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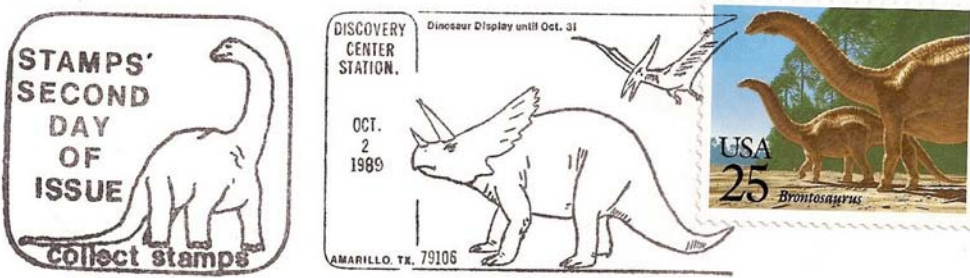
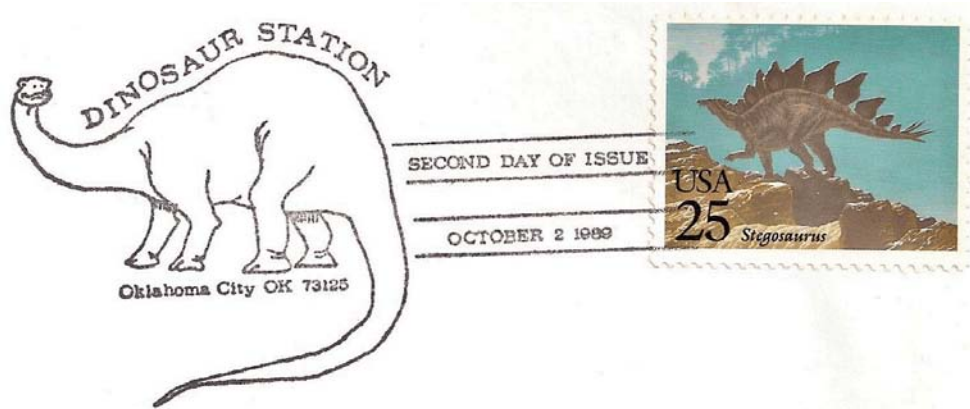
DINOSAUR POSTMARKS

by Dale Speirs

Over the years I have been accumulating topical covers relating to paleobiology, adding them to a file with the idea that someday I would sit down and sort them. That day came for the section of dinosaur covers.

Second Day Postmarks.

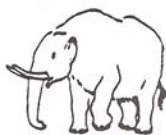
I had not one but several dinosaur stamp covers with second-day cancels. I don't mean the philatelist who prepared them was a day late after the stamp was issued. These were official second-day postmarks (shown graphically cropped from the covers). The question is why?



PREHISTORIC MAMMALS



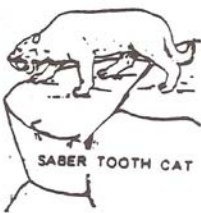
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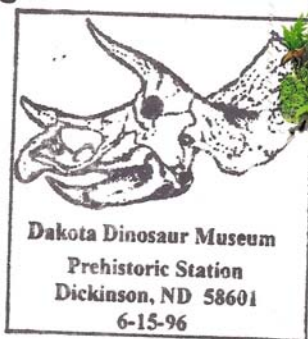


WOOLLY MAMMOTH



SABER TOOTH CAT

SECOND DAY OF ISSUE



Eohippus

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USA

Dakota Dinosaur Museum
Prehistoric Station
Dickinson, ND 58601
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T. rex.

Without a doubt the most popular dinosaur is *Tyrannosaurus rex*. In the late 1990s an exceptional specimen, named Sue, was excavated and promptly became evidence item #1 in a 1997 court case disputing who owned the dinosaur. Eventually the specimen was sold at auction for US\$8.36 million to the Field Museum in Chicago.



