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Kudos to Austria Post, who have had some clever stamps in the past decade. They seem to be the only people who can have fun with COVID-19 without being offensive.

Having previously issued a stamp printed on toilet paper, in memory of the Great Toilet Paper Panic that seized the world after the pandemic was declared, they have now issued a stamp made of mask cloth. The stamp is thumb-sized, so you can't wear it, even though the posties helpfully included yarn loops.

The value is 2.75 euros. The wax paper on back peels off and the stamp can be stuck on an envelope and mailed as normal.

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SNAPSHOTS OF CPS HISTORY

For many decades, the CPS did not have a newsletter to communicate with members. Instead the executive used preprinted postal cards to keep everyone informed about meetings and other events. The example below shows both sides of such a postal card.

CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Dear Sir:—

The next meeting of the Calgary Philatelic Society will be held in the Mobil Oil Auditorium, 610 Eighth Avenue W., Calgary, on TUES-

DAY next **OCT 17 1961**
at 8 p.m., and you are cordially invited to attend.

**AUCTION
NIGHT**

The Secretary.



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CANADIAN COIL STAMP JUMP STRIPS

by Gordon Demke

Canadian coil stamps listed in Unitrade include the basic stamp and several varieties including paste-up pairs, line pairs, jump strips, and wide and narrow spacing strips. (Unitrade describes each of these; see “Coils”, pages 20-21). The focus here will be on jump strips of four as listed by Unitrade.

A jump strip is where the stamp impressions are out of alignment with one another. Often the shift is very slight and can be missed unless one is specifically looking for it. Brixton Chrome describes jump strips as follows:

“It occurs where the printing cylinder has completed a revolution and the next revolution does not start in the exact same place as the previous one ended. The result is that the space between the straight edge of the coil and the design will be slightly narrower or wider, for part of the strip (or pair) than on the other part of the strip.”

Jump strips are listed for Canadian coil stamps issued between 1935 and 1979. The first coil stamps were issued in 1913 (King George V Admiral Coils), with subsequent issues in 1929 (King George V Scroll Coils), 1930-31 (King George V Arch/Leaf Coils) and 1933 (King George V Medallion Coils). None of these coil series exhibit jump strips. Likewise, no coils issued after 1979 are listed as having jump strips. The following table summarizes the coil stamp series that contain jump strips.

Scott #	Set or Series	Year Issued	Price Premium
228-230	King George V Pictorial Coil Stamps	1935	20-25%
238-240	King George VI Coil Stamps	1937	20-50%
263-267	King George VI War Issue Coil Stamps	1942-43	25-50%
278-281	King George VI War Issue Coil Stamps	1948	45-60%
295-296	King George VI “Postes-Postage” Omitted Coil Stamps	1949	25-50%
297-300	King George VI with “Postes-Postage” Coil Stamps	1950	10-45%
309-310	King George VI “Postes-Postage” Coil Stamps	1951	25-90%
331-333	Queen Elizabeth II- Karsh Portrait Coil Stamps	1953	10-25%
345-348	Queen Elizabeth II-Wilding Portrait Coil Stamps	1954	25-65%
406-409	Queen Elizabeth II-Cameo Issue Coil Stamps	1962-63	50-55%
466-468	1967-73 Centennial Definitive Coil Stamps	1967	225-235%
604-605	Queen Elizabeth II Caricature Definitive Coil Stamps	1974-76	215-300%
806	First Class Definitive Coil Stamp	1979	150%

Note that there is only one additional coil set within this timeframe (1935-1979) for which Unitrade does not identify a jump strip: Scott # 729-730, First Class Definitive Coil Stamps, 1977-78.

Generally, many of the jump strips have a modest price premium over the price for a strip of the basic stamp (VF, *). The Centennial and more recent issues have a higher price premium. Brixton-Chrome note that jumps are a fairly regular feature in a complete roll, say 20 to 30 in a roll, which would explain the observed premiums relative to the basic stamp. Of course many of the jump strips would have been lost when the rolls were split into single stamps.

