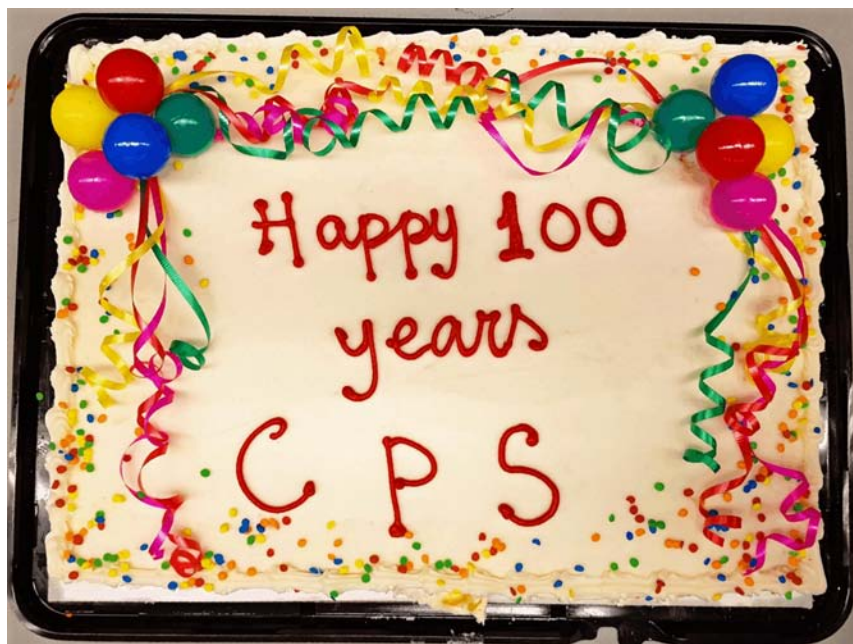
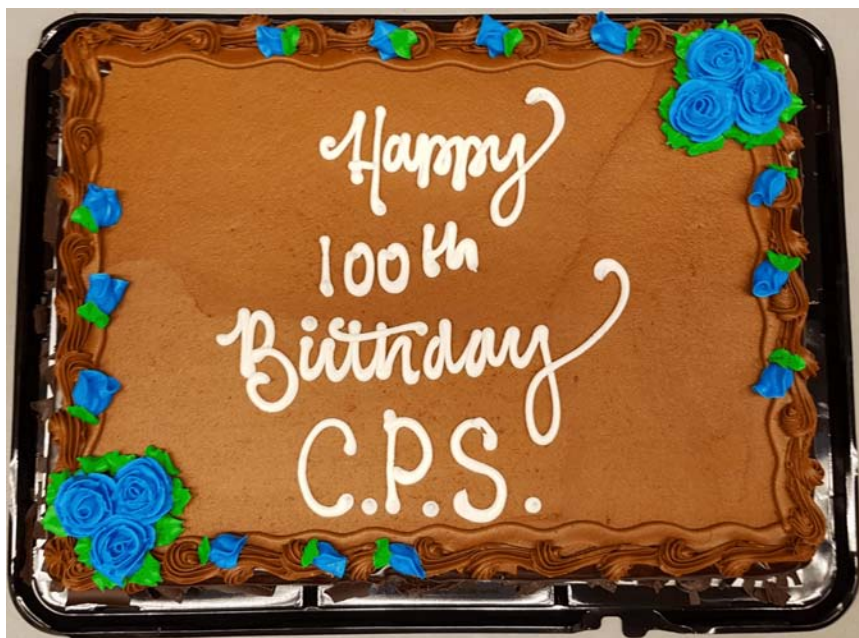


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WASN'T THAT A PARTY?

by Dale Speirs

The April 6 general meeting of the CPS was a fabulous party to celebrate, to the month, the centennial of the founding of the club by Dr Edward George Mason. There were two big birthday cakes, and we were fortunate to have four of Dr Mason's descendants as honoured guests. And yes, we sang "Happy birthday to you, dear CPS" before cutting the cake.

