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Canada adopted the Maple Leaf flag on February 15, 1965. The first postage stamp to depict it was, strangely, South Korea, on June 25 (top). The first Canadian stamp to show the flag wasn't issued until five days later (bottom).

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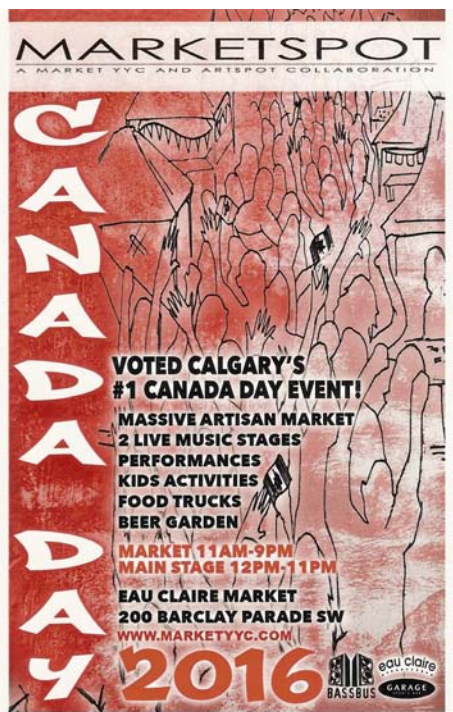
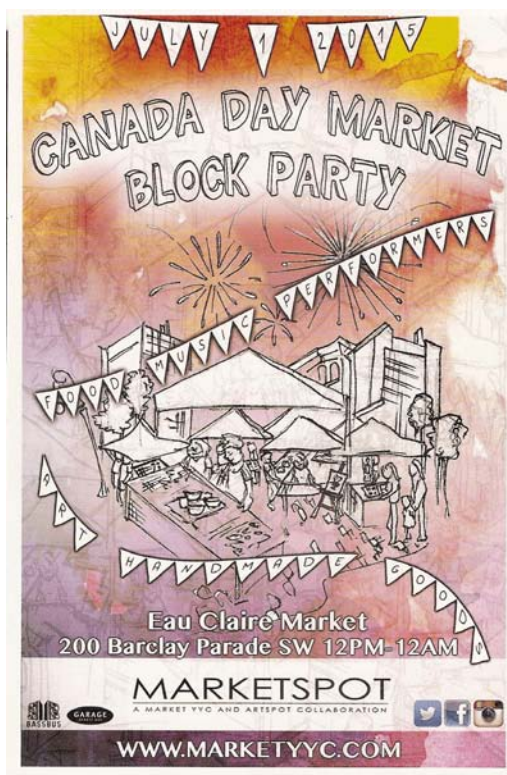
COMMITTEES - see page 15 for list of committee chairpersons.

MODERN CANADA DAY POSTCARDS

by Dale Speirs

Canada Post has issued many stamps for Canada Day but I find there is more fun in chasing postal history and postcards. Modern junk mail is often topical and seldom saved, creating the rarities of the future.

