

# **100 YEARS OF THE CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY**

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## **Author's Foreword.**

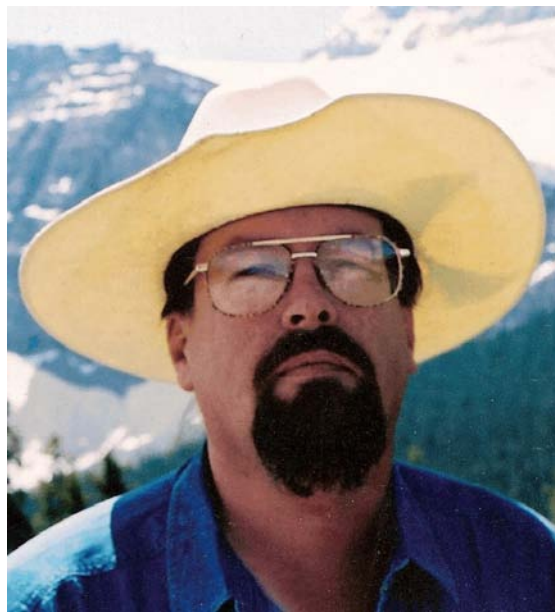
The Calgary Philatelic Society is fortunate to have a complete run of records from its founding in 1922 to the present date. The archives have been misplaced on a few occasions, and a sewer backup or house fire could have destroyed our history. The best method to preserve knowledge is to spread it as widely as possible. Thus, if one copy is lost, then others elsewhere will still keep it preserved.

It was with this thought in mind that I took a month's vacation in February 1989 and wrote the history of the CPS. Working five or six hours a day, every day of the month, I went through a two-metre stack of records in the CPS Archives page by page, and compiled the account you are about to read. Not an easy job!

The completed history was serialized in the club bulletin "Calgary STAMPede" over a two-year period beginning in April 1989.

The manuscript was later put on computer disk by Steve Davis, and proofread by Edmund A. Harris. My thanks to both these men for the work they did in assisting me.

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It was published as a physical book in 1992 on the occasion of the CPS's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, with the title HISTORY OF THE CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY. Thereafter I regularly updated the data to produce a second edition. The original text was a straightforward chronological exposition. I re-sorted some of the history by topic and put details such as executives and committee heads in the appendices, excepting that in the early years the details were still discussed in the context of their times. Times changed, and the revised edition was only available as a pdf since it was too expensive to publish a short-run book. The second edition was published in 2017.

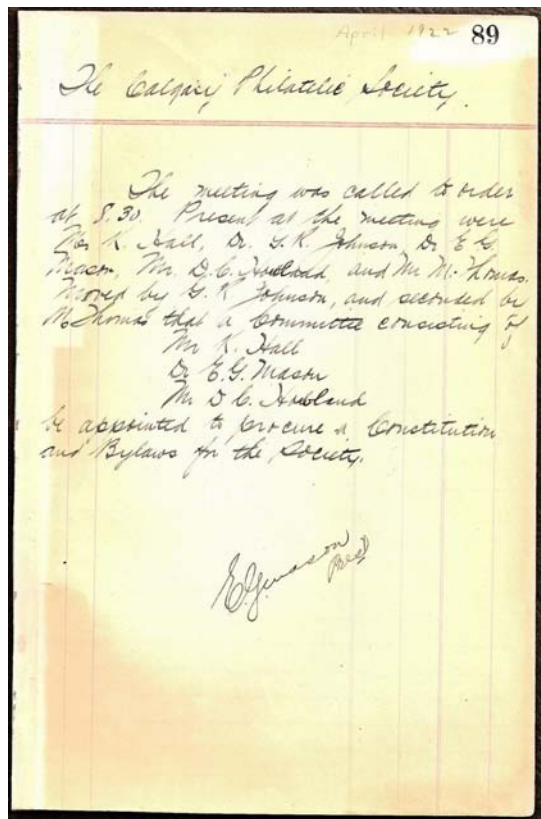
For this, the third and final edition, I changed the title so that it would appear separately in Internet indexes and would not be confused with the earlier works. I turned 67 in 2022 and while hoping for many more years, I do not intend to carry the history on any further. I leave it to a future philatelic historian to carry on past 2022.

The major purpose of this publication is to preserve the history of the CPS so that if misfortune should befall its archives, then the past will still be available to those who wonder what went before. To this end, the book is rather heavy on details, and I apologize in advance if it seems boring in places. The early years were not documented by photographs, alas, therefore the emphasis on text.

I dedicate this book to those people whose hard work on behalf of the CPS left a legacy for future generations to enjoy.



## Founding Of The Calgary Philatelic Society.



During the latter part of 1921, a Calgary stamp collector by the name of Dr. Edward George Mason began action to form a stamp club in the city. Announcements were made to likely members and to the press. The November/December 1921 issue of the CANADIAN STAMP COLLECTOR carried such an announcement. The first letter received by the CPS was from J. Tattersall of Calgary in January 1922, who saw the announcement and became member #13.

In April 1922, five men met and decided to go ahead with a formal organization. The minutes of that meeting (shown at left) read as follows:

*The meeting was called to order at 8:30. Present at the meeting were Mr.K. Hall, Dr.G.R. Johnson, Dr.E.G. Mason, Mr.D.C. Howland, and Mr.M. Thomas. Moved by G.R. Johnson, and seconded by M. Thomas, that a Committee consisting of Mr.K. Hall, Dr.E.G. Mason, Mr.D.C. Howland, be appointed to procure a Constitution and Bylaws for the Society.*

[signed] E.G. Mason, Prest.

The next meeting was held May 2, 1922. Mason was voted into the Chair, and M. Thomas was voted Secretary-Treasurer pro tem. It was at this meeting that Hall moved that the new organization be called the Calgary Philatelic Society.

The meeting then went into clause-by-clause examination of the proposed constitution, which was very heavily based on the constitution of the British Columbia Philatelic Society. Indeed, the minutes of this meeting show a series of motions that each clause of the B.C.P.S. be accepted subject to minor amendments. Additionally, sections were added taken from the constitution of the Canadian Philatelic Society.

Altogether, eleven clauses were welded together from the B.C.P.S. and Canadian P.S. constitutions to produce the Calgary P.S. constitution, with appropriate changes made for local conditions. Clause 2 of the Calgary P.S. constitution read:

*The object of the Society shall be the furtherance of the science of philately and the promotion of good-will and fellowship amongst its members. To discover and suppress in every legitimate manner the purchase, sale, and exchange of forgeries, counterfeits, and unauthorized issues of stamps.*

2 May 1922

The meeting was called to order at 8.30 p.m. Present at the meeting were Mr. Potter, Mr. King, Dr. E. G. Mason, Mr. K. Hall, F. W. Herring, Mr. Hives and M. Thomas. Moved by Mr. Hall that Dr. E. G. Mason take the Chair, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Potter.

Moved by Dr. Mason that M. Thomas be elected Secy. Treasurer pro tem, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Hives.

Moved by Mr. Hall, and seconded by Mr. King:

(1) "That this Society shall be known as the Calgary Philatelic Society."

Moved by Dr. Mason and seconded by Mr. Hall that Clause 2 of the Constitution of the British Columbia Philatelic Society be adopted, adding however, Section 4, Article 3 of the Constitution of the Canadian Philatelic Society, this to form Clause 2 of our Constitution. The Clause so adopted for the use of the Calgary Philatelic will be as follows:

Membership fees in the new society were set at \$2 per year plus an initiation fee of \$2. The CPS used a fiscal year equal to the calendar year. This constitutional meeting started at 20h30 and finally adjourned at 23h00.

The third meeting of the CPS was held June 6, 1922. At this meeting, the first club executive was voted into office. Dr. Mason was elected President, a position that he was to hold until 1929. Col. J.L. Potter was made Vice-President, M. Thomas continued on as Secretary-Treasurer, and a ballot taken for the Executive Committee. This Committee was made up of W.K. Hall, F.W. Herring, D.C. Howland, W.E. Hives, and G.R. Johnson.

Once the elections were over, the members then sat back to hear the first program given to the CPS. Mr. Hall spoke on the paper and colour varieties of the early Canada stamps. After his talk was concluded, a general discussion ensued, and members examined each other's collections. The meeting finally broke up at 23h00.

A few days later, on June 14, the Executive Committee held a special meeting. A membership Committee was constituted, consisting of Hall, Herring, and Howland, to examine prospective new members and carry out any other business related to memberships. An amendment to the newly minted CPS Constitution was proposed in order to deal with out-of-town members. The Secretary was authorized to purchase items for the club library, including both GIBBON'S MONTHLY, CANADIAN STAMP COLLECTOR, and STAMP COLLECTOR'S FORTNIGHTLY. A rubber stamp to mark these publications as club property was also authorized. The final item of this executive meeting was to postpone the next general meeting, owing to a conflict with the Calgary Stampede.

The general meeting was held on July 11, at the usual place of 510 Lancaster Building, on 8 Avenue SW. The proposed constitutional amendment was read and passed. A new member, W.G. Simmons, was welcomed into the CPS and the financial statement of the club showed a balance of \$12. Dr. Mason brought a collection of Canadian stamps for review by the Society members.

After a summer break, the next general meeting was held on September 5. The CPS did not have its own publication at this time. By the end of 1922 there were fourteen members, so it was obvious that a bulletin would not go. The club did receive, however, an offer from F. Holgate of Vancouver to have his publication THE BRITISH COLUMBIA STAMP COLLECTOR appointed the official organ of the CPS. In a letter dated October 9, 1922, the Secretary politely declined the offer on behalf of the Society.

The November 21, 1922, general meeting marks the first appearance of a slide show in the program. Col. Potter, in keeping with his recent interest in developing young philatelists, read a paper entitled "Philatelic Progress: Notes of a Beginner". He mentioned the various steps taken by the young philatelist, starting off with "first quantity, then quality". After discussing paper, colours, gums, and varieties, he then showed lantern slides to illustrate his talk.

The Society initiated two meetings per month, on first and third Tuesdays. The first meeting of the month was the formal business meeting and program, while the second meeting was an informal get-together for conversation and stamp swapping. This policy continues even today, although the dates have changed to first and third Wednesdays, and the second meeting is now an auction.

During the December 5 general meeting, the officers of the CPS were re-elected for the calendar year 1923. The minutes of this meeting also have a discussion about what to do with unsolicited approvals sent to club members. Some things never change! The club received stamps sent by Rev. Langfeldt of Edmonton to be circulated for sale, but none were sold and they were returned with regrets. The CPS finished off the year with \$24.61 in hand.

## **The Society Progresses: The 1920s.**

The first meeting of 1923 was held at Dr. Mason's house on February 6. In the business portion of the meeting it was decided to purchase some more philatelic literature for the club, specifically ALBUM WEEDS and POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA by Howe. Other titles were to be looked into for future consideration. Dr. D.C. Howland gave the program, dealing with the preparation of postage stamps.

By the March 6 general meeting, the CPS had become known in the philatelic press. As a result of this, the Society was receiving numerous letters from dealers and collectors offering stamps at various discounts. The Secretary was kept busy writing letters of regret expressing lack of interest by the club membership.

The program at the April 3 meeting was rather interesting, as F.W. Herring explained how he used his stamp collection to get to the Klondike Gold Rush. He had sold his collection in eastern Canada in 1898, and used the proceeds to go north, where he subsequently made good.

By now, the meetings of the CPS had settled into a routine, taking place on first Tuesdays at various locations such as the Lancaster Building or the McNeill Block (Dr. Mason's office). Programs consisted of someone reading a paper, and the business sessions often included constitutional amendments to fine tune that document in minor ways. By the year's end, membership had totaled 19 (Calgary's population at this time was approximately 64,000). For the 1924 year, Mason was acclaimed President again. Howland was voted Vice-President, and M. Thomas continued on as Secretary. Elected to the Executive Committee were B. Horne, A. Harris, W.K. Hall, F.W. Herring, and G.A. Morrison. At the January 8 meeting, a Society logo was discussed for the first time. After a few more meetings, the logo was adopted on March 4, 1924. A rubber stamp was made up at a cost of \$5. At the May 6 meeting, Thomas tendered his resignation as Secretary, owing to pressures of work. Alf Harris was elected to replace him.

The first audited financial statement of the CPS was dated May 30, 1924, for the entire period since the club was founded. It showed a cash balance of \$20.94 on a total cash flow of \$85.00.

The October 7 meeting was interesting for a talk given by Col. J.L. Potter on "Gum". He pointed out that gum is acidic and will eventually damage the stamp. Those who collect mint never-hinged today might well consider his advice. Later in the month, on October 24, another open meeting was held for juniors, and was well attended by collectors of all ages. A inter-team stamp guessing contest was held, and prizes were packets of stamps.

It was about this time that the CPS received a letter from J.T. Percival of Coalhurst, Alberta, asking for advice on forming a philatelic society in Lethbridge. Interesting enough, the CPS also had a member from Manyberries, Alberta, the R.C.M.P. constable E.C. Powell. He specialized in straight-edged stamps, and built up reconstituted sheets and booklet panes.

Total membership to the end of 1924 was twenty-eight. At the December meeting, the officers of the CPS were returned to their positions, with H.M. Hartney to the position of Recorder. The new Executive Committee consisted of Col. J.L. Potter, W.C. Black, H. Biilmann, F.W. Herring, and W.K. Hall. The new Executive Committee was soon in action, being called to a meeting on January 10, 1925, to discuss the possibility of having an Exchange Circuit for the club, now known as circuit books. Since 1923 the CPS had been receiving monthly circuit books from the American Philatelic Society. It was now agreed to establish the position of Exchange Manager, and this was ratified at the January 13 general meeting.

In the minutes of the final meeting of 1924, on December 2, it was agreed to list the first twenty members of the CPS as Charter Members. In order of their membership numbers, they were as follows:

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Dr. E.G. Mason        | 11. ?. Harper         |
| 2. F.W. Herring          | 12. F. Palmer         |
| 3. W.K. Hall             | 13. J. Tattersall     |
| 4. Dr. George R. Johnson | 14. Harlow M. Hartney |
| 5. W.E. Hives            | 15. H. Biilmann       |
| 6. Milton Thomas         | 16. J. Stanley Horne  |
| 7. Alfred B. Harris      | 17. W.C. Black        |
| 8. Col. J.L. Potter      | 18. F.L. Shaw         |
| 9. W.G. Simmons          | 19. G.A. Morrison     |
| 10. Douglas C. Howland   | 20. E.C. Powell       |

The January 13 meeting was a milestone in the club history in another department as well. The first CPS auction was held, using packets of stamps which had been previously ordered from the London, England firm of Wolffers & Co.. The club had purchased the stamps for \$6.90, and realized \$7.60 from the sale, for a net profit of 70 cents. At the March 3 meeting, G. Ketcheson of Vancouver visited the CPS from the British Columbia Philatelic Society, and casually mentioned that their last auction had realized \$125, with a Society commission of 5%. This remark put fat in the fire, and it was suggested by a club member that in future CPS auctions members be allowed to enter lots on their own account. This is, indeed, the system used today by the CPS. Attendance at that meeting, held in Dr. Mason's office, was 18. The meetings were becoming crowded enough that investigations were started to find a larger meeting place. Later that year, starting with the October meeting, the CPS moved to the Y.M.C.A. boardroom.

By April 7, the Exchange Manager, F.W. Herring, was able to report that the first circuit had been made, with about one-third of the stamps being sold. Not unnaturally, British North America books had the best sales, about 62%. Foreign stamps had 42% sales, General about 41%, and British Colonials about 27%. The first circuit was free, but it was decided by a vote that subsequent circuits would be charged a 5% commission by the CPS.

The CPS had joined the American Philatelic Society as a chapter, and it was Chapter #64. In later years, the CPS dropped out for lack of interest, although it rejoined the APS. in 1988 as Chapter #1360 and as of 2023 still maintains membership.

At the May 5, 1925, general meeting, Dr. Mason called attention to the fact that 1926 would be the seventy-fifth anniversary of the postage stamp in Canada. The meeting agreed to set up a committee to stage an exhibition on April 23, 1926. This exhibition eventually fell through, and the first public stamp show in Calgary was not held until October 1927.

The second CPS auction took place at the June meeting. Stamps purchased from L.H. Gilbert, London, England for \$4.80 were sold for a total of \$6.60. It was considered by members that these stamps were not as good of a value as the Wolffers & Co. stamps sold in January at the first auction. Nonetheless, the CPS made a bigger profit, clearing \$1.80 on the stamps.

In the absence of bulletins to keep members informed, the CPS had to resort to letter writing and telephone calls. This caused enough trouble that it was decided to have postcards printed up to notify members of meetings. The first batch of 500 was printed by the Albertan Job Press at a cost of \$3.68.

The final meeting for 1925 was held December 1 at Dr. Mason's office. He was once again acclaimed as President for the forthcoming year. G.A. Morrison was elected Vice-President, A.B. Harris to Secretary-Treasurer, H.M. Hartney to Recorder, and F.W. Herring to Exchange Manager. The Executive Committee consisted of J.S. Horne, E. Scruton, W.E. Hives, W.C. Black, and Ivan Linton. Hartney, Morrison, and Scruton were appointed to an Exhibition Committee.



The year-end membership for the Society was 35, and the CPS had \$47.29 cash on hand from a total cash flow of \$103.03.

The year 1926 started off with applications for membership from L. Petersen of Svebolle, Denmark, and Reginald Nairne of Victoria, B.C., so Calgary was certainly making a name for itself in the outer world. Club meetings had returned to Dr. Mason's office in the McNeill Block, but at the February 3, 1926 meeting, he advised that he would be vacating the premises at the end of the month. The March 2 meeting was held at Police Headquarters, and for the next few years the meeting site was variable, although most were held at 401 Lancaster Building.

A number of distinguished visitors passed through Calgary in 1926. A.H. Wilhelm of San Francisco, President of the American Philatelic Society, stopped in Calgary on September 22 on his way to the international show in New York City. An informal get-together was arranged with about a dozen or so members who were rounded up on short notice. During the summer, F. Hugh Vallancey, the publisher of the British periodical STAMP COLLECTING also passed through Calgary. No meeting was possible, but a member of the CPS, James M. Moir showed him the sights of Banff. Moir was an occasional contributor to the magazine.

James M. Moir was CPS member #33, joining the club in 1924. He was the club's Recorder for the 1926/27 season but didn't appear to have been active on the executive beyond that. His name didn't appear in Henderson's Directories for Calgary until 1916, when he was listed as On Active Service. He lived a few blocks from Dr. Edward George Mason, the founder of the CPS, and who was a military officer during WW1. It is certain that they would have met in the army and discovered a mutual interest in stamps. After the war, Moir was a land inspector for the Soldier Settlement Board. He worked at various government jobs and in 1947 was with Alberta Fisheries.

Moir was a contributor to the British journal STAMP COLLECTING WEEKLY (SCW) during the 1920s. In the December 12, 1925, issue of SCW, Moir had a poem published, shown on the next page.

## Greetings from Canada.



COLLECTORS all, another year has swiftly passed away,  
And now, within our chosen sphere, the past we do survey,  
And unto all it doth appear there's nought to cause dismay.  
We've seen the philatelic side of things both new and old,  
And to our albums point with pride, knowing their pages hold  
That which—it cannot be denied—we value more than gold.

We have secured some stamps of worth, culled out a lot of junk.  
New issues came to us at birth, and quite a few we knew;  
For rarities we've combed the earth—now, folks, that is quite true.  
But now 'tis Christmas time, and so I wish for you  
The best of health, wealth, and happiness, and know,  
With all three things possessed, on your collections you'll bestow  
A lot more zeal and zest.

Our favourite journal too has grown—and may it grow still more—  
And unto them let it be known who knew it not before  
That STAMP COLLECTING stands alone, supreme the whole world o'er,  
And to its Editor I feel we owe a meed of praise—  
'Tis for our welfare and our weal he ceaseless toils always;  
So may success for him be real, and brighter all his days.

JAMES M. MOIR.

Calgary, Alta, Canada.

Moir also had brief notes published from time to time. Moir collected Admirals and discovered several varieties of these stamps. One of them was written up in the February 6, 1926, issue of SCW.

The SCW carried brief news of Cowtown philately thanks to Moir. In the same issue as his poem was a report by him entitled “Calgary Commerce”, which read as follows: *“Recently the Board of Trade here has received letters from several small dealers abroad asking for information as to opportunities here for starting in the stamp business. There are six resident dealers in Calgary, and their business is mostly with members of the junior societies. Adult collectors get most of their wants from British dealers, and one constantly sees approvals from certain of these. A feature of these approvals is that whoever get them sent always endeavour to get buyers if they do not want them themselves. I am building three collections, my own and those of my two daughters, and occasionally buy mixtures, but find advertisers of these do not always abide by the truth in their ads. One dealer, for instance, says his mixture is not mission or kilo stuff made up on the continent. A half-pound I had from him recently had a larger percentage of Europeans than anything else. In British Colonials high values, in his mixture they were perforated initials or fiscally cancelled.”*

In the January 3, 1926, issue of SCW was a reminder by Moir to British dealers advertising in that periodical that if they wanted trade from North America, it was not enough to quote Gibbons catalogue numbers. He pointed out that across the ocean the Scott catalogue was the standard reference, and at the very least the dealers should quote the year of issue of the stamp and a brief description. An editorial footnote suggested advertisers take heed if they wished to gain foreign sales.

An Executive meeting was held on October 10, 1926, the main item of which was the Exchange Manager. Herring had been in poor health and had to give up his position. G.A. Morrison was named as the new Manager. At the same time, it was decided to change the accounting system of the circuit books. In the past members settled up with each other for stamps purchased from the books, but a new more convenient system was established whereby a single payment would be made to the Manager, who would then redistribute the money as appropriate. This is the system still used today in the circuit books.

At the December 7 meeting, the year-end reports showed the CPS with 37 members, of whom four were out-of-townners, including one each from Jamaica and Denmark. It was at this meeting that the Society decided to change over to a new fiscal year ending on August 31 rather December 31.

1927 started off with complaints about members holding on to circuits too long before passing them on. It was decided at the January 18 Executive meeting to impose a fine of 5 cents per day per package on members who did not circulate the books to the next person within four days. For many years the CPS had been pestered with letters from foreign dealers offering to send approvals. The club adopted the practice of replying with an invitation to join the CPS and put stamps in the club's own circuit books. This seems to have shut up the dealers!

