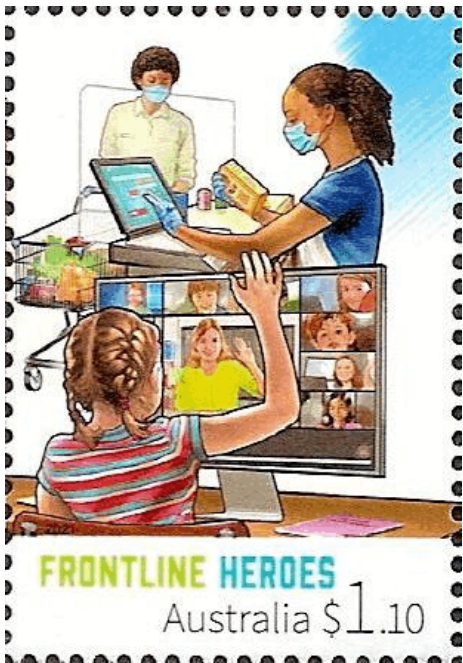


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Here's a new topical for you to collect, Zoom meetings on stamps. Does anyone know of other such stamps?

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PARCEL PICKUPS IN CALGARY

by Dale Speirs

In December 2018, as I was passing through the Beltline district, I spotted what at first glance appeared to be a new postal outlet at 1107 - 8 Street SW. The place closed after the Christmas holiday rush was over.

The facility was in a vacant storefront that the landlord was happy to rent for a few months. I had trouble photographing the full frontage from the sidewalk and had to stand across the street, but did get a close-up that showed its purpose.



This was a parcel pickup only site, with no other postal services. A short time later, Canada Post opened a post office (not a retail postal outlet) two blocks away at 911 - 10 Avenue SW and which is still there.

I have to wonder how many other pop-up postal venues came and went without anyone noticing.



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I get my mail at the Central Post Office on 6 Street SW and 5 Avenue. To speed up service for box customers when a parcel is too big to fit, the staff will leave a key which can be used to open a nearby bigger box. The key is then returned through a slot. This saves time instead of having to queue for service at the counter.



However most of my parcels still have to be picked up with notification cards, such as shown on the next page.

Please ask for an

Item

At the counter

Veuillez réclamer

Un envoi

Au comptoir

Your item will be held for 15 days.

Nous garderons votre envoi 15 jours.

Note

1. Please return this card to the counter.
2. Identification is required.
3. Addressee must request the item.
Note: Having a key to the postal box of your spouse or family member does not constitute authorization to act on behalf of that person.

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Nota

1. Prière de remettre cette carte au comptoir.
2. Des pièces d'identité sont exigées.
3. Le destinataire doit demander l'article.
Nota : le simple fait d'avoir en votre possession la clé de la case postale de votre conjoint ou d'un autre membre de votre famille ne vous autorise pas à agir en son nom.



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UPDATE ON DIAMOND VALLEY, ALBERTA

by Mike Braconnier

[On 2023-01-01, the villages of Black Diamond and Turner Valley southwest of Calgary merged into a single town called Diamond Valley.]

I went to my post office in Black Diamond on January 26 to ask again about the new canceller (they call it “date stamp” at both post offices). No word yet when it might arrive. They really do not know when a new Diamond Valley date stamp will come.



Both post offices said they have to go through their supervisor to get permission. In Black Diamond the postal clerk said that her supervisor said they are not getting a new date stamp.

Things can change. The clerk in Black Diamond said that the date stamps do wear, and maybe at that time they will be able to get a Diamond Valley date stamp.

The change will happen some day, but is going to take some time. Diamond Valley, the town, has no logo for the new name. Maybe that will be on the new pictorial postmark if it happens. I will try to get the new postmarks then.

CIRCUIT BOOKS REPORT

by Larry Tweedale

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There is lots of variety in our current inventory of circuit books. If you are fairly new to our club or a seasoned veteran, come and check out what we have. You never know if there is something that you need right here.

Recently I have received new books with very nice Canada and Iceland stamps. There should also be new selections of Australia and Canada arriving by the Spring Bourse. Thank you, all members who have prepared new books. Blank books are \$1 each.

INDEX TO CALGARY PHILATELIST

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MORE PHILATELIC FICTION

by Dale Speirs

Short Stories.

“Jud Perkins Tackles Philately” was a short story by Harold de Polo (1915 July, THE BLACK CAT magazine, available as a free pdf from www.archive.org) about a roving con man who tried to branch out into postage stamps.

Jud Perkins was working various rackets in Rochester, New York, when he crossed paths with a teenager looking through a small stockbook of stamps. The boy Johnny had just left a meeting of the New York State Philatelic Society.

Johnny was much agitated because he had seen three Brattleboro postmaster provisional stamps on display at the meeting. He would never be able to afford the then price of \$700 for one of the rarities of American philately.