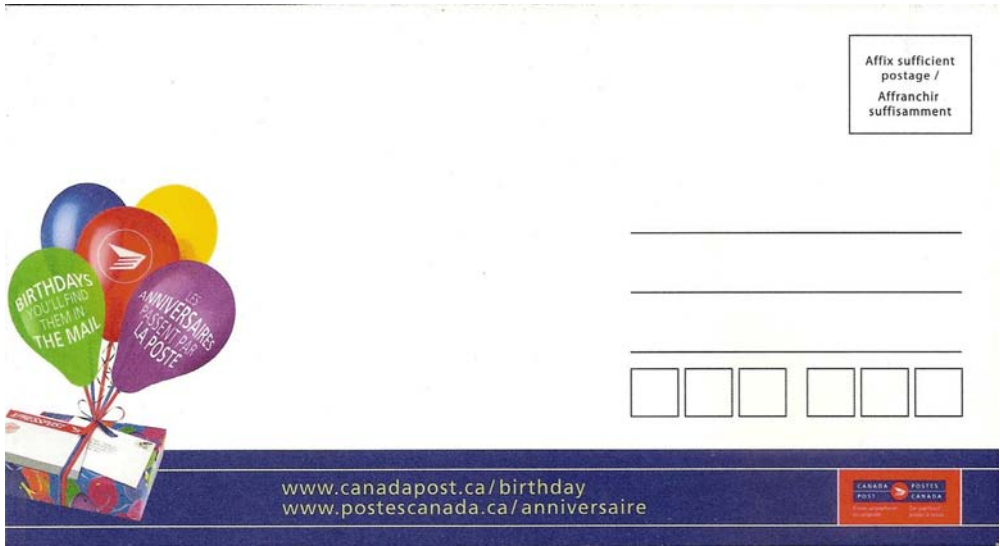
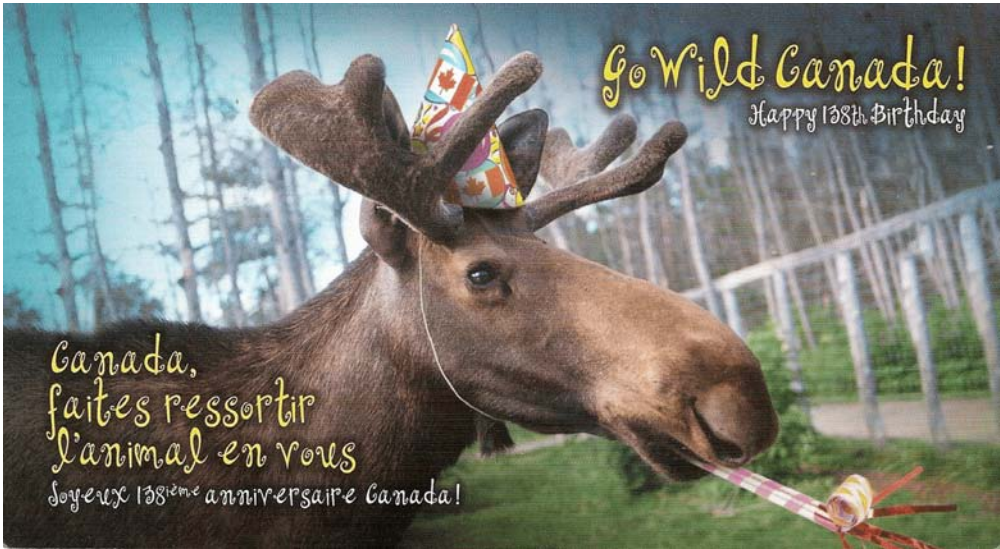
Shown below are two postcards issued in 2015 and 2016 by the Eau Claire Market downtown (soon to be demolished for the new LRT Green Line) for their celebrations on Canada Day. The market is, or was, directly adjacent to Prince's Island, where traditionally the biggest Canada Day event is held in Calgary, with 100,000 citizens cramming onto the island.



Keep an eye on your letter box, as many realtors or local neighbourhood businesses use postcards to tout their Canada Day events. This is the kind of mail that few people ever save and which future topical collectors will wish they had.

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In 2005, Canada Post gave away a postcard for the 138th Canada Day, featuring a party-hearty moose. Both sides of the postcard are shown below.



At the top of the next page is a 1996 Canada Day postcard issued by my employer at the time, the City of Calgary Parks Dept. They hadn't done it before or since, so there must have been leftover funds in the budget that had to be spent.