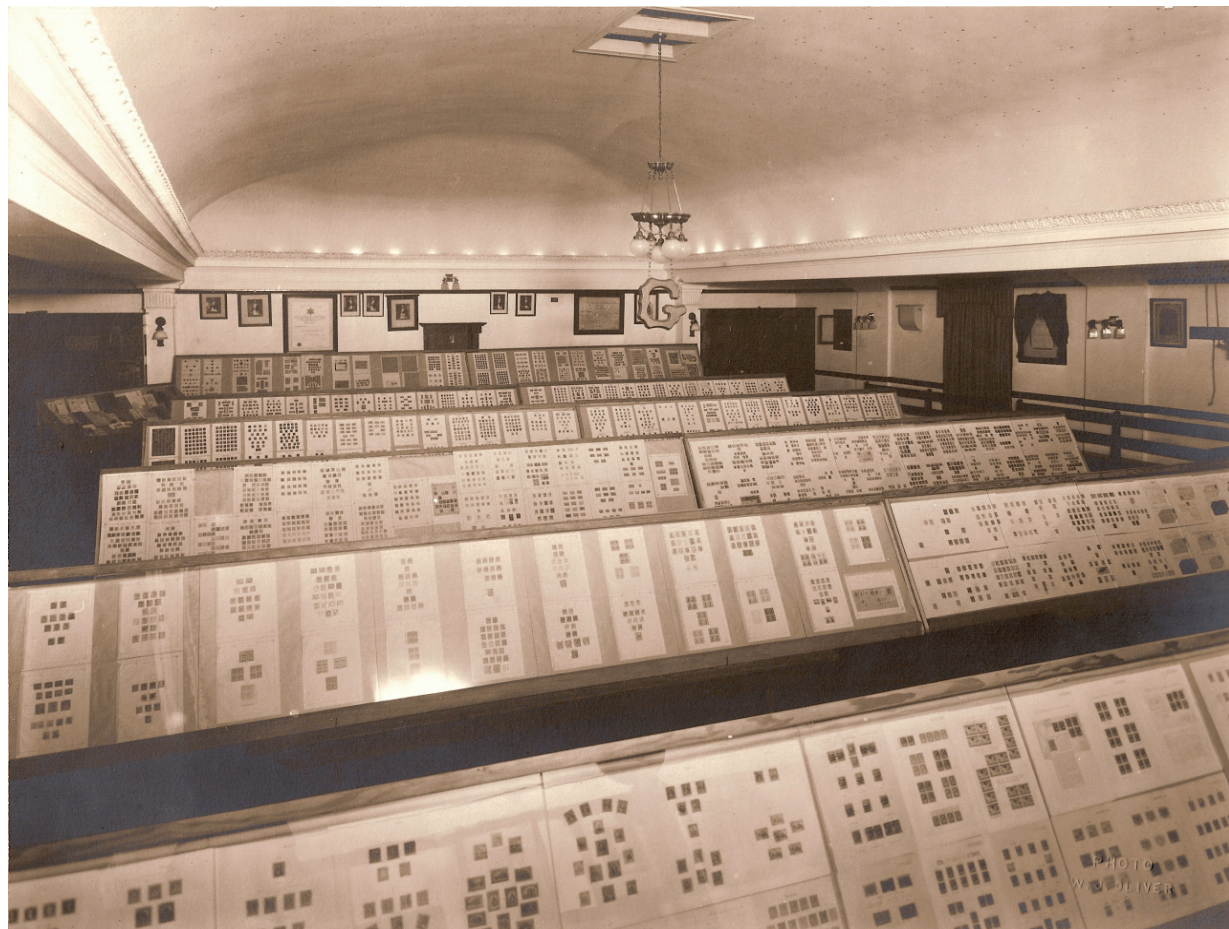
The May 3 meeting was the new annual meeting due to the change in fiscal year. It was agreed that all the Officers be re-elected until August 31, 1928.

The third CPS auction was held May 17, 1927, at the residence of Ivan Linton during the social meeting (third Tuesdays). This was the first auction at which members could consign lots of their own, a tradition that continues today.

## **The First Public Stamp Show In Calgary.**

The first public stamp exhibition in Calgary was staged by the CPS on October 22, 1927. In May 1925, an exhibition had been proposed for April 23, 1926, but was cancelled when the Post Office refused to provide space. A fund was started at the November 3, 1925, meeting of the CPS to defray the costs of the show. By September 1927, the exhibition had been booked for the King George Lodge (Masons) on Kensington Road about a half block west of 10 Street NW on the north side of the road. The King George Lodge has since been overrun by yuppies and is now converted into boutiques. Glass for the show frames was loaned by Pilkington Ltd., frame material donated by Cushings Ltd., and labour supplied by CPS members. The co-chairmen of the show were W.C. Black and H.M. Hartney.

The show was a success, and in appreciation for the work done by the co-chairmen, the Society tendered them a dinner on December 6, 1927, at the Tea Kettle Inn. This dinner was very much enjoyed, and it was agreed that an annual dinner would be held every December on the first Tuesday. A photograph had been taken of the show setup (shown on next page), and Black and Hartney each received a framed copy autographed by those present at the dinner. Hartney's photo is now in the CPS Archives, and show a panorama of the frames. One is immediately struck by the fact that almost all the frames are stamps only. Covers are rare in the exhibits. This is the opposite of what one sees today.



## The Late 1920s

In September 1927, J.M. Moir resigned as Recorder, owing to pressure of work. This position was apparently left unfilled until the next elections in May 1928. At the December 6, 1927, meeting the first female member was admitted into the CPS, Mrs. R.M. Spence becoming member #59. At the same meeting the idea was first raised about donating the Society publications to the Calgary Library. This was discussed again over the next months, one delay being the need to have periodicals bound before the CPL would accept them. The matter is not mentioned again after the middle of 1928, so it is uncertain what the ultimate fate of the books was.

The May 8, 1928, meeting was the seventh Annual Meeting. The new slate of Officers was E.G. Mason (President), G.A. Morrison (Vice-President, Sales Manager), A.B. Harris (Secretary-Treasurer), and W.E. Hives (Recorder). In the Secretary's report the membership as of May 7, 1928, was 33. As in previous years, the CPS continued with formal meetings on first Tuesdays and social evenings on third Tuesdays.

The second annual dinner of the CPS was held on December 4, 1928, again at the Tea Kettle Inn. Dr. Mason gave a talk on how he came to take up the hobby, and Selby Walker spoke on the 1927 New York exhibition, which he had attended.

The January 8, 1929, meeting was held at the Public Library. As a result of a long discussion over a letter received from the Canadian Philatelic Society, a vote was carried to appoint the CANADIAN PHILATELIST as the official organ of the Calgary P.S. At the February 5 meeting there was some hesitation about this agreement when it was discovered that such an affiliation meant that members not belonging to the Canadian P.S. would have to cough up 50 cents each. The March 5 meeting reaffirmed the original motion. In February 1930, the deal was again questioned, this time from the publisher, who was, no doubt, feeling the effects of the Great Depression.

The CPS held its fourth auction on the third Tuesday of January 1929 at the residence of W.C. West.

At the April 2 meeting part of the program was given over to Dr. Mason reading extracts from MEEKEL'S WEEKLY about the dubious methods used by the Crown Agents in selling stamps. A discussion ensued which led to members comparing that problem with the service received by Calgary collectors from the Canadian Post Office. It was agreed to unanimously that the local Post Office philatelic clerk, Miss Jessie McVeigh, be commended for the excellent work she did.

The May 7 meeting was an election meeting. Once again Mason was elected President. W.C. Black was made Vice-President, A.B. Harris continued as Secretary-Treasurer, H.B. Spencer was made Recorder, and G.A. Morrison returned as Sales Manager. To the Executive Committee were elected H. Lewis, W.F. Ross, S.H. Adams, W.E. Hives, and Alan Sorby. The membership stood at 39. At the November 5 meeting, Dr. Mason tendered his resignation on the grounds of business duties. In giving up the President's position, he still remained an ordinary member. His position was left vacant until the next election.



## **Biography Of Dr. E.G. Mason.**

Dr. Edward George Mason was the founder of the Calgary Philatelic Society. He started action in the autumn of 1921 that led to the formation of the CPS in April 1922. He was the first President of the CPS from its formation, and remained in that post until 1929.

His seven-year term is the longest consecutive service as President. For many years the CPS held its meetings in Mason's office in the McNeill Block or at his house. Mason had membership #1 in the Society, and was the first person elected as Honourary Life Member.

Mason was born in Hamilton, Ontario, in 1874. His medical training was taken in Montreal at Bishop's College, and later McGill University. He graduated in 1902 and came west to Calgary that same year.

By his wife Katharine he had two daughters (Elizabeth and Katharine Jr) and a son (Anthony), all three born before World War One [1].



Mason was active in many community organizations besides the CPS. In his younger days, he had played football in school and also for the Hamilton Tigers. On coming to Calgary, he helped establish the Calgary Tigers rugby club. He also involved himself in the Calgary Gun Club, the Victoria Curling Club, the Calgary Golf and Country Club, the Glencoe Club, and the Calgary Medical Association.

When World War One broke out, he was senior major in the 31st Battalion. He was made responsible for recruiting men into the 50th Battalion. Acting as commanding officer, with the rank of Lieut.-Colonel, he took the 50th overseas. His men thought highly of him and the battalion was nicknamed “Mason’s Man-eaters”. One of his soldiers, who later wrote the history of the 50th Battalion, said that Mason had “ ... *welded and forged the 50th Battalion Infantry into a superbly effective infantry unit which subsequently had proved its fighting and tactical skill under attack and defence conditions alike.*” [2].

His wife and children accompanied him as far as England. Mason was the only physician to command an active Canadian Battalion during the war. On arrival at the Western Front, he led the 50th Battalion into the trenches. Thereafter, he made it a point to walk up and down the trenches several times a day talking to his men. He was wounded in France at the Battle of Ancre Heights in October 1916 when a poison gas shell detonated in his face. He was sent back to England for treatment, and his departure from the front was recorded as being a terrible blow to the morale of the battalion. Upon his release from hospital, he was sent into the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, which had a shortage of medical officers. His commanding officer was General (Sir) Sam Steele, the well-known figure in western Canadian pioneer history.

Mason took over command of the Shorncliffe Medical Hospital in England, remaining there until June 1919, at which time he returned home to Canada. Again, he received praise for his work, this time in the official history of World War One published by the Canadian government [3]. Of him, it was written: “*The final location [of the hospital] was in a commodious barracks at Shorncliffe where the training school reached its highest efficiency under Lieut.-Colonel E.G. Mason who was in command for nearly two years until it was disbanded June 6, 1919.*”

These photos of Edward and Katharine Mason in later life are courtesy of their great-granddaughter Beth Saunders.



Mason and his wife Katharine kept up an interest in the health and welfare of the veterans. She organized a Ladies Auxiliary of the 50th Battalion in July 1919 to visit the sick and give any other help they could to the veterans. Mason worked as a physician for the military at Col. Belcher Hospital in Calgary until he took a pension from them in 1926.

In his subsequent medical career, he was neuro-psychiatrist with the Department of Pensions and Health, later renamed the Department of Veterans Affairs. He specialized in treatment of shell-shocked veterans. The University of Alberta made him a Doctor of Psychiatric Medicine in 1928. In 1946, one year before his death, he was given life membership in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and declared a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons. Mason was awarded the Jubilee Medal at the Coronation, and was granted the Order of the British Empire. He became ill in December 1946, and died on January 3, 1947, aged 72 years.

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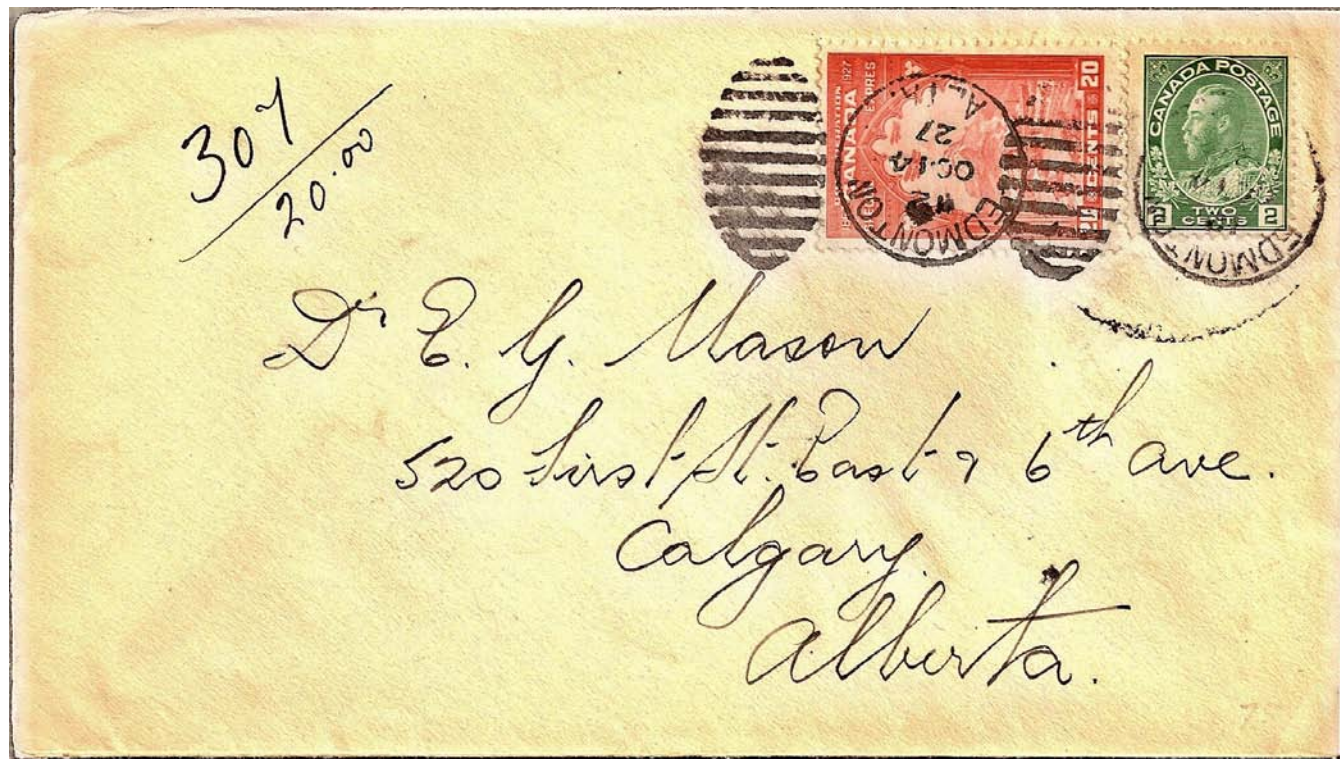
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**Lieutenant-Colonel Edward George Mason** was the Commanding Officer of the 50th Battalion in World War I. A medical doctor, Mason founded the Calgary Philatelic Society in 1922, three years after his return from Europe.



## **The Great Depression.**

The Great Depression was a boon for stamp collecting everywhere, as it was an inexpensive hobby, allowed socialization during dark times, and the possibility of making money wheeling and dealing in stamps on the side. CPS membership initially suffered but then grew as the Great Depression ground onwards.

The meeting of May 6, 1930, installed W.F. Ross as President. Harris, Spencer, and Morrison continued as before, and Alan Sorby was the new Vice-President. The Secretary's report did not give exact membership numbers, but it appears to have declined slightly from the previous year.

The effects of the Great Depression were starting to be felt in 1930. At the October 7 meeting H. Lewis moved that the club's association with the CANADIAN PHILATELIST be discontinued. The motion was held over several meetings but passed at the January 6, 1931, meeting. The CPS was still a chapter of the American Philatelic Society, which was in the process of holding its annual elections. The CPS was being bombarded by letters from various sides about who and what to vote for. One question on the ballot was the matter of raising membership dues, and the CPS came out against such action.

The Fourth Annual Dinner was held December 2, 1930. Dr. Mason gave a brief account of the Society's history, and a toast to his health was given by the membership.

A few years prior to 1931, an Edmontonian by the name of Capt. W.J.F. Emslie had joined the CPS. He eventually moved to Calgary and set up as a stamp dealer, the first in the city with a store front, although others operated by mail. He was the first to be listed in HENDERSON'S DIRECTORY, appearing in the 1931 edition under the heading of "Philatilists" [sic]. The minutes of the January 6, 1931, meeting of the CPS mention an account being paid to Emslie & Co. for supplying stamps given as prizes to the Y.M.C.A. stamp show for juniors.

The tenth Annual Meeting was held May 5, 1931. The Secretary did not give membership figures, but they appear to have remained stagnant; one new member had joined but one old-timer was in ill health and not expected to be seen at meetings.

In late 1931 the question of affiliation to the American Philatelic Society came up again as a result of correspondence from that society. The APS. required that certain officers of the CPS be APS. members. After discussion, it was decided to drop chapter membership. At the same time, it was decided to make contact with the Canadian P.S. to find out benefits of chapter status with them, but nothing appears to have come of it for the next while.

The fifth Annual Dinner was held on December 8, 1931, again at the Tea Kettle Inn. At this festive occasion the CPS held its fifth auction, with Morrison presiding as auctioneer.

The CPS continued its routine of a general meeting on first Tuesdays, with a business session followed by a program. Third Tuesdays were social evenings at the member's residence, where stamps were traded/bought/sold and philatelic talk indulged in. No membership totals were announced at the AGM on May 3, 1932, but the membership had gone up by two. Attendance at the meetings had been declining for the last few years, and in late 1932 reached the point where a special letter was sent out to members appealing for a better turnout. This seems to have worked, for attendance in 1933 was up considerably.

At the sixth Annual Dinner, held at the Renfrew Club, it was voted to cut membership fees in half, down to \$1 per annum. The meetings were also changed and were now to be on second and fourth Tuesdays. The programmes for the first half of 1933 were better attended than was the case in many years. The meetings were held at the Renfrew Club. The election and subsequent meetings moved to the Herald Building on May 9, 1933. Membership was up thirteen on the previous year. Membership continued to increase steadily throughout the year of 1933.

At the September 12, 1933, meeting a constitutional amendment had been passed to establish the category of Honourary Life Member. The first candidates for such membership were elected at the November 28 meeting. Honourary Life Member #1 was Dr. E.G. Mason, for his part in founding the CPS, being its first President, and because of his research work on the 3-cent red Small Queen. Honourary Life Member #2 was W.C. Black, also a pioneer member, and the man who was responsible for staging the first stamp show in Calgary in October 1927.

Interestingly, the November meeting was the first one at which a membership was denied. H. Poot had applied for membership and was referred to the Executive Committee. He had been the subject of dealer complaints for failing to return approvals. The seventh Annual Dinner took place at the Renfrew Club on December 12, 1933. An auction at this dinner cleared \$17.10 in gross sales.

The 1934 meetings continued the routine of business and programs. A.B. Harris was elected Honourary Life Member #3, and presented with an electric clock in appreciation for services rendered; this took place at the February 13 meeting.

The second CPS public stamp show was held October 26 and 27, 1934, on the third floor of the Hudson's Bay store. Total expense of putting on the show was \$35.27. The eighth Annual Dinner on December 11 at the Renfrew Club brought in \$31.60 at the auction. Dr. Mason was the auctioneer.

Meetings during the first half of 1935 followed the normal routine of business and programs, but the October 8 session turned out to be a tragic one for Alf Harris. Just as the business part of the meeting was concluded, the Secretary was called home to the bedside of his daughter Edith, who died just before 22h00. The ninth Annual Dinner was much the same as previous years, with an auction conducted by Capt. Emslie. The dinner was held December 10 at the Renfrew Club. At this event, it was agreed to send a letter of appreciation and flowers to Jessie McVeigh, who was the stamp vendor at the Calgary post office. Flowers and a get-well message were also sent to Ivan Linton, who had served on the club executive in past years.

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An unusual program was held at the February 11, 1936, meeting. Herbert P. Earle was the speaker; he had been employed by Waterlow & Co. of London, England as an engraver. He gave an inside account of how stamps were prepared. Earle eventually moved to Calgary and became a principal with the firm Universal Engravers. During the 1940s and 1950s, he engraved a long run of beautiful first-day covers.

The March 3, 1936 meeting was an open meeting at the Calgary Public Library. No business was transacted; a motion picture film from the Philatelic Branch, Ottawa was shown. This was the first film shown at a meeting, and showed how stamps were produced. An interesting item in the minutes of the April 14 meeting shows a bill for \$5 from the McDermid Drug Co. "*for use of Lantern and Operator to show the film*".

The circuit books had gradually dwindled down to one, and it appears by this time the circuits were no more, although they would eventually be re-activated in the future.

During 1936, the question came up concerning meeting dates. The CPS meetings on second Tuesdays conflicted with the Calgary Medical Society, which also met on the same evening. Since many of the movers and shakers of the CPS were MDs, this was of some importance. The conflict was discussed at several meetings, but nothing much seems to have been done to actually change the dates.

H.W. Godard, of the Winnipeg Philatelic Society, passed through the city on September 8, 1936, and spoke to the CPS meeting. He mentioned that the W.P.S. met every Thursday, with different activities at each meeting. This society was much larger than the CPS and had a variety of events. The Annual Dinner in December followed tradition; there was an auction, and the event was held at the Renfrew Club. The auction realized \$54.40.

In the first part of 1937 programs seem to have gone by the board. The usual pattern of a general meeting was a business session followed by an informal buy/sell/trade session. Social evenings continued as before on fourth Tuesdays.

Honourary Member #4 of the CPS was elected at the November 9, 1937, meeting, being Capt. Emslie. Miss Muriel M. Purdy, of Stettler, Alberta, became the second woman to join the Society. The Annual Dinner for the following month was discussed, the big question being whether or not women should be invited. Although it is not fair to judge the 1930s by the standards of today, the following extract from the minutes of the meeting is quoted to give the flavour of the times:

*Further discussion as to whether ladies be invited to the Annual Dinner was indulged in and it was agreed that if any member wished to bring his wife or invite a lady collector, that no objection would be raised.*

The Annual Dinner was upgraded into a bigger event, with a larger committee to look after it. The event was held at the Renfrew Club on December 10, with guest speakers being the Bishop of Calgary the Very Rev. L.R. Sherman, and J.B. Corley, District Director of Postal Services. The turnout was large, and included a number of guests, although no women were at the event.

Edwin Charles Webster joined the CPS in 1936. He lived in Stavely, south of Calgary on Highway 2, and did not serve on any club committees. However, he was very active as a philatelist and produced thousands of airmail, first-day, and event covers, all addressed to him at Stavely. The next page shows one of his many covers, even today to be frequently found in dealer stocks.



Webster was born in Ontario and as a young man worked in West Virginia where he was friends with both the Hatfields and the McCoys, of the famous feud which was only just tapering out by then. He came to southern Alberta in 1908, settled in Stavely, and spent most of his life in the insurance business there. Webster held numerous elected and appointed positions on the town council and school board, including a term as Mayor, and was actively involved in sports clubs.