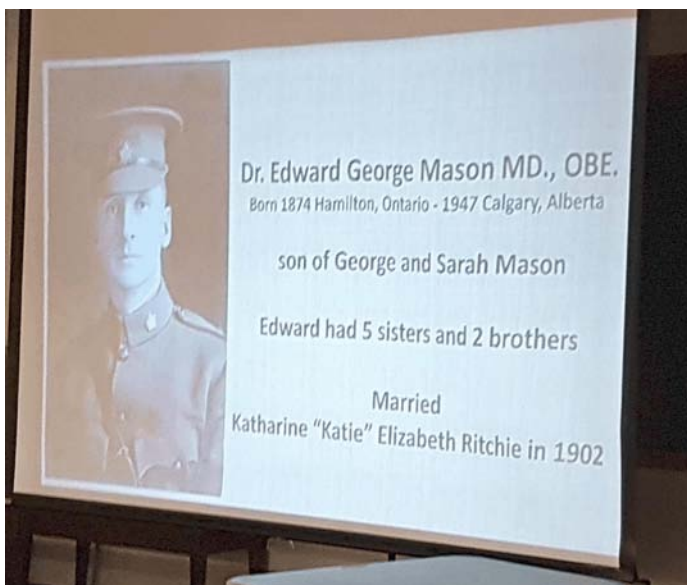
The photo below shows, from left to right, two great-granddaughters Beth Saunders and her sister Carol Irwin, then Beth's daughters Jennifer and Shannon. Not in the photo but also attending was Beth's husband Bill.

The trophy in front of them is the Dr Edward G. Mason Long Service Award, one of several of the CPS's annual awards.





Dale Speirs, shown above, organized the party and started off the programme with a brief review of the history of the CPS.

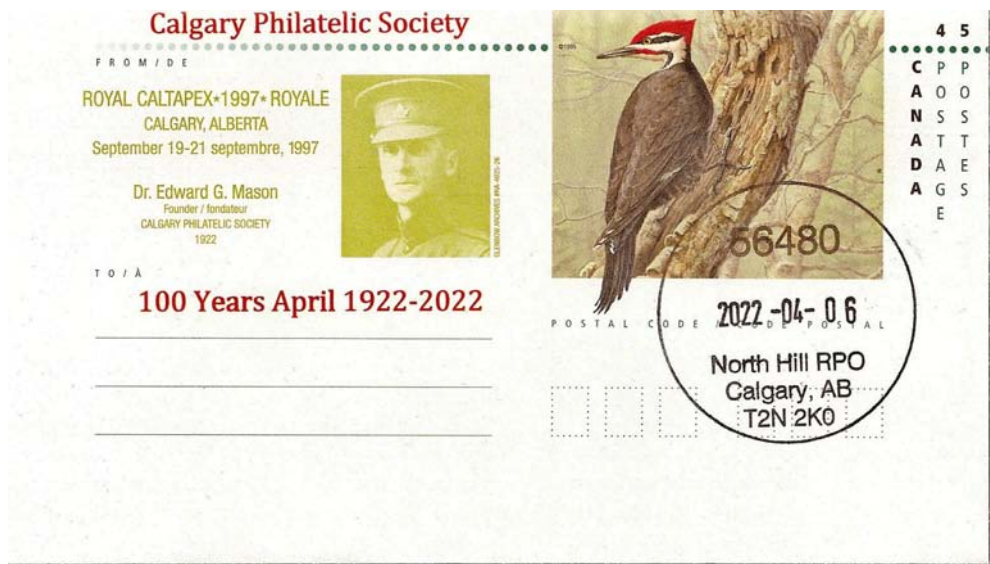


Beth Saunders then followed with a slide show about her great-grandfather's life and times.





Above: Descendants pose with the Mason trophy.
 Below: Dave Bartlet prepared special presentation covers for the Mason family.

