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An earlier use of this stamp design showed a Ukrainian guardsman on Snake Island defying the Russian flagship Moskva. The day after that stamp was issued, the Ukrainians sank the ship, leading to this revised sheetlet in celebration.

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RETURN TO SENDER: NO SUCH POSTAGE

by Allen Syme

I recently mailed a letter with 92 cents in postage at the correct rate, which came back with a postage due sticker that the stamps should have been \$1.07. That was incorrect, for the latter amount is what Canada Post charges if you buy a single stamp. It is not an actual postage rate.

I complained to Canada Post and worked my way up the chain with no results, escalating to a supervisor. At each step, they all insisted the first-class rate was \$1.07. At the top, the manager said I could take the matter up with the Canada Post Ombudsman. To do so, I needed a complaint file number.

I had to insist but eventually got a complaint file number. Sending on my complaint, with file number, I got back an email as below, which is self-explanatory. Please note that if you have trouble with Canada Post, you cannot contact the Ombudsman until after you have dealt with the posties and gotten a file number.



We have completed our review of your appeal and are sharing the results. We relied on the information made available to us to assess if Canada Post reasonably applied its policies and procedures in the handling of your complaint.

You explained you had a Domestic Standard Lettermail™ item that weighed less than 30 grams returned to you with a note indicating it required additional postage, which it did not. You contacted Customer Service twice and were told the rate is \$1.07, which is also incorrect.

As a result, you are requesting that Canada Post employees be trained on what the Domestic Standard Lettermail™ rate is. Based on the results of our investigation, since January 13, 2020, the Domestic Standard Lettermail™ postage rate for an item weighing up to 30 g is \$0.92.

As you are aware, PERMANENT™ stamps are sold in booklets, coils or panes and each stamp presently costs \$0.92. They are not sold individually.

Regardless of when a PERMANENT™ stamp was purchased, it is accepted at the current domestic postage rate, which is currently \$0.92. If a customer wishes to purchase a single stamp (not a PERMANENT™ stamp) at a post office, it currently costs \$1.07, and the denomination is identified on the stamp.

Customers mailing Lettermail™ items with pre-affixed stamps, must use stamps to bring the total postage value to the current domestic postage rate (i.e., \$0.92) for the item to be accepted, which you did in this circumstance. As a result, your item was erroneously returned to you.

To address your request that Canada Post employees be properly trained, the terms and conditions of employment for Canada Post's workforce, including training, are governed by collective agreements and contracts that are excluded from our mandate. As such, we cannot make any recommendations to Canada Post around training.

However, because of your experience, we have shared the details of your appeal with the Corporation and Customer Service management as part of continuous improvement programs to deliver better service to customers. It is essential that customers report such discrepancies to our office so that we can have the opportunity to follow up with Canada Post and ensure appropriate procedures are being followed.

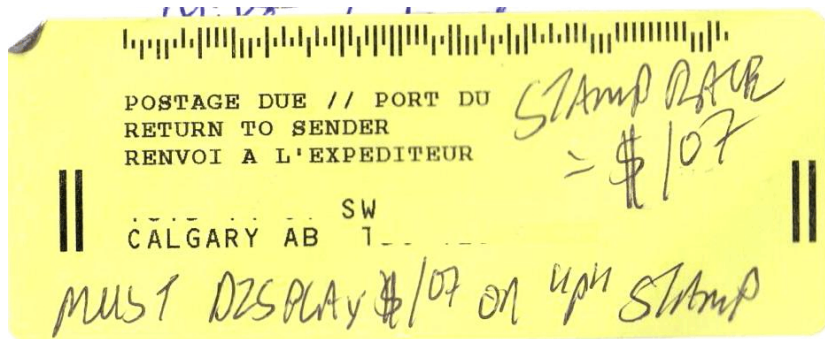
If you have questions regarding the above information, you may write to us at ombudsman@canadapost.ca. In our continued efforts to provide quality services to our clients, we would appreciate receiving your comments on your recent experience with our office and ask that you kindly take a few moments to complete our short survey

We make every effort to protect our clients' personal information. As such, our survey does not collect any of your personal information if you respond. As this concludes our investigation of your appeal, your file is now closed.

Investigative Team

Office of the Ombudsman at Canada Post

www.canadapost.ca/ombudsman



THE 2022 UKRAINIAN WAR: THE CRIMEAN BRIDGE AND OTHERS

by Dale Speirs

Postage stamps may be obsolete for paying postage but they still serve a valuable purpose as propaganda. Ukrposhta, the Ukrainian post office, has been issuing stamps and postal stationery as propaganda in the fight against the Russian invaders.

In 2014 the Russians annexed the Crimean peninsula without a shot being fired. This was undoubtedly what gave Vladimir Putin the idea that he could win a quick war in 2022. Shortly after Crimea was annexed, he ordered the construction of a bridge linking the peninsula to the Russian mainland to the south.

The bridge had four lanes for road traffic and two railroad tracks, cost about \$3 billion dollars, and was completed in 2019. Putin took a personal interest in the bridge and made it a showpiece of the Russian Federation. On 2022-10-08, the bridge was attacked by missiles and heavily damaged. Two of the road lanes collapsed into the strait. Rail traffic was brought to a halt and a long freight train set afire.



As a boost to the morale of the Ukrainian citizens, Ukrposhta issued stamps and stationery honouring the attack.

The design parodied the scene from the movie TITANIC, in which a young couple stood on the bow of the ship.

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The design was rather cluttered, but a postcard issued by Ukrposhta showed it in larger size.



This was a postcard, not a prepaid postal card. A stamp had to be added. The reverse side is shown below. The airmail chevrons around the edge were not in the standard colours of red and medium blue but yellow and sky blue, the colours of Ukraine.