He collected Canadian postal history in the days when it was being born as a distinctive branch of philately, when most collectors still said “the stamp’s the thing”. For many years he wrote a column on Canadian stamps for the American magazine WEEKLY PHILATELIC GOSSIP. Webster suffered a serious stroke in late 1951 and died a few months later in February 1952.

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1938 started off with correspondence from N.R. Stewart of the Vancouver Island Philatelic Society explaining that a British Post Office film was available for viewing. "The King's Stamp" had been shown at TIPEX 36 in New York City, and was now traveling from stamp club to stamp club across Canada. The only cost to the CPS would be for shipping. The Society was interested in the deal, and made tentative arrangements to have the film shown at the Isis Theatre in lieu of the newsreel. While this was going on, H.V. Lewis was busy making arrangement for a lantern-slide lecture for juniors, based on material prepared some time before by W. Black and Harlow Hartney. It was planned to have the junior meeting at the Public Library.

The CPS then was advised from Vancouver Island that the film could not be shown if an admission charge was made. A CPS member had a friend who was a school principal, and it was therefore arranged that the film would be shown at the Technical School on April 26, 1938. The junior meeting, in the meanwhile, had come up against a rental fee for the Public Library room, so it was decided to combine both programs on the evening of the 26th. The film and slide show were held as one.

The first stamp bourse put on by the Society took place at the Renfrew Club on February 28, 1938. This appears to have been members only, and it is doubtful that any dealers appeared.

An effort was made in October to revive the circuit books, but this does not appear to have amounted to anything. The Annual Dinner, with auction, was held December 16 and went to midnight. The proverbial good time was had by all, and the affair was written up in the newspapers.

1939 started off in a slump, with programs missing from the meetings. The February 14 meeting did not come off due to lack of attendance. Maisie Fisher become the third female member of the CPS on May 2, 1938. At that meeting an application by Mr. J. Gibson was declined, he becoming the second person to fail the membership screening process. Other business of the evening was another stamp bourse.



## **The War Years.**

What the Great Depression couldn't do, World War Two did. Membership dropped from 76 in 1939 down to 24 in 1940, and stayed low for the duration. In an effort to boost turnout at meetings, the business portion was done away with, to be looked after by the executive. Meetings were now all social evenings for stamp exchanges and conversation.

The Annual Dinner on December 15, 1939, featured a talk by W.J. Selby Walker on forgeries, illustrated by specimens from his collection. The usual auction was held. The March 12, 1940, meeting minutes show that the circuit books had been revived by Morrison, bringing in \$11.51 for gross sales.

At the May 13, 1940, election meeting all officers were returned to their previous positions. The only change on the Executive Committee was the replacement of C.E. Hudson by John Learmonth. In his President's Message, Alan Sorby mentioned how the war was interfering with the stamp hobby. The stamps of many countries were unobtainable, mail was censored, foreign exchange controls made it difficult to buy material overseas, and the mails were slowed.

The Annual Dinner and auction for 1940 went ahead on December 6. Several members of the Edmonton Stamp Club wrote to say they would attend, but no Edmonton addresses are listed in the attendance sheet. Visitors were seen, however, from Banff and High River.

The Annual Dinner was held December 5, 1940, with the usual auction. An ALBERTAN reporter covered the event, but the story that appeared the next day was so garbled that Morrison apologized to the Society about it. He had briefed the reporter, but it seems the fellow was on his last day with the newspaper, and left to a new job in eastern Canada on December 6, hence his careless attitude!

## CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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Dear Sir:—

The next meeting of the Calgary Philatelic Society will be held in the Board Room, Herald Building, Calgary, on TUESDAY next, APR 14 1942, at 8:30 p.m., and you are cordially invited to attend.

Yours very truly,

A. B. HARRIS,

Secretary-Treasurer.

Sid Richardson resigned as Vice-President in January 1942, having been transferred by his company to Trail, B.C. His vacancy was filled by A.B. Harris, the faithful workhorse of the Society, who by now had been on the executive continuously since 1923. As it happened, Richardson was soon back in Calgary, and resumed his previous post. At the May 12 Annual Meeting the entire slate of officers was returned as in 1941.

Meetings continued as before. One meeting each month was at the Calgary Herald boardroom, where there was a brief business session, followed by informal

stamp chat, viewing of collections, etcetera. The other meeting of the month was a social evening at someone's home. Members of the CPS were encouraged to mount their duplicate stamps in approval books of their own for circulation at club meetings.

The minutes of the November 10, 1942, meeting discuss the forthcoming Annual Dinner and auction for December 11. The guest list of the Dinner includes visitors from Montreal and High River. From the auction the sum of \$23.21 was donated to the Kinsmen "Milk for Britain" fund. For years and years the banquet fee for the Annual Dinner had remained constant. For the December 10, 1943 Dinner the cost had risen by 10% to the sum of \$1.10 per person. The auction realized \$136.50.

In 1944 the CPS received a visit from Stanley Deville of the Philatelic Branch, Ottawa. He spoke at a meeting on March 20 at the home of Harold Lewis.

After twenty years of service, A.B. Harris finally left the post of Secretary-Treasurer, taking the President's position. His place was filled by Sid Richardson, while the other positions were unchanged.

In May 1944 the Canadian Philatelic Society sent a letter to the CPS suggesting that the latter affiliate with the former. After some discussion over the next few meetings, this was agreed to. As a result of affiliation with the Canadian P.S., the CPS began receiving circuit books. The club's own circuits seem to have died some time before.

Attendance at meetings during the 1944-45 season averaged about ten or so. The minutes were not often kept, as both the President (A.B. Harris) and the Secretary (Sid Richardson) were absent on business. At the October 10, 1944, meeting, subsequently written up in the newspapers, a sheet of Confederate stamps was displayed. The usual Annual Dinner was held on December 11 with an auction.

The Annual Meeting for 1945 was postponed from its original date and held instead on May 23. Everyone was out celebrating V-E Day! When the meeting was finally held, A.B. Harris announced that he would not be standing for re-election, as he was retiring from business and moving to White Rock, British Columbia. Although CPS membership was anaemic, the Society funds were increasing to the point where it was decided to bank them, rather than just holding them as petty cash.

The October 17 social evening was held at the High River residence of Dr. Bedingfield. A car party was formed up at the Herald Building corner, and left at 19h00 for the trip south.

The November 13 meeting was a special night with entertainment supplied by the Canadian P.S., in the form of a letter from their President, Cyril Woodhead, two competitions, and a draw for prizes. Four days later after the event, a letter was sent to Woodhead from the club Secretary (Harold Lewis) describing how the meeting went. An extract reads:

*Our President, Mr. S.T. Richardson acted as master-of-ceremonies and he qualifies as a 'live-wire', at least in our club. As the meeting was held in an office downtown, it was not considered feasible to have the milk lapping contest ...*

The Annual Dinner and auction for 1945 was held on December 11 at the Renfrew Club as in past years. The auction realized \$61.20. There were 21 people in attendance.

## **The Post-War Decline.**

The CPS continued to decline in the immediate aftermath of the war. At the 1946 Annual Meeting on May 14, concern was again raised over the difficulty of getting new members and keeping the old ones involved and coming out for meetings. The Annual Dinner and auction were held December 10. Dr. Mason was unable to attend due to illness, and died in early January 1947.

Although membership was growing in early 1947, it became so difficult to find officers for the club that the election meeting had to be postponed from May until November. Honourary Life Member #5 was Sid Richardson, so named at the July 8 meeting. Richardson was being transferred to Toronto by his company. For the first time in many years the membership totals were announced. As of May 13 meeting, the CPS had 30 paid-up members, and with Richardson there were 3 Honourary Life Members.

The Annual Dinner for 1947 took place on December 9 at the traditional site of the Renfrew Club. The auction realized \$44.34 and attendance was twenty-six.

By the May 11, 1948, meeting, paid-up membership had declined to 20. Meetings followed a pattern of business, then informal stamp talk and trade. Interspersed between the meetings were social evenings at members's homes. The 1948 Annual Dinner went on December 16 with the usual auction.

Sometime during the past two years the CPS had let its affiliation with the Canadian Philatelic Society lapse. This was a trend that had been going on for years and was to continue into the future. The main problem seemed to be that the club had to have a certain number of its members belonging to the larger society, and they were not always to be found in sufficient quantity. At the January 11, 1949, meeting the subject came up and it was decided to re-affiliate with the Canadian P.S. The meetings of 1949 began to have programs again, but attendance was still the usual problem. The Annual Dinner and auction were held December 13, 1949.

## **The 1950s.**

Mr. Turtle was not at the May 9, 1950, election meeting, and in self-defense had sent a message that he not be nominated for President. Sid Richardson took the President's post. Membership stood at 26 paid and 3 Honorary Life Members.

Guest speaker at the September 12, 1950, meeting was a Mr. Bainbridge of Vancouver, who spoke on B.N.A. fakes and forgeries, of which he showed a large number of examples. The Annual Dinner moved to the Petroleum Club, and was held December 12. The banquet speaker was A. Kirby, with the Canadian Post Office as Public Relations. He gave an address on the history and development of the Post Office. The Dinner's auction was a disappointment, with only 41 lots out of 100 being sold. Richardson brought this up at the next meeting, and it was decided to consider changing the date of the dinner, possibly to October. Nonetheless the 1951 Dinner was held on December 6.

In early spring of 1951, Lewis died suddenly. As a result, no financial statement was available for the May 8, 1951, election. About this time notice came to the CPS that a deluxe book on the King's stamp collection was to be published. It was proposed to share the cost of buying a copy with the other two Calgary clubs. This was done, and the book donated to the Calgary Public Library. It arrived in late 1952 and was borrowed for the January 13, 1953, meeting, at which time the members had a chance to examine it. The CPS had contributed \$15 towards the cost of the book, while the Calgary Stamp Collectors Club gave \$10, and the Foothills Stamp Club put up \$5.

A film entitled "Stagecoach to the Stars" was shown at the Annual Dinner on December 6, 1951, courtesy of Kirkby from the Post Office. The auction was one of the best yet, realizing \$87.30 on fifty-six lots sold out of seventy-nine.

The executive elected at the May 13, 1952, meeting was unchanged from the previous year. There were 24 paid members.

In the summer of 1952, a British philatelist named Frederick Walker made a grand tour of Canada and visited local philatelists along the way. The November 14, 1952, issue of STAMP COLLECTING WEEKLY carried his report, in which he mentioned that Louis Crosby had met him at the Banff Springs Hotel. Crosby was a member of the CPS from 1927 to 1965. He brought along his collections to show Walker, consisting of postal history and stamps of Prince Edward Island and 6,300 dated copies of the 3-cent Large Queen stamps. Dr. Mason also had a calendar collection of stamps. Such collections were very popular in those days when the stamps were very cheap.

Two longtime members passed away in 1953, namely W.J. Selby Walker and Alf B. Harris. The Annual Dinner and auction moved to the Palliser Hotel, and included a small exhibit of pages from member' collections. The event was held December 2, and Arthur Kirkby again was the speaker, this time on the Universal Postal Union. The list of signatures of those attending was headed "Calgary Philatelic Society/Founded 1922/30th Annual Dinner". This was in error of course, since the first dinner was in 1927.

As a piece of foreshadowing, the CPS had trouble with dates in 1961 as well. Because the Society archives had been misplaced, no one could remember when the CPS was founded. Under the impression that it was started in October 1921, the club had a fortieth anniversary dinner in 1961. There were red faces all around when it was later discovered that the actual date was April 22, 1922.

When the CPS was first formed membership dues were \$2 per year. This continued throughout the good years of the 1920s, but the Depression caused dues to be reduced to \$1 in December 1932. For the next twenty-one years dues never changed, but on September 8, 1953, they were raised back up to \$2, where they had been thirty-one years ago.

At the September meeting the idea was first suggested that Calgary and Edmonton have a joint meeting of stamp clubs. This meeting was held on October 23 in Red Deer, halfway between the two cities. It went off well enough that a repeat performance was discussed. Fred Harris (father of Edmund, who later moved to Calgary and was active in the CPS), president of the Edmonton

Stamp Club, arranged the meeting with Sid Richardson. It was an evening affair with dinner at 6 pm, stamp trading and talk until 10 pm, then the drive home. The Annual Dinner and auction were held at the Palliser Hotel on December 8, 1953.

R.W. Lyman, after whom the stamp catalogues were named, visited Calgary on April 21, 1954, while touring on behalf of the British firm Robson Lowe. He gave a talk to the CPS at the Palliser Hotel, the subject being George V collections.

A second Edmonton/Calgary joint meeting in Red Deer took place on October 9, 1954. About twenty-five members went up to the event, and 40 frames were entered as exhibits.

A public display of stamp exhibits was staged by the CPS on November 13 at the MacLin Motors Auditorium. Kirkby gave a talk at the event, which was in support of National Stamp Week, November 8 to 13. The fortunes of the CPS were on the increase during 1955. For decades social evenings at members homes had alternated with general meetings every two weeks, but increased attendance resulted in lack of room, and the social evenings had to be discontinued.

The Annual Dinner and auction had begun in 1927 as a testimonial dinner for the people responsible for putting on the first public stamp show in Calgary that year. It had been enjoyed so much that it became a Christmastime event every year until 1953. In the last few years there had been some dissatisfaction about the date of the dinner. The event was changed to February as a result. There was no dinner in 1954 consequently, but the event went forward on February 22, 1955, at the Palliser Hotel.

A delegation was made up to meet L.A. Lamouroux, President of the Canadian Philatelic Society, who visited the city on September 27. The Calgary club continued to waver about affiliation with the national society, and on October 11, it was decided not to bother. This had nothing to do with the visit by Lamouroux, but was simply a matter of not having five members who belonged to the Canadian P.S., a requirement for chapter status.



For a third time the Calgary and Edmonton clubs met halfway at Red Deer. The event took place on October 15, 1955. At the auction Edmonton lots brought in \$177.70, while a greater quantity of Calgary lots only realized \$104.20.

The Annual Dinner, billed as the 33rd such event, was actually the 28th. It was held April 24, 1956, with the usual auction. It had originally been planned for February, then postponed for the possibility of a speaker coming in from Vancouver. In the any event the speaker was not forthcoming, and the dinner was delayed from its intended time. Again the Edmonton and Calgary clubs had their autumn get-together in Red Deer, meeting on October 20, 1956. This was the fourth such occasion. The Edmonton club arranged for the auction and speaker, while Calgary looked after the accommodation.

For some time prior the CPS had been considering the idea of a monthly auction at the non-business meeting. A committee was struck to set up the rules, and the first auction was held November 20, 1956.

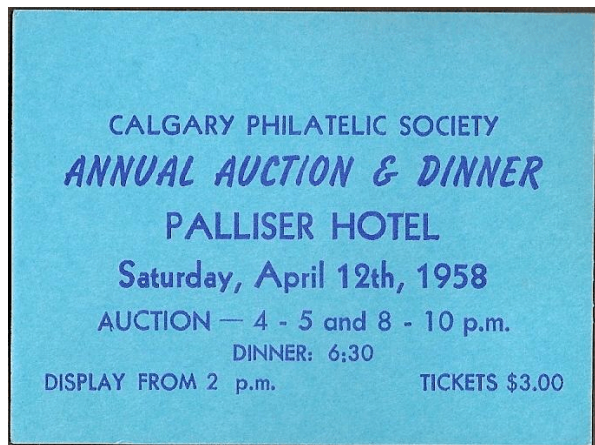
At the December 6 meeting an election was held to fill the vacant position of George Morrison, who had died a short time before. Ed Lynn filled the hole on the Executive Committee. Morrison had served the club for many years in different positions, being member #19 and a Charter Member. Not long after, H. Turtle, another servitor, also passed away.

The Annual Dinner was held on February 19, 1957, again at the Palliser Hotel, but was poorly attended. Subsequent discussion at general meetings resulted in the decision to have the dinner in April of future years.

On October 4, CPS member Fred Dunn appeared on CHCT television station and gave a 15-minute talk on stamps. He illustrated the presentation with stamps. According to viewers, the stamps showed up nicely in close-ups, although they were, of course, in black-and-white.

The fifth Edmonton-Calgary meeting in Red Deer was held on November 2, 1957. As before there was an auction, dinner, stamp displays, and a speaker. The event was marred by the loss of two circuit books, one from Edmonton and the other from the Canadian P.S.

Once more the Calgary club affiliated with the Canadian P.S., and this time it seems to have stuck. The club applied for chapter status in March of 1958. An additional proposal for affiliation reared its head, this time with the Calgary Allied Arts Council. It fell through because to do so would have required a change in meeting dates.



The 30th Annual Dinner of the CPS was held on April 12, 1958. Circuit books and displays were part of the activities. Not surprisingly, in view of the missing material from the Red Deer show, the general meeting of April 1 had some discussion about how circuits and displays would be handled at the dinner.

The 1958 Red Deer meeting was held in the spring, this time on May 24. In that month the Calgary club had 41 members. November 10 to 15 was National Stamp Week in 1958. The CPS staged a display of stamps at the Gas Company Auditorium on November 13 to mark the occasion. Frames for the show were quoted at the cost of about \$4 each, depending on how many were ordered.

After about fifteen years without them, the CPS agreed to revive its own circuit books. During the past years members had circulated their own books or those of dealers or other societies, but the Society itself did not officially have circuit books. Jack Benning offered in December 1958 to take initial steps to get them going again. The circuits started moving in March 1959.

The 1959 Annual Dinner and auction were held on March 21 at the Palliser Hotel. The Calgary/Edmonton conclave in Red Deer was held on the last Saturday in April, again with an auction. Another stamp exhibition was held at the Gas Company Auditorium at 140 - 6 Avenue SW. It was opened by M.L.A. Ernest Watkins on November 12, and was well covered by the press.

The CPS had initiated an exchange of auction lots with the Edmonton Stamp Club. Edmontonians sent down forty lots, of which twenty-nine sold for \$99.80. Thirty-five lots were sent north from Calgary, and again twenty-nine sold, but only for \$69.70.

Some familiar problems were cropping up, and are still with us today. The circuit books needed better quality material. Members were asked not to do stamp business or chitchat during the meetings while a speaker was talking. Monthly auctions were considered too long, so limits were introduced on how many lots a consigner could put in. Auction lot reserves were also raised to try and reduce the amount of cheap material. Members were nagged to pay their annual dues. Some things never change!

An example of the CPS approval books is shown on the next page. The inside covers and pages were blank.

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Book No. \_\_\_\_\_

# APPROVAL BOOK

From \_\_\_\_\_

Member No. ....

CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

CALGARY, ALBERTA,  
CANADA

## **The 1960s.**

Awards for exhibits at a CPS show are mentioned for the first time in the April 5, 1960, minutes. The Annual Dinner had been held on March 5 along with the usual activities. Three Silvers and two Honourable Mentions were awarded. Fred Dunn, a Calgary dealer, staged the Calgary Postage Stamp Show on April 30 at the Macabees Hall. Despite its name, this was just a dealer bourse. The eighth Edmonton/Calgary meeting in Red Deer was staged May 14.

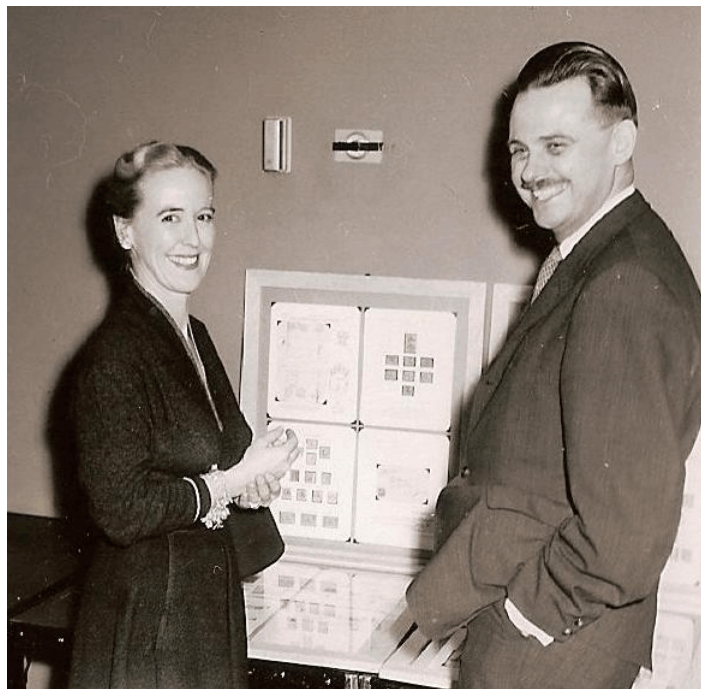
The May 3, 1960, Annual Meeting elected Bob Traquair as President. Two other committees were constituted, one for Membership, and one for Auction and Sales. The membership was at a record 89, and the increase of 33 in one year was in itself a record. Auctions were very profitable, partly due to higher reserves and commissions, but also because the lots were selling at better prices.



1960 was a good year for shows. Besides all the springtime activity, the British North American Philatelic Society held their convention at the Banff School of Fine Arts from September 15 to 17. The CPS Fall Stamp Show took place on November 10 at the Gas Company Auditorium.

*Robert Traquair, 1961*

Photos of the 1960 Annual Dinner. Below left are Rosemary and Sam Nickle.









Because the CPS Archives had been temporarily misplaced (they were later to turn up in Sid Richardson's basement), the exact date of the Society's formation was uncertain. Based on the opinions of the older members, the club was under the impression that the CPS began in October 1921, and accordingly arranged for a Fortieth Anniversary Banquet at the Palliser Hotel on April 29, 1961. Planning for the event began in November 1960, and every effort was made to make it a big event. An auction was prepared, and a four page mimeographed catalogue of lots was circulated. A short history of the CPS was also prepared. It was four pages long and because the author did not have access to the missing archives, had a number of inaccuracies in the early history.

By the time of the Annual Meeting on May 2, 1961, there were 78 paid members. Constitutional changes were proposed and adopted effective September 1. In the elections Mrs. Kathleen Lane became the first woman to be elected to a club position. The usual Red Deer joint meeting of the Calgary and Edmonton clubs was held on May 13, 1961.

Since the CPS had been formed in April 1922 it had never published its own bulletin. Communications with the membership were maintained by circulars and postcards. In September 1961 the first issue of the newsletter appeared, mimeographed on 8.5 x 14 paper, one side only. Postcards were still mailed, alternating with the Newsletter, every other month. The editor was Bob Traquair, and the Newsletter continued until May 1963, when it died. Some familiar problems with the circuit books were mentioned in the September 1961 newsletter. Overpricing and inferior material was the usual problem, and one quote said, *"many of the books being entered have stamps hinged to fall out at the first opening of the circuit book while others appear to have had the hinge glued to the stamp."*

The CPS had been receiving circuit books from the Canadian P.S. Unfortunately two of the books disappeared while at the monthly meetings costing the club \$81. Events such as these were extremely rare however. There was also trouble with the monthly auctions; one member purchased a lot of mint stamps described as such but containing a used stamp and a number of mint stamps stuck down on the sheet.