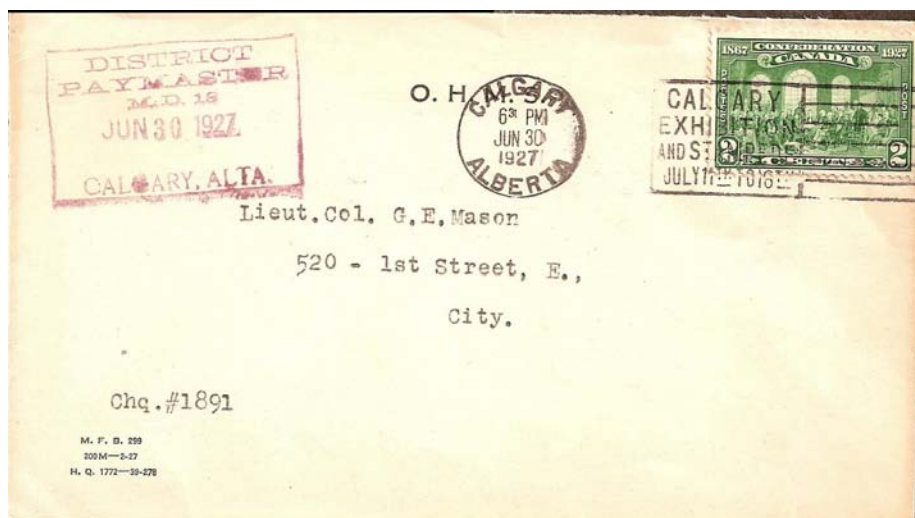


Many thanks to those who helped out with the party planning. Dave Bartlet handled the slide shows. Donna Trathen and Dale Speirs each brought a slab cake. Murray Bialek brought cold beverages and Walter Herdzik looked after the coffee. Jan Brookes arranged for the Mason trophy to be on display.

We hope to see the Mason descendants at the CPS 2022 BNAPEX show this coming Labour Day weekend.

MASON COVERS

Keeping on the theme of the history of the CPS, here are some covers to or from Dr Mason.



Front and back of cover addressed to Mason’s son George Anthony Ritchie ‘Tony’.



At the CPS 2022 BNAPEX show this September, there will be a 3-frame display from the CPS Archives, which will include original documents in Mason’s handwriting and various covers.

A MASON LETTER

by Cecil Coutts

The letter shown here from Dr Edward G. Mason dated 1939-08-18 to Charles Southey is self-explanatory. Charles Faulkner Southey was an avid collector of Saskatchewan postal history as well as an active pursuer of dated Small Queens stamps. He was postmaster at Young, Saskatchewan, from 1944-11-16. After service during World War Two, he returned to the postmaster job until retirement on 1955-11-15.

Charles handed down his philatelic holdings to his son Thomas, who carried on the hobby. Thomas was a member of the CPS from 1975. He passed away in 2008 at St. Albert, Alberta. My wife June and I were close friends of Thomas and his wife Rita. Upon his death, Rita gave me the Mason letter on the promise that I would find a proper home for it.

[Editor's note: The letter is now in the CPS Archives.]

E. G. MASON, M.D., C.M.

602-FIRST STREET EAST
CALGARY - ALBERTA

August 18th 1939.

Mr. Charles F. Southey,
Box 405,
Young, Sask.

Dear Mr. Southey:

I have very little knowledge of the early postal history of the North West Territories. I have gone through my dated copies, and I find that the earliest date I have is Emerson, Manitoba June 1st 1883, and Medicine Hat, Assiniboia September 23rd 1884. I find many other dates, but they are all in the late 80's and early 90's, which is not what you want.

Mr. L.S.Crosby, Banff, Alberta has a big collection of dated copies of the late 70's and early 80's in the 3¢ reds, and he may be able to give you some further information.

Yours sincerely,



EGM/R

E.G.Mason. M.D.

CALGARY BNAPS

The regular monthly meeting of the Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society was held on March 9 via Zoom. Dave Bartlet moderated and there were 16 participants. The theme of the meeting was Canadian trains, and participants showed pdf or Powerpoint slides.

Jon Johnson began by showing revenue stamps used on CPR documents. Eldon Godfrey followed with a RPO postcard. Ray Villeneuve spoke on an Ottawa River railway that provided a portage for steamship passengers to get around the rapids. Mark Oakley then discussed the Special Delivery stamp E3, which was the first Canadian stamp to depict a train.

Dale Speirs showed postcards and covers related to CPR operations in Calgary. Doug Lingard then showed examples of covers from the Royal Train of 1959, much rarer than the 1939 tour. Dave Bartlet had a postcard on the Fort Edmonton steam train. David Piercey finished off the evening with postcards depicting trains of the Rocky Mountains.

CAPE

The Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors held its monthly meeting on March 23 via Zoom. There were 14 participants and Dave Russum was the moderator. The featured speaker was Norma Nielson, who presented a slide show on her attendance at the London 2022 international exhibition.

Afterward was a discussion by David Piercey, who will be a judge at the forthcoming CAPEX 2022 show in Toronto. The event will be the first one-frame international show. He mentioned such competitions are relatively new, and judges are still learning how to handle one-framers.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Murray Bialek

Our society has begun live meetings at the Kerby Centre once again. The Alberta government has lifted, more or less, all COVID-19 restrictions. Does this mean the pandemic is over? I'm afraid it's not over by a long shot. Last week the number of new cases in Ontario increased substantially and I suspect a new variant may be heading west.