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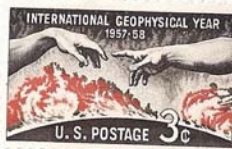
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"100 Years of Tyrannosaurus rex"
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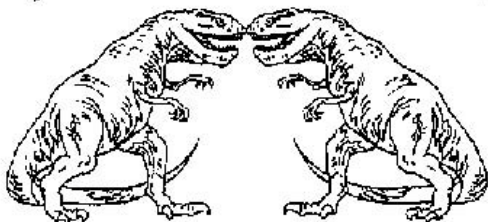
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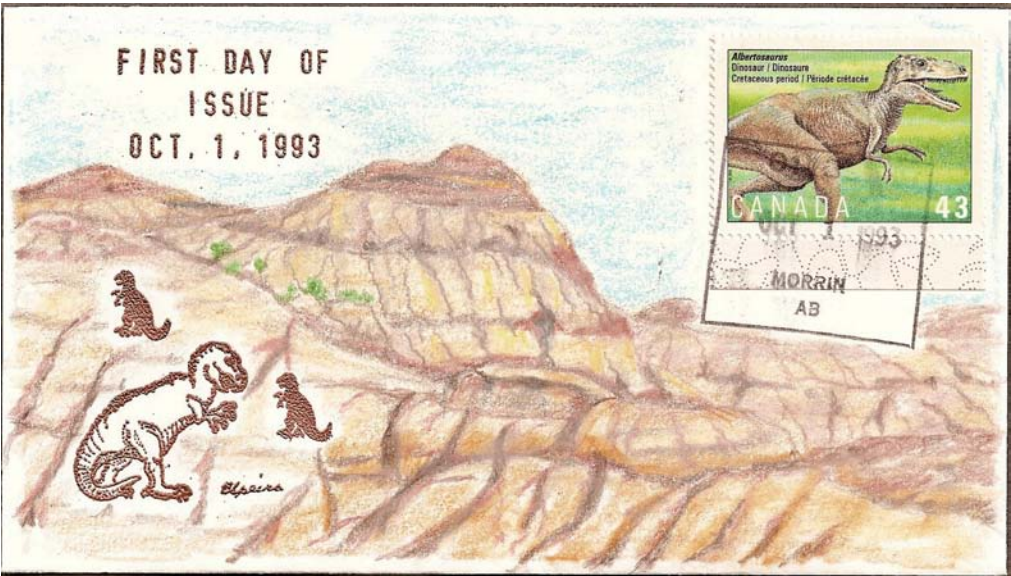
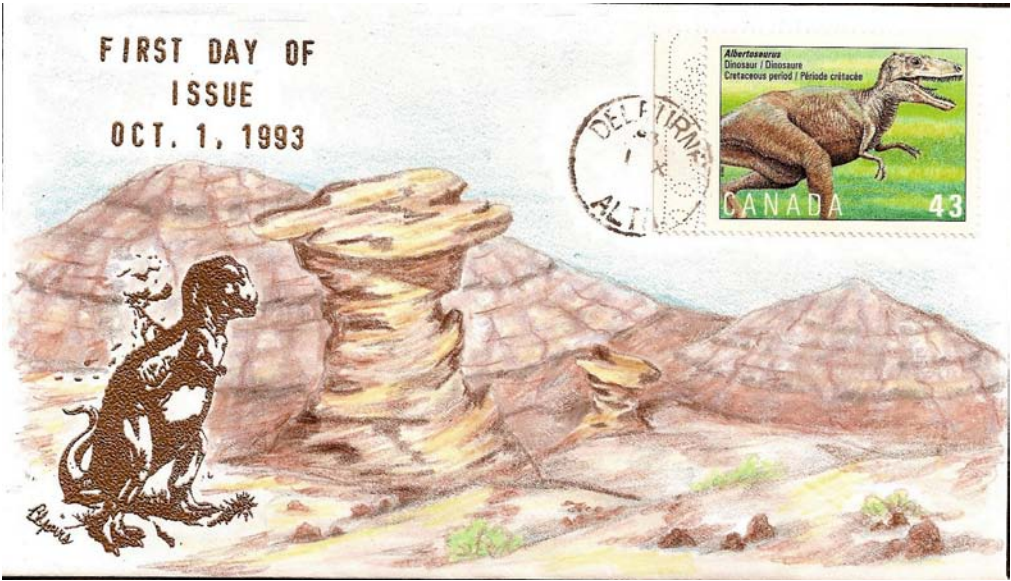
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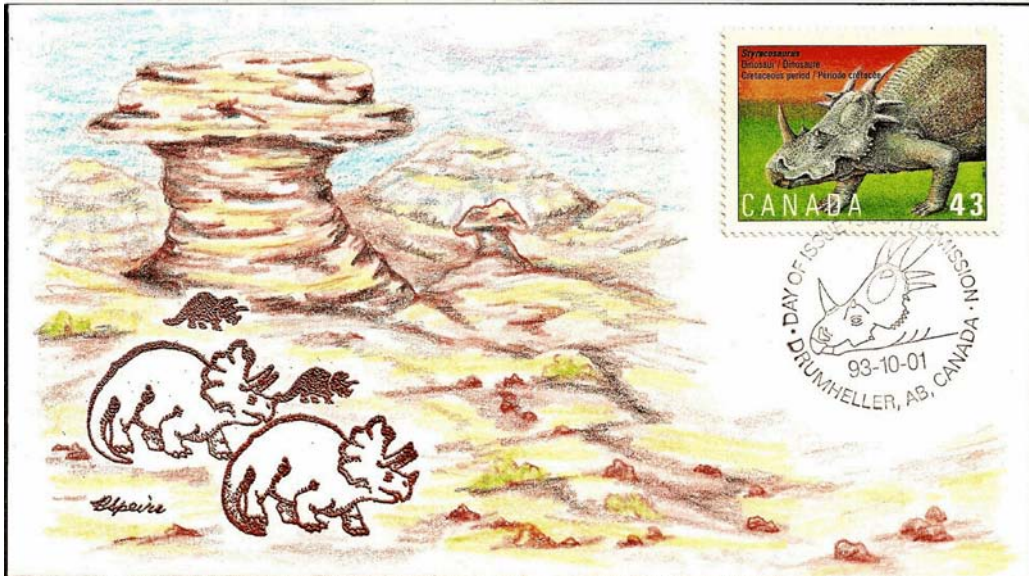