The Annual Dinner of January 27, 1962, had a very poor turnout, perhaps because of the cold weather. Not enough exhibits were entered to warrant giving out prizes. As a bright spot though, the Archives were rediscovered in May 1962, when it was then learned that the CPS was forty years old in 1962, not 1961. Dues for the forthcoming 1961-62 season were set at \$3, the first time that they had passed the 1920s level. The 1962 elections on May 1 returned Rudy Martin to the President's chair. There were 90 paid members, of which 11 lived in Edmonton. The sudden upsurge in out-of-town members was attributed to the newsletter, which now provided tangible benefit for those unable to participate in the club's other activities.

The usual spring meeting in Red Deer was cancelled owing to proximity with an Edmonton show called ESCPEX. A letter from the Edmonton Stamp Club in September 1962 suggested that there were a number of members who felt the meetings were not worth having any more. The consensus in both cities was that each now had its own exhibition to look after. There would, of course, be inter-club competition at those shows, but a Red Deer meeting was a thing of the past.

The Canadian Post Office had traditionally provided covers and postmarks for the Calgary Stampede, the world's largest rodeo. The Post Office discontinued this service for 1962, but the club stepped in to fill the breach.

The Annual Dinner for 1963 was transmuted into a full scale exhibition called CALPEX 63. Formerly the stamp exhibits were a minor component of the dinner, but now it was the other way around. The event was held on April 6, and was given publicity by both print and broadcast media. Rudy Martin was Show Chairman. The event was considered a well-done show.

Several times in the past years the CPS had received letters from the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs inviting the Society to join them, but nothing was ever done. In July 1963 the CPS was sent a lengthy letter from them once more inviting them into the fold. This time the Society was more receptive, and became a member in September.

The exhibition held on April 11, 1964, at the Palliser Hotel was erroneously called the 43rd Annual Exhibition and Banquet.

Attendance tripled over 1963 and the highlight of the show was a Post Office exhibit of Seaway inverts. Besides the Court of Honour, one Gold, three Silvers, and two Honourable Mentions were awarded to the exhibits. Nearly 500 pages were shown.

The monthly meetings continued the routine of business items and programs. The January 5, 1965, meeting was unable to attract a quorum and was not held, but most of the other meetings had a reasonable attendance of around twenty members. The annual exhibition, dinner, and auction was held May 1.

On September 29, 1964, the Red Deer Stamp Club had been founded. They set up a joint meeting of the Edmonton, Calgary, and Red Deer clubs for November 6, 1965. A number of Calgary members went up to Red Deer for the event, and the proverbial good time was had by all.

In 1966 the CPS had its annual show on April 30, but the big event of that year was BNAPEX 66. This was staged September 15 to 17 at the Calgary Inn. Although the Calgary chapter of the British North American Society is a separate organization, the membership overlaps substantially with the CPS. BNAPEX 66 was reported on at length in the November 1966 issue of BNA TOPICS.

For Canada's Centennial year the CPS had a committee helping out with a balloon race at the Calgary Stampede, not too philatelic but a contribution to the celebrations. A few years earlier the Society had been approached to stage a Centennial stamp show, but because its members had been involved with BNAPEX 66, nothing was able to be done. The CPS did, however, stage its annual show on May 13, 1967, at the Calgary Inn.

The election meeting of May 2, 1967, saw Ken Ford as President. In the President's Report for the season just concluded, mention was made about the idea of gathering together all the club records scattered about, and forming an Archives. The idea of an Archives was mentioned again at the September 5 meeting, and was left over for the Secretary to look into. The matter was not

mentioned again in the minutes of the next few years, but since this history was written from a page-by-page review of the Archives, it is obvious that they were set up. The Archives presently contain all the CPS records, mostly minutes of the meetings, from the first meeting on April 22, 1922, to the present date.

During 1967 there was considerable discussion about making the 1968 annual show a two-day event. This would be the first time that a Society show or event had gone more than one day. The whole debate was made moot however, by a general lack of interest in actually staging a show. At the March 5, 1968, general meeting it was voted that no show would be held that year.

The May 7, 1968, election installed Eldon Godfrey as President. He resigned a few months later due to the pressures of work. For the next few months there was a bit of confusion, but eventually John Snuggs was installed as President. Snuggs was originally elected as Vice-President; when he stepped up, his place was taken by John Payne. Membership stood at 74.

CPS members became a little more enthusiastic about staging their own show. The show was held on May 24, 1969.

The CPS had been meeting in the Public Library for some time now. Due to problems in booking rooms, the meeting dates were changed to first and third Mondays.

Sid Morrison was absent so often that in September he was replaced by Tom Nicholson as Circuit Books Chairman. Nicholson in turn moved to Sydney, Australia at the end of the year, so he was replaced by John Payne.

Once again the annual show was cancelled. A start had been made in early 1970, but the planning eventually fell through. Since the show had been cancelled, Tom Lemon proposed to replace it with an auction which he would be willing to organize. The matter was considered at the March 2, 1970, meeting, but rejected.

At this same meeting though, the first table auction was held. The CPS had been running auctions for many years at separate meetings, but this was the first silent auction to be held in conjunction with the general meeting.

At a silent auction a sheet of paper is attached to each lot, all the lots being spread out on tables. Bidders write their bids down on the sheets, and when time is called, the highest bid on each sheet gets the lot. The silent auctions were still being held as of 2023, and a sample of the auction form is shown at right.

AUCTION  
LOT NO.

Catalogue Value
Catalogue Used
Reserve bid
Owner's Membership #

DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR SOCIETY USE

Purchaser	Selling Price
#	\$

### Rules & Regulations:

1. Lot must have a reserve price of \$3.00
2. Any lot is returnable for refund on DAY OF SALE if merchandise is not found as described above.
3. Terms of sale: cash for non-members; cheques accepted from members.

## BIDS

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At the September 13, 1971, meeting Ken Ford introduced a motion, seconded by Tom Lemon, that a resolution be passed in favour of a commemorative stamp for Calgary's centennial in 1975. The motion was carried. The first four paragraphs of the resolution read as follows:

*WHEREAS the City of Calgary, Alberta, will soon mark the 100th anniversary of its founding as a pioneer fort in 1875,*

*AND WHEREAS several other Canadian cities such as Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Charlottetown, and Halifax have been honoured on commemorative stamps in the past years,*

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Calgary Philatelic Society make presentations as soon as possible to the Canadian Postal Department and the Citizen's Design Committee urging that a suitable commemorative stamp be issued in 1975 in honour of Calgary's founding as a fort in 1875.*

*FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be sent to Prime Minister Trudeau, the Postmaster General, Jean-Pierre Cote, and the Calgary Members of Parliament, and to Mr. S.C. Nickle Jr., a member of the Citizen's Design Committee.*

The CPS held its stamp show on April 15, 1972. The event commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of the Society, which had finally got its historical dates straightened out. Due to difficulty in arranging for judges, the exhibits were non-competitive.

1973 was a busy year for exhibitions. The CPS staged a show on April 28 with Walter Jackson as show chairman. On October 20 a joint meeting was staged in Red Deer, with the clubs from Red Deer, Lethbridge, Calgary, and Edmonton participating. BNAPEX 73 was held in Calgary from September 19 to 22; this was put on by the Calgary chapter of the British North American Philatelic Society. Although not officially part of the CPS, the overlap in membership of the two groups is considerable. The CPS and the Calgary BNAPSers had contact with each other frequently, one such item being the sharing of glass for the exhibition frames used at both shows.

At the February 12, 1973, meeting Sam Nickle spoke on the Design Committee of the Post Office, which is responsible for stamp designs. Nickle was a member of this committee for many years, prior and after.



*Sam Nickle, circa 1960s*

Interestingly enough, the CPS had been meeting at a school, but was forced to move because of a no-smoking rule. Jumping ahead to May 1986, one of the most vigorous business meetings in CPS history passed a motion outlawing smoking at the meetings. The times they are a changing!

In 1973 the CPS initiated a new award called the Founders' Award, to be given to the club member having done the most for the CPS in the past year. The first winner was Jim Sadler, who received a plaque at the October 2 meeting.

The circuit books had amongst them "orphan books" whose members could no longer be located. It was decided at the October 1, 1974, meeting that such books have their income forfeited to the Society, and remainders auctioned off for the benefit of the club.

The previous attempt at a club bulletin had run from September 1961 to May 1963. It was a mimeographed 8 1/2 by 14 Newsletter. At the beginning of 1975 the CPS started up a new bulletin called "STAMPede". Ken Ford was the editor, and later Phil Wolf. STAMPede was a folded sheet with four pages in the 5.5 x 8.5 format, photocopied. The contents were cut and paste items mixed in with CPS news and articles by club members. STAMPede went until 1978, when it was replaced with a new bulletin "Calgary STAMPede".

Tom Lemon was the Show Chairman for the event, the 1975 version being held on April 4 and 5 at the Kerby Centre. Exhibits tried to emphasize local postal history, it being Calgary's centennial year. The Red Deer show was September 25.

For the first time in more than a decade two circuit books were unaccounted for, costing the CPS \$297 to reimburse the member who suffered the loss.



The CPS annual show was held April 24 and 25, 1976, and the Red Deer joint meeting on September 25. The Red Deer meeting stirred up a bit of controversy over the low attendance. In the Edmonton Stamp Club bulletin, an article critical of the Calgary club had appeared in the October 1976 issue.

Jim Taylor replied on behalf of the CPS pointing out that of 22 people attending the meeting, 14 were from Calgary. The Red Deer club had basically collapsed, with little organization from the hosts and only two of its members attending. The entire Edmonton delegation left early to get home for an Eskimos football game, and the two Red Deer delegates left on other business, thereby destroying the afternoon activities. The CPS decided at its October 5, 1976, meeting to suspend any participation in further get-togethers. It wasn't until 2019 that the next joint meeting was held.



*James R. (Jim) Taylor*

CALPEX 77 was held April 29 to May 1. Edmund A. Harris was Show Chairman. During 1977 the CPS agreed to bid for ROYAL 80, the national show of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. The bid was successful, and the show was held under the name CALTAPEX 80.

At the June 7, 1977, meeting the issue of membership dues came up. A motion was made to raise dues to \$4 commencing September 1. This was immediately amended to \$5, and so passed. There were 73 paid members. The guest speaker at the September 6 meeting was Rod Sykes. He was the Mayor of Calgary, but spoke in his capacity as a stamp collector. His subject was "Junk Can Be Fun", and dealt with how odd-lot items could be of interest to a philatelist.

For some time in the past while, and again in future years, the rules conduct for the monthly auctions were a subject of discussion. The matter flared up again in 1977, and a few more rule changes were adopted. The auction rules have probably been changed more often than any other section of the Society, in an ongoing search to maximize interest in the auctions and put better quality lots through at better prices.

At the December 6, 1977 meeting the guest speaker was John Hopkins from the Public Relations Department of Canada Post. He showed two films on postal mechanization, one on postal codes, the other on electronic sorting equipment.

CALPEX 78 was held April 28 to 30 with Joe Werner as Show Chairman. For CALPEX 77 arrangements had been made with the Post Office to have a slogan cancel on Calgary mail. This was repeated for CALPEX 78, but this time a flag cancel was used on the machine.

The 1978 Nominating Committee ran into difficulty preparing a slate of officers for the forthcoming season. The election meeting was held September 5. The Nominating Committee presented a slate for all positions except President. Edmund Harris was nominated from the floor for the President's post and acclaimed.

At an executive meeting on September 20, 1978, the possibility of upgrading the club bulletin was discussed. It was agreed to accept a proposal by Don Bowen, who offered to print the bulletin at no cost to the CPS in exchange for having the advertising revenues. The bulletin was typeset and illustrated with black-and-white photographs. It was renamed “Calgary STAMPede”, and the first issue was published in November 1978. The agreement with Bowen lasted until the November 1979 issue, which was whole number 11. Bowen resigned, and the bulletin then regressed to a single sheet photocopy. Calgary STAMPede eventually returned to the previous digest-sized format in 1982.

In late 1978 Calgary stamp collectors had been having problems with one of the Canada Post clerks at the philatelic wicket. This was so much so that the CPS was moved to officially complain to Canada Post about the poor service. Since then philatelic services have been by and large reasonably good.

Tom Lemon resigned as Program Chairman in late 1978 and his place was taken by Joe Werner. A year later, in December 1979, Lemon was killed in a vehicle-pedestrian accident. He had gotten off a city bus across the street from his stamp shop and as he walked out from in front of the bus he was struck and killed by a car that went through the crosswalk without stopping.

The annual show underwent a slight name change due to confusion with a California show. The 1979 version was now CALTAPEX 79, and was held May 4 to 6. The exhibits were a little easier to set up, as the CPS had obtained frames left over from the CAPEX international stamp show in Toronto the previous year.

The CPS had a number of meeting places during the 1970s. They started off the decade meeting at a school, then the Calgary Public Library. The expanding membership eventually forced a move to Fort Calgary at the start of the 1980s.

## The 1980s.

Up until 1980 the CPS had not been incorporated. In order to apply for a grant for CALTAPEX 80, application was made under the Societies Act for incorporation of the club. This was duly carried out.


No. 50245366


# CERTIFICATE of INCORPORATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT

- CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY -

IS THIS DAY INCORPORATED UNDER THE SOCIETIES ACT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA  
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE AT EDMONTON, ALBERTA,  
THIS twenty-first DAY OF May A.D. 1980.

  
Registrar of Companies



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The new decade started off with the CPS hosting CALTAPEX 80 from May 29 to 31, with an auction on June 1. This was not just the regular show but was a national event, being the 52nd annual meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. Edmund Harris was Show Chairman. Both the show and auction were held at the Palliser Hotel. The Calgary Stamp Shop had the concession for the auction, and a special catalogue was produced for it, in addition to the show catalogue itself.

At the election meeting on June 11, 1980 membership dues were discussed. A motion to raise them to \$10 failed, but a subsequent vote raised the fee to \$7.50. At this time period the CPS was no longer meeting in the library, but had moved to Fort Calgary for its meetings on second Wednesdays. Auctions were third Tuesdays and fourth Wednesdays at the Canadian Union of Public Employees Hall on Centre Street and 13 Avenue SE. In place of the December general meeting, there was a wine and cheese party, now a well-established tradition. No business is discussed other than presentation of awards, and the evening is designed to encourage people to bring their non-philatelic spouses.



*Edmund Harris*

About this time the CPS was distributing posters to be put up in public places such as libraries and post offices advertising the club. A few years later the club ran into trouble over the post office posters because federal government regulations required all printed matter to be bilingual.

On February 1, 1981, at the Marlborough Inn, the first Sunday Bourse was held, chaired by Edmund Harris. Tables were rented at \$10 to dealers, and free to members. The idea was to provide an event where people could unload surplus philatelic material at low cost. Initially the Sunday Bourse was held once a month, but this proved to be too frequent since there was a low turnover of people renting tables, and their stock changed too slowly to attract repeat visitors. After that, the bourses were held at irregular intervals, but continued throughout the 1980s and 1990s at the American Women's club in the Beltline, mostly with Bill Szaroz as the facilitator. They died out by 2009.

By 1981 the CPS was meeting three times a month, except July, August, and December. First Wednesdays were the general meeting at Fort Calgary, and third and fourth Wednesdays were auctions at the C.U.P.E. Hall. At the January 13, 1982, meeting a constitutional amendment was passed changing the date of the annual meeting and the end of the fiscal year. The Founders' Award, given to the member contributing the most to the club during the previous season, had been dormant during the late 1970s. It was reactivated, with Don Fraser receiving an engraved silver tray for his work in 1980/81.

An executive meeting on January 31, 1982, was held to discuss CALTAPEX 81. Although a good show in general, there had been some problems. CALTAPEX 81 was initially to have been held at the Convention Centre in September, but had to be changed to October at the Marlborough Inn. This resulted in a letter of protest from the Red Deer Stamp Club, which had booked its show for October, and as a result, had to move their date ahead to September. The dealers at the bourse had circulated a petition protesting the auction being held during show hours, so it was agreed that future shows would have the auction at another time period. Exhibit fees were abolished. Although not immediately voted on, there was discussion to make the show a free event, which did come to pass in future years.

The Sunday Bourse moved to C.U.P.E. Hall in March 1982, where expenses were lower. In this month the Australian Study Group was formed, meeting in member's homes on third Wednesdays.

The June 9, 1982, meeting saw an extended discussion about the auctions and bourses. Since the early days of the CPS auctions have had problems with too many lots, unsold lots, poor material, lack of interest in swapping, and so forth. As in previous years, the decision was to try and pep up the auctions and make them more interesting. Fort Calgary had become increasingly expensive as a meeting place, and coupled with changes in management policy, led to the CPS moving its general meetings to the C.U.P.E. Hall in September.

Don Fraser was CALTAPEX 82 Chairman. The show was held October 15 to 17 at the Marlborough Inn. There was no admission charge for the event.

In January 1983 discussion at an executive meeting led to the introduction of personalized membership badges, with the CPS name and logo, member name, and year of joining. On February 16 a small group of members took in a tour of the Calgary Mail Processing Plant out at the airport.

The club constitution, last revised in September 1979, was modified in 1983 to allow changes to bylaws governing awards. One ongoing problem over the past decade had been a lack of continuity in granting awards, or changing the purpose of an award without full awareness of its past history. The new bylaws had a list of the annual awards and what they were to be used for.

October 1, 1983, was the centennial of the founding of the Calgary Post Office. Canada Post would likely have ignored this had the CPS not mentioned the subject. A commemorative cover of 500 copies was prepared for the event, a large poster distributed, and a ceremony held to mark the occasion.

## 100th ANNIVERSARY



*Calgary's First Post Office  
Established October 1, 1883*



155 OF 500



For several years the CPS general meetings had been plagued with arguments over whether or not the minutes-of-the last meeting should be read aloud in the business section of the meeting. One faction was opposed because this lengthened the meeting and bored the audience. The opposing side was in favour because this allowed errors or omissions to be corrected, and kept members up to date if they had missed the last meeting. At an executive meeting on January 23, 1984, the decision was that the minutes would be read unless otherwise moved by the members, and a vote would not be made without discussion.

The Sunday Bourses in 1984 were continuing at the American Women's Club on 14 Avenue SW.

CALTAPEX was not held in 1985 because the Calgary Regional Group of the British North American Philatelic Society (BNAPS) was hosting BNAPEX 85 from September 12 to 14 at the Westin Hotel. There has always been considerable overlap between the CPS and the Calgary BNAPS memberships. Holding both shows in the same year would have tired out the committee members and saturated the local market. In lieu of CALTAPEX, a minishow called STAMP DAY was held on April 13, 1985.

Calgary had been awarded the 1988 Olympic Winter Games a few years previous, and world attention started to focus on the city. At about this time the CPS began to receive letters from collectors around the world asking for information or sources of supply about special stamps or postmarks. The CPS eventually became involved with OLYMPEX 88, about which more later.

Beginning with the September 4, 1985, meeting the CPS held its meetings and auctions at the Kerby Centre on 7 Avenue SW and 11 Street. There was more room at the new site, better parking, access to LRT, and cheaper rent.

In late 1985 discussions first began concerning a Chinese-Canadian show. Calgary had twinned itself with the Chinese oil city of Daqing. To commemorate this a group of philatelists in Daqing sent a cacheted cover to CPS members. The CPS replied with a cacheted cover with a Calgary Olympics first-day cancel. Four hundred covers were produced, as shown on the next page, half of which were sent to China and the other half distributed to CPS members.



加拿大 卡尔加里市 — 中国 大庆市

CALGARY, CANADA — DAQING, CHINA



CALGARY 1988 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES SITE 34 CANADA  
SITE DES JEUX OLYMPIQUES D'HIVER



OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES SITE — 1988  
Feb. 13, 1988 — Feb. 28, 1988

Over the next few years there was much talk and correspondence concerning a joint Daqing-Calgary stamp show, but the idea eventually died because the Calgary people were too busy with Olympic events. The tempo of Olympic events began to pick up in Calgary in 1986, and approximately every six months until the Games there was a first-day ceremony in the Calgary or Nakiska area.

At right is a banner presented to the CPS by the Daqing Philatelic Society.

On the next page is a cover prepared by the Daqing P.S. and also presented to the CPS.



中国、大庆市与加拿大、卡尔加里市缔结姊妹城纪念  
 COMMEMORATING SISTER CITIES  
 BETWEEN DAQING, CHINA AND CALGARY, CANADA  
 MAY 16TH, 1985



The May 7, 1986, general meeting was perhaps the most controversial meeting in the club's history. Years before the CPS had changed its meeting place because smoking was not allowed, but since then the non-smokers had been steadily gaining ground, both within the club and in society at large. At the May meeting a motion was introduced and passed, after considerable discussion, which prohibited smoking at meetings and auctions. Smokers would have to go outside to indulge. Besides the usual concerns about health and the odour, there was concern that ashes might be dropped on philatelic material.

The year 1987 represented the jubilee anniversary of the first public stamp show in Calgary, held October 22, 1927. Sixty years later two annual shows were the standard. STAMP DAY, held April 26, 1987, continued as a one-day minishow aimed at the novice exhibitor. Exhibits were limited to two frames, and there were challenges between the various study groups of the CPS to see who could do best. Beginning in 1987, STAMP DAY, a Sunday show, was combined with a Saturday regional meeting put on by Calgary BNAPSers. This made a full weekend and helped draw more people to both events. CALTAPEX 87, held October 9 to 11, was the traditional main event.

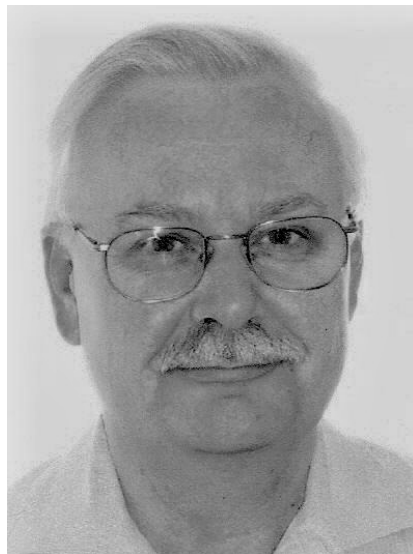
The October 7, 1987, general meeting tried a different twist to the program called "Societies Night". Various club members presented information on all the different philatelic specialty organizations they belonged to.

The year 1988 was marked by the Calgary Olympic Winter Games from February 13 to 28. As part of the events the Olympic Arts Festival staged a stamp show called OLYMPEX 88. This was a requirement of the Olympic charter granting the Games to Calgary. OLYMPEX was organized and staged by volunteers from the CPS, under the control of the Arts Festival staff.

