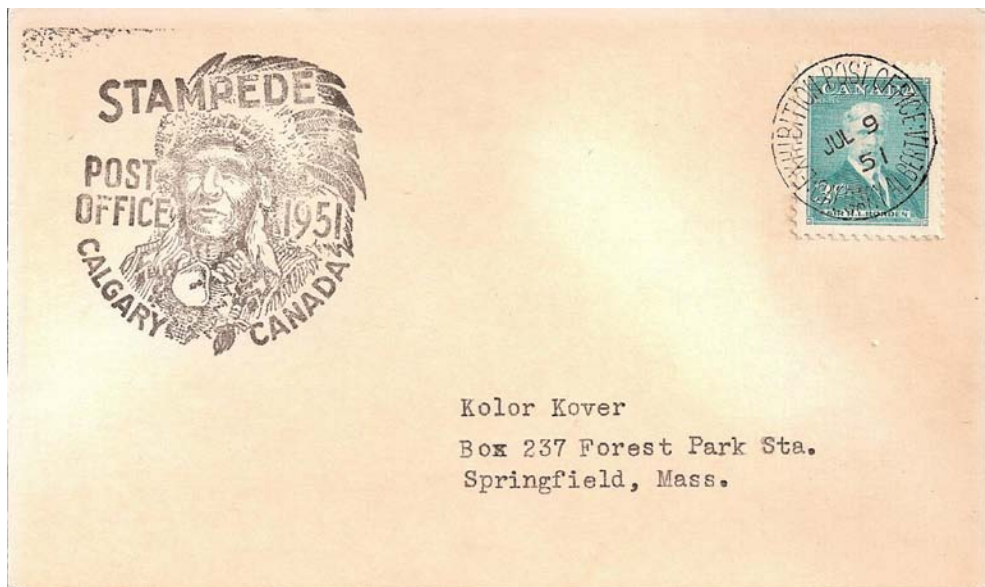


CALGARY PHILATELIST

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Greetings from the Calgary Stampede! Thought you'd like to have the Calgary souvenir post mark and cachet, hence this card.

Incidentally, when you plan late Summer and Fall advertising, don't forget to reach the 115,000 stamp collectors (out of nearly 2/3's of a million families) who read the Sunday Herald Tribune regularly.

Ernest Kher

Stamp News Editor
New York Herald Tribune

Two sides of a Calgary Stampede postcard. The message was mimeographed, so undoubtedly there were lots of these made.

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The CPS was founded in April 1922 by Dr. Edward George Mason. It is Chapter 66 of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, Chapter 1360 of the American Philatelic Society, and Chapter 91 of the American Topical Association.

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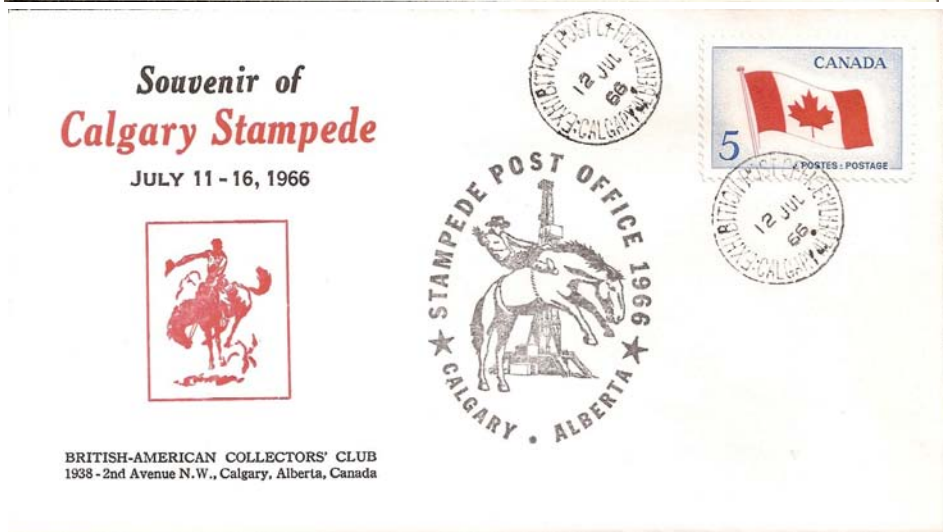
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SAMPLES OF CALGARY STAMPEDE POSTAL HISTORY