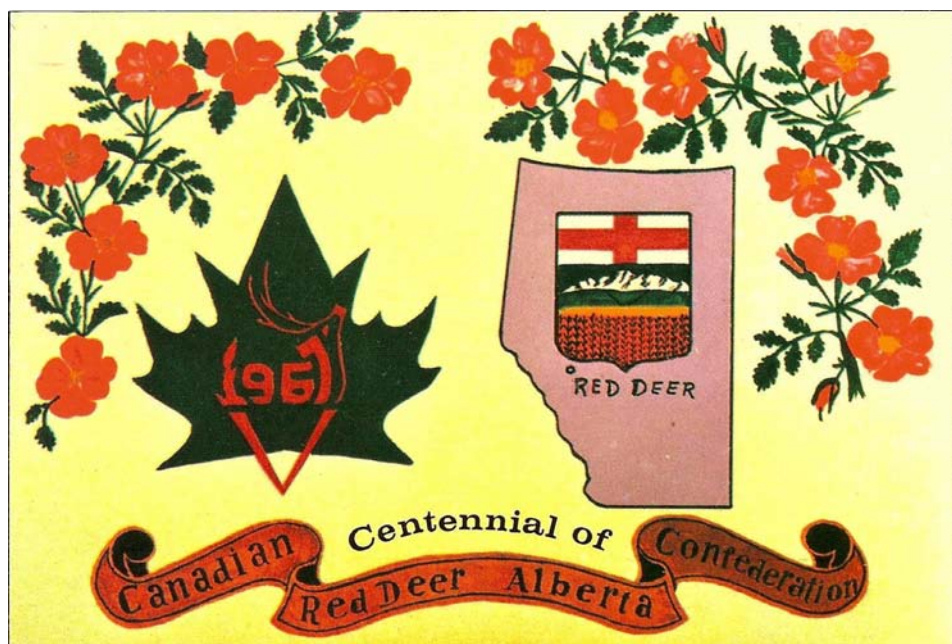
CANADA DAY-1967



PRINCE'S ISLAND PARK

LINKING THE NATION

Going back to the centennial in 1967, there were lots of local postcards produced which were not sold outside the area and are thus rare. The postcard below was produced by Katherine Huber. I found this one in my mother's estate; she lived in Red Deer.



NOT QUITE CANADA DAY

by Dale Speirs

I bought this 1926 parcel tag from a dealer at CALTAPEX. As you can see it had some nice Admiral stamps, including a pair of 1-dollar values. That wasn't why I bought the tag but rather for its postal history value.

The Royal Bank of Canada at Calgary mailed this package, probably containing cash, on July 2, a Friday. All the stamps received a Calgary postmark. At right is an inverted close-up to show the date. July 1 was Dominion Day.

The next postmark is Fort William and Winnipeg railway post office, dated July 4. The following day, on the address side of the tag, there was an Ottawa and North Bay RPO postmark. Presumably the package was delivered on July 5.



SEEN AT THE AUCTIONS

Each auction, at the general meetings and the Third Wednesdays, has about 250 lots. If you are looking for bulk lots, there are always boxes. Two examples are shown here, USA on paper, and bundleware.



Lots of countries are represented, such as this Papua New Guinea set of colourful shells.



TOPICS FOR THE STAMP LINE

by Dave Russum

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September 4 - Sports

October 2 - Calgary

November 6 - Halloween, Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day

December 4 - Christmas

Use your imagination to convert these topics into mini-exhibits. They must have a philatelic connection but can also include ephemera. Please put your exhibits in transparent page protectors and add your name on the back so they can be safely returned at take-down.

CIRCUIT BOOK REPORT

by Larry Tweedale

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Here we are in June already and time to start the Circuit Book year end! The June 5 meeting will see the last sales until September and books cannot be borrowed until then. However new blank books can still be purchased (just \$1 each) at the meeting and the member's bourse on June 19.

After our meeting on June 5, I will conduct an inventory and then close the oldest and most empty books. These will be returned to the owners along with the cheques starting June 19. From there, the final sales report will be prepared. This past year has been good with sales surpassing the previous year.