JULY 15, 2010
CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR
SACRAMENTO CA 95815

First Day Covers Of The 1993 Dinosaur Stamps.

My mother Betty (1931-2002) was both a mail artist and a field palaeontologist, so I inherited a number of mail art covers related to Alberta dinosaurs. She had these cancelled at small post offices along the Red Deer River badlands.

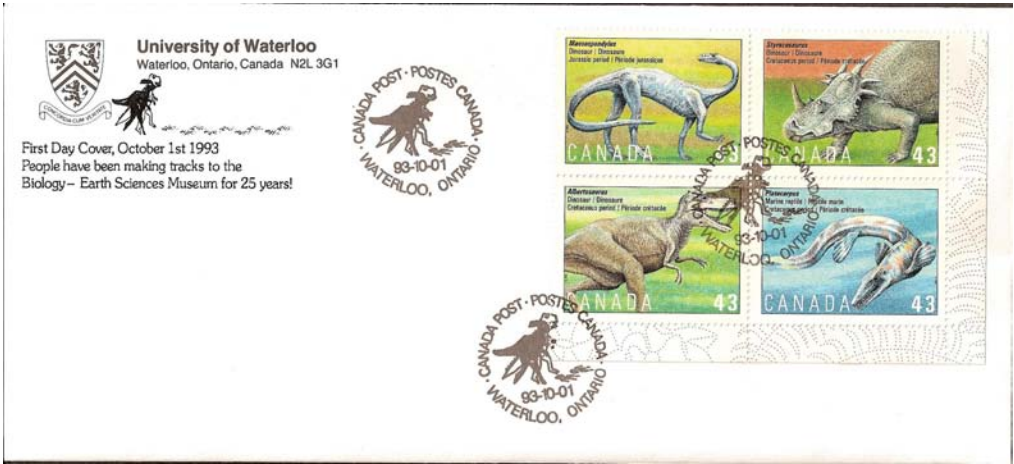




Below is a graphically cropped set of first-day postmarks from an un-cacheted cover.