by Dale Speirs

Since the first Calgary Stampede rodeo was held in 1912, there have been numerous philatelic collectibles for the event. I dare say a complete collection on the topic would number in the thousands, including postmarks, postcards, covers from the Stampede post office, stamps, and ephemera. Many mysteries about some of those items remain, and there are several collectors besides myself working on the postal history of the rodeo.

I have in my collection consecutive covers issued from 1962 to 1966 by an organization calling itself the British-American Collectors Club. The 1962 cover was for the 50th Stampede, while the others were a generic design. I haven't found any covers outside that date range, so if you have one, I'd like to know. The cachets are in red ink.



Calgary has had a Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society since 1956, but it seemed unlikely they would call themselves the British-American Collectors Club.

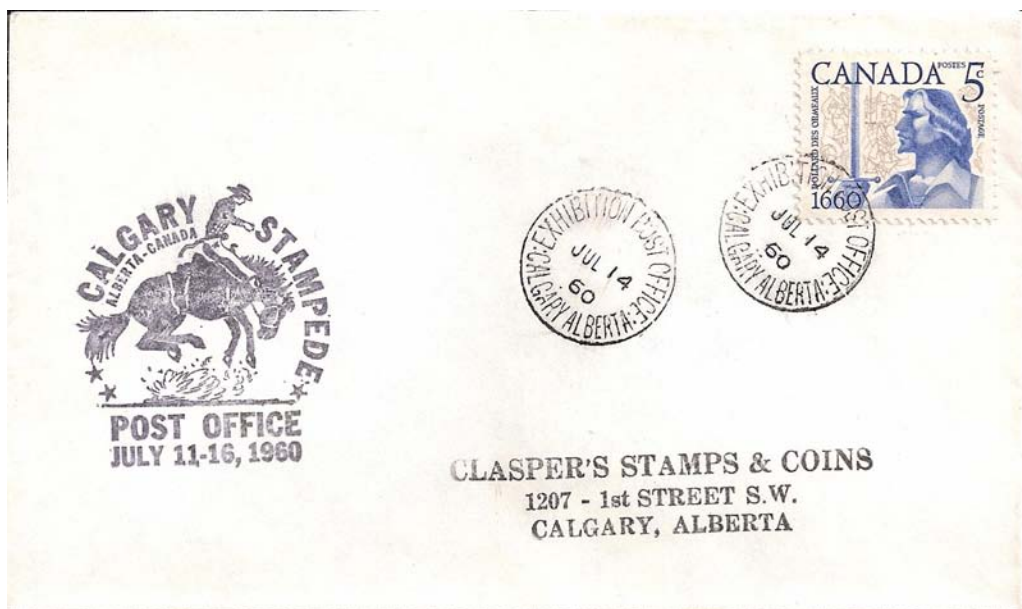
I checked the Local History section of the New Central Library (4th floor, south end), where they have a century of Henderson directories. Unlike telephone directories, these not only list citizens by name but also by street address.

For both addresses I found the name William H. Sutton (and wife Catherine) as occupants. They had obviously moved house in 1962. His occupation was listed as compositor at the CALGARY HERALD. He undoubtedly printed these covers on the newspaper's presses, which explains their high quality.

Sutton's name was not in the cumulative membership list of the CPS. My conclusion is that he was a lone-wolf collector who used the club name as a pseudonym.

