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This photo will be used for the CALTAPEX show cover and Picture Postage stamps. Taken by Dave Bartlet at the Calgary Zoo. See page 10 for more details.

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STAMP WARS: FALKLANDS OR MALVINAS?: PART 2

by Marc Charest

During the Argentinian occupation, islanders used Argentinian stamps but of course reverted back to British stamps after the capitulation. A new straightforward post code was issued for the islands in 2003 (FIQQ 1ZZ). Philatelic services were privatized in 2014.

Islands Of Contention.

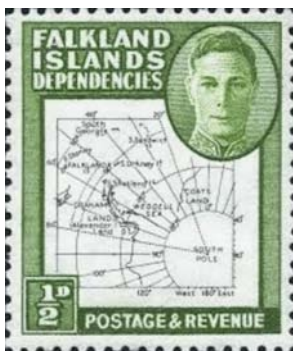
Argentina retreated from the Falkland Islands after invading them in 1982 and being forced to surrender that same year. The islands form part of the emergent portion of the much larger Patagonian Continental Shelf, which in turn is attached to the continental mass of Argentina and is genetically related to that land mass in modern geological and legal terms.

The country which controls the islands is thus also proprietor of real and potential offshore resources (fish, but oil and gas potentially more lucrative) up to a radius of 200 nautical miles (370 km) from the small islands, a vast region possibly sheltering enormous yet-to-be-discovered oil and gas reserves.

These exclusive economic zones tend to cover the relatively shallow waters of continental shelves, where the drill bit of modern petroleum drilling rigs can most easily tap potential oil and gas resources. However, drilling technology can explore in increasingly deeper waters, adding to the potential for discovery. The tiny S. Georgia and S. Sandwich islands are each surrounded each by their own huge exclusive economic zones.

Early Human History, Culminating In War.

Frenchman Louis Antoine de Bougainville, who set sail from the French port of Saint Malo in 1764, established the port of Saint Louis on East Falkland. He named the island grouping after Saint Malo, which became known as les Isles Malouines, which in turn was later translated into Spanish as las Islas Malvinas. Luis Vernet (1791-1871) established a settlement in East Falkland in 1828 and was right in the thick of the claims controversy. This national hero, like several Argentinian saints, is buried in La Recoleta cemetery.



In 1833, Britain reaffirmed its rule over the archipelago, expelling Argentinians, amidst Argentina claiming dominion over the islands. In the spring (fall-winter in the southern hemisphere) of 1982, tensions came to a head when Argentinian forces, led by the freshly minted junta of Leopoldo Galtieri, invaded and occupied the territory as well as South Georgia Island.

Figure 7: A map stamp depicting the Falkland and dependencies islands as British territory. The Argentinian government strongly disagreed.

The invasion came out of frustration with protracted negotiations over the island territories, but was also apparently politically motivated, in an attempt to boost the sagging popularity of the junta (it worked) among the Argentine population. The government had been accused of economic mismanagement and human rights abuses. The Argentinian characterized the invasion of April 1982 as a reoccupation (recuperación) of its own territories.



Figure 8 (above left): Stanley post office, after the war
 Figure 9 (above right): One of a set of reconstruction stamps issued after the war.

But the Argentinians lost the ten-week, lopsided war. Contiguous Chile, not exactly enamoured of the Argentinian regime, sided with Britain in the conflict. 649 Argentinian lives were lost in vain. In all, over 900 persons died, including 3 civilians.

Galtieri and his cohort were ousted after the defeat, went to trial and eventually to jail. A hardened British negotiating position resulted from the invasion. But in 1989, Galtieri, as well as a large group of his collaborators in crime, were pardoned. Galtieri died in 2003, in his bed.



Figure 10 (above left): The Vulcan bomber played a critical role in the war.
 Figure 11 (above right): LtCol Herbert Jones was killed in the Battle of Goose Green.

FONT DENSITY ON THE “CANADA” UNDERPRINTING ON COIL STAMPS

by Tony Doughty

This is my final exposé concerning the underprinting on the Baby Wildlife coil stamps, and undoubtedly the most difficult to complete. From my research I am convinced that the density of the font used in the “Canada” underprinting is variable along the length of the coil roll.

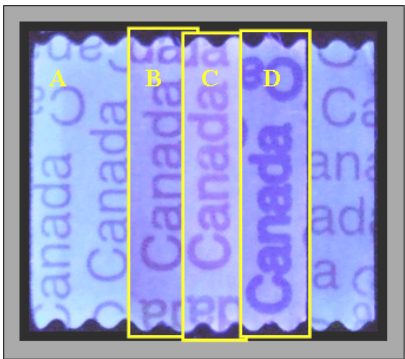


To perform this part of my research I laid out, face down, several hundred stamps and examined the underprinting under my Raytech LS-7 UV lamp in a totally dark basement room.

I selected four stamps for their apparent maximum, minimum and intermediate variability in font density as shown in Figure 1 (at left) for analysis. Notice that all four stamps have the direction of one word “Canada” in the vertical orientation.