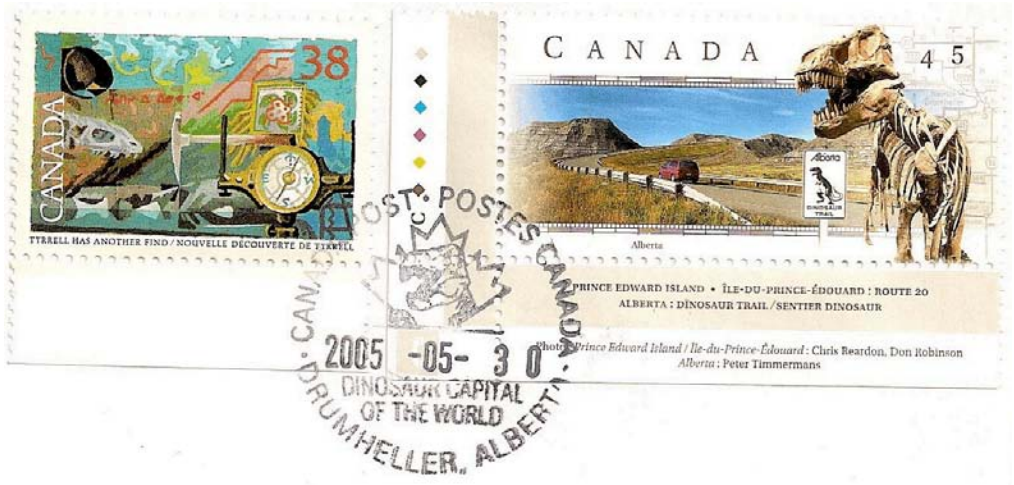


A 1993 first-day cover from an unlikely source.



Travel Alberta.

A later dinosaur stamp with a Drumheller pictorial postmark (graphically cropped). The 38-cent stamp commemorates Tyrrell's dinosaur hunting a century ago. It is also an error stamp. The east-west points on the compass are reversed. Good thing a compass isn't needed along the Rd Deer River badlands.



About The Front Cover Of This Bulletin.

These two postcards are postmarked 1953 on the reverse side. They were part of a series of long-vanished sculptures at the Calgary Zoo.

COWTOWNERS OUT OF TOWN

At the Edmonton Spring National Show on March 24 and 25, the following CPS members won prizes.

Dave Bartlet: Vermeil for “His And Hers”

Sandy Freeman: Vermeil for “Enmity And Gratitude In World War Two”

Dave Russum: Silver for “COVID: First Two Years Illustrated Using Mail From Britain To Canada”

Jim Taylor: Large Gold for “France 1934 Anti-Tuberculosis Stamp Campaign”
Vermeil for “Earth Science”

Donna Trathen: Gold for “Christina Broom: Her Work As A Photographer”
Silver-Bronze for “Queen Mary’s Doll House”

DIRECTOR WANTED

by Murray Bialek

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The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs ,which consists of about 35 clubs, is looking for one Canadian Director to fill a vacant position on its Board. It already has one Canadian who is Darin Cherniwchan but needs a second one.

The duties would be to be one of seven on the Board, to attend the Federation’s Annual General Meeting at PIPEX in May, to be available for conference calls or Zoom meetings when needed (this has been fewer than one a year, but there have been email exchanges which have resulted in an email vote, also less than one a year).

The Director positions will be voted on in May at PIPEX 2023. View their website for a list of all the member clubs at: www.nwfedstamps.org Contact Murray Bialek asap if you are interested.

ANOTHER ONE DONE GONE

by Dale Speirs

The Exchange Gifts retail postal outlet closed on March 13. This was located on the second floor Plus 15 network of Calgary Place at 5 Avenue SW downtown. The store went out of business and took the RePO down with it. This outlet was used to mail the 2022 June issue of this bulletin. If you have been keeping the envelopes, be sure to mark on the back (not the front!) that it is a closed RePO.

BNAPS

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society held its monthly meeting on March 8. Dave Bartlet was the host and there were 17 participants. The theme of the meeting was ships in postal history, stamps, and postmarks.

David Piercey began with British Columbia coastal mail carried by steamships. Mark Oakley discussed the 1927 Special Delivery stamp which showed five modes of mail transport including a steamship, the identity of which he researched and found to be the Ile de France.