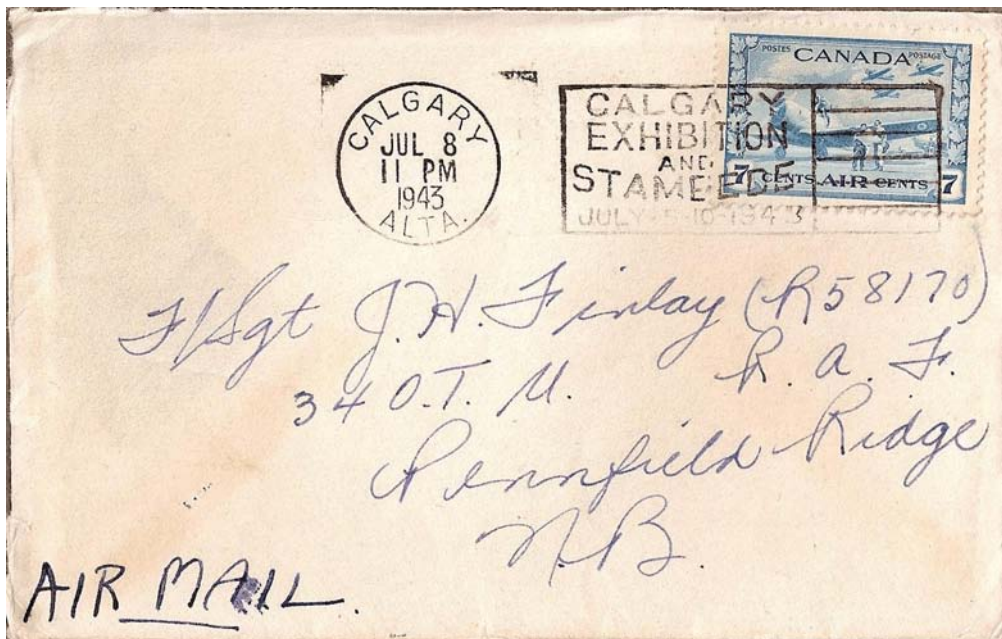
A Calgary Dealer.

I bought this cover because of the addressee, a Calgary stamp dealer previously unknown to me. Checking the CPS membership records, there was a John L. Clasper who joined in 1959, although he never served in any executive or committee position. The street address was long ago redeveloped into restaurants and boutiques.



80 Years Ago.

This Stampede cover contained a letter, part of which is transcribed below. It actually makes a good airmail topical cover as well, being sent to an RCAF Sergeant with an aviation stamp and airmail endorsement. I bought it for the slogan, cancelled during the rodeo.



Jack Dear,

July 7/43 (Wed)

[first paragraph was about trivial matters and is not transcribed]

This week is Stampede week and so Calgary is buzzing with excitement even if the midway is very small while the parade was only marching soldiers, sailors, and last but not least, air force. In pre-war days they used to have big expensive floats but except for one or two are only memories.

We, of course, got off for the parade and this afternoon was declared a civic holiday but I had to work. Boy, was I mad! On Monday night Dot and I went down in the early evening to see the exhibits, etc. then at 10 o'clock, after the gates opened and entrance was free we met a half dozen girls and milled around and ate and took in a few rides. On Sat night I'm going on the grandstand with the family.

[letter concluded with other personal matters]

Love, Phyl.

THE DEVIL AND THE DETAILS: PART 3

by Tony Doughty

In Parts 1 and 2 of this short series, I investigated representative examples of stamp panes, and explained how, by collecting stamps with attached selvages, different stamp selvage and tagging configuration could be identified and accumulated from sheet stamps.

Booklets represent a microcosm of the world of stamps but, unfortunately, it is more difficult to collect individual booklet stamps with selvages still attached. Full booklet panes with selvages intact can sometimes act as a surrogate for individual stamps with selvages.

Let's consider first the 67 years of booklets, from Queen Victoria (Bk 1) to the last of the Queen Elizabeth II, Wilding portrait issues (Bk 51), representing over 50 different stamps with some, but very little, in the way of variance in selvage design.



Figure 1

Booklets 1 through 6 were assembled into booklet format using a 6 mm wide cross perforated selvage tab. In March 1922, Booklet 7 was issued with a 27 mm selvage tab.

These combinations continued until August 1935 when, with Booklet 26 (Figure 1), the 27 mm selvage tab was reduced to a 6mm wide tab leaving behind a blank label perforated on three sides in column 1.