This was the first stamp show involving the CPS where the club had no authority over how things were to be run. The Arts Festival staff had little knowledge about philately, and ran the show as a minor sidelight to all the other Arts Festival events. The original intention of a competitive international quickly declined into a non-competitive, non-sanctioned show, held in a poor location (basement of the Convention Centre).

Despite the handicap of dealing with the Arts Festival, CPS volunteers managed to put on a respectable display of exhibits. Exhibits came from around the world on Olympic philately and winter sports philately. Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the International Olympic Committee, was one of the exhibitors. About 11,000 visitors toured the show, which had free admission. An exhibition catalogue with numerous articles on Olympic and sports philately and Calgary postal history was produced. OLYMPEX 88 was originally chaired by Sam Nickle, but he resigned early on when he realized he was in over his head, and the show was then co-chaired by Edmund Harris, Jon Johnson, and Jim Brown.

The CPS had been a chapter of the Royal Philatelic Society since 1958. On February 29, 1988, the club became chapter #1360 of the American Philatelic Society.



*Jon Johnson*

## **The 1990s.**

1990 repeated the back-to-back BNAPS Regional/STAMP DAY on the weekend of April 21 and 22. There were by now fair numbers of out-of-town visitors and dealers arriving for the BNAPS event and staying overnight for the CPS event. The BNAPS meeting featured a series of seminars, a silent auction, and an evening dinner. STAMP DAY neatly complemented the meeting with an exhibition and dealer bourse. CALTAPEX 90, on October 26 to 28, moved to the Glenmore Inn. The show was enlivened by a door prize of a trip for two on the world's largest white hat (a balloon).

April 27 and 28, 1991, had the usual BNAPS/STAMP DAY weekend. The STAMP DAY door prize was cubic yard of stamps, or (which sounded bigger) 27 cubic feet. This huge box was made of donations and enough to keep stamp soakers busy for a while. The BNAPS event was at the Hospitality Inn, and STAMP DAY at the Glenmore Inn.

During the early 1990s, CPS member Peter Smith, a journalist for the CALGARY SUN, began publishing an occasional column in that newspaper on stamp collecting. It was not a cut-and-paste stamp news column like other newspapers had, but was about his personal interests and experiences in philately. The column was well received by the general public, and provided useful publicity for the CPS.

The CPS Secretary Jason Ness was an NDP candidate in the 1993 Alberta provincial election in the riding of Calgary-Shaw. He was unsuccessful.

The club settled into a routine for the 1990s of a spring bourse, CALTAPEX in the autumn, regular speakers at the meetings, and a members' night bourse at a meeting once or twice per season.

On March 12, 1929, Sid Richardson had become a member of the CPS. A special celebration was held at the May 6, 1992, meeting on the occasion of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a cake cutting, as seen in the photos below. In 1993, when Sid reached his 65<sup>th</sup> year of membership, a wine-and-cheese party was held in his honour. Sid died in 1998 at the age of 96, having put in 69 years as a member.

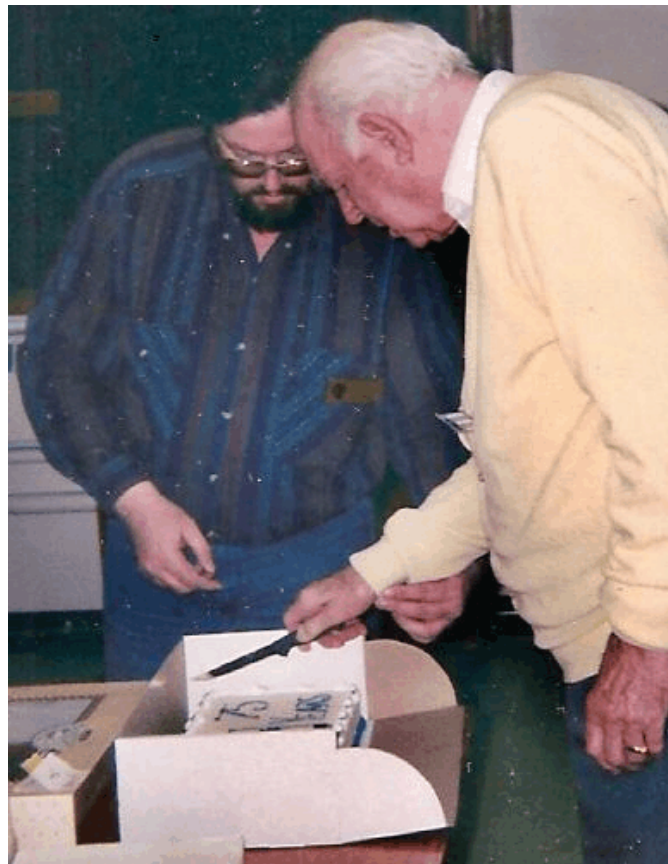
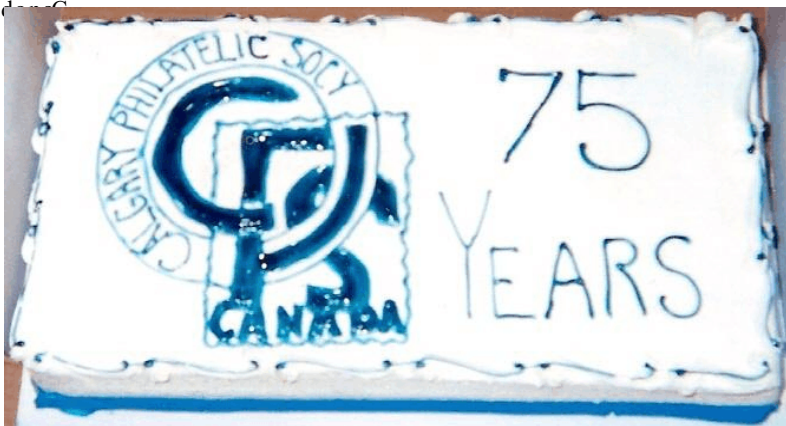




For many years at its shows, the CPS had been using zig-zag exhibit frames made of cast iron and wooden boards. They were very heavy indeed. In the mid-1990s, discussion began about obtaining new aluminum frames in the A-frame style, far lighter and easier to handle. In 1995, the purchase was made from the USA of 75 frames, the same kind used at AMERIPEX '86 where they had proven themselves. The cost was \$18,000 delivered to Calgary, offset by selling the old frames to the Regina Philatelic Society for \$4,000. The aluminum frames have been in use since.



The April 1997 meeting was a celebration of the CPS 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Jack Benningen (in white sweater) cut a cake as the oldest living member. Dale Speirs (in blue) assisted.



Post invited the CPS to a first-day ceremony on January 8, at the Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre for the 1999 Year of the Rabbit stamp. There was a good turnout of members.







## **The 2000s.**

The first decade of the 2000s continued much as before with the CPS. By the middle of the decade, the club had settled in to a regular routine of monthly and annual events. First Wednesdays of the month, except July, August, and December, were the general meetings of the CPS in the Lecture Room of the Kerby Centre. The December Wednesday was the Christmas Social, a potluck dinner and entertainment such as quizzes and other contests.

The second Wednesday of the month was the Calgary Regional Group of BNAPS at various locations elsewhere. The third Wednesday was the regular auction of the CPS, again in the Kerby Lecture Room. Fourth Wednesdays were the meetings of the Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, founded in 2003, and which met in the Jimmie Condon Building at 14 Street SW and 17 Avenue. Annual events were the Spring Bourse at the end of April, and CALTAPEX, in October on the weekend after Thanksgiving. Both were held at the Kerby Centre main gymnasium.

In 2001, there was much discussion at meetings over many months about whether the third Wednesday auctions were justified for the expense of the room. After considerable debate, the auctions were kept but changes were made. In the 2010s, enough lone-wolf collectors began dying off and their estates donated to the CPS for auction such that a flood of new material helped pep up the auctions. Doug Kollar was kept busy handling estate collections for many years.

A new idea began in Canadian philately of clubs competing with a one-frame exhibit made up of single pages from different members. The CPS entered its first one-frame in October 2007 at the Royal show in Toronto. This was to be repeated several times over the next few years at competitions in other cities such as Edmonton and Calgary.

One idea for programmes in 2008 was that members whose surnames ended in certain letters, for example, A to F, would bring a favourite item for a show-and-tell. It seemed to work quite well, as there was no pressure on any one person to do a full talk.

In 2006, the CPS hosted Royal 2006 Royale, the national convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. The hard work of Dwayne Miner and Janice Brookes made it the finest RPSC convention ever, highlighted by a display of pages from the Queen Elizabeth II personal collection. This was the first time she had consented to exhibit pages in western Canada.



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Royal 2006 Royale  
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The Royal Philatelic Society  
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September 30, 2006



CALGARY  
Royal 2006 Royale  
Sep.29 - Oct. 1  
"A Royal Like No Other"

Special Exhibition of Canadian Portions of the Queens Collection.

Michael Sefi (at left), the Keeper of the Royal Philatelic Collection, provided a guided tour of the Queen's Collection.





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and this grand occasion to socialize.



The favor of a reply is requested by September 21  
Rsvp to [jsouthcombe@mgisecurities.com](mailto:jsouthcombe@mgisecurities.com)



In 2007, talk had begun on revising the CPS bylaws. The process was in full swing by 2008 and a new set approved by the end of the year. The changes were sent in to Alberta Corporate Registry, but they required certain changes, mostly nitpicking details but which had to be done according to law. These went back to the membership for another vote at the general meeting of March 4, 2009, again approved. Final approval from the provincial government was received in 2013.

A controversial move at the June 5, 2013, meeting was to establish a scholarship fund to assist suitable members in defraying costs of international exhibitions or for other philatelic reasons. After considerable debate, it was approved 27 to 13 with 4 abstentions.

Typical scenes at CPS monthly meetings during the 2000s. At right, members inspect auction lots before the meeting begins.



Circuit books were brought to every meeting and auction.

In this photo, Larry Tweedale, the manager, sits at right.



The Christmas Social.

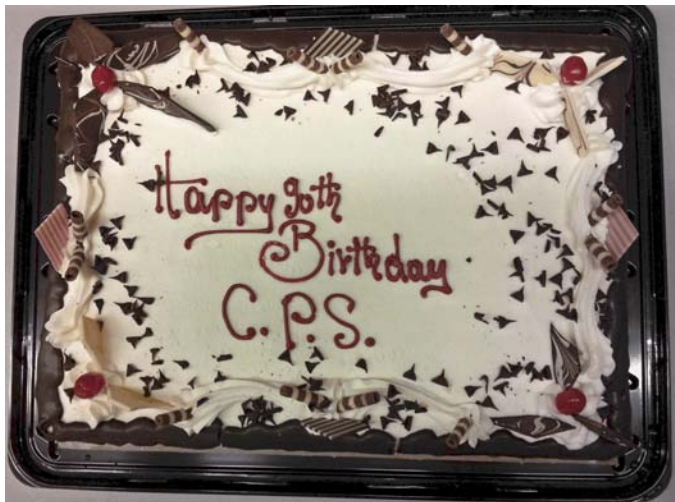


Each monthly meeting had a speaker. The photo below was taken at the October 3, 2012, meeting where stamp designer Xerxes Irani spoke about his work for Canada Post.





At the April 4, 2012, meeting, the CPS celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a couple of delicious cakes. A good time was had by all.



One or two meetings per year were turned into member bourses, where club members could sell material of their own. Tables were \$5 each. This photo shows part of the room at the June 17, 2015, member bourse.



In 2017, James R. Taylor became President of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. A year earlier, Eldon Godfrey had been elected President of the British North America Philatelic Society. For a local club to have two of its members in such prestigious positions at the same time was a remarkable achievement. It also illustrated that the CPS was not a parochial local club but one whose members actively participated in the outer philatelic world.



## 2018 Was A Very Good Year.

The year 2018 was a remarkable one for philatelic events in Calgary. Murray Bialek was able to establish good relations with Canada Post such that in 2018 there were several first-day and other events that CPS members were able to attend.

On January 24, Canada Post held a first-day-of-issue ceremony for the Women in Winter Sports stamps. It was held at Canada Olympic Park in northwest Calgary, and about a dozen CPS members were able to attend. The South Korean Winter Olympics began the following week. All of the women depicted on the stamps, except one deceased, were able to attend the ceremony.



*Some of the CPS members in attendance.*



*The women depicted on the stamps gather after the ceremony.*

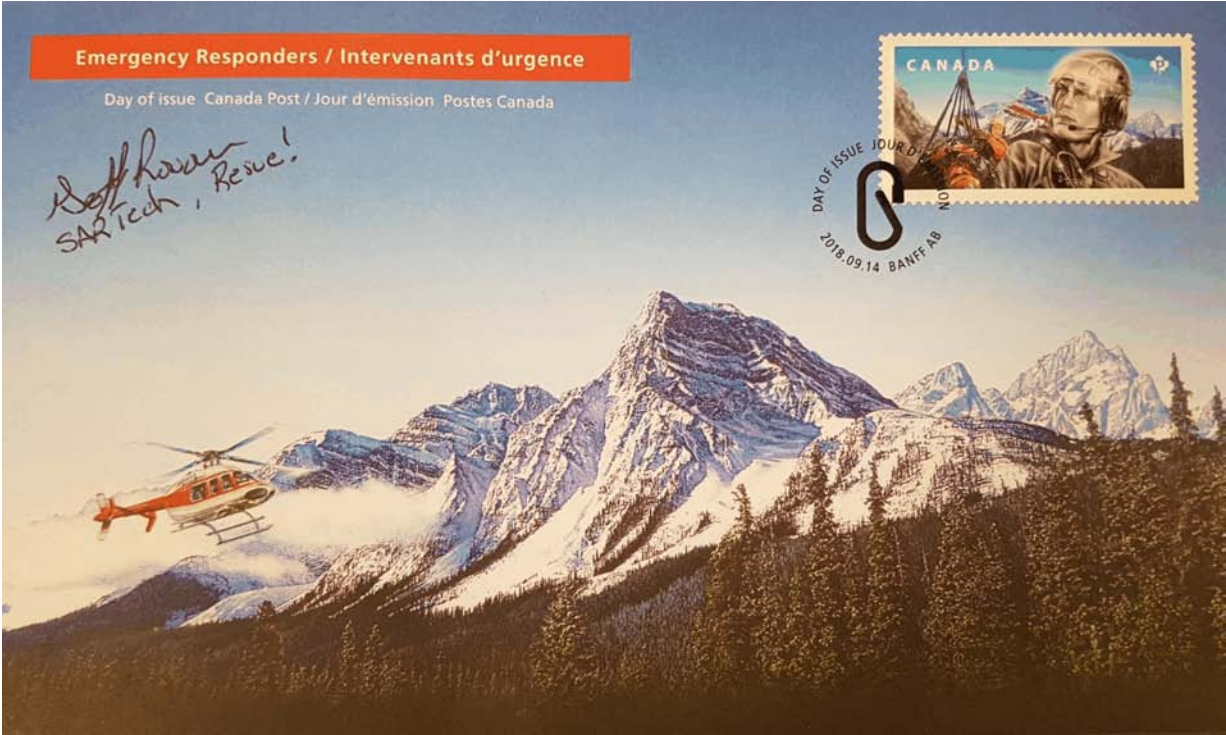


On June 28, a special called meeting was held for a presentation by Canada Post officials about the 2018 to 2020 stamp programme. It was put on by Stamp Design committee members Sally McMullen (at left in photo) and Elia Anoaia.

The following day, June 29, was a first-day ceremony for the Astronomy stamps, held at the Red-And-White Club, McMahon Stadium, on the University of Calgary campus. About twenty CPS members watched the astronomers who supplied the photos for the stamps unveil the designs. The ceremony was part of the annual convention of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, which was celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



A third first-day ceremony was held in Banff on September 12, and several CPS members were able to accept the invitation of Canada Post to attend. Murray Bialek got an FDC autographed by one of the search-and-rescue personnel attending.





On July 9, 1918, Katherine Stinson flew the first airmail in western Canada from Calgary to Edmonton. The centennial of that event was commemorated in Calgary with a special flight by WestJet Airlines on July 9, 2018, organized by the Canadian Aerophilatelic Society and assisted by members of the Calgary Philatelic Society.

The flight crew and cabin attendants were all female in honour of the event, and special covers were prepared.

The photo shows (left to right) the First Officer Janna Breker-Kettner, cabin attendants Sandra Ostertag and Rabia Saghen, and Captain Athenia Jansen. They are holding a mailbag filled with commemorative letters. The aircraft was a NextGen Q400 turboprop.





**Calgary**

Naheed K. Nenshi, Mayor

July 9, 2018

VIA AERIAL ROUTE

Mayor Don Iveson  
City of Edmonton  
2nd Floor, City Hall  
1 Sir Winston Churchill Square  
Edmonton, AB T5J 2R7

Dear Mayor Iveson,

It is with great pleasure that I write—not text, direct message, or email—to you on the occasion of the of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first airmail between our cities. A century ago to the day, our predecessors exchanged greetings about Edmonton's Annual Exhibition and Summer Show. As always, you're welcome to visit us now and enjoy the Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth: The Calgary Stampede.

A hundred years ago, "the world's foremost aviatrix" Katherine Stinson amazed the citizens of our province by delivering from city to city 259 envelopes aboard her *Curtiss Special* biplane. It was a first in Western Canada and just one example of how exceptional women have built this province.

Today, this message is delivered to you by two equally exceptional WestJet pilots, Athenia Jansen and Janna Kettner. While their aircraft is also propeller-driven, I'm pleased to know they're flying a much more modern Bombardier Q400 NextGen turboprop. Did I mention WestJet Airlines is a proudly Calgary-based company?

I must thank the Canadian Aerophilatelic Society and its passionate volunteers for working hard to get this commemorative Centennial Intercity Flight "off the ground". Not enough people know about this fascinating piece of our history, and I'm thrilled that you and I get to be a part of it.

On behalf of all Calgarians, I wish you and your fellow citizens an excellent summer. My invitation to come visit us in Calgary stands. However, next time, we can just text.

Sincerely,

*Naheed K. Nenshi*  
Naheed K. Nenshi  
MAYOR

*You know you want to just get on the return flight & come visit!*

CPS member  
Sandra Freeman  
adds to the mailbag  
a letter from  
Calgary Mayor  
Naheed Nenshi to  
Edmonton Mayor  
Don Iveson.

Numerous different types of covers commemorated the event. CPS member Dave Bartlet prepared this cover and the Picture Postage stamp for CALTAPEX 2018, which used the Stinson flight as its theme.

## **Centenary of Western Canada's First AirMail Flight – Calgary to Edmonton 9 July, 1918 Pilot: Katherine Stinson**



**Calgary Philatelic Society presents  
CALTAPEX 2018, October 13-14  
Celebrating Aviation in Western Canada**

## **2019**

On May 29, 2019, the Alberta-Wide Stamp Gathering was held in Red Deer, the first time since 1976. Philatelists from Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, and Medicine Hat gathered in meeting rooms at the Liberty Christian Assembly. About 60 people attended from across the province and it was considered a success.

Representatives from several clubs talked about how they run their operations, what challenges they faced, and what went well. It was interesting to hear of some of the divergences between clubs and how many had evolved similar ideas. After this session, the Calgary and Edmonton BNAPSers put on four seminars on a variety of Canadian postal histories. There was a small auction, mini-bourse, and circuit books from Calgary and Edmonton.

The highlight was that Peter Fleck announced that he had found about 25 Red Deer collectors who were interested in reviving the Red Deer Stamp Club, defunct since 1999.



## 2020: The Year Of The Virus.

This was the year of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. The Spring Bourse had been scheduled for April 18 to 19 but was cancelled because of the pandemic. On March 12, the Alberta Ministry of Health issued a decree banning meetings of 250 or more people in an effort to slow the spread of the virus. All stamp shows across Canada were cancelled.

The CPS Executive had no choice but to cancel all club and study group meetings in April. At right is the Website announcement, as seen from a smartphone screen. The pandemic showed no signs of abating, and soon the remainder of the 2020 season was cancelled. The hope was that meetings and events could resume in September, but that was not to be.

Through August, executives had spent countless hours emailing and telephoning, trying to salvage the forthcoming 2020-21 season. The September 2 meeting, which was the Annual General Meeting, had to be cancelled. Since the elections had to take place no matter what, the August issue of the CALGARY PHILATELIST was almost completely given over to documents and ballots relating to the AGM.

Government regulations were slightly relaxed in August. It was decided to attempt the regular third Wednesday auction on September 16 at the Kerby Centre. Under the provincial regulations, attendees had to be screened at the door by Kerby staff with a questionnaire about their health, have a temperature check, wear masks, and maintain social distancing of 2 metres apart.



A second live auction was held the following month on October 21. The November auction was cancelled when the second wave of the pandemic arrived and the provincial government restricted social gatherings again. The photos below, taken by Dave Bartlet, show the October auction.



Dale Speirs, editor of CALGARY PHILATELIST, kept publication going. The bulletin was especially important as one of the major lines of communication for CPS members. Although the majority of members had access to the Internet, the ones who didn't still needed to know about events. Regardless, the other functions of the bulletin, such as stamp articles by members, were needed to keep the CPS going and encourage members to pay their renewals despite no meetings or other events. The CPS Executive authorized publication of extra bonus issues.

Another line of communication was videoconferencing, using the popular software Zoom. On June 10, the Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society held a successful Zoom meeting, with 30 people logging in, several from across Canada and the USA. Zoom meetings became the standard for the following stamp season. Beginning in September the BNAPSers met regularly on Zoom. The Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors also used that method starting that month. The CPS general meetings began as Zoom sessions as of the October 7 meeting.

Dave Bartlet, the Webmaster for the CPS, was instrumental in helping people use Zoom and arranging the practical details of the videoconferences. In this manner, some of the worst effects of the pandemic were mitigated, that of the lack of face-to-face communication among philatelists. Thereafter for the rest of the pandemic, the CPS general meetings, the BNAPS study group, and the CAPE group met via Zoom.

To further rapid communications with the CPS membership, an email newsletter began in December, produced by Peter Fleck. He was a past president of the club who now resided in Red Deer but kept up his membership and activities.

## 2021: The Year Of The Vaccine.

The first few allotments of COVID-19 vaccines arrived in Canada in late December 2020, but to vaccinate 38,000,000 Canadians was a long chore. As a result, Calgary philatelists continued meeting via Zoom.

Planning for a virtual stamp show began in October 2020, led by Dave Russum. It was scheduled from January 20 to February 10, 2021. Exhibits were submitted in pdf form. The show was given the name CalVirt Stamp Show. 40 exhibits were entered and were judged in two ways. Accredited judge Norma Nielson used the standard RPSC rules. There was also a People's Choice, done using SurveyMonkey software.

Shown at right is a screenshot advertising the show, taken on 2021-02-08 from the CPS Website. The front page of the exhibition is shown below.