The Kerby Centre still requires masks to be worn when entering the building. As many of our CPS members are seniors, I would ask our membership to continue wearing masks in order to protect our seniors as much as possible.

SPRING BOURSE 2022

April 23 and 24 will see the return of the Spring Bourse as a live event. As in the past, the bourse will be held at the Kerby Centre in the ground-floor gymnasium. Six dealers have been confirmed. There will be club activity tables and circuit books. On Sunday a called auction will be held in the afternoon. For more information, contact Walter Herdzik at herdzikw@shaw.ca or (403)238-7845

CPS 2022 BNAPEX

Mark your calendars now for September 2 to 4, and help us celebrate our 100th anniversary at our gigantic BNAPS and RPSC sanctioned national-level show, at the Hyatt Hotel in downtown Calgary. Exhibit entry forms are now open and available on our CPS website.

Show registration forms will be available starting in the middle of April. Check our website for details. The Bar U Ranch tour has been finalized, as has the Hyatt Hotel banquet menu and The Military Museums buffet dinner.

Early hotel registrants will be able to receive up to \$30 worth in dealer coupons. Your committee has added a number of dealer incentives to attract them to Calgary. We are still looking for volunteers. We still need someone to help with the public relations work.

If you can help with set up, take down, manning tables, loot bag stuffing, auction, etc., please contact our volunteer coordinator, Larry Tweedale at 403-282-9726 or ltweed@telus.net Why not invite your worldwide stamp collecting friends to come for an Alberta holiday this September.

FRAME STORAGE

by Murray Bialek

The CPS needs to find a new space for storing its exhibit frames effective July 1. If you can volunteer your empty garage, room in your garage, a backyard shed, a walkout basement, a warehouse, a storage facility, or know of anyone who has space, please contact Murray at mbialek@shaw.ca or 403-241-2006. The CPS is willing to pay for storage, if necessary!

COWTOWNERS OUT OF TOWN

As live international stamp shows resume, CPS members are participating. At the London 2022 show, Amelia Kelbert won a Large Silver for her exhibit on monarch butterflies.

Don Wilson won Gold at HUNFILEX 2022 in Budapest for his exhibit "Australian Mail To The UK To 1891", which also received a special prize from the Emirates Philatelic Society.

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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 jcjperfins@hotmail.com

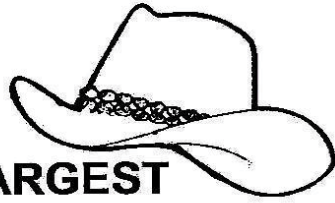
WANTED: Pilot-signed First Flight covers and also any signed material by Canadian notables. Contact Glenn at pgdaze@gmail.com

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

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 March bulletin was mailed from Creekside Shoppers Drug Mart RePO, Symons Valley Road NW, using the QE2 Platinum Anniversary stamps.

Publications by CPS members:

Jim Taylor had an article in the 2022 Mar/Apr TOPICAL TIME about the postal history of Norwegian sardine fisheries.

At the April 6 meeting, the President's Pot was awarded to Dale Speirs for his organization of the centennial party.

CIRCUIT BOOKS

by Larry Tweedale

Greetings everyone! We are into April now and spring fever is coming on (perhaps stamp fever as well with our spring bourse fast approaching). I hope to see you at the bourse on April 23 and 24.

We currently have some new circuit books from Japan and the Netherlands, plus I expect to be receiving more in the near future. Recent Canada and Great Britain are most desired but all countries are welcomed. I have had requests for British Commonwealth, U.S. and Italy as well. New books are only \$1.00 each and I will have a good supply available. Happy stamping!

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MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2022

April	13	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	20	Auction - Kerby Centre
	23 and 24	Spring Bourse - Kerby Centre gymnasium
	27	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
May	4	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	4	Deadline for May bulletin
	11	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	18	Auction - Kerby Centre
	25	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
June	1	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	1	Deadline for June bulletin
	8	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	15	Auction - Kerby Centre
	22	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
July	7	Deadline for July bulletin, no later than 18h00
August	3	Deadline for August bulletin, no later than 18h00
	15	Deadline for CPS 2022 BNAPEX show catalogue
September	2 to 4	CPS 2022 BNAPEX national stamp show Hyatt Regency Hotel, 7 Avenue SE and Centre Street
	7	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	14	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	21	Auction - Kerby Centre
	28	CAPE meeting - via Zoom

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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.

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