Booklet 26 is therefore the first Canadian booklet deliberately incorporating an integral blank label into the pane layout.

On 1947-12-01, the so-called Gift booklet (Bk 39) was introduced. Containing two panes of the King George VI war issue stamps (3¢ and 4¢, each 3 X 2), and 2 panes of the 7¢ air-mail stamps (7¢, each 2 X 2) and air mail labels.

The horizontal pair of the air-mail stamps is slightly wider than the horizontal triple of the King George VI war issue stamps, so the selvage tabs on the 3¢ and 4¢ King George stamps were adjusted to accommodate the stamp panes into Booklet 39.

And so it continued through the Queen Elizabeth II Karsh issue (1953-1954), the Beaver issue (1954), and the Queen Elizabeth II Wilding Portrait issue (1954-1962). Only four other significant differences can be observed on the first 67 years of booklet issues:

On some early booklets, starting in 1930, 'PLATE', 'NO' followed by a plate number appears on some selvage tabs. The numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 can be found in various booklets.

Second, until 1954 all booklets were assembled using a 16 mm to 17 mm staple through the booklet on the left edge, and therefore through the selvedge tab on the stamps. Starting in 1942, staples of 12 mm, 14 mm, 16 mm and 17 mm were commonly used.

These variants can only be positively identified on complete booklets or on vertical pairs of booklet stamps with the selvedge attached to the left edge. The top edges of the staples are aligned.

The third significant variety positively identified on selvedge tabs, first found on Booklet 41 (the Peace Issues) and seldom used after booklet 49 (Queen Elizabeth II Wilding issue). “Stitch Marks” were a series of evenly spaced holes running vertically through the selvedge tab indicating the booklet has been assembled using a threaded sewing-machine. The pitch of the stitch-holes varied between booklets from 3 mm spacing (16 piercings across booklet) to 8 mm spacing (8 piercings across booklet).

Fourth, the blank labels created in a previous booklets became marketing measures for Canada Post imploring customers to: “AVOID LOSS USE POSTAL MONEY ORDERS” or “ADDRESS ALL MAIL CLEARLY AND COMPLETELY”, both in English and French (Figure 2 below).



In 1963 a philatelic revolution occurred, literally and figuratively.

The orientation of the stamp picture revolved a quarter turn, giving

vertically oriented stamp pictures, opposed to the horizontally oriented stamp pictures of the previous 62 years.

This caused the selvedge tab to be located on the top edge of the booklet pane, where it continues to predominate on all vertically oriented booklet panes to this date (Figure 3 below).