In my experience, often the misalignment is very, very slight. Sometimes it is necessary to lay a straight edge along the stamp design in order to observe the jump. Figure 1 depicts a jump strip where the shift is slight. Figure 2 shows a jump strip where the shift is moderate.

slight jump
V



Above: Figure 1

Below: Figure 2



^
moderate jump

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Figure 3

References:

- 1] Brixton Chrome (2018-01-09) "The Coil Stamps of the 1967-73 Centennial Issues" BLOGS, CANADIAN STAMPS AND POSTAL HISTORY <https://brixtonchrome.com>
- 2] D. Robin Harris (Editor) (2021) UNITRADE SPECIALIZED CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN STAMPS The Unitrade Press, Toronto.

CALGARY BNAPS

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society held its monthly meeting on January 12 on Zoom. Dave Bartlet was the host and there were 21 participants. After a brief discussion about forthcoming stamp shows, the group then went on to the theme of the meeting, which was RCMP postal history and postcards.

Dave Piercey began with a letter from Fort Macleod, the headquarters of the Mounties, dated 1885-01-12, exactly 137 years prior. It was from the wife of a Mountie complaining about the bitter cold Christmas weather. Next up was Dave Bartlet, who showed a set of 12 picture postcards depicting life in the Regina RNWMP training academy in 1908 and mailed by a young recruit to his girlfriend.

Dale Speirs then showed modern RCMP postcards depicting Mounties at the Calgary Stampede and in other areas of Alberta. He was followed by Doug Lingard, who showed mail from the RCMP bodyguards on board the 1939 Royal Train as it crossed Canada. Joe Smith showed postal items related to Const. Marmaduke Graburn, the first Mountie to be killed in the line of duty in Alberta, and a postmark from Walsh, named after a Mountie.

Ed Stephens showed a selection of perfin on the 1935 Mountie stamp, of which he has about 60 examples. Murray Bialek had the DVDs of the Tommy Tricker movies and noticed the Mountie stamp was a cinderella. It showed Tommy Tricker riding behind the Mountie on the horse.

The meeting concluded with a general discussion of postal routes in pioneer southern Alberta. Even after the transcontinental railroad came through Calgary in 1883, much mail still moved south to Fort Benton, Montana, by ox cart.

The coil pair in Figure 3 exhibits a very dramatic shift; it is the greatest misalignment that I have observed. Note also that both stamps are punctured near the jump. I do not know whether this occurred at the time of printing or subsequently, and would value your opinion.

CPS 2022 BNAPEX

by Murray Bialek

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Your 20-member volunteer committee continues to work on our 100th Anniversary show which will be held over three days, September 2 to 4 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Calgary. Mark your 2022 calendars now!

Our gigantic show has also been RPSC (Royal Philatelic Society of Canada) nationally sanctioned and will accept both RPSC and BNAPS exhibits. We will have separate RPSC and BNAPS judges and exhibitors may enter exhibits under both categories in accordance with separate entry forms.

We hope to have a lot of out-of-province stamp collectors plan their fall holiday by visiting Calgary, Banff, Lake Louise, etc. Show registrants will be able to participate in a multitude of activities including partners' day trip(s), a night out including dinner at The Military Museums (you will be able to view a real Enigma machine), a banquet, bourse, auction, exhibits, study sessions, and much more.

CPS GENERAL MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the CPS was held on February 2 via Zoom. Murray Bialek moderated and there were 24 participants. The usual business session included an announcement that the February 16 auction will be live at the Kerby Centre, subject to COVID-19 protocols. Members must have a QR code for admittance and masks must be worn. There will be a number of albums and boxes from estates.

The President's Pot was awarded to Dave Russum and Dave Bartlet for their work in organizing CalVirt 2022, which happened to conclude that night. The exhibits will remain on the CPS website for a while but if you haven't seen them, don't delay. They won't be archived.

The two Daves then presented the programme, a wrap-up of CalVirt 2022. Details further on in the next few pages.

THEFT ALERT

by Peter Fleck

The brother of one of our members, Geoff Butt, was recently robbed of a valuable stamp collection. Taken was a four-album set of mint India pre-independence stamps that would include feudatory, convention states, French India, Portuguese India, and India used abroad. If anyone comes across this, they are encouraged to notify police immediately. The police report number is CA22031371 B&E. You can also contact Greg Butt for more information at 587-777-4789.

CALVIRT 2022 SOUVENIRS

Dave Bartlet prepared two souvenir Picture Postage booklets commemorating CalVirt. The booklets are \$25 each and the covers are \$5 each. Contact dave.bartlet@shaw.ca for availability or telephone him at (403) 829-3580.