Perkins arranged with Johnny’s father to take him along to Brattleboro, Vermont, in the hopes of finding some more provisionals. Johnny posed as Perkins’ son, and the two toured the countryside selling cheap goods and knickknacks.

As they were about to leave each farm, Johnny would put on an act and ask wistfully if the farmer had any old stamps or covers. If so, they would buy them cheap, hoping to find a Brattleboro provisional. Finally at one farm they got lucky and found some of the stamps.

Unfortunately Johnny slipped up and said Mr Perkins instead of Papa. That put the farmer on guard. Instead of buying the provisionals for pennies, Perkins was forced to pay hundreds of dollars per stamp.

He did so thinking he would still make a profit on the deal. Alas, when he got back to the city, he learned the provisionals were counterfeits. The con man had been conned.

“The Super Velocitor” by S.G. Carpenter (1929 December, SCIENCE WONDER STORIES, available as a free pdf from www.archive.org) was about a gang of train robbers who hit the mail cars on various trains. They were never seen but hit so fast that the stolen registered mail seemed to vanish into thin air.

Detective Crane was given the job. He arranged for a package of fake currency to be placed in the mail car, then watched it vanish en route before his astonished eyes. The currency was marked and a suspect was soon picked up trying to pass some of the bills.

That led to the mastermind, who had invented a superscience suit that enabled the wearer to travel so fast as to be invisible. Conversely, outside the suit, moving objects such as trains or automobiles slowed down and appeared to be stopped. The gang wore the suits to the railroad track, waited for the train to approach, then activated their suits.

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The train then became motionless to them, even though to the outside world it was still roaring along the track. They climbed on board, helped themselves to the loot, and walked off. Crane managed to infiltrate the gang, and the rest of the plot was obvious.

Gimme That Old Time Radio.

THE WHISTLER was a radio anthology series which aired from 1942 to 1955. Available as free mp3s from www.otrr.org/OTRRLibrary This was not a mystery show. Both the narrator and the protagonist explained everything to the listener as a perfect crime was plotted and carried out. The criminal would gloat after the crime and get in a few bwah-ha!-ha!s. After the final commercial, the epilogue would reveal some little detail the criminal overlooked that tripped him up and brought him to justice.

“Death Laughs Last” aired on 1945-10-08, no writer credited. Eddie Lamar apparently committed suicide but his business partner Clint Garvey knew better because he had murdered him. A perfect crime, but Garvey was eaten by frustration because he couldn’t brag about it to anyone.

Garvey was held up by a hitchhiker who stole everything, his wallet and his car. He had \$100 in his shoe, so he was able to get by. In those days, a good motel room cost \$4 a night, so he got a room with no trouble.

The hitchhiker crashed the car and was burned alive. Initial radio news reports said the police had identified the body as Garvey. That got him thinking, so he wrote an anonymous letter to a newspaper identifying Garvey as Lamar’s killer and calling the police fools. He just had to get it off his chest to assert his superiority.

Garvey mailed the letter at a corner street box next to a Signal service station. The next day a news report corrected the identification. The autopsy revealed the hitchhiker’s true identity was someone else. The police were now seeking Garvey.

He raced to the street letter box where a lettercarrier had just cleared the box. The postie explained (and it is indeed true in both the USA and Canada) that once a letter enters the mailstream, it becomes the property of the addressee and cannot be handed back. Garvey wouldn’t take no for an answer. He rendered the postie unconscious and ransacked the van but couldn’t find the letter. From there he embarked on a frantic chase.

First to the post office, but they had put the mail on a plane. He rushed to the airport and commenced a nightmarish saga, trying to beat the letter to its destination. He made it to the newspaper office in time to intercept the mail bag. Before he could find the actual letter, a federal agent arrested him on assault and mail theft charges. After the final commercial from Signal Oil, the twist came.

The letter wasn’t there. Garvey had mailed it with insufficient postage and it had been returned to the post office. Because it was anonymous, the posties opened the envelope and read the letter trying to find the sender’s name.

BNAPS

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Society held its regular monthly meeting on January 11 via Zoom. Dave Bartlet was the host and there were 17 participants.

After a business session, Arnie Janson presented on plate scratches of Centennial stamps of the 1960s and 1970s. These are fairly common and are inexpensive to collect. These stamps have not been studied to death like older issues and there is ample opportunity for collectors to discover novelties.

Dale Speirs then showed Centennials genuinely used from rural Alberta villages in unusual combinations. Doug Lingard followed with recent Canada Post replies from Santa Claus sent on postal cards to Japanese children in their language. Dave Bartlet finished up the meeting by demonstrating the USB Digital Magnifier which displayed stamps up to 200X.

LAST CALL FOR EDMONTON 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. **The deadline for entry forms is February 28.** 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)

LINDA CONNOLLY HONOURED

by Jim Senecal

[Editor's note: Linda was the CPS Librarian at the time of her death.]