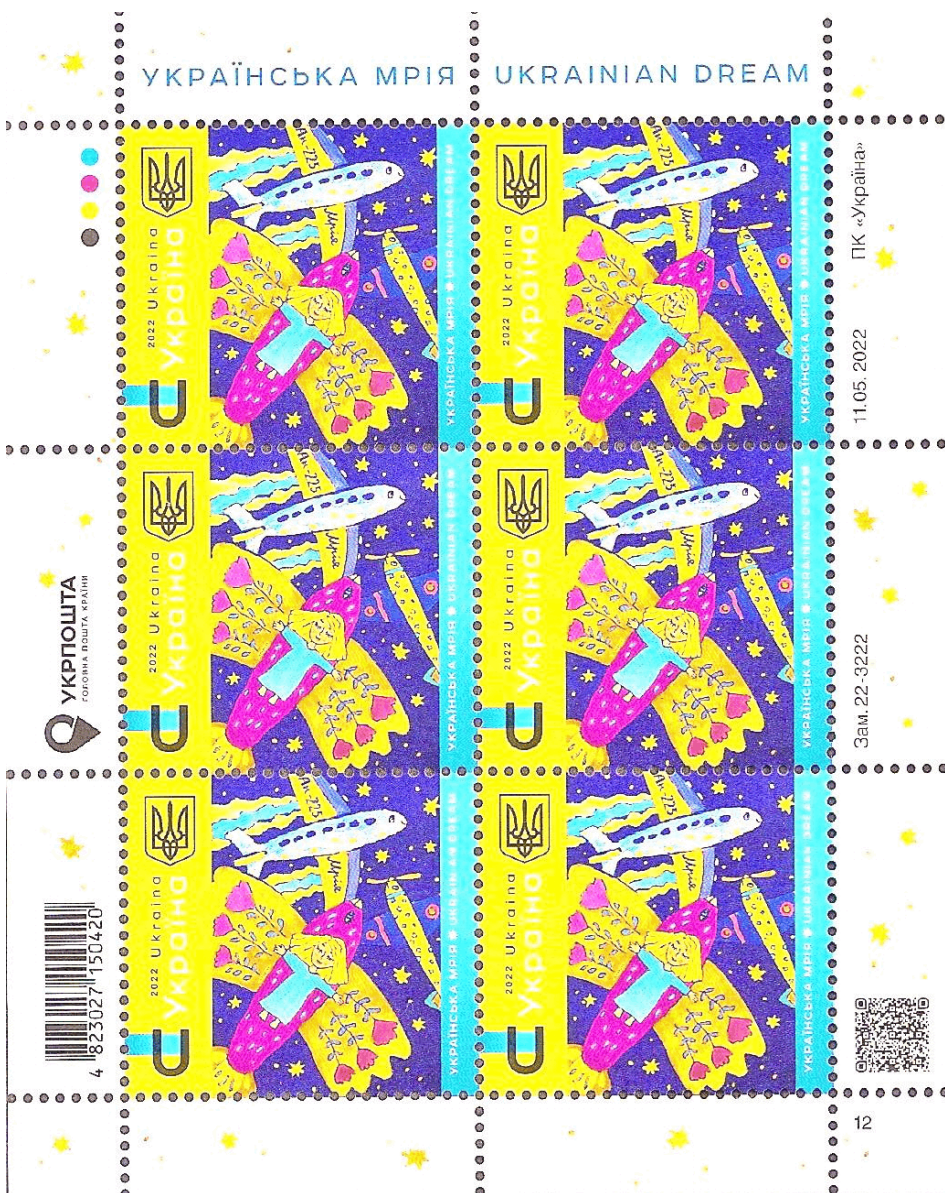
[to be continued]

THE 2022 UKRAINIAN WAR: PART 2

by Dale Speirs

[Part 1 appeared in CALGARY PHILATELIST #198, January 2023.]

The Ukrainian post office, known as Ukrposhta, continues to issue stamps and postal stationery as propaganda in support of the fight against the Russian invaders. The 2022 sheetlet below mourns the loss of the Antonov-225, the world's largest freighter aircraft and the only one of its kind. The Ukrainian dream is to rebuild it after the war.



Below is a 2023 sheetlet showing a Ukrainian boy throwing Vladimir Putin in a judo match. The painting was done by the British graffiti artist Banksy, who had been invited to visit Ukraine and create several wall murals. Putin is a judo enthusiast and was expelled from the international judo organization after the invasion.



CPS NEEDS YOU

by Murray Bialek

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The CPS has three openings for our Board. One of these openings is for the position of Treasurer. Please consider letting your name stand for election for the 2023-2024 Board of Directors at our Annual General Meeting on September 6. Contact Murray Bialek to express your interest in joining us or for further information.

CAPE

The Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors held its regular meeting on June 28 via Zoom. Dave Russum was the moderator and there were 8 participants. As usual, the meeting began with a brief review of recent and forthcoming stamp shows.

The speaker of the evening was David Piercey on the topic of one-page exhibits. By this is meant a single 8.5x11 sheet or a 11x17 sheet. As he asked, "*What can we do with one page that makes sense?*" These small exhibits need no synopsis and are displayed in standard show frames.

CALTAPEX has had one-page exhibits for many years but these were unjudged except by People's Choice. This coming October 28 and 29, the Québec Old Paper Show will introduce judged one-page exhibits. Deadline for entries is July 31. Visit svpq.ca for information.