Dale Speirs mentioned Alberta's only maritime post office, the sternwheeler S.S. Distributor, which had a post office on board in 1937 when the Governor-General used it for a trip up the Mackenzie River. Dale also showed other Alberta sternwheelers on stamps and postcards.

Jim Taylor discussed the WW2 "Wings for Norway" stamps, which were paid for by ship owners of the Norwegian merchant marine in exile. Dave Bartlet presented Royal Canadian Navy fleet mail of the modern era, civilian ships in Canadian waters, and the Lady ships that operated between Canada and the Caribbean.

Doug Lingard mentioned RCN ships during the Suez Crisis of 1956 and ship mail from the 1939 Royal Tour of Canada. Murray Bialek displayed useful postal history books about the RCN. Jon Johnson discussed consignee mail of bills of lading, which were letters forwarded to cargo recipients that the goods were on their way.

Dave Russum showed a 1796 bill of lading to New Brunswick from England, which took 97 days to cross the Atlantic Ocean. He has been accumulating statistics about how fast the mail went from Britain to Canada over the past 150 years and showed a chart.

Arnie Janson wrapped up the meeting with postcards and shipwreck mail related to the Empress of Ireland, which sank in the St. Lawrence River in 1914 with 1,012 fatalities. This was Canada's worst maritime disaster.

CAPE

The March 22 meeting of the Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors was a short one about the practicalities of attending two forthcoming shows. Dave Bartlet hosted the meeting on Zoom and there were eight participants.

The Edmonton stamp show was the following weekend on March 25 and 26, so some of the participants were able to finalize car pooling and other arrangements. Then the discussion shifted to the Calgary Spring Bourse and the details thereof.

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. Exhibit frames are limited to one frame holding sixteen 8.5 x 11 pages in four horizontal rows of four pages each.

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

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.

JUNE 21 MEMBERS' BOURSE

by Jim Senecal

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The third Wednesday in June will be another Members' Bourse. Tables are available for \$5 for CPS members wanting to sell bulk or album items. Contact me for bookings.

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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

FOR SALE: Australia used. Jim Heather 430 Centre Street, Vulcan, Alberta T0L 2B0 or jheath01@telus.net

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.

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.

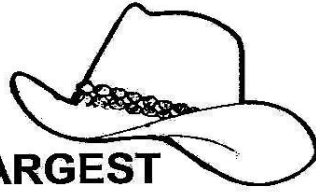
WANTED: Canadian perfin covers and Canadian military covers and postcards. Contact Jon Johnson at 253-8411 or jcjperfins@hotmail.com

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 March bulletin was mailed on March 6 from Bonavista Cleaners RePO at Lake Bonavista Drive SE and Acadia Drive. The Ranunculus booklet stamps were used.

Dale Speirs had an article in the JOURNAL OF ALBERTA POSTAL HISTORY #27 which contained the history of the Writing-on-Stone post offices between the Montana border and Etzikom-Foremost railway line. JAPH is available as free pdfs from the Postal History Society of Canada website. Go to: www.postalhistorycanada.net/php/StudyGroups/Alberta

The March 14 issue of CANADIAN STAMP NEWS had a lengthy article about the history and future of virtual exhibitions. Dave Bartlet was extensively quoted about the CPS virtual show CalVirt and the use of electronic exhibit forms for CPS 2022 BNAPEX.

At the April 5 general meeting, the President's Pot was presented to Russell Sawatzky for his work with the auctions. Dave Freeman then spoke on the postal history of the Calgary Stampede rodeo.

CIRCUIT BOOK REPORT

by Larry Tweedale

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Circuit Book sales continue to improve since COVID-19 restrictions were lifted. There is a need for fresh material for the April Spring Bourse and beyond. Especially used recent Canada is in demand, also there is interest in U.S., British Commonwealth and Great Britain. As always, all countries are gladly accepted! Blank books are just \$1.00 each and will be available at the Spring Bourse. Hope to see you there.

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MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2023

April	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	Members' bourse - Kerby Centre
	28	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
July	5	Deadline for July bulletin
August	2	Deadline for August bulletin
September	6	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	6	Deadline for September bulletin
	13	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	20	Auction - Kerby Centre
	27	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
	27	Deadline for October bulletin

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.