Please consider completing your own books for next fall. It is a good way to provide other members with your duplicates. Requests for recent Canada, Great Britain, and Germany have continued. There is also a need for Newfoundland, British Commonwealth and USA. Of course, all countries and subjects are welcomed. Happy summer stamping!

CALTAPEX 2024 EXHIBITS

by Dave Russum

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Now is the time to plan your philatelic exhibits for our show. 1-frame (16 pages) to 8 frames (possibly 10 frames depending on space) on all topics are welcome. New and experimental exhibits from first time exhibitors (young and old) are particularly encouraged. We will have a qualified judge to provide advice and feedback to exhibitors.

The Prospectus and Entry Form will be available on the CPS website (www.calgeryphilatelicsociety.com). Please submit entry forms at your earliest convenience so we can plan for the scope of the show. CALTAPEX will include space to show free mini-exhibits on the topics of the Royal Canadian Air Force, aerophilately and Calgary.

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.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS 2024-2025

by Murray Bialek

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Your dues for the 2024-2025 year are due by June 30. If you have not already paid your dues at one of our meetings, you may pay your dues of \$25 three different ways:

1. Preferably via e-transfer directly from your bank account to the CPS Membership Director, Murray Bialek, at mbialek@shaw.ca
2. By cheque made out to Calgary Philatelic Society and mailed to:
CPS, c/o Murray Bialek
Box 71126 RPO Silver Springs NW
Calgary, AB T3B 5K2
3. With cash at our next club meeting in September.

Maintaining your membership certainly has many advantages, a few of which are listed below:

Auctions: Only members can sell philatelic material directly at our club auctions. Members also have the option of paying by cheque for material purchased.

CALGARY PHILATELIST: New issues of CALGARY PHILATELIST are available exclusively to members. Copies are mailed using current stamps and postmarks. Recent newsletters can also be viewed in the members-only section on the website. Members are further entitled to place free classified ads.

Library: The CPS library is one of only two Canadian libraries listed in the authoritative Official Stamp Collectors Handbook. The library contains hundreds of books, catalogues, and often rare reference material. A CPS membership card is required to check out items.

Members-only website pages: A number of sections on the website are restricted to current members. This includes viewing current newsletters, placing free member ads, reviewing Board and General Meeting minutes, Zoom login ID numbers, and more.

Borrowing circuit books or sell your duplicate stamps through them.

Camaraderie and access to unlimited professional philatelic advice and knowledge.

Monthly speakers and refreshments.

In addition, your dues ensure the continuation of a vibrant club for the local stamp collecting community, maintenance of our youth stamp club, our yearly Spring Bourse, and CALTAPEX, our October stamp exhibition.

MEMBERS' BOURSE IN JUNE

As in past years, the Third Wednesday meeting of June 19 will not be an auction but a bourse for CPS members. The cost is \$5 per table. Here is a chance for members to sell by the box, the album, or sheets of philatelic material. Contact Jim Senecal as soon as possible so that he knows how many tables to set up. He can be reached at (403) 547-7681 or jsenecal@telusplanet.net

COWTOWNERS OUT OF TOWN

CPS members won the following awards for their exhibits at ORAPEX 2024, held May 4 and 5 in Ottawa.

Dave Bartlet: "His And Hers" received Vermeil.

Jim Taylor: "Earth Science" won Large Vermeil and American Topical Association Best Thematic Award.

"France 1934: Anti-Tuberculosis Stamp Campaign" won Gold and Royal Philatelic Society of Canada Excellence in Presentation.

At the Lakeshore Stamp Exhibition on May 10 and 11 in Montréal, Dave Bartlet placed two exhibits as follow: "His And Hers" won Gold, and "Pioneer Airmail Flights 1918-19" won Vermeil.

PIPEX 2024 was held May 3 to 5 in Clackamas, Oregon. Donna Trathen won Large Vermeil for her exhibit "Canada's First RCMP Stamp 1935"

CAPE

The Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors held its regular meeting on May 29 via Zoom. Dave Russum was the moderator and there were 10 participants. There was a discussion of stamp shows past and forthcoming.