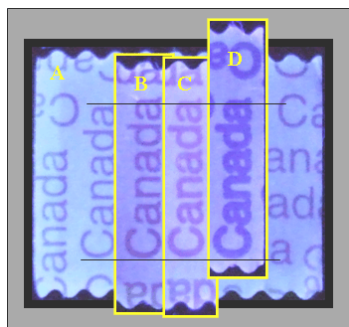
I chose to analyze the vertical oriented words because the vertical size of the coil stamps is consistent along the entire coil. I have observed that the horizontal dimension of the stamps can vary quite considerable as the individual columns of stamps are separated to form individual coils.

To perform the font analysis I photographed the four stamps as a single block. Again, this photograph was taken under the Raytech UV light in the totally dark basement room. Next I imported the single photograph into Microsoft Word, tweaked the brightness and contrast as best I could to enhance the clarity of the underprinting. After that, I replicated the photograph three more times and cropped out each individual stamp as its own entity. Figure 1 actually shows the four individual stamps cropped from the master block.



Subsequently I took stamps B, C, and D, and individually cropped out the single word “Canada” from each stamp. Studying Figures 1 and 2 you will observe that the crop from stamp C needed to be inverted. To confirm that the size integrity had not been compromised during these manipulations I next overlaid the cropped “Canada” images on top of stamp A and aligned the serpentine perforations both top and bottom. Actually, no adjustment was necessary; all four stamps maintained their vertical dimension properly, as shown in Figure 2 (at left).

Finally, I nudged the cropped images from stamps B, C, and D so that the back (bottom) edge of the “C” aligned across all four stamps as shown in Figure 3. Notice that the top edges of the final “a” on all four stamps do not align. Stamp D showing the “bold font” appears slightly longer than the “fine font” demonstrated on stamp A. Figure 4 is a rotated image of Figure 3 for clarity of interpretation. Fonts on stamps B and C are also both different lengths.



Figures 3 and 4

It has been suggested to me that the variance in font density on the “Canada” underprinting is the result of dirty printing process. I may agree that the variability of character spacing may suggest that to be true. I have to dismiss that hypothesis on the grounds that: one, the length of the underprinted word would not be changed by a dirty printing plate, and two, I doubt the paper supplier (Tullis Russell Coatings) would jeopardize a lucrative export contract with dirty printing plates or processes. What’s your opinion?

Since performing the original research on the font density of the underprinting described here, I have selected other combinations of stamps and repeated the analysis in a more simplified form, replicating the original research results.

I am reasonably confident that the font density of the “Canada” underprint varies along the length of the original roll of underprinted paper supplied from England to Canada’s security printers by Tullis Russell Coated Papers Company. The underprinting on the original roll of paper is done by the Tullis Russell before being delivered to the stamp printers.

The variation in font density may not be detectable on a single coil of 100 stamps, but may be detectable along the entire printing roll. Coils of 5000 stamps are approximately 125 metres long. How many contiguous lengths of 125 metres can be printed from the huge rolls of underprinted paper supplied to Canada’s security printers by Tullis Russell?

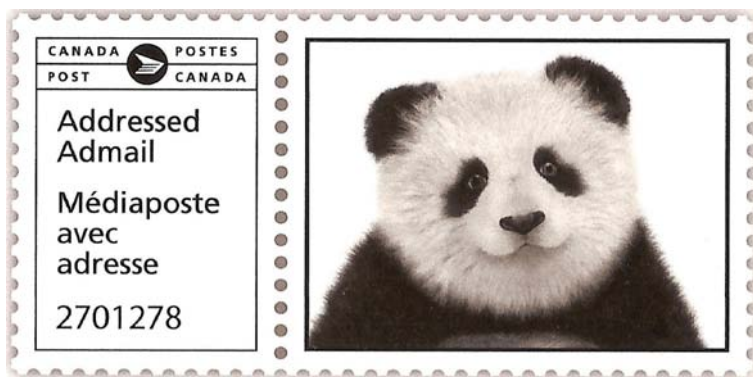
That’s it folks! Happy hunting through your hoard of stamps to confirm or prove me wrong. Whichever, I would appreciate hearing of your research result, either through another article to the CALGARY PHILATELIST, or directly to me at one of the club meetings. Thanks.

PANDAMONIUM IN COWTOWN

by Dale Speirs

The Calgary Zoo hosted the giant pandas in 1988 during the Calgary Winter Olympics and once again in 2019, hence the obvious theme for this year's CALTAPEX. My collection of panda related material added up to one item, a 2013 advertising postcard used by Telus as shown here.

The illustrated permit demonstrates why you should be keeping an eye on your junk mail, as the permits often make good topical collecting.

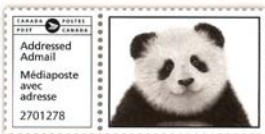




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CALTAPEX 2019: SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The annual show of the CPS will once again be held in the Kerby Centre gymnasium. The theme of this year's show is the Giant Panda, on the occasion of their sojourn in the Calgary Zoo. There will be seminars.