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CalVirt Exhibition 20 Jan 2021 - 10 Feb 2021

### CalVirt Exhibits 20 Jan 2021 to 10 Feb 2021

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**CALVIRT 2021** is a Virtual Stamp Exhibition put on by the Calgary Philatelic Society from 20 January 2021 to 21 February 2021. **Click Here** or use the menu tab on the left **VIRTUAL EXHIBITION** to see rules, forms, entries and how to buy show covers and stamps. The Exhibition will remain available for viewing through the end of February or possibly longer.

CPS members can access virtual meeting links by signing onto the website, and under the Members tab select Virtual Zoom Meetings. The Zoom meeting links can access the meetings directly from the website.

20 January – 10 February 2021



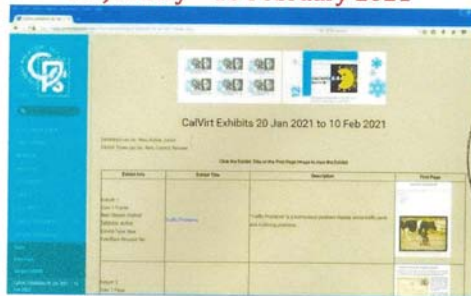
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Dave Bartlet prepared a variety of Picture Postage stamps and covers.

20 January – 10 February 2021



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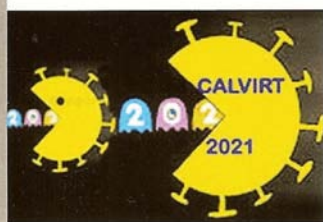


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CPS Presents CALVIRT 2021 20Jan-  
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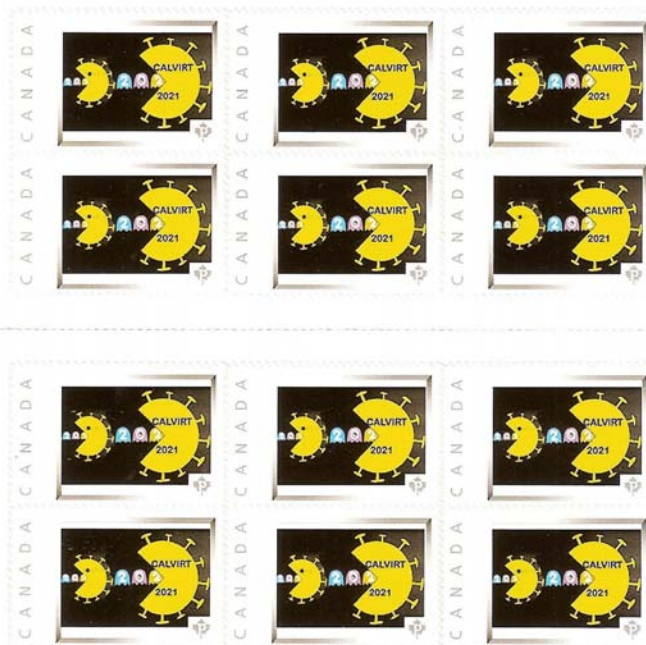


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CPS goes Online with CALVIRT2021  
20 Jan-10 Feb Due to COVID19.



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It's a pleasure to receive  
and answer to receive  
postage stamps.

La joie de recevoir  
et d'envoyer un timbre-poste  
qui a été bien.  
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Other club business continued. The CPS had joined the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs in 1963 but dropped membership a few years later. At the 2021 January executive meeting, it was agreed to re-join the group, which covered the Pacific Northwest states, British Columbia, and Alberta.



Meetings and auctions resumed in late 2021 at the Kerby Centre, subject to pandemic regulations, which included compulsory masks, signing in for contact tracing, and signing a liability waiver.

The first event was an auction on August 28, Saturday morning, which was attended by 35 members.

Shown at left is Robbert Hoffmann at the sign-in desk, while behind him members view the auction lots.



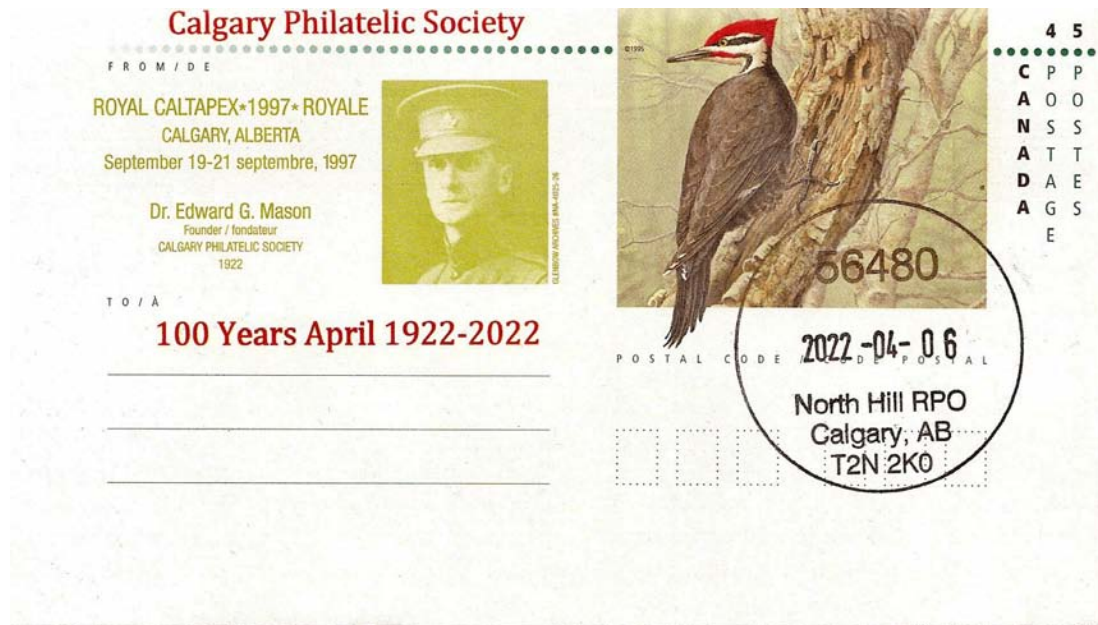
The first meeting of the 2021-22 season was held in the regular meeting room of the Kerby Centre on September 1. Pandemic rules were required, but other than that the normal schedule returned. Some of the small study groups continued with Zoom meetings as being more convenient than driving out on a cold winter's night.

On September 15, the CPS monthly auction was held. That was the night all Albertans, including those at the auction, received a text blast from Alberta Health Services ordering another lockdown due to the fourth wave of the pandemic. Accordingly the CPS reverted to Zoom meetings. CALTAPEX 2021 and the auctions were cancelled. A second online show was held the following January, called CalVirt 2022.

Unfortunately yet another wave of COVID-19 erupted, the fifth. As a result, meetings and auctions in late 2021 and 2022 were on-again-off-again. Sometimes they were live, other times they were on Zoom, as regulations constantly changed.

2022

The long road back to normality began in February 2022 when live meetings and events resumed, just in time for the CPS to celebrate its centennial at the April 6 general meeting. That meeting was in fact a birthday party, organized by Dale Speirs, who had made contact with descendants of the CPS founder Dr E.G. Mason. They are shown on the next page, two great-granddaughters and two great-great-granddaughters. Dave Bartlet prepared a limited-edition cover as a keepsake for them, shown below.



Descendants of  
Dr E.G. Mason  
(left to right)

Beth Saunders  
(great-granddaughter)

Carol Irwin  
(sister of Beth)

Jennifer Saunders  
(daughter of Beth)

Shannon Saunders  
(daughter of Beth)

The trophy on the  
table is the  
Dr E.G. Mason  
Long Service Award,  
given annually.



The first public stamp event in Calgary after the pandemic trickled away was the Spring Bourse, which was held on April 23 and 24, 2022, after a two-year absence.



At left is part of the dealer bourse.  
Below is the auction viewing.





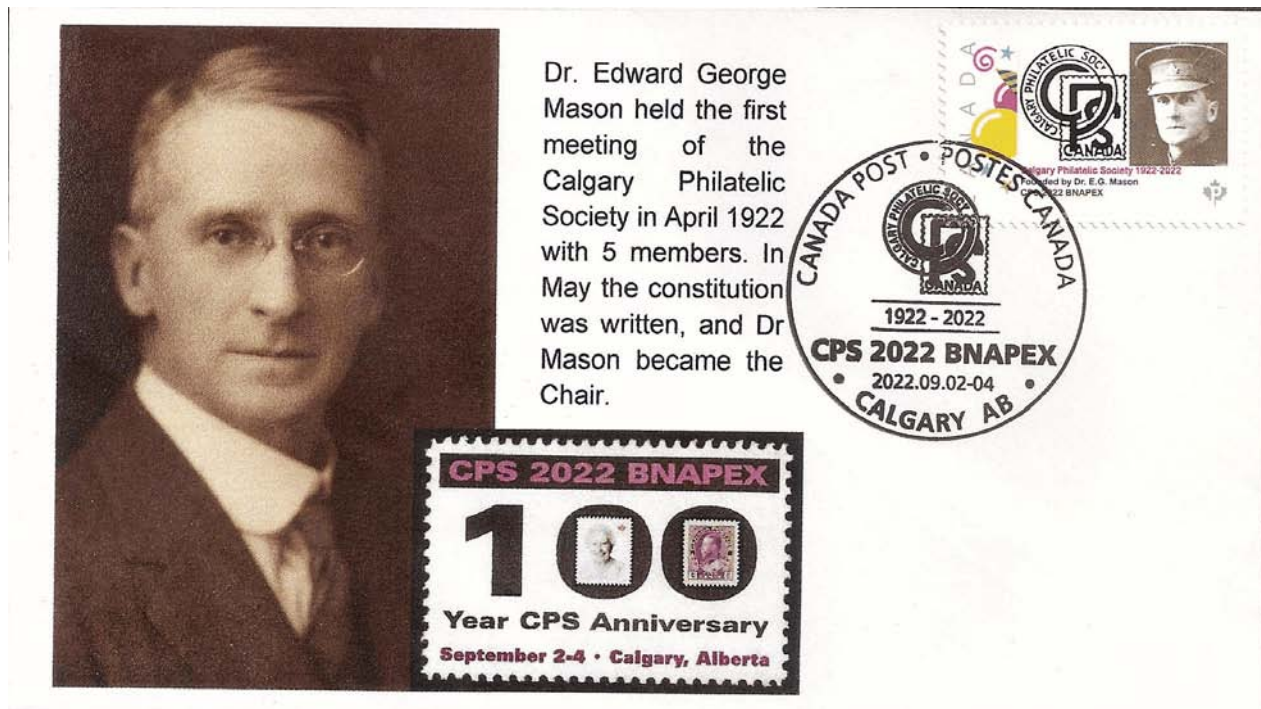


On the Labour Day weekend, September 2 to 4, 2022, the CPS hosted a national convention called CPS 2022 BNAPEX.

This was sanctioned by both the British North America Philatelic Society and the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

Global TV came out to the convention, interviewing various CPS members. The photo is of Beth Saunders proudly showing off Picture Postage stamps of her great-grandfather Mason.

One of nine different covers produced for the centennial show.



The final event of the year, culminating the return to normalcy, was the Christmas Social on December 7. As before the pandemic, this was a potluck supper, with a clothesline exhibit, quiz, and costume contest. Murray Bialek cut the cake, the final 100<sup>th</sup> birthday cake of the year.





## **Chronology Of Milestones.**

- 1921: Dr. E.G. Mason began efforts to establish a stamp club.
- 1922: April 22 - First meeting of the CPS, pro tem officers appointed.  
May 2 - Constitution and name of CPS established.  
June 6 - First executive elected, Dr. Mason as President.  
First programme given, a talk by W.K. Hall on early Canada stamps.  
June 14 - First Executive Meeting.  
November 21 - First slide show program.
- 1925: First club auction. Circuit books established.
- 1927: First public stamp show in Calgary on October 22.  
First annual dinner.
- 1930: First stamp dealer, Emslie & Co. opens a store in Calgary.
- 1933: First honorary life memberships granted.
- 1934: Second public stamp show.
- 1936: March 3 - First programme with a film.

- 1938: First stamp bourse.
- 1953: First joint meeting of Calgary and Edmonton clubs held in Red Deer.
- 1960: April 30 - First commercial dealer bourse.  
BNAPEX 60 held in Banff.
- 1961: September - First CPS publication appeared, called the Newsletter.
- 1963: CALPEX 63 - first named annual show.
- 1966: BNAPEX 66
- 1970: First table (silent) auction held.
- 1973: BNAPEX 73  
First Founders' Award given.
- 1975: New club bulletin called "STAMPede" began.  
April 4 and 5 - Annual show.
- 1978: New bulletin called "Calgary STAMPede" begins in November.(ISSN 0828-8755)
- 1979: CALTAPEX 79 - new name for annual show

1980: CALTAPEX 80 (52nd national show of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada)

1981: First Sunday bourse.

1982: Australasian Study Group formed.

1983: Centennial of Calgary post office.

1988: OLYMPEX 88

1997: ROYAL 97 ROYALE

2006: ROYAL 2006 ROYALE - first time the Queen's Exhibit was shown in Canada outside of Toronto

2007: BNAPEX 2007

2012: BNAPEX 2012

2017: BNAPEX 2017

2019: Alberta-Wide Stamp Gathering in Red Deer

2020: Almost all events after March 12 cancelled due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, including CALTAPEX and the second Alberta-Wide Stamp Gathering in Red Deer. Calgary philatelists began meeting via Zoom videoconferencing software.

2021: First online stamp show, CalVirt 2021, hosted by CPS, on its Website from January 20 to February 10.

2022: Second online show CalVirt 2022 from January 21 to February 2.

2022: After March, club meetings and local shows began re-starting as live events as the pandemic slowly ebbed away.

2022: CPS 2022 BNAPEX was held on the Labour Day weekend, the only national stamp show in western Canada during the year.

## **Executives And Committee Chairs Of The C.P.S.**

### **Presidents**

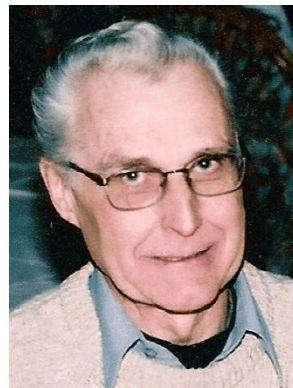
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Brien Horne	1938 May 10 to 1939 May 8
Alan Sorby	1939 May 9 to 1941 May 12
H.C. Hughes	1941 May 13 to 1943 May 10
Sid Richardson	1943 May 11 to 1944 May 8
Alfred B. Harris	1944 May 9 to 1945 May 22
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H.G. Saxton	1949 May 10 to 1950 May 8
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H. Moxham	1954 May 11 to 1955 May 9

Sid Richardson	1955 May 10 to 1956 Jan 9
Gordon Hill	1956 Jan 10 to 1957 May 6
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Norm C. Tunna	1958 May 6 to 1959 May 4
Sam Nickle	1959 May 5 to 1960 May 2

Bob Traquair	1960 May 3 to 1961 May 1
Rudy Martin	1961 May 2 to 1963 May 6
Eldon C. Godfrey	1963 May 7 to 1965 May 3
John Gareau	1965 May 4 to 1967 May 1
Ken Ford	1967 May 2 to 1968 May 6
Eldon C. Godfrey	1968 May 7 to 1968 Sep 30
vacant	1968 Oct 1 to 1968 Nov 4

John Snuggs	1968 Nov 5 to 1969 May 5
Ralph Mills	1969 May 6 to 1971 May 3
Jim Sadler	1971 May 4 to 1973 Jun 10
Ted Chiswell	1973 Jun 11 to 1975 Mar 31
James R. Taylor	1975 Apr 1 to 1977 May 2
Phil Wolf	1977 May 3 to 1978 Sep 4
Edmund A. Harris	1978 Sep 5 to 1979 Jun 4
Joe Werner	1979 Jun 5 to 1980 Jun 10
Keith C.V. Brown	1980 Jun 11 to 1981 Jun 9
Jon Johnson	1981 Jun 10 to 1982 May 11

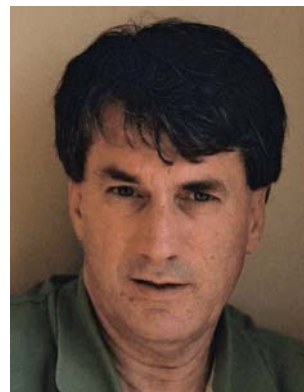
*Keith C.V. Brown*



*Phil Wolf*



Don Fraser	1982 May 12 to 1983 May 31
Greg Sereda	1983 Jun 1 to 1984 Jun 5
Steve Davis	1984 Jun 6 to 1985 Jun 4
Phil Wolf	1985 Jun 5 to 1986 Jun 3
Al Munro	1986 Jun 4 to 1987 Jun 2
Mike Reid	1987 Jun 3 to 1989 Jun 6
John van Staden Jr	1989 Jun 7 to 1990 Jun 5
Bradley Harris	1990 Jun 6 to 1991 Jun 5
Phil Wolf	1991 Jun 6 to 1992 Jun 3
Charles Dryden	1992 Jun 4 to 1993 Jun 2
Walter Herdzik	1993 Jun 3 to 1994 Jan 31
Don Wilson	1994 Feb 1 to 1995 Jun 7
Hugh Delaney	1995 Jun 8 to 1996 Jun 5
Isobel Attrell	1996 Jun 6 to 1997 Jun 4
Tim Presber	1997 Jun 5 to 1998 Jun 3
Bruce Irvine	1998 Jun 4 to 2000 Jun
Andy Puczko	2000 Jul to 2002 Jun
Penny Borrowman	2002 Jul to 2004 Jun
Walter Herdzik	2004 Jul to 2006 Jun
Dave Russum	2006 Jul to 2009 Jun
Gerry Vader	2009 Jul to 2012 Jun
Peter Fleck	2012 Jul to 2014 Jun



*Steve Davis*



*Peter Fleck*



Larry Tweedale  
Murray Bialek  
Jim Senecal  
Erika Peter  
Murray Bialek

2014 Jul to 2016 Aug  
2016 Sep to 2018 Aug  
2018 Sep to 2020 Aug  
2020 Sep to 2021 Aug  
2021 Sep to 2023

*Larry Tweedale*



*Murray Bialek*



## Vice-Presidents.

Col. J.L. Potter	1922 Jun 6 to 1924 Jan 7
Douglas C. Howland	1924 Jan 8 to 1925 Nov 30
G.A. Morrison	1925 Dec 1 to 1929 May 6
W.C. Black	1929 May 7 to 1930 May 5
Alan Sorby	1930 May 6 to 1932 May 2
H. Lewis	1932 May 3 to 1933 May 8
G.A. Morrison	1933 May 9 to 1935 May 13
H.C. Swartzlander	1935 May 14 to 1937 May 10
W.J.E. Wyllie	1937 May 11 to 1938 May 9
H.C. Hughes	1938 May 10 to 1941 May 12
Sid Richardson	1941 May 13 to 1942 Jan 12
Alfred B. Harris	1942 Jan 13 to 1942 May 11
Sid Richardson	1942 May 12 to 1943 May 10
G.P. Snowdon	1943 May 11 to 1945 May 22
H.E. Bedingfield	1945 May 23 to 1946 May 13
Alan Sorby	1946 May 14 to 1947 Nov 10
G.P. Snowdon	1947 Nov 11 to 1948 May 10
H.G. Saxton	1948 May 11 to 1949 May 9
H.M. Turtle	1949 May 10 to 1950 May 8



*Douglas C. Howland*

H.E. Bedingfield	1950 May 9 to 1951 May 7
Jack Benningen	1951 May 8 to 1953 May 11
Ed Lynn	1953 May 12 to 1954 May 10
Cecil Rosete	1954 May 11 to 1955 May 9
Gordon Hill	1955 May 10 to 1956 Jan 9
vacant	1956 Jan 10 to 1956 May 7
Joe Chogi	1956 May 8 to 1957 May 6
Norm Tunna	1957 May 7 to 1958 May 5
Sam Nickle	1958 May 6 to 1959 May 4
Bill Plaisance	1959 May 5 to 1960 May 2
Rudy Martin	1960 May 3 to 1961 May 1
Herb Akitt	1961 May 2 to 1962 Apr 30
Eldon Godfrey	1962 May 1 to 1963 May 6
Edmund A. Harris	1963 May 7 to 1964 May 4
Kathleen Lane	1964 May 5 to 1965 May 3
John Snuggs	1965 May 4 to 1968 Nov 4
John Payne	1968 Nov 5 to 1970 May 31
Bill Pawluk	1970 Jun 1 to 1971 May 3
D.J. Glass	1971 May 4 to 1971 Nov 19
vacant	1971 Nov 20 to 1972 Jun 11
Bill Charles	1972 Jun 12 to 1973 Jun 10
Walter Jackson	1973 Jun 11 to 1974 Apr 1

*Jack Benningen*



Len Breeze  
Dr. Ghazi Karim  
Keith C.V. Brown  
Ross Skaken

1974 Apr 2 to 1975 Mar 31  
1975 Apr 1 to 1978 Sep 4  
1978 Sep 5 to 1979 Jun 4  
1979 Jun 5 to 1980 Jun 10

Jon Johnson  
Don Fraser  
Greg Sereda  
Steve Davis  
Phil Wolf  
Al Munro  
Mike Reid  
Guy Boissonneault  
John van Staden Jr  
Bradley Harris

1980 Jun 11 to 1981 Jun 9  
1981 Jun 10 to 1982 May 11  
1982 May 12 to 1983 May 31  
1983 Jun 1 to 1984 Jun 5  
1984 Jun 6 to 1985 Jun 4  
1985 Jun 5 to 1986 Jun 3  
1986 Jun 4 to 1987 Jun 2  
1987 Jun 3 to 1988 May 31  
1988 Jun 1 to 1989 Jun 6  
1989 Jun 7 to 1990 Jun 5

Phil Wolf  
Charles Dryden  
Walter Herdzik  
Don Wilson  
vacant  
Hugh Delaney  
Isobel Attrell  
Tim Presber

1990 Jun 6 to 1991 Jun 5  
1991 Jun 6 to 1992 Jun 3  
1992 Jun 4 to 1993 Jun 2  
1993 Jun 3 to 1994 Jan 31  
1994 Feb 1 to 1994 Jun 1  
1994 Jun 2 to 1995 Jun 7  
1995 Jun 8 to 1996 Jun 5  
1996 Jun 6 to 1997 Jun 4

*Isobel Attrell*



*Don Wilson*

Bruce Irvine  
Andy Puczko

1997 Jun 5 to 1998 Jun 3  
1998 Jun 4 to 2000 Jun

*Gerry Vader*

Penny Borrowman  
Walter Herdzik  
Dave Russum  
Janice Brookes  
Gerry Vader  
Peter Fleck  
Larry Tweedale

2000 Jul to 2002 Jun  
2002 Jul to 2004 Jun  
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2006 Jul to 2008 Jun  
2008 Jul to 2009 Jun  
2009 Jul to 2012 Jun  
2012 Jul to 2014 Jun



Murray Bialek  
Jim Senecal  
Erika Peter  
Wayne Dwyer  
Jim Senecal

2014 Jul to 2016 Aug  
2016 Sep to 2018 Aug  
2018 Sep to 2020 Aug  
2020 Sep to 2021 Aug  
2021 Sep to 2023



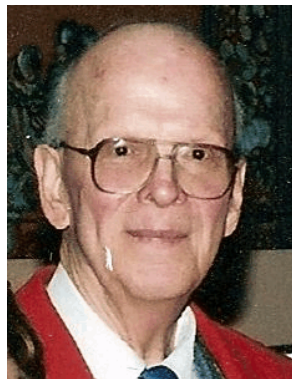
*Tim Presber*

## Circuit Book Directors.

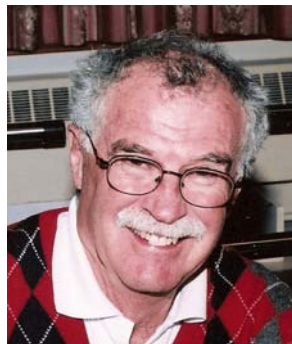
The first circuit books, then called Exchanges, operated in the late 1920s until the early 1930s. They dwindled out of existence sometime in 1935 or 1936, and were not restarted until 1958.