On January 29 the Edgemont Community Centre held an unveiling of a mural honouring Linda Connolly and another long serving volunteer. Linda's support of the Board, the local Scout Organization and the Calgary Philatelic Society Junior Stamp Club was commented on. Jim Senecal represented the CPS at the event. Members can see the mural by going to myCalgary.com and viewing the front cover and inside article of the February issue of Inside Edge.

SPRING STAMP BOURSE 2023

by Walter Herdzik

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The Spring Bourse will be held April 15 and 16, Saturday and Sunday, at the Kerby Centre, 1133 - 7 Avenue SW, in the main floor gymnasium.

There will be display exhibits on a non-competitive and non-judged basis. This is to provide the public and philatelists of various levels to view what other philatelists are doing with their material. The display exhibits are not judged by a panel of judges, but attendees at the bourse can vote using a "Peoples' Choice" ballot for what they like best.

Entry forms must be received no later than April 12 to the 2023 Exhibits Committee, c/o CPS, Box 1478, Calgary T2P 2L6, or herdzikw@shaw.ca. Exhibit frames are limited to one frame holding sixteen (16) 8.5" x 11" pages in four horizontal rows of four pages each.

Setup will be from 09h00 to 10h00 on Saturday, April 15. Takedown at 15h00 on Sunday, April 16. Friday, April 14, evening set-up is NOT available. Collectors who have never exhibited are encouraged to participate with any topic. This entry is open to CPS members and non-CPS members alike.

SPRING BOURSE AUCTION

by Jim Senecal

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There will be an auction on Sunday, April 16, at 16h00 at the Kerby Centre. Viewing will be from 15h00 to 16h00. Individual members may consign up to 10 lots. Sellers may present these lots as of 14h30. Registration for bidding will be from 14h30 until 16h00.

CAPE

The Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors held its regular monthly meeting via Zoom on January 25. Dave Russum was the moderator and there were 12 participants. Dave mentioned forthcoming shows in Alberta, which are the Edmonton National Spring Show on March 25 and 26, the Calgary Spring Bourse on April 15 and 16, and CALTAPEX in October.

Steve Friedenthal then talked about the Edmonton Spring Show. This will be the only national stamp show in western Canada in 2023. About 15 to 20 dealers are expected in the bourse.

Jim Taylor discussed writing articles on stamp topics for non-philatelic magazines and www.academia.edu Jan Brookes and Walter Herdzik mentioned the proposed theme for this year's CALTAPEX is the 150th anniversary of the RCMP.

JANUARY MEMBER'S BOURSE

The January 18 evening was a members' bourse, with tables available for \$5 each. The event, arranged by Jim Senecal, was successful and had a good turnout.



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WANTED: I am using Peter Spencer's books concerning the 5-cent Numeral issue. I would like to purchase used copies of the 5-cent Numeral issue. Send me an email with what you have to offer and an asking price. Alain Gauthier at ag250649@yahoo.ca

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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

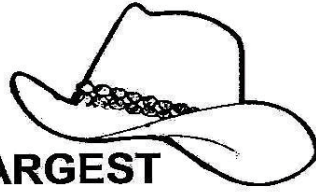
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FOR SALE: Current Canadian stamps, very fine used. Contact Michael Teekens, 912 Olympia Crescent SE, Calgary, T2C 1G7, or michateekens@gmail.com

ZOOM MEETINGS

Zoom software is free and can be viewed on laptops, smartphones, or tablets, regardless of operating system. 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 from the Market Mall Shoppers Drug Mart retail postal outlet. The carousel stamps were used. One of the stamps showed a carousel horse that used to be at Bowness Park. Unfortunately the Bowness postal outlet closed in early 2011. Market Mall is at the top of the hill from Bowness so it was chosen as the closest outlet.

As the envelopes were being cancelled, the clerk advised that the postmark had the wrong postal code, that of T3E 0E0, instead of the correct T3A 0E0. Mark that on the back of the envelope (not the front!) for future reference.

At the February 1 general meeting, Donna Trathen presented on the postcards of Christina Broom. The President’s Pot was presented to Dr Ghazi Karim on the occasion of 50 years of membership.

Publications by CPS members:

Dale Speirs published the history of the Del Bonita-Coutts-Warner district in JOURNAL OF ALBERTA POSTAL HISTORY #26. Available as a free pdf from the Postal History Society of Canada website. Go to: www.postalhistorycanada.net/php/StudyGroups/Alberta

Jon Johnson had a report in the 2023 Jan/Mar issue of BNA TOPICS about a WW2 recycled cover where the sender turned a sugar bag inside-out to make an envelope.

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MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2023

February	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
June	7	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	7	Deadline for June bulletin
	14	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	21	Auction - Kerby Centre
	28	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.