The Stamp Line schedule for this coming autumn was established. Arrangements were discussed about CALTAPEX 2024 on the weekend of October 19 to 20. The theme of the show covers will be the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

MAKE YOUR OWN STAMPEDE COVERS!

Don't overlook a fun and inexpensive way to enjoy stamp collecting by making covers for events such as the Calgary Stampede. There is a Shoppers Drug Mart one block west of the Stampede Victoria Park LRT station which has a retail postal outlet whose postmark reads "Stampede Station". The clerk will do handback cancellations if you make cacheted covers. You have to hand them over the counter. If deposited into their letterbox the covers go straight to the processing plant without the postmark.

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BNAPSERS TALK ABOUT KIOSK STAMPS

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society held its regular meeting on May 8 via Zoom. Dave Bartlet was the host and there were 11 participants. The theme of the meeting was Canada Post's kiosk stamps, vended by automatic machines in their modern form from 2012 until early 2024.

The kiosks allowed customers to weigh their mail, have postage printed out on the spot, and then deposit their parcels into a secure lock box. Originally the kiosks dispensed pre-printed stamps at fixed rates. Later kiosks could print custom postage rates onto a label.

Dave Bartlet began with a history of automated stamp machines, mostly experimental, that were used in the 1930s and 1940s, then in the 1990s. The modern machines were installed in selected post offices in Toronto, Vancouver, Edmonton, and Montréal. Unfortunately Calgary never had any kiosks.

Early examples are scarce because few people saved the covers and most stamp collectors weren't interested in computer labels, even those with the full colour pre-printed designs. The kiosks were removed between late December 2023 and Easter 2024.

Arnie Janson then spoke about the kiosk stamps and their numerous varieties. Because they were ignored back when, they now sell in the \$100 range. Lots of uncatalogued varieties exist. The early stamps were printed as like normal stamps but the later labels had a colour image with the value and bar code printed by the kiosk's thermal printer. The problem is that later kiosk stamps have the thermal printing faded to blank, although the image is okay.

Mirko Zatka noted that the fading is inconsistent and may have been due to inadequate maintenance of the thermal printers. Kiosk stamps printed in Toronto seem to be the worst.





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CLUB NEWS

The May bulletin was mailed from the Bankers Hall retail postal outlet downtown in The Local Market store. The Eid cookies stamp was used.

This began a new cycle of mailouts from Calgary RePOs and nearby village post offices, which will probably take about five years to complete. Every issue of CALGARY PHILATELIST will have a different postmark and be sent with a current commemorative, one of the benefits of being a paid-up member.

At the June 5 general meeting, the President’s Pot was awarded to Mike McPhail for his work on the auction committee. Those who had exhibits on the Stamp Line then took turns commenting on their exhibits.

PUBLICATIONS BY CPS MEMBERS

Jim Taylor had an article about opera scores on postage stamps in the 2024 May/June issue of CANADIAN PHILATELIST. He also wrote about organizing stamp collections in his Stamp Apprentice column for STAMP-ED, a free online publication from the American Philatelic Society (www.stamps.org).

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CPS MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2024

June	12	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	19	Members' bourse - Kerby Centre
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
	4	Stamp Line theme - sports
	11	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	15	Deadline for CALTAPEX entries
	18	Auction - Kerby Centre
	25	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
October	1	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	1	Deadline for October bulletin
	1	Stamp Line theme - Calgary stamps, postmarks, covers
	9	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	16	Auction - Kerby Centre
	18	CALTAPEX set-up - 17h00 to 19h00
	19 to 20	CALTAPEX - Kerby Centre gymnasium
November	23	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
	6	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	6	Deadline for November bulletin
	6	Stamp Line theme - Thanksgiving and Halloween
	13	BNAPS Regional Group 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 547-7681.