F.W. Herring	1925 Jan 13 to 1926 Oct 9
G.A. Morrison	1926 Oct 10 to ????
vacant	1936 May 12 to 1958 Dec 1
Jack Benningen	1958 Dec 2 to 1961 May 1
Jerry Brackman	1961 May 2 to 1962 Apr 30
Bob Monilaws	1962 May 1 to 1967 May 1
Tom Nicholson	1967 May 2 to 1969 May 5
Sid Morrison	1969 May 6 to 1969 Sep 1
Tom Nicholson	1969 Sep 2 to 1969 Nov 2
John Payne	1969 Nov 3 to 1974 Apr 1
Walter Jackson	1974 Apr 2 to 1978 Sep 4
Jim Sadler	1978 Sep 5 to 1980 Sep 9
Gary Thomasson	1980 Sep 10 to 1982 Jun 8
Steve Davis	1982 Jun 9 to 1983 Sep 6
John Barber	1983 Sep 7 to 1986 Sep 2
Mike McPhail	1986 Sep 3 to 1992 Jun 3
Ernie Bell	1992 Jun 4 to 1995 Dec 31
Bob Hoffmann	1996 Jan 1 to 2003 Aug

*Bob Monilaws*



*Mike McPhail*



Mike McPhail  
Larry Tweedale

2003 Sep to 2011 Jun  
2011 Jul to 2023

*Al Munro*



### **Private Treaty Books**

Greg Sereda	1979 Jun 5 to 1982 May 11
Al Munro	1982 May 12 to 1986 Jun 30
Bob Hoffmann	1986 Jul 1 to 1993 Jun 2
Vic and Ian Harwood	1993 Jun 3 to 1994 Jun 1
Dave Voss	1994 Jun 2 to 1997 Jun 4
Gerry Vader	1997 Jun 3 to 2014 Dec

Due to declining sales, the Private Treaty Books were discontinued at the end of 2014. The Internet had superceded any demand for this type of service.

*Greg Sereda*





## **Secretary-Treasurer.**

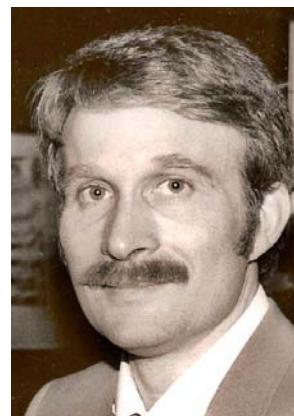
M. Thomas	1922 May 2 to 1924 May 5
Alfred B. Harris	1924 May 6 to 1944 May 8
Sid Richardson	1944 May 9 to 1945 May 22
H.V. Lewis	1945 May 23 to 1951 Apr 9
W.J.E. Wyllie	1951 Apr 10 to 1953 May 11
Gordon Hill	1953 May 12 to 1955 May 9

In 1955, the positions of Secretary and Treasurer were separated.

## **Secretary**

G. McKay	1955 May 10 to 1956 May 7
Bob Traquair	1956 May 8 to 1960 May 2
Herb Akitt	1960 May 3 to 1961 May 1
H.N. Bennett	1961 May 2 to 1962 Apr 30
Kathleen Lane	1962 May 1 to 1963 May 6
M. Devlin	1963 May 7 to 1964 May 4
John Gareau	1964 May 5 to 1965 May 3
Bob Traquair	1965 May 4 to 1966 May 2
John Payne	1966 May 3 to 1967 May 1
Eldon Godfrey	1967 May 2 to 1968 May 6

R. Mills	1968 May 7 to 1969 May 5
Tom Lemon	1969 May 6 to 1970 May 31
Jim Sadler	1970 Jun 1 to 1971 May 3
Bill Charles	1971 May 4 to 1972 Jun 11
Ted Chiswell	1972 Jun 12 to 1973 Jun 10
James R. Taylor	1973 Jun 11 to 1975 Mar 31
Phil Wolf	1975 Apr 1 to 1977 May 2
Garry Braunworth	1977 May 3 to 1978 Sep 4
Ross Skaken	1978 Sep 5 to 1979 Jun 4
Keith C.V. Brown	1979 Jun 5 to 1980 Jun 10
Paul Hur	1980 Jun 11 to 1980 Sep 9
Ellie Allen	1980 Sep 10 to 1980 Oct 7
Emma Benning	1980 Oct 8 to 1982 May 11
Guy Boissonneault	1982 May 12 to 1983 May 31
Mike McPhail	1983 Jun 1 to 1986 Jun 3
Ned Burnyeat	1986 Jun 4 to 1987 Jun 2
John van Staden Jr	1987 Jun 3 to 1988 May 31
Phil Wolf	1988 Jun 1 to 1989 Jun 6
David Warren	1989 Jun 7 to 1990 Jun 5
Charles Dryden	1990 Jun 6 to 1991 Jun 5
Penny Borrowman	1991 Jun 6 to 1992 Jun 3



*John van Staden Jr*

Don Wilson	1992 Jun 4 to 1993 Jun 2
Jason Ness	1993 Jun 3 to 1998 Jun 3
Janice Brookes	1998 Jun 4 to 1999 Jun 2
Isobel Attrell	1999 Jun 3 to 2000 Jun

Donna Trathen	2000 Jul to 2023
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*Donna Trathen*



## **Treasurer**

H. Turtle	1955 May 10 to 1956 May 7
John Learmonth	1956 May 8 to 1958 May 5
Herb Akitt	1958 May 6 to 1960 May 2
Al Barker	1960 May 3 to 1961 May 1
Jack Benningen	1961 May 2 to 1962 Apr 30
H.N. Bennett	1962 May 1 to 1964 May 4
John Snuggs	1964 May 5 to 1965 May 3
Gordon Hill	1965 May 4 to 1967 May 1
Bill Charles	1967 May 2 to 1968 May 6
John Payne	1968 May 7 to 1969 May 5

John Jarabek	1969 May 6 to 1985 Jun 4
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Ihor Rudyk	1985 Jun 5 to 1986 Jun 3
Don Fraser	1986 Jun 4 to 1987 Jun 2
John Jarabek	1987 Jun 3 to 1988 May 31
John Van Staden Sr	1988 Jun 1 to 1989 Jun 6
Brenda Rosvick	1989 Jun 7 to 1993 Jun 2
Bruce Irvine	1993 Jun 3 to 1995 Jun 7
Andy Puczko	1995 Jun 8 to 1998 Jun 3
Walter Herdzik	1998 Jun 4 to 2002 Jun

*Don Fraser*



*Ihor Rudyk*



Hans Jensen  
Jon Johnson  
Norma Nielson  
Cary Hatcher

2002 Jul to 2007 Sep  
2007 Oct to 2012 Aug  
2012 Sep to 2018 Aug  
2018 Sept to 2023

*Hans Jensen*



*Norma Nielson*



**Recorder.**

Harlow M. Hartney	1924 May 6 to 1926 Dec 6
J.M. Moir	1926 Dec 7 to 1927 Sep 5
vacant	1927 Sep 6 to 1928 May 7
W.E. Hives	1928 May 8 to 1929 May 6
H.B. Spencer	1929 May 7 to 1933 May 8
W.C. West	1933 May 9 to 1934 May 7
Harlow M. Hartney	1934 May 8 to 1935 May 13
G.A. Reid	1935 May 14 to 1936 May 11
D.P. Foster	1936 May 12 to 1938 May 9
G.A. Morrison	1938 May 10 to 1953 Mar 9
vacant	1953 Mar 10 to 1953 May 11
G.H. Moxham	1953 May 12 to 1954 May 10
Position abolished	1954 May 11

### **Auctions (regular)**

Alfred B. Harris	1924 Oct 7 to 1929 Jan 15
Sid Richardson	1956 Nov 20 to ????
Bob Traquair	???? to 1960 May 2
Frank Halpenny	1960 May 3 to 1961 May 1
Jack Cotton	1961 May 2 to 1970 May 31
Tom Lemon	1970 Jun 1 to 1978 Sep 4
Jack Cotton	1978 Sep 5 to 1987 Sep 15
Doug Kollar	1987 Sep 16 to 2021 Aug

*Doug Kollar*

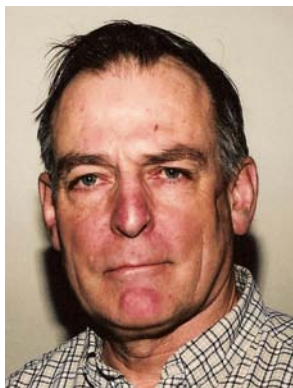


### **Auctions (silent)**

Silent auctions, also referred to as table auctions, began regularly in 1978. They were intermittent during the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Phil Wolf	1978 Nov 7 to 1980 ?? ??
Mike Reid	1980 ?? ?? to ????
Larry Innis	1982 ?? ?? to 1983 Jun 1
John van Staden Jr	1983 Jun 2 to 1986 Jun 4
Greg Lang	1986 Jun 5 to 1995 Jun 7
Gerry Vader	1995 Jun 8 to 1997 Jun 4
Ernie Bell	1997 Jun 5 to 2000 Dec
Jim Senecal	2001 Jan to 2021 Aug

*Jim Senecal*





In the autumn of 2021, the auctions were renamed to better reflect that they were no longer either silent or called but both. Instead they were classified by their schedules.

### Auctions (first Wednesdays)

Mike McPhail

2021 Sep to 2023

### Auctions (third Wednesdays)

Jim Senecal

2021 Sep to 2023

## **Bulletin Editor.**

Bob Traquair	1961 Sept to 1963 May	CPS Newsletter
Ken Ford	1975 Jan to 1975 Apr	STAMPede
Phil Wolf	1975 May to 1978 Oct	STAMPede
Don Bowen	1978 Nov to 1979 Nov	Calgary STAMPede
Edmund A. Harris	1979 Dec to 1981 Jun	Calgary STAMPede
Keith Brown	1981 Jul to 1983 May	Calgary STAMPede
Dale Speirs	1983 Jun to 1992 Dec	Calgary STAMPede
Dale Speirs	1993 Jan to 2023	Calgary Philatelist

The title of the club bulletin caused ongoing problems because few people wrote it with the correct capitalization. There were also many outsiders who thought it had something to do with the famous rodeo. The final straw was when an American philatelic periodical reported that the CPS was the sponsor of the rodeo. At the November 2, 1992, executive meeting, Dale Speirs put forth his proposal to rename the bulletin. Beginning with the January 1993 issue, it began with a new name and numbering system, published six times per year. In 2013 it went to seven issues per year. In 2020 it became a monthly.

Speirs's service as bulletin Editor since 1983 is the longest continuous service in one position for anyone in the CPS. When he first began, the bulletin went to the printer as camera-ready typewritten copy. By 2010, it went to the same printer as a pdf on a memory stick.

**Awards Won By CPS Publications.**

Editor was Dale Speirs for all the publications below.

**Calgary STAMPede**

PIPEX 86	Bronze	COLOPEX 90	Bronze
STaMpsHOW 86	Bronze	SESCAL 90	Silver-bronze
SESCAL 87	Bronze	SPRINGPEX 91	Bronze
Cardinal Spellman 87	Silver	ORAPEX 93	Bronze
COLOPEX 88	Silver		
APS Chapter 88	Silver		
BRASILIANA 89	Bronze		
PIPEX 89	Bronze		
STaMpsHOW 89	Bronze		
STAMPEX 89	Bronze		
APS Chapter 89	Silver		
PIPEX 90	Silver-bronze		

## Calgary Philatelist

COLOPEX 94	Bronze	APS CAC Newsletter Competition 2000	Vermeil
SESCAL 94	Bronze	APS CAC Newsletter Competition 2001	Gold
CHICAGOPEX 94	Bronze	APS CAC Newsletter Competition 2003	Silver
C3NPLE (1995)	Silver-bronze	APS CAC Newsletter Competition 2004	Vermeil
COLOPEX 96	Bronze	APS CAC Newsletter Competition 2005	Vermeil
SESCAL 96	Bronze	APS CAC Newsletter Competition 2006	Silver
SESCAL 99	Silver-bronze	APS CAC Newsletter Competition 2007	Silver
CHICAGOPEX 99	Silver-bronze	APS CAC Newsletter Competition 2008	Vermeil
COLOPEX 2001	Bronze	APS CAC Newsletter Competition 2009	Silver
CHICAGOPEX 2001	Bronze	APS CAC Newsletter Competition 2012	Vermeil
C6NPLE (2002)	Bronze	APS CAC Newsletter Competition 2013	Vermeil
C7NPLE (2005)	Silver-bronze	APS CAC Newsletter Competition 2014	Vermeil
CHICAGOPEX 2005	Silver	APS CAC Newsletter Competition 2015	Silver
COLOPEX 2007	Silver-bronze	APS CAC Newsletter Competition 2016	Gold
NAPEX 2007	Silver-bronze	APS CAC Newsletter Competition 2017	Gold
CHICAGOPEX 2009	Silver-bronze		
		APS Star Route Newsletter Awards 2021	Gold
		APS Star Route Newsletter Awards 2022	Vermeil

## **History Of The Calgary Philatelic Society (1992, first edition, printed)**

STaMpsHOW 92	Bronze
COLOPEX 92	Bronze
CHICAGOPEX 92	Silver-bronze
ORAPEX 93	Silver-bronze

## **OLYMPEX 88 Show Catalogue**

PRENFIL 88	Silver-bronze	PIPEX 89	Silver
COLOPEX 88	Silver	STAMPEX 89	Bronze
CHICAGOPEX 88	Bronze	PHILITEX 92	Bronze
SESCAL 88	Silver-bronze		
FLOREX 88	Vermeil		
STaMpsHOW 88	Silver		
PHILTEMA 88	Bronze		
IPHLA 89	Diploma		
Bulgaria 89	Bronze		
BRASILIANA 89	Silver-bronze		
WEIN 90	Diploma		
Cardinal Spellman 89	Silver-bronze		

### **Royal 1997 Royale Show Catalogue**

APS Chapter 98

Gold

### **Royal 2006 Royale Show Catalogue**

NAPEX 2007

Silver-bronze

### **BNAPEX 2012 Show Catalogue**

APS CAC Show Competition 2012

Gold

## Show Committee Chairperson.

W.H. Black and Harlow M. Hartney	1927 Oct 22	First public show
Alan Sorby	1934 Oct 26-27	Second public show
Fred Dunn	1954 to 1960	Various displays, joint meetings, and annual dinners
Rudy Martin	1961 to 1963	Annual dinners and CALPEX 63
Edmund A. Harris	1964 Apr 11	CALPEX 64
Eldon Godfrey	1965 to 1967	Annual shows
Sam Nickle	1966 Sep 15-17	BNAPEX 66
Tom Nicholson	1969 May 24	Annual show
John Payne and Ken Ford	1971 Mar 27	Annual show
Walter Jackson	1972 Apr 15	Annual show
Walter Jackson	1973 Apr 28	Annual show
Sam Nickle	1973 Sep 19-22	BNAPEX 73
Tom Lemon	1974 ????	Annual show
Tom Lemon	1975 Apr 5	Annual show
Tom Lemon	1976 Apr 24-25	Annual show
Edmund A. Harris	1977 Apr 29-30	CALPEX 77
Joe Werner	1978 Apr 28-30	CALPEX 78
Phil Wolf	1979 May 4-6	CALTAPEX 79



Edmund Harris	1980 May 28-June 1	CALTAPEX 80
James R. Taylor	1981 Oct 16-18	CALTAPEX 81
Don Fraser and Gary Tomasson	1982 Oct 15-17	CALTAPEX 82
Greg Sereda and Phil Wolf	1983 Oct 14-16	CALTAPEX 83
Greg Sereda and Phil Wolf	1984 Oct 12-14	CALTAPEX 84
Ed Harris and Sam Nickle	1985 Sep 12-14	BNAPEX 85
Guy Boissonneault	1985 Apr 13	Stamp Day 85
Guy Boissonneault	1986 Apr 26	Stamp Day 86
Guy Boissonneault	1986 Oct 17-19	CALTAPEX 86
John van Staden Jr	1987 Apr 26	Stamp Day 87
Jon Johnson	1987 Oct 9-11	CALTAPEX 87
Edmund Harris, Jon Johnson, and Jim Brown	1988 Feb 13-28	OLYMPEX 88
John van Staden Jr	1988 Apr 24	Stamp Day 88
Steve Davis	1988 Oct 14-16	CALTAPEX 88
John van Staden Jr	1989 Apr 23	Stamp Day 89
Jon Johnson	1989 Oct 6-8	CALTAPEX 89
Jon Johnson	1990 Apr 22	Stamp Day 90
Phil Wolf	1990 Oct 26-28	CALTAPEX 90
John van Staden Jr	1991 Apr 28	Stamp Day 91
Phil Wolf	1991 Oct 25-27	CALTAPEX 91
Jon Johnson	1992 Apr 26	Stamp Day 92

Phil Wolf	1992 Nov 13-15	CALTAPEX 92
Jon Johnson	1993 Apr 25	Stamp Day 93
Phil Wolf	1993 Oct 22-24	CALTAPEX 93
Steve Davis	1994 Apr 24	Stamp Day 94
Phil Wolf	1994 Oct 21-23	CALTAPEX 94
Hugh Delaney	1995 Apr 30	Stamp Day 95
Don Wilson	1995 Oct 13-15	CALTAPEX 95
Hugh Delaney	1996 Apr 28	Stamp Day 96
Don Wilson	1996 Oct 18-20	CALTAPEX 96
Hugh Delaney	1997 Apr 27	Stamp Day 97
Hugh Delaney	1997 Sep 19-21	ROYAL 97 ROYALE
Minaz Ramji	1998 Apr 25-26	Spring Stamp Show
Walter Herdzik and Bruce Irvine	1998 Oct 16-18	CALTAPEX 98
Minaz Ramji	1999 Apr 24-25	Spring Stamp Show
Minaz Ramji	1999 Oct 8-10	CALTAPEX 99
Janice Brookes	2000 Oct 13-15	CALTAPEX 2000
Janice Brookes	2001 Apr 28-29	Spring Stamp Bourse
Janice Brookes	2001 Oct 12-14	CALTAPEX 2001
Janice Brookes	2002 Apr 26-27	Spring Stamp Bourse
Janice Brookes	2002 Oct 18-20	CALTAPEX 2002
Janice Brookes	2003 Apr 26-27	Spring Stamp Bourse
Janice Brookes	2003 Oct 17-19	CALTAPEX 2003

Janice Brookes	2004 Apr 24-25	Spring Stamp Bourse
Janice Brookes	2004 Oct 15-17	CALTAPEX 2004
Janice Brookes	2005 Apr 23-24	Spring Stamp Bourse
Janice Brookes	2005 Oct 14-16	CALTAPEX 2005
Janice Brookes	2006 Apr 29-30	Spring Stamp Bourse
Janice Brookes	2006 Sep 29-Oct 1	ROYAL 2006 ROYALE
Janice Brookes	2007 Apr 28-29	Spring Stamp Bourse
Jon Johnson	2007 Aug 31 to Sep 2	BNAPEX 2007
Janice Brookes	2008 Apr 26 and 27	Spring Stamp Bourse
Janice Brookes	2008 Oct 17 to 19	CALTAPEX 2008
Janice Brookes	2009 Apr 25 to 26	Spring Bourse
Janice Brookes	2009 Oct 16 to 18	CALTAPEX 2009
Janice Brookes	2010 Apr 24 to 25	Spring Stamp Bourse
Janice Brookes	2010 Oct 15 to 17	CALTAPEX 2010
Janice Brookes	2011 Apr 30 to May 1	Spring Bourse
Janice Brookes	2011 Oct 14 to 16	CALTAPEX 2011

*Janice Brookes*



James R. Taylor and Jon Johnson  
Dave Freeman  
Janice Brookes

2012 Aug 31 to Sep 2  
2012 Oct 13 to 14  
2013 Apr 20 and 21

BNAPEX 2012  
Autumn Bourse  
Spring Bourse

Walter Herdzik 2013 Oct 18 to 20  
Walter Herdzik 2014 Apr 26 to 27  
Walter Herdzik 2014 Oct 17 to 19  
Walter Herdzik 2015 May 2 to 3  
Walter Herdzik 2015 Oct 16 to 18  
Walter Herdzik 2016 Apr 30 and May 1  
Walter Herdzik 2016 Oct 15 to 16  
Walter Herdzik 2017 Apr 29 and 30

CALTAPEX 2013  
Spring Bourse  
CALTAPEX 2014  
Spring Bourse  
CALTAPEX 2015  
Spring Bourse  
CALTAPEX 2016  
Spring Bourse

Hugh Delaney and Murray Bialek 2017 Sep 1 to 3

BNAPEX 2017

Walter Herdzik 2018 Apr 21 and 22  
Walter Herdzik 2018 Oct 13 and 14  
Walter Herdzik 2019 Apr 13 and 14  
Walter Herdzik 2019 Oct 19 and 20

Spring Bourse  
CALTAPEX 2018  
Spring Bourse  
CALTAPEX 2019

Both events were cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic

*Walter Herdzik*



Dave Russum	2021 Jan 20 to Feb 10	CalVirt Stamp Show	First online stamp show of the CPS
Dave Russum	2022 Jan 21 to Feb 2	CalVirt 2022	
Walter Herdzik	2022 Apr 23 and 24	Spring Bourse 2022	
Murray Bialek and Dave Freeman	2022 Sep 2 to 4	CPS 2022 BNAPEX	Only national stamp show in western Canada in 2022

## **SPRING STAMP BOURSE**

The CPS has had intermittent spring shows throughout its history since it was founded in 1922, but the current series did not begin until 1985. The CPS has also had since the 1960s a full-blown stamp show in autumn called CALTAPEX.