The envelope cachet below celebrated the bridge attack as breaking a pair of handcuffs. Only the cachet design is shown here. The rest of the envelope, which required a stamp added, was blank.



Popular YouTube videos these days show Ukrainian farmers towing disabled Russian tanks to the scrapyard. Ukrposhta issued a stamp of such a scene, shown below genuinely used on international mail to Canada. An enlargement of the stamp is at the top of the next page.

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Below is the cachet from another unstamped envelope, showing a bomb-sniffing dog peeing on a dud Russian bomb. The Z painted on the bomb is the marking used on all Russian vehicles and devices as a quick identification for battlefield conditions.



The prepaid postal envelope below shows Putin staring at a map of Ukraine. The arm on his shoulder is that of a Ukrainian soldier. The text at the bottom of the cachet translates as “Welcome to Hell”.

Увага! Правильне написання поштового індексу в зазначеному місці
прискорить отримання Вашого листа одержувачем

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I’m sure Ukrposhta will have more designs as the war continues. Putin knows that when he loses this war, he will be eliminated by his own people. When that happens, it is guaranteed there will be a Ukrainian stamp to celebrate.

MEMBERS' BOURSE NIGHT ON JANUARY 18

by Jim Senecal

(403) 547-7681 or jsenecal@telusplanet.net

On the normal CPS auction night, January 18, there will be a members table night to allow those who wish to sell their extras and accumulations to other members. Tables will be \$5 each and can be reserved by contacting Jim Senecal. The event is scheduled from 19h00 until 21h00.

EDMONTON STAMP CLUB 2023 SPRING NATIONAL STAMP SHOW

This will be the only national level show held in western Canada during 2023. Calgary exhibitors should take note if they wish to qualify for other competitions. Now is the time to contact the ESC if you wish to enter. Exhibit coordinator Steve Friedenthal can be contacted at stevefr1@telus.net

March 25, Saturday, 10h00 to 17h00

March 26, Sunday, 10h00 to 16h00

This year's theme is "Edmonton's Hockey History Then and Now". Dealers from across Canada and notable guest speakers. Free parking, free admission, free appraisals. The venue is: Central Lions Recreation Centre, 11113-113 Street, Edmonton. The Show Chairman is John Bucci (mjrcards@telusplanet.net)

NEW EDITION OF CPS HISTORY ONLINE

Dale Speirs has updated his history of the CPS and brought it forward to the end of 2022. The previous edition has been removed from the CPS website and replaced with the new one, titled "100 Years Of The Calgary Philatelic Society"

If you downloaded the previous version, please replace it with the third edition. The book is available to anyone as a free pdf. Look for the Club History link on the website at www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com. The book now has 222 pages and is a 16-megabyte file.

This concludes Dale's work as the club historian. He will leave it to someone else to write up the second century of the CPS in 2122.

CECIL COUTTS RECEIVES BNAPS AWARD

CPS member Cecil Coutts was named by the British North America Philatelic Society as the 2022 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award for his many contributions to postal history. He is the leading authority on slogan cancels of Canada, and his many books on the subject are the standard references used everywhere by postmark collectors. Congratulations, Cecil!

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TRADE WANTED: Interested in trading stamps? I have older Canada, British Commonwealth, and some worldwide stamps to trade. Email Dwayne Eadie at deadie@telus.net for a listing of available stamps and my want list in Excel format.

FOR SALE: Danish West Indies. Call Henning at 271-2596

WANTED: Helper to prepare eBay listings for stamp store. Contact Philip Wolf at 264-1551 or selstamp@telus.net

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.

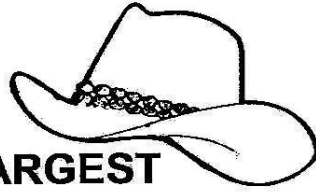
WANTED: Canadian perfin covers and Canadian military covers and postcards. Contact Jon Johnson at 253-8411 or jcjperfins@hotmail.com

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 December 2022 issue was mailed on December 13 from the Sage Hill Shoppers Drug Mart just off Shaganappi Trail NW. The Christmas bird stamps were used.

While the envelopes were being postmarked, your editor learned that this outlet opened on 2021-07-28 and the clerk transferred there from her previous position in the Northland Village Mall Shoppers Drug Mart on Northland Drive NW. That mall is in the midst of being demolished for a complete rebuild of the site, including high-density housing.

The Northland Village RePO was used to postmark the 2015 July issue of this bulletin. If you have that envelope, you can mark on the back (not the front!) that it is a closed outlet.

At the January 4 general meeting, the President’s Pot was awarded to Marc Charest for his behind-the-scenes contributions.

The speaker at the meeting was Phil Wolf, who showed various inexpensive covers with interesting stories behind them. Examples were covers re-routed multiple times trying to find the addressee, Mexican bullfight publicity postcards, and crash covers.

CIRCUIT BOOKS

The circuit books are operating at general meetings and third Wednesday auctions under the direction of Larry Tweedale. Blank books are available for \$1 each and are a good way to dispose of individual stamps. Contact Larry at (403) 282-9726.

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MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2023

January	11	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	18	Members' bourse - Kerby Centre
	25	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
February	1	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	1	Deadline for February bulletin
	8	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	15	Auction - Kerby Centre
	22	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
March	1	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	1	Deadline for March bulletin
	8	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	15	Auction - Kerby Centre
	22	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
April	5	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	5	Deadline for April bulletin
	12	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	15 to 16	Spring Bourse - Kerby Centre
	19	Auction - Kerby Centre
	26	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
May	3	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	3	Deadline for May bulletin
	10	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	17	Auction - Kerby Centre
	24	CAPE meeting - via Zoom

Vehicles in both Kerby parking 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.

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

Junior Club meetings information from Jim Senecal at (403) 547-7681.