Booklet cover



Booklet interior





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CALVIRT 2022-100th Anniversary of
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Booklet cover



Booklet interior

CALVIRT 2022 PALMARES

by Dave Russum

A big thanks to all, those who submitted exhibits and those who voted in People's Choice. I want to recognise the unstinting efforts of Dave Bartlet to make this exhibition possible. I also salute Jan Hofmyr, our judge, who provide detailed feedback to all those who participated in the judged part of the show and has generously donated his honorarium to the Calgary Philatelic Society.

The exhibits will remain on the CPS website until further notice. Numbers in this list refer to exhibit number as per the website. A pdf show catalogue will also appear on the website.

People's Choice.

Mini Exhibits

- #3 - Canadian Wildlife Conservation Stamps - Ray Villeneuve
- #12 - Was Mrs Gourlay a half-sister of Queen Victoria? - Dave Russum
- #17 - Calgary Stamp Collector in 1922: 100th Anniversary - Dave Bartlet

One Frame.

- #10 - The Philately of the 1920 Antwerp Olympics - Greg Redner
- #4 - Olympic Firsts - Ray Villeneuve
- #7 - Queen's University at Kingston; A Postal Profile - Ray Villeneuve
- #16 - British Columbia Hospitals Aid Stamps 1933 - Dave Bartlet

Multi Frame.

- #27 - The Story of Lloyd's: From Coffee to Commerce - Norma Neilson
 - #6 - Postal History of the Calgary Winter Olympics - Dale Speirs
 - #13 Foreign mail from the Anglo- Egyptian Sudan - "Gordon Pasha"
- Honourable mention to the non-competitive entry by the CPS Archivist who received most votes in this category.

Most Creative Exhibit.

- #10 - The Philately of the 1920 Antwerp Olympics - Greg Redner
- #4 - Olympic Firsts - Ray Villeneuve
- #8 - Mail Fraud - Dale Speirs
- #27 - The Story of Lloyd's: From Coffee to Commerce - Norma Neilson

Best Overall Exhibit.

- #10 - The Philately of the 1920 Antwerp Olympics - Greg Redner
- #27 The Story of Lloyd's: From Coffee to Commerce - Norma Neilson
- #6 Postal History of the Calgary Winter Olympics - Dale Speirs

Exhibits judged by Jan Hofmyr.

Exhibitors paid a nominal fee to receive a judged view of exhibit

Large Gold:

#9 - 15 Decades of Mail Britain to Canada - Dave Russum

Gold:

#16 - British Columbia Hospitals Aid Stamps 1933 - Dave Bartlet

Large Vermeil:

#7 - Queen's University at Kingston; A Postal Profile - Ray Villeneuve

#14 - Booklet Varieties of the Admiral Issue - Dave Bartlet

#13 - Foreign mail from the Anglo- Egyptian Sudan - 'Gordon Pasha'

Vermeil:

#10 - The Philately of the 1920 Antwerp Olympics - Gregg Redner

#24 - Canadian Mail - The Post Office and COVID 19 - Earle Covert

Large Silver:

#11 - Only 8 Stamps - David Biltek

#18 - When Free Franking is not Enough - David Biltek

THE VALUE OF VIRTUAL EXHIBITS

by David Biltek

Last year I was doing some research for an exhibit and did a search on Google. The top result was an exhibit I had shown at CalVirt 2021. Even better, I sent an enquiry to Post Office Archives. The response came through saying that they are working from home and do not have access to as much as they might.

They said that this author (and here they provided a link) might have some thing to add. It was again my exhibit from CalVirt 2021! Your virtual exhibits are helping research. I think all exhibits in future should have a virtual component, regardless if shown physically or not.

CAPE MEETING

The Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors held its regular monthly meeting via Zoom on January 26. Dave Russum moderated and there were 19 participants. For details, contact Dave at russumd@telusplanet.net

The featured speaker was Jan Hofmeyr, who judged the CalVirt 2022 exhibits. He spoke on the philosophy of judging, giving a few examples from the show. Title pages are important to let judges and viewers alike know the plan of the exhibit. Keep write-ups brief, not full-page essays.