The original idea of a spring show was that it would be a one-day, easy to set up event, with none of the major work required to display multi-frame exhibits and hold seminars. From 1985 to 1997 it was called Stamp Day, and from 1998 to 2003 it was the Spring Stamp Show. From 2004 it became the Spring Bourse, reflecting that it was no longer a juried exhibition.

The intent of the first spring show in 1985 was that it would be a simple dealer bourse with one-frame exhibits to encourage novice exhibitors. Stamp Day 1985 had only 18 frames in the exhibit, which certainly made for faster set-up than the hundred or so frames of CALTAPEX. By 1987, the exhibits were up to two frames per exhibitor and the area for exhibits had doubled. The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society held their show back-to-back with Stamp Day, which effectively made it a two-day event. By 1996, multi-frame exhibits were common and the display area was over 50 frames.

In 1998, the spring show formally became a two-day event called the Spring Stamp Show and was basically a full-blown show only slightly smaller than CALTAPEX. The 1999 show had 66 frames. In 2000, the event was not held due to lack of volunteers. In its place, a local stamp dealer staged a two-day bourse called Stamp Day.

A revitalized Spring Stamp Show reappeared in 2001 under new leadership and began running as a two-day show. It grew to a three-day show over the next few years, but was cut back in 2016 to strictly two days, then retitled as Spring Bourse. The 2020 bourse was cancelled a few weeks prior to the event as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. The 2021 bourse was cancelled by a decision made in October 2020 when it became obvious the vaccine would not be ready by then. The bourse was revived in 2022 after the pandemic passed.

## Directors.

This list is for those elected as Directors. It does not include those who were *ex officio* directors because of their other positions. Past-Presidents and the Chairman of the Life Members Committee are examples of *ex officio* directors.

J.M. Adams	1935 May 14 to 1939 May 8
S.H. Adams	1929 May 7 to 1930 May 5
W.G.H. Akitt	1957 May 7 to 1958 May 5
Charles Aubin	1977 May 3 to 1978 Sep 4
Dave Bartlet	2020 Sep to 2023
H.E. Bedingfield	1949 May 10 to 1950 May 8
	1953 May 12 to 1954 May 10
H.N. Bennett	1942 May 12 to 1943 May 10
	1960 May 3 to 1961 May 1
Emma Benning	1984 Jun 6 to 1986 Jun 3
Jack Benningen	1953 May 12 to 1955 May 9
	1958 May 6 to 1960 May 2
	1963 May 7 to 1964 May 4
	1967 May 2 to 1969 May 5

J.F. Berrington	1942 May 12 to 1944 May 8
Murray Bialek	2012 Jul to 2014 Jun
	2020 Sep to 2021
H. Biilmann	1924 Dec 2 to 1925 Nov 30
W.C. Black	1924 Dec 2 to 1929 May 6
	1931 May 5 to 1933 May 8
Guy Boissonneault	1985 Jun 5 to 1987 Jun 2
Mel Boone	1994 Jun 2 to 1995 Jun 7
Kathie Booth	2012 Jul to 2013 Jun
Penny Borrowman	1998 Jun 4 to 2000 Jun
	2007 Jul to 2011 Jun
	2017 Sep to 2019 Aug
Jerry H. Brackman	1963 May 7 to 1964 May 4
Garry Braunworth	1976 Apr 6 to 1977 May 2
Len Breeze	1973 Jun 11 to 1974 Apr 1
Janice Brookes	2004 Jul to 2006 Jun
	2008 Jul to 2010 Jun
	2012 Jul to 2013
	2017 Sep to 2019
Clive Brown	1990 Jun 6 to 1994 Jun 1
Keith C.V. Brown	1989 Jun 7 to 1990 Jun 5
	2001 Jul to 2003 Jun



N. Burford	1948 May 11 to 1949 May 9
G.C. Burns	1941 May 13 to 1942 May 11
Ned Burnyeat	1987 Jun 3 to 1988 May 30

S.B. Chamberlain	1933 May 9 to 1936 May 11
Bill Charles	1978 Sep 5 1980 Sep 9
Slavik Charny	1999 Jun 3 to 2001 Jun
E.A. Chiswell	1958 May 6 to 1959 May 4
Joe Chogi	1959 May 5 to 1961 May 1
Jack Cotton	1960 May 3 to 1961 May 1
	1975 Apr 1 to 1977 May 2

A.J. Davis	1938 May 10 to 1939 May 8
Steve Davis	1990 Jun 6 to 1991 Jun 5
Charles Dryden	1989 Jun 7 to 1990 Jun 5
James Dunphy	2021 Sep to 2023
Martha Dunsmore	2015 Sep to 2019 Aug
Wayne Dwyer	2019 Sep to 2023

Dwayne Eadie	2019 Sep to 2023
G.C. Elliot	1949 May 10 to 1950 May 8
	1952 May 13 to 1953 May 11



*Jack Cotton*

J.A. Ferguson	1930 May 6 to 1932 May 2
Ken Ford	1964 May 5 to 1967 May 1
	1969 May 6 to 1975 Mar 31
D.P. Foster	1934 May 8 to 1935 May 13
	1936 May 12 to 1937 May 10

Dave Freeman	2013 Jul to 2015 Jun
	2020 Sep to 2022 Sep
F.G. Freeman	1933 May 9 to 1934 May 7
C. Frost	1948 May 11 to 1950 May 8
	1951 May 8 to 1952 May 12
R.A. Galli	1961 May 2 to 1963 May 6
John Gareau	1968 May 7 to 1969 May 5
Eldon Godfrey	1965 May 4 to 1966 May 2

W.K. Hall	1922 Jun 6 to 1925 Dec 1
W.F. Hanley	1961 May 2 to 1962 Apr 30
Alfred B. Harris	1923 Dec 4 to 1924 Dec 2

*Dave Freeman*



(no relation to Bradley or Edmund)

Bradley Harris                      1988 Jun 1 to 1989 Jun 6                      (son of Edmund)

Edmund A. Harris                      1964 May 5 to 1965 May 3                      (father of Bradley)  
1979 Jun 5 to 1981 Jun 9  
1983 Jun 1 to 1985 Jun 4  
1994 Jun 2 to 1996 Jun 5  
1997 Jun 5 to 1999 Jun 2

Harlow M. Hartney                      1926 Dec 7 to 1928 May 7  
1932 May 3 to 1933 May 8  
1958 May 6 to 1959 May 4  
1961 May 2 to 1963 May 6

Walter Herdzik                      2006 Jul to 2009 Jun  
F.W. Herring                      1922 Jun 6 to 1925 Dec 1  
Gordon Hill                      1964 May 5 to 1965 May 3  
Jim Hill                      1957 May 7 to 1958 May 5  
1959 May 5 to 1961 May 1  
W.E. Hives                      1922 Jun 6 to 1923 Dec 4  
1925 Dec 1 to 1928 May 7  
1929 May 7 to 1931 May 4

Perry Holinshead                      1980 Sep 10 to 1982 May 11

*Perry Holinshead*



Brien Horne	1923 Dec 4 to 1924 Dec 2
	1936 May 12 to 1938 May 9
	1939 May 9 to 1942 May 11
	1943 May 11 to 1948 May 10
	1951 May 8 to 1954 May 10
	1957 May 7 to 1960 May 6
	1962 May 1 to 1964 May 4
J.S. Horne	1925 Dec 1 to 1929 May 6
C.E. Hudson	1939 May 9 to 1940 May 12
H.C. Hughes	1943 May 11 to 1944 May 8
Marge Hunt	2001 Jul to 2005 Jun
Bruce Irvine	1990 Jun 6 to 1993 Jun 2
	1995 Jun 8 to 1997 Jun 4
	2000 Jul to 2002 Jun
Walter Jackson	1971 May 4 to 1972 Jun 11
	1978 Sep 5 to 1980 Sep 9
A.R. James	1936 May 12 to 1937 May 10
G.R. Johnson	1922 Jun 6 to 1923 Dec 4
Jon Johnson	2006 Jul to 2008 Jun
Jerry Jones	2005 Jul to 2007 Jun

Ghazi Karim	2000 Jul to 2002 Jun
Jim Karr	1966 May 3 to 1967 May 1
E. Ketcham	1948 May 11 to 1949 May 9
Doug Kollar	1997 Jun 5 to 2001 Jun
	2011 Jun 2 to 2020 Aug
Linda Kot (later Connolly)	2003 Sep to 2005 Jun
Fred Kramer	1971 May 4 to 1972 Jun 11
Jim Kunkel	1975 Apr 1 to 1976 Apr 5
Kathleen Lane	1961 May 2 to 1962 Apr 30
L. Leacock	1954 May 11 to 1957 May 6
John Learmonth	1940 May 13 to 1949 May 9
	1950 May 9 to 1953 May 11
H.V. Lewis	1928 May 8 to 1932 May 2
	1935 May 14 to 1937 May 10
	1938 May 10 to 1942 May 11
	1944 May 9 to 1945 May 22
Ivan Linton	1925 Dec 1 to 1928 May 7
	1937 May 11 to 1941 May 12
Ken Lower	2005 Jul to 2007 Jun

*Jim Karr*



Ed Lynn	1943 May 11 to 1945 May 22 1946 May 14 to 1949 May 9 1954 May 11 to 1956 May 7 1956 Dec 6 to 1958 May 5
Rudy Martin	1963 May 7 to 1964 May 4
Jim McComb	1958 May 6 to 1959 May 4 1960 May 3 to 1961 May 1 1962 May 1 to 1963 May 6
C. McLernon	1954 May 11 to 1956 May 7
Mike McPhail	1998 Jun 4 to 2000 Jun 2013 Jul to 2017 Aug
Bob Monilaws	1975 Apr 1 to 1977 May 2 1978 Sep 5 to 1980 Sep 9 1981 Jun 10 to 1983 May 30 1991 Jun 6 to 1998 Jun 3
Tom Moore	1977 May 3 to 1982 May 11
G.A. Morrison	1923 Dec 4 to 1924 Dec 2 1937 May 11 to 1938 May 9 1956 May 8 to 1956 Dec 5

G.H. Moxham	1952 May 13 to 1954 May 10 1956 May 8 to 1957 May 6
Al Munro	1984 Jun 6 to 1985 Jun 4 1987 Jun 3 to 1988 May 30
Sam Nickle	1960 May 3 to 1961 May 1 1962 May 1 to 1964 May 4 1965 May 4 to 1970 May 30
Norma Nielson	2008 Jul to 2012 Jun
Fred Oelhaur	1972 Jun 12 to 1973 Jun 10
Bill Pawluk	2000 Jul to 2002 Jun
John Payne	1965 May 4 to 1966 May 2 1973 Jun 11 to 1975 Mar 31
Robert Perry	1962 May 1 to 1963 May 6 1995 Jun 8 to 1997 Jun 4
Erica Peter	2014 Jul to 2018 Aug
Norm Pocock	1966 May 3 to 1967 May 1
J.L. Potter	1924 Dec 2 to 1925 Dec 1
Andy Puczko	2002 Jul to 2003

*Robert Perry*



*Mike Reid*



Minaz Ramji	1997 Jun 5 to 1998 Jun 3
G.A. Reid	1928 May 8 to 1929 May 6
Mike Reid	1989 Jun 7 to 1990 Jun 5
	1993 Jun 3 to 1995 Jun 7
Sid Richardson	1933 May 9 to 1934 May 7
	1949 May 10 to 1950 May 8
	1954 May 11 to 1958 May 5
	1967 May 2 to 1969 May 5
Ron Robertson	2010 Jul to 2012 Jun
Fitz Roett	2011 Jul to 2013
H.H. Rogers	1934 May 8 to 1935 May 13
H.A. Rose	1930 May 6 to 1932 May 2
Ken Rose	1964 May 5 to 1965 May 3
C. Rosete	1955 May 10 to 1956 May 7
W.F. Ross	1929 May 7 to 1930 May 5
	1932 May 3 to 1933 May 8
	1935 May 14 to 1936 May 11
Harold Rowe	1977 May 3 to 1978 Sep 4
Ihor Rudyk	1986 Jun 4 to 1990 Jun 5
Dave Russum	2009 Jul to 2012 Jun

*Fitz Roett*





H.G. Saxton	1950 May 9 to 1951 May 7
Ray Schoepfer	2007 Jul to 2009 Jun
E. Scruton	1925 Dec 1 to 1928 May 7
Jim Senecal	2009 Jul to 2011 Jun
Greg Sereda	1979 Jun 5 to 1981 Jun 9
Ray Skrepnek	1983 Jun 1 to 1984 Jun 5
F. Snell	1937 May 11 to 1938 May 8
G.P. Snowden	1933 May 9 to 1934 May 7
	1942 May 12 to 1943 May 10
	1945 May 23 to 1947 Nov 11
	1950 May 9 to 1952 May 12
John Snuggs	1969 May 6 to 1970 May 30
Alan Sorby	1929 May 7 to 1930 May 5
	1934 May 8 to 1936 May 11
	1941 May 13 to 1946 May 13
	1948 May 11 to 1949 May 9
Dale Speirs	1982 May 12 to 1984 Jun 5
Alex Stewart	1964 May 5 to 1968 May 6
Julius Szekrenyes	2004 Jul to 2008 Jun

H.C. Swartzlander	1938 May 10 to 1942 May 11
James R. Taylor	1971 May 4 to 1972 Jun 11 1982 May 12 to 1984 Jun 5
M. Thomas	1928 May 8 to 1929 May 6
Dr. D.W. Thompson	1957 May 7 to 1958 May 5
T.G. Thorson	1951 May 8 to 1953 May 11
Gary Tomasson	1981 Jun 10 to 1983 May 30
Bob Traquair	1961 May 2 to 1962 Apr 30
Norm Tunna	1959 May 5 to 1960 May 2
H.M. Turtle	1942 May 12 to 1943 May 10 1945 May 23 to 1946 May 13 1950 May 9 to 1951 May 7
Larry Tweedale	2011 Jul to 2012 Jun 2018 Sep to 2020 Aug 2022 Sep to 2023
Gerry Vader	2012 Jul to 2013
John van Staden Jr	1985 Jun 5 to 1987 Jun 2 1990 Jun 6 to 1991 Jun 5 1995 Jun 8 to 1997 Jun 4
John Van Staden Sr	1989 Jun 7 to 1990 Jun 5

W.J.S. Walker	1930 May 6 to 1932 May 2
David Warren	1990 Jun 6 to 1991 Jun 5
Bob Waters	1985 Jun 5 to 1989 Jun 6
W.C. West	1926 Dec 7 to 1928 May 7
	1932 May 3 to 1933 May 8
Don Wilson	1987 Jun 3 to 1989 Jun 6
Phil Wolf	1974 Apr 2 to 1975 Mar 31
	1978 Sep 5 to 1980 Sep 9
W.J.E. Wyllie	1934 May 8 to 1935 May 13
	1944 May 9 to 1948 May 10
	1949 May 10 to 1951 May 7
	1953 May 12 to 1954 May 10
	1958 May 6 to 1959 May 4
Mirko Zatka	1991 Jun 6 to 1994 Jun 1

**Memberships.**

Prior to 1990, memberships were handled by the Treasurer.

John van Staden Jr	1990 Sep to 1995 Aug
Al Gibbs	1995 Sep to 1997 Aug
Robert Perry	1997 Aug to 2000 Oct
Isobel Attrell	2000 Oct to 2009 Dec
Julius Szekrenyes	2010 Jan to 2018 Jan
Murray Bialek	2018 Feb to 2023

## Programmes.

Prior to the 1970s, there was no formal position of Programme Chairman. The job was done by one of the Directors. Records are incomplete before the middle 1960s and for long periods of time club meetings did not have programmes.

Brien Horne	1961 ?? to 1962 ??
Ken Ford	1964 ?? to 1974 Jun
Tom Lemon	1977 Jun 8 to 1978 Nov 7
Joe Werner	1978 Nov 8 to 1979 Jun 5
Bob Monilaws	1979 Jun 6 to ???
Don Fraser	1980 ?? to 1982 ??
Dick Wilsey	1982 ?? to 1983 Jun 1
Leanna Johnson	1983 Jun 2 to 1985 Jun 5
Greg Sereda	1985 Jun 6 to 1986 Jun 4
Edmund Harris	1986 Jun 5 to 1987 Jun 3
James R. Taylor and David Warren	1987 Jun 4 to 1988 Jun 1
David Warren	1988 Jun 2 to 1989 Jun 7
Don Wilson	1989 Jun 8 to 1992 Jun 3
Edmund Harris	1992 Jun 4 to 1993 Jun 2
vacant	1993 Jun 3 to 1994 Jun 1
Phil Wolf	1994 Jun 2 to 1995 Jun 7
vacant	1995 Jun 8 to 1997 Jun 4
Edmund Harris	1997 Jun 5 to 1998 Jun 3
Phil Wolf	1998 Jun 4 to 1999 Nov 3



*Leanna Johnson*

Don Fraser	1999 Nov 4 to 2000 Aug 31
vacant	2000 Sep to 2000 Dec
James R. Taylor	2001 Jan to 2001 Oct
Marg Hunt	2001 Nov to 2003 Jun
Penny Borrowman	2004 Jul to 2014 Jun
vacant	2014 Jul to 2015 Aug
Penny Borrowman	2015 Sep to 2019 Nov
Danny Chow	2020 Jan to 2020 Mar

Because of the pandemic, meetings were cancelled for the rest of 2020, although beginning in October they were held online.

vacant	2020 Apr to 2022 Aug
Dave Russum	2022 Sep to 2023

## **Library.**

When the CPS was first organized in 1922, there was reference to a library run by the Secretary, but this seems to have faded away quickly. It was revived from 1935 to 1937, and again died. Phil Wolf restarted it in September 1984 and ran it until August 1987 when it once more died. The problem over the years was that there was no way to store books at the club meeting sites, and it was too much of a chore for the Librarian to lug the books to and from the meetings.

The Library was reactivated in late 1992 with Penny Borrowman in charge. This time, cabinets were available for secure storage at the Kerby Centre meeting room, which not only made it easier for the Librarian but also allowed members to browse. Borrowman continued to operate the Library until 2020, assisted by Linda Connolly, when she handed over the position to Linda.

Unfortunately Linda died in March 2021 from cancer. The position was left vacant until August since there was no physical access to the Kerby Centre because of the pandemic. In September, Donna Trathen took over the position, and was still there as of 2023.

## Online Sites.

In January 1997, then-Vice-President Tim Presber set up a Website for the club at: [www.agt.net/public/tpresber/CPS.HTM](http://www.agt.net/public/tpresber/CPS.HTM) The Website was through the courtesy of Tim's address, and was not a standalone site. The agt in the address was Alberta Government Telephones, long since privatized as Telus.

Unfortunately the site no longer exists and no one took a screenshot of it, but a description survives. The front page had minimal graphics to allow fast loading in those days of low telecommunication speeds. It was a grey page with the club logo, some introductory paragraphs, and links to interior pages. There were separate interior pages for a list of club executives, advertising links to stamp dealers, a youth page, schedule of events, and links to other philatelic societies. Additionally, all small advertisements from the club bulletin were copied over to the Website, something that is still done today as a benefit for members. In 1998, the Website moved to: [www.cal.shaw.wave.ca/tpresber/cps.htm](http://www.cal.shaw.wave.ca/tpresber/cps.htm)

In 2000, Penny Borrowman took over as Webmaster and the site moved to: <http://members.home.net/calphilso> Two years later the address was slightly modified to [members.shaw.net/calphilso](http://members.shaw.net/calphilso) as a result of a buyout of the Internet service provider @home by Shaw Cable. The site featured separate frames within the opening page to allow faster loading of interior pages. On the lefthand side was an index to interior pages. The main window had a big heading for the club name and some basic information about the CPS. A 2005 screenshot of this site is shown on the next page.

*Penny Borrowman*





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*The Calgary Philatelic Society 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.*

## *Benefits to members:*

- 🔍 enjoying social interaction with other stamp collectors
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- 🔍 subscription to our award-winning bulletin, the [Calgary Philatelist](#)
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- 🔍 participate in two philatelic shows per year: [CALTAPEX](#) in October, and [Spring Bourse](#) in April.

Visitors and guests are always welcome. Meetings and Auctions are held at the Kerby Centre, 2nd floor, 1133 7 Ave. SW, Calgary, Alberta, at 7:30pm.

General meetings, on the first Wednesday of the month, (except July and August) include a silent auction, a short general meeting, and a technical presentation by one of our members.

Coffee and doughnuts are served!

Regular auctions are held at the same time and place, on the third Wednesday of the month, except December, July and August.

Auction lots should be in before 7:30 pm to allow viewing.

Membership in the Calgary Philatelic Society is \$15 per year, with a one time initiation fee of \$10. Membership application forms are available at general meetings.

Please contact us at our postal address: [Calgary Philatelic Society, Box 1478, Calgary, Alberta T2P 2L6;](#)  
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As always, I would appreciate hearing from you, regarding things you like about the site, things you don't, and especially things you would like added to the pages here. Ideas, links, stamps in the news, and even illustrated articles would be appreciated. Please submit in word format, as PDFs are not editable, and not easily added to the web page.

As well, if the various club members would submit their schedule and information for inclusion here, that would also be appreciated.

All can be directed to me at [webmaster@calgaryphilatelicociety.com](mailto:webmaster@calgaryphilatelicociety.com). Here's hoping to hear from you.

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## MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

**OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** Our regular Wednesday meeting, February 6, at the Kerby Centre.

**THE NEXT JUNIOR CLUB MEETING:** February 13.

**THE NEXT SNAPS GROUP MEETING:** February 13.

**THE NEXT LIVE AUCTION:** February 20.

**THE NEXT CAPE MEETING:** February 27.

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### NOTICES:

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The January 2 general meeting is the deadline for the February bulletin. That issue has already been filled up. The next deadline is the March meeting for the April bulletin.

Dale has a stock of Stampers logo stamps that he was going to use to mail out the February bulletin with the Saddletowne postmark, but will hold off on that until the April issue. Normally the bulletin is printed and mailed within a week of the deadline. Dale is going to delay mailing the February bulletin until January 14, which is the first day for the QEII Coronation commemorative. There is a Britannia postmark which fits the stamp beautifully. If any of you do FDCs, the Britannia Pharmacy outlet is just west of Elbow Drive on 49 Avenue SW. There is also a Royal Oak outlet at Sobey