CAPE will resume its meetings in September, on fourth Wednesdays. Any CPS member is welcome to attend on Zoom. Contact Dave Russum for further details at russumd@telusplanet.net

CIRCUIT BOOKS

by Larry Tweedale

(403) 282-9726

The need for new circuit books continues for the resumption of meetings in September. Wanted are recent used Canada, Great Britain, USA, and Germany. Requests have also been made for China, Austria, and British Commonwealth.

Blank books are just \$1 each and are easy to assemble. Most members price their stamps at one-third of catalogue to sell them. You can get the books from me; please call and leave a message. If you have lots of duplicates, this can be a good way to sell them. I look forward to hearing from you. Happy summer!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2023-2024

Our official year end, June 30, has passed, which means it's now time to renew your membership.

1. You may pay at general meetings by cash or cheque
2. You may make out your cheque to CPS for \$25 and mail it to

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3. via e-transfer directly from your bank account to the CPS Membership Director, willi.beckerslocke@gmail.com

BNAPS

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society held its monthly meeting on June 14 via Zoom. Dave Bartlet was the host and there were 25 participants.

The group will not meet in July or August. The September meeting will be delayed until September 20 because of the BNAPEX 2023 show in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, which opens September 15 to 17. Many BNAPS executives, including Dave, will be there earlier for business meetings.

The main speaker of the evening was Donna Trathen, who spoke on the 1935 RCMP stamp, the first Canadian stamp to show a Mountie. She showed how the stamp was designed from a photograph and then engraved.

There are varieties such as the "broken leg" (the Mountie, not the horse). The stamp was 10 cents and was used for international mail, registered envelopes and the Acknowledgement of Receipt cards, shipping tags, and parcels.

Following on was a show-and-tell session. Arnie Janson began with the 1973 RCMP spectrograph stamp used on dog sled mail in Ungava, a printer's waste stamp fragment with missing colour, and an imperforate block with double printing.

Dave Piercey presented covers and postmarks of the RCMP patrols in the eastern Arctic during the 1920s and 1930s. Doug Lingard then showed 1939 Royal Train covers sent by the RCMP Commissioner of that time and a corporal who became Commissioner in the 1960s. He also showed postcards of the King and Queen with their RCMP bodyguards.

Next up was Dave Bartlet with a cacheted cover showing the RCMP colour guard at Queen Elizabeth's funeral. Earle Covert then showed varieties of the Postcard Factory postal cards depicting the RCMP. Guy Desrosiers finished up with a display on "Les tuniques rouges", including the 1935 stamp used with a perfin and several covers thereof.

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WANTED: Red Deer Stamp Club show covers for the following years: 1965 to 1978, 1984 to 1989, 1993 to 1999. Contact Dale Speirs at opuntia57@yahoo.ca or see him at general meetings.

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: 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 June issue of this bulletin was mailed from the Deer Valley Shoppers Drug Mart RePO (Bow Bottom Trail SE and Canyon Meadows Drive) on June 12, using the baby animals stamps.

The Deer Valley postmark had previously been used to mail the 2019 December issue but that was from White Oak Cleaners RePO on the opposite side of the mall and which went out of business. If you keep the bulletin envelopes, you can mark on the back (not the front!) of the 2019 Deer Valley cover that this is a defunct postal outlet.

HISTORY OF THE CPS

A reminder that the final version of the history of the CPS during its first 100 years is available as a free pdf from the club website at www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com. Look for the "Club History" link. You do not have to be a member to download this 222-page book.

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MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2023

August	2	Deadline for August bulletin
September	6	AGM and elections - Kerby Centre
	6	Deadline for September bulletin
	20	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	20	Auction - Kerby Centre
	27	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
	27	Deadline for October bulletin
October	4	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	11	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	14 and 15	CALTAPEX 2023 - Kerby Centre
	18	Auction - Kerby Centre
	25	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
November	1	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	1	Deadline for November bulletin
	8	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	15	Auction - Kerby Centre
	22	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
December	6	Christmas social - Kerby Centre
	6	Deadline for December bulletin
	13	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom

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January	3	General meeting - Kerby Centre
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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.

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