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WANTED: "A Beginner's Stamp Album" with letters in a black frame on a blue background. Produced by Hilroy 1960s. Call Milton at 403-797-6644.

FOR SALE: The Commonwealth Collection 14th March 1983 limited edition issued by the Commonwealth Secretariat. Certificate of authenticity and a letter from Queen Elizabeth. Hard cover book in a sleeve, mint condition. Souvenir Collection of postage Stamps of Canada from year 1979 to 1991. Books are in mint condition, most unopened. Prices vary depending on the year. Call Willi at 519-381-9203

WANTED: Calgary Stampede covers, letterhead and collections. Please contact Dave Freeman at 403-281-0500 or email at dfreeman@latitude.ca

WANTED: Italian or French colonies pre-independence, Western Europe pre-1940, British colonies pre-QE2, Australian States. Call Jim Senecal at 547-7681.

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

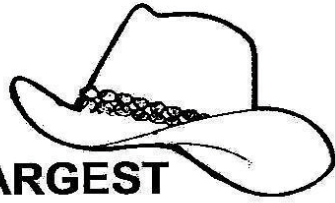
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FOR SALE: Current Canadian stamps, very fine used. Contact Michael Teekens, 912 Olympia Crescent SE, Calgary, T2C 1G7, or michateekens@gmail.com

ZOOM MEETINGS

Zoom software is free and can be viewed on laptops, smartphones, or tablets, regardless of operating system. It is best to view the meeting on Wifi. If you use your data allowance, a typical meeting consumes about 200 megabytes per half-hour. For technical assistance, please contact Dave Bartlet at dave.bartlet@shaw.ca

If you have not been taking part in Zoom meetings, email Dave so that he can put you on the mailing list. A day or two before the meeting, you will receive an email containing a link to the meeting. About five minutes before the meeting, click on the link and Zoom will automatically connect you.



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CLUB NEWS

The January issue of this bulletin was mailed on January 10 from the Hallmark Card RePO in the Brentwood shopping plaza at Crowchild Trail NW and Charleswood Drive. The Valour stamps were used.

Publications by CPS members;

Dale Speirs had a two-page spread in the 2022 January issue of CANADIAN PHILATELIST about the centennial of the CPS.

THIRD WEDNESDAY AUCTION IS LIVE AGAIN!

The auction on February 16 will go live at the Kerby Centre. QR codes and masks are required as well as other COVID-19 protocols. Expected are a number of bulk lots from estates, such as albums and boxes.

CIRCUIT BOOKS

by Larry Tweedale

Circuit book service will continue in February on an appointment basis. Please call (403) 282-9726 to set a pickup time.

There is a need for new circuit books, especially for the Spring Bourse in April and our centennial show in September. Check your duplicates and consider putting your own books together. Blank books are only \$1 each. I personally want to produce several books, and hope to see everyone soon!

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MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

All events are conditional due to the pandemic. Watch the CPS Website for breaking announcements (www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com).

2022

February	9	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	16	Auction - live event at Kerby Centre
	23	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
March	2	General meeting - to be determined
	2	Deadline for March bulletin, no later than 18h00
	9	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	16	Auction - to be determined
	23	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
April	6	Centennial birthday party - Kerby Centre if possible
	6	Deadline for April bulletin
	13	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - to be determined
	20	Auction - to be determined
	23 and 24	Spring Bourse - Kerby Centre gymnasium
	27	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
May	4	General meeting - to be determined
	4	Deadline for May bulletin, no later than 18h00
	11	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	18	Auction - to be determined
	25	CAPE meeting - via Zoom

BNAPS (Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society) meets via Zoom on second Wednesdays. Contact Dave Bartlet at dave.bartlet@shaw.ca.

CAPE (Calgary Association Of Philatelic Exhibitors) meets via Zoom on fourth Wednesdays. For details, contact Dave Russum at russumd@telusplanet.net

Masks and QR codes required at live meetings and auctions until further notice. Attendees must sign liability waiver and record their name for contact tracing. No exceptions; this is provincial law. Please respect the health of yourself and your fellow CPS members.

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.

Meetings and **Auctions** are at the Kerby Centre, 1133 - 7 Avenue SW, Room 205 (Lecture Room), at 19h30. Auction lots should be in before 19h30 to allow viewing.