ray instantly took the lots away and placed them in piles organized by buyer numbers.

Almost immediately upon completion of the auction, buyers lined up to collect and pay for their purchased lots. The use of a computer program, as backup for the pencil and paper results, worked 110%. While manual calculations continued well after the auction was completed, with the click of one key within 15 seconds after the last lot was sold, the computer automatically spit out the auction results which contained the following info:

Buyer number

Number of lots bought by each buyer

Total amount to be paid by each buyer

Seller ID

Number of lots sold by each seller

Total sales for each seller

Total amount each seller was to receive

As well, with the click of an additional computer key, a list of each lot purchased by each buyer and each lot sold by each seller was also generated. Acknowledgement and thanks must be given to the efforts of the following individuals which led to the final version of the CPS auction program: Danny Chow, Norma Nielson, Dwayne Eadie and Murray Bialek.

KERBY CENTRE STAMPEDE BREAKFAST

As in past years, the Kerby Centre will stage a free Stampede breakfast on Friday, July 12, at 08h00. Each year a few CPS members gather and take a table. If you are available that morning, meet in the lineup at 08h00. Free food, a live band, the Stampede Queen and Princesses, and big-name politicians will be there (because seniors vote).

RED DEER JOINT MEETING

The Alberta-Wide Stamp Gathering will be held in Red Deer on May 25. All events are free and everyone is welcome to attend. The Calgary delegation is expected to be about 30 people. Edmonton, Lethbridge, and Medicine Hat philatelists will also attend. If you are going, don't forget to take along your membership badge to let strangers know who you are. If you have any questions, ask Jim Senecal at meetings or call him at 547-7681.

The event will be held in meeting rooms at the Liberty Christian Assembly, 6315 Horn Street, off Taylor Drive in the Highland Green shopping plaza. Events begin at 09h30 with several tracks of programming, including seminars presented by both the Calgary and Edmonton BNAPSers. An auction will be called at 14h30 under Calgary rules. Tables will be available for philatelic sales. The Gathering will be over by 16h00 to allow everyone to get home before midnight.

The BNAPS programme is as follows:

10h00 - Jim Taylor "United States mail For St. Pierre et Miquelon Via The Gull Fast Train Through Maritime Canada"

11h00 - David Piercey "From Edmonton To Calgary, Via Jasper And Banff: Postal History Along The Way"

13h15 - Eldon Godfrey "Foreign Exchange Control In Canada, The Role Of Canada Post 1939-1951"

14h15 - Barend Wissink. "Alberta Bridges On Postcards"

There is a postal outlet in the Shoppers Drug Mart adjacent to the church. If you are attending, why not prepare some covers for postmarking?

CALL FOR APPRENTICE JUDGES

If you have exhibited successfully and would like to train as a judge for eventual certification by the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, the CALTAPEX Show Committee would like to hear from you. Apprentice positions are open for serious candidates. For further information, contact Janice Brookes at 251-1769 or see her at the general meetings.

STUDY GROUPS

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society held its regular monthly meeting on March 13, when Dave Bartlet presented on automatic postage vending machines. At the April 10 meeting, Dale Speirs showed the results of winnowing through a half-cubic metre of clippings from the Alberta Pacific Grain Company, with many interesting postmarks and usages of stamps.

COWTOWNERS OUT OF TOWN

CPS members did very well at the Edmonton Spring National Show on March 23 and 24. The theme of that show was pandas, which is why Janice Brookes's exhibit on them, "Of Men and Giant Pandas" was placed in the Court of Honour. Norma Nielson was one of the judges, under the sanction of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (RPSC). Calgary winners were as follow.

David Bartlet "13th Canadian Scout Jamboree"

Adult National Multi-Frame Exhibits RPSC Vermeil, Elizabethan Study Group: John D. Arn
White Queen Award

David Bartlet "Voluntary Fundraising For WWI"

Adult National Multi-Frame Exhibits RPSC Gold, Northwest Federation Thunderbird
Award

Janice Brookes "The Evolution Of The World Wildlife Fund Logo"

Adult National Multi-Frame Exhibits RPSC Gold, American Philatelic Society (APS)
Medals of Excellence: Post-1980, American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE)
Epilogue Award

Earle Covert "King George VI Private Order Envelopes"

Adult National Multi-Frame Exhibits RPSC Gold, British North America Philatelic Society
Research Award, United Postal Stationery Society Marcus White Award

Sandra Freeman "Lampooning The Three Axis Amigos"

Adult National Multi-Frame Exhibits RPSC Vermeil, AAPE Gold Pin

Amelia Kelbert "The World Of The Monarch Butterfly"

Youth National Multi-Frame Exhibits RPSC Large Gold, Edmonton Stamp Club Best Youth
Exhibit, AAPE Youth 1st Award, American Topical Association (ATA) Youth Award

Jim Taylor "Earth Science From Flat Earth To Planetary Tectonics"

Adult National Multi-Frame Exhibits RPSC Large Gold, ATA First Award, RPSC
Excellence: Presentation

Donna Trathen "Christina Broom, Her Work As A Photographer"

Adult National Multi-Frame Exhibits RPSC Large Gold, APS Medals of Excellence:
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Adult National Multi-Frame Exhibits RPSC Vermeil, AAPE Gold Pin

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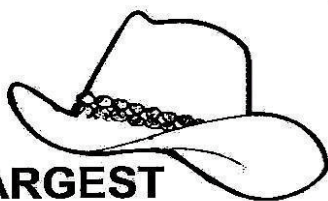
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CLUB NEWS

The April issue of this bulletin was mailed with the Gardenia stamps from the Glamorgan postal retail outlet at London Drugs, corner of Richmond Road SW and Sarcee Trail.

Publications by CPS members:

Steve B. Davis had an article in the 2018 November issue of AIRPOST JOURNAL on "History Behind A World War II Cover". He has also been writing a column "Via Airmail" for an ezine at www.stampinsider.org

At the April 3 meeting, the President's Pot was awarded to James Ryan for his help with the youth clubs. At the May 1 meeting, it went to Gerry Vader for his behind-the-scenes help.

Continuing the procedure of the past two meetings, the April 3 and May 1 meetings were show-and-tell presentations by members whose surnames began with A to K.

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May	15	Auction
	22	CAPE meeting
	25	All-Alberta Stamp Club meeting in Red Deer. Contact Jim Senecal at 547-7681 for details.
June	5	General meeting
	12	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	19	Auction
	19	Deadline for July bulletin
July	12	Free Stampede breakfast (Kerby Centre, 08h00)
August	14	Deadline for August bulletin
September	4	Election meeting
	4	Deadline for October bulletin
	11	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	18	Auction
	25	CAPE meeting
October	2	General meeting
	9	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	16	Auction
	19 to 20	CALTAPEX (Kerby Centre gymnasium)
	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.

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).

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