Volunteers are needed to help with the setup and teardown of the show. The more who turn out, the faster it goes, so please help. General questions can be directed to Walter Herdzik (403-238-7845). Questions about exhibits should go to Dave Russum (403-284-4775). Jim Senecal (403-547-7681) is looking after the auction.

(subject to change)

Friday, October 18

- 17h30 Set up frames for exhibitors
- 18h30 Place exhibits in frames
- 19h00 Vacate the Kerby Centre

Saturday, October 19

- 09h00 Show open to dealers and committee members
- 10h00 Show open to the public
- 11h00 Canteen opens
- 13h00 Seminar: "Marianne Of The Barricades" by Jim Taylor
- 14h30 Canteen closes
- 17h00 Show closes for the day

Sunday, October 20

- 08h00 Awards Breakfast, in Kerby Dining Room, lower floor
Tickets \$15 from Janice Brookes at 403-251-1769.
- 08h30 Show open to dealers and committee
- 10h00 Show open to the public
- 10h00 Judge's critique
- 11h00 Canteen opens
- 13h30 Auction lots accepted for auction, bidder viewing
- 14h00 Canteen closes
- 14h45 Takedown of exhibits and frames
- 15h30 Show closes.
- 15h30 Live auction: calling of lots

CALTAPEX 2019: DEALER BOURSE

by Raymond Villeneuve

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CALTAPEX 2019: PANDA THEME

The theme of this year's show is the Giant Panda, on the occasion of the visit of the pandas to the Calgary Zoo. Dave Bartlet prepares the annual show cover, so this year he had the membership vote on three possible photos taken at the Zoo. The winner is shown on the cover of this issue. It will also be available as a Picture Postage stamp.

The photo below was taken at the CPS general meeting on September 4 when the vote was held. Bartlet is smiling into the camera while behind him members inspect the three candidate photos and cast their ballots.



PRESENTATION BY CANADA POST AT OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

by Murray Bialek

Our general meeting on October 2 will feature a presentation by Canada Post. Their staff will be discussing new stamp issues for the forthcoming years.

STUDY GROUPS

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society has its regular monthly meeting on second Wednesdays. This group is devoted to the study of Canadian stamps and postal history. For more information, contact Dave Bartlet at dave.bartlet@shaw.ca

The Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors meets fourth Wednesdays except June to August and December to discuss how to exhibit in a winning way. Membership is free to CPS members. All levels of exhibiting competitors are welcome. Many CAPE members started out as local exhibitors and worked their way up to international medals with the help of this group. For more information, contact Jim Taylor at 238-3698.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

by Murray Bialek

If you haven't already, please renew for the 2019-20 season. The cost is \$25, payable at the general meetings or mailed to Calgary Philatelic Society, Box 1478, Calgary, T2P 2L6.

The CPS is experiencing some technical issues with Paypal. As a consequence, until these problems are resolved, we have discontinued our connection to Paypal and reverted to previous methods of paying dues by cheque through the mail or cash at general meetings.

CPS YAHOO DISCUSSION GROUP

If you are a paid-up member of the CPS, a benefit of joining is a private discussion group on Yahoo. 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.

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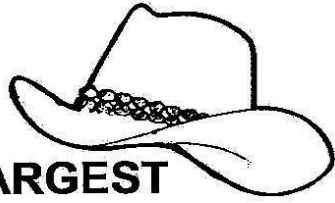
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FOR SALE: Current Canadian stamps, very fine used. Contact Michael Teekens, 912 Olympia Crescent SE, Calgary, T2C 1G7, or michateekens@gmail.com

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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Publications by CPS members:

Dale Speirs published JOURNAL OF ALBERTA POSTAL HISTORY #20, which covers the central Medicine River valley, including Benalto, Evarts, Stauffer, and several farmhouse post offices. JAPH is available as a free pdf from the Postal History Society of Canada Website. Go to: www.postalhistorycanada.net, click on the Study Groups tab, then click on Alberta. All the back issues are there as well.

At the September 4 meeting, the President's Pot was awarded to Mike McPhail for his work helping with the Juniors Club.

NO GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY 2020

The first Wednesday of January 2020 is New Year's Day, so there will be no general meeting that month. The other January events on subsequent Wednesdays will be held as usual. The second Wednesday is the BNAPS Regional Group meeting, the third Wednesday is the CPS regular auction, and the fourth Wednesday is the CAPE meeting.

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2019

September	18	Auction
	25	CAPE meeting
October	2	General meeting
	9	BNAPS Regional Group Meeting
	16	Auction
	19 to 20	CALTAPEX 2019 (Kerby Centre)
	23	CAPE meeting
November	6	General meeting
	6	Deadline for December bulletin
	13	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	20	Auction
	27	CAPE meeting
December	4	Christmas Social
	11	BNAPS Regional Group meeting

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January	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.