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Sundial is an extinct post office in southeastern Alberta. The image above is a leather postcard from the Editor's collection. The actual postcard is dark brown so the image was lightened on a computer.

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SOLAR ECLIPSES

by Dale Speirs

If all goes well, the April 2024 CALGARY PHILATELIST will have been mailed April 8, the day of the solar eclipse. This bulletin was mailed with an eclipse stamp issued by Canada Post on March 14, with no advance warning as to the exact day of issue.

I only found out about the stamp issue date by accident and rushed to a postal outlet to buy 17 booklets of ten for the mailout. From previous stamp issues I have learned that post offices and postal outlets normally only receive 30 booklets of a new stamp issue. Sometimes in the past I have had to visit two different outlets to get enough booklets to mail this publication.

Totality will be across Mexico, Texas, eastern USA and eastern Canada, but Calgary had a 40% eclipse, assuming no clouds. As far as I can find out with Googling, the first solar eclipse stamp was issued in 1942 by Mexico. I was going to show a number of these stamps but the problem is they all show a black blot and dark sky.

Those stamps won't print very well in a black-and-white publication, although the pdf version on the CPS website will be okay. I'll try some here on the premise that if they print poorly then at least the pdf of CALGARY PHILATELIST will come out better.



According to the American Topical Association checklists, there are at least 118 eclipse stamps.

Not being an eclipse topical philatelist, I'll use an Internet screenshot of the 1942 Mexican stamp.

This was black on dark blue, which I lightened slightly on my computer. I hope it prints.

I did some Googling and found timeanddate.com, which reported that the next total solar eclipse visible in

Alberta will occur on August 22, 2044. Save the date in your calendar if you are young enough. I don't expect to live to see that one.

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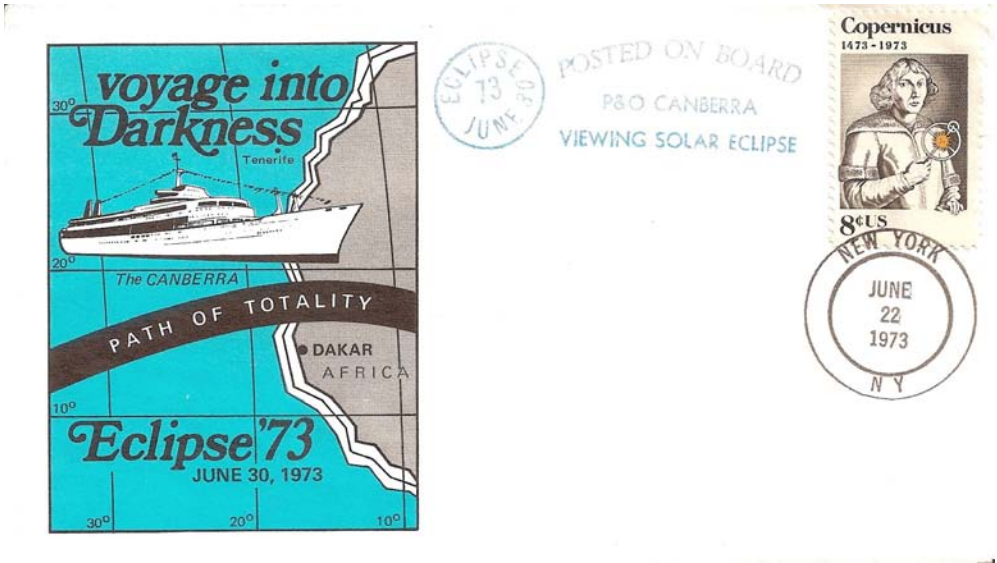


The 2024 Canadian stamp (computer lightened image above) shows a diagonal line tracing the route of the solar eclipse across Canada. The eclipse begins at Niagara Falls, Ontario, and passes over Bonavista, Newfoundland, before leaving Canada. The landscape along the bottom is a melded view of Niagara Falls at left and Newfoundland at right.

Alberta has a few post offices, living and dead, which had Sun related names. The front cover shows the postmark of Sundial, a farmhouse post office that existed from 1908 to 1916 west of Vauxhall. Below is an extant post office of Sangudo, 100 km northwest of Edmonton. Not a Sun name but they built a giant sundial in the shape of a grain elevator as a tourist attraction.



I don't collect eclipses as a topic but over the years I've picked up a few items just for nice. The 1973 cover shown here is self-explanatory, mailed from New York City just before the cruise ship set sail to observe a solar eclipse off the coast of Africa.



I also have a pair of Iran covers genuinely used which had eclipse stamps, shown here graphically cropped from the covers.



SEEN AT THE AUCTIONS

The General Meeting and Third Wednesday auctions provide a plethora of inexpensive items to build your collection, and occasionally have some very interesting pieces. Here are a few examples.

The 1856 cover shown below was sent from England with some good postal markings. The address was fascinating:

Mr Wm Bremner
Farmer
St Cathrens
near Montréal

care of Mr James Cameron
Tavernkeeper
Main Street
St Lawrence
Montréal
Canada East
North America



On the next page at top was a set of 18 Japanese stamps, many with nice postmarks.

There was a Danish booklet of hare stamps. The cover is shown and one of the four stamps in the inside (graphically cropped).



NWFSC VACANCY

by Murray Bialek
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The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs, which consists of about 35 American and Canadian clubs, is looking for Canadian Directors to fill vacant positions on its Board. Board duties are to attend the Federation's Annual General Meeting at PIPEX in May and to be available for conference calls or Zoom meetings, as required. Check out their website at: www.nwfedstamps.org Let Murray know asap if you are interested.

CIRCUIT BOOK REPORT

by Larry Tweedale
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Greetings everyone! Here we are into April and just a couple of weeks before the Spring Bourse. Once again, Circuit Books will have a table and I hope to see you there. Come and have a browse; looking has no cost. There will be some new additions to our selection. Already there is a new Canada book.

There is still time to purchase blank books and prepare them before the Spring Bourse. Blank books are only \$1 each. This is an opportunity to sell your duplicates. All nations are accepted. There is always a need for recent Canada used, Newfoundland, Great Britain, USA, Commonwealth, Germany, India, and China. I am looking forward to seeing your submissions.

SPRING BOURSE SET-UP

On Friday evening, April 19, from 17h00 until 19h00, the set-up for the Spring Bourse will take place. Volunteers are needed to help with the lifting. If you are available, let Jim Seenecal know at jsenecal@telusplanet.net or (403) 547-7681 so that he can anticipate events.

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.

STAMP LINE

The March meeting saw a revival of the Stamp Line, formerly known as the Clothesline Exhibits. In the photo below, Dave Russum, instigator of the revival, stands by the Line.



The idea is to bring one-page exhibits on the announced theme or alternatively something you would like to show off or solicit answers to a puzzling item. One-pagers are quick and easy to prepare and carry to the general meetings.

At the April 3 general meeting, a variety of solar eclipse stamps and covers were shown. In the miscellaneous section, Dave Bartlet had prepared some event covers postmarked April 1 at the Airways retail postal outlet in honour of the centennial of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

For the May 1 general meeting, the Stamp Line topic will be Nursing or else a miscellaneous topic. The June 5 meeting will be for Calgary Stampede related material.

Dave Russum is open to suggestions for the September and subsequent Stamp Lines. Send him a note at russumd@telusplanet.net

SPRING BOURSE 2024

The annual Spring Bourse of the CPS will be held on the weekend of April 20 and 21 at the Kerby Centre gymnasium, ground floor at 1133 - 7 Avenue SW. Besides the dealer tables, there will be circuit books, exhibits, and a Juniors table.

On Saturday, the bourse will operate 10h00 until 17h00. On Sunday, the bourse will be from 10h00 until 15h00, followed by a called auction beginning at 16h00. Exhibit set-up will be Saturday 09h00 to 10h00 and takedown will be Sunday at 15h00.

WHY NOT SHARE A TABLE AT THE SPRING BOURSE?

For the past two years instead of running an auction in mid-January and mid-June CPS members have been able to sell stamps at our Members' Bourse. Here is an idea for CPS members who might be interested is selling their stamps at our Spring Bourse where you will be exposed to a huge number of potential buyers!

At a cost of \$150 per table, the same as paid by dealers, why not become a dealer yourself? Partner with other CPS members and rent a table at the Spring Bourse. If five members partner up, then the cost of a table would only be \$30 each! If you wish to rent a table, please contact Dave Bartlet as soon as possible at dave.bartlet.shaw.ca.

SPRING BOURSE AUCTION

by Jim Senecal

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The auction will be held at the Kerby Centre on Sunday, April 21, with the usual timings. Consignment lots are due in by 14h00 with registration. Viewing starts at 15h00 and the auction will be called starting at 16h00. Bidders must be registered in advance.

SPRING BOURSE EXHIBITS

by Dave Russum

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A number of frames will be provided for exhibits at the Bourse. Exhibits can be from one page to a maximum of 2 frames on any topic that you feel would be of interest to a diverse group of collectors.

There is no charge for exhibiting and there will be no formal judging but discussions at the frames are encouraged and there will be an opportunity to submit a People's Choice vote for your favourite exhibits. Unusual and unconventional exhibits are encouraged. Please advise Dave Russum if you are planning to bring material to go in the exhibit frames.

BNAPS

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society held its monthly meeting on March 13 via Zoom. Dave Bartlet was the host and there were 13 participants. The meeting began with a discussion of forthcoming stamp shows. Then on to the theme of the meeting which was “Green In My Collection”.

Dale Speirs led off with a presentation of covers for Saint Urho’s Day (March 16) and Saint Patrick’s Day (March 17). Dave Freeman showed re-entry varieties on the green 1-cent Leaf and 2-cents Arch stamps of Canada. Dave Bartlet then showed Saint Patrick postcards from the World War One period.

Doug Lingard exhibited some green advertising covers mailed by Irish-named companies and florists in Canada. Also shown were 1939 Royal Train covers with the green Princesses stamp showing Margaret and Elizabeth. Rick Yakabowich discussed green Manitoba law stamps from 1877 to 1901 which were used to pay various court or document fees.

Ray Villeneuve discussed the postal history of Russel County, just east of Ottawa, which was settled by the Irish. Ray grew up there in Sarsfield, named after an Irish hero and whose first postmasters were Irish. Arnie Janson then displayed varieties on green Queen Victoria stamps and bisects on cover.

Mark Oakley finished up with the green Canada 10-cents 1935 Silver Jubilee stamp, the design of which showed Windsor Castle. He pointed out several liberties taken with the actual layout of the castle on the stamp

CAPE

The Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors met on March 27 via Zoom. Dave Russum was the moderator and there were ten participants. The discussion began with the Stamp Line and forthcoming stamp shows, then moved on to the Edmonton Spring National Show which had been held the previous weekend. Calgary exhibitors had 41 out of 147 frames and did very well. (See page 13.)

Then followed a discussion about getting long-distance dealers and judges to local shows. This is an increasing problem due to the cost of transportation and hotels, which makes it difficult for dealers to earn a profit.

Decided at this meeting was that CALTAPEX 2024 will have the theme of the centennial of the Royal Canadian Air Force for show covers and exhibits. A second theme will be decided later on a topical subject such as nature or sports. Any suggestions should be forwarded to show chairman Walter Herdzik at (403) 238-7845 or herdzykw@shaw.ca

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Philip Wolf, proprietor, in his store

FRAME STORAGE

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The Kerby Centre is converting one of its storage rooms and we now must move about half of our stamp exhibit frames out of the facility. Consequently, your club is looking for some storage capacity for about 40 frames (each approx. 4' x 4' x 2") and is willing to pay \$300 for acceptable storage (garage, basement, shed, storage facility, etc.). Contact Murray as soon as possible if you can help.

CPS JUNIORS CLUB

by Jim Senecal

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There will not be a Juniors Club meeting at the Edgemont Community Centre in April. All members are encouraged to attend the CPS Spring Bourse at the Kerby Centre. The next Juniors meeting will be held on May 11 at 10h00.

COWTOWNERS OUT OF TOWN

CPS members did very well at the Edmonton Spring National Show on the weekend of March 23 and 24.

Dave Bartlet: "His And Hers" won Vermeil plus ATA Silver Award

Sandy Freeman: "Enmity And Gratitude In World War II" won Vermeil

Walter Herdzik: "Imperial Airways London To Cape Town First Flight" won Large Vermeil plus Canadian Aerophilatelic Society Best Airmail Exhibit

Dave Russum: "200 Years Of Mail From Britain To Canada" won Vermeil

Jim Taylor: "Earth Science" won Gold plus RPSC Excellence of Presentation medal and ATA Gold Award

"Royal Visit Of George VI and Queen Elizabeth To France 1938" won Vermeil

"USA 1928-1960 Mail For Saint Pierre And Miquelon" won Vermeil

"France 1934 Anti-Tuberculosis Stamp Campaign" won Vermeil

"Antarctica Conflicting Claims" won Vermeil

Donna Trathen: "Canada's First RCMP Stamp (1935)" won Large Vermeil

Raymond Villeneuve: "Usages Of Canada's First Special Delivery Stamp 1899-1919" won Large Vermeil

Don Wilson: "Mail From The Anglo-Egyptian Sudan 1897-1955" won Large Vermeil



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CLUB NEWS

The March bulletin was mailed on March 11 from Westhills Shoppers Drug Mart, using the wildflower coil stamps.

At the April 3 general meeting the President's Pot was presented to Tony Doughty for his past literary contributions to the bulletin.

Jan Brookes noted the passing of two CPS members, Herb Robertson and Michael Teekens.

PUBLICATIONS BY CPS MEMBERS

Dale Speirs published JOURNAL OF ALBERTA POSTAL HISTORY #32, which contained post office histories of the Lomond-Vauxhall-Bow City district in southeastern Alberta. JAPH and all back issues are available as free pdfs from the Postal History Society of Canada website. Go to: www.postalhistorycanada.net/php/StudyGroups/Alberta

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CPS MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2024

April	10	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	17	Auction - Kerby Centre
	19	Spring Bourse - show set-up, volunteers needed
	20 and 21	Spring Bourse - Kerby Centre gymnasium
	24	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
May	1	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	1	Deadline for May bulletin
	1	Stamp Line - Nursing or Miscellaneous
	8	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	15	Auction - Kerby Centre
	22	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
June	5	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	5	Deadline for June bulletin
	5	Stamp Line - Calgary Stampede
	12	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	19	Members' bourse - Kerby Centre
	26	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
July	3	Deadline for July bulletin - 18h00
August	7	Deadline for August bulletin - 18h00
September	4	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	4	Deadline for September bulletin
	11	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	15	Deadline for CALTAPEX entries
	18	Auction - Kerby Centre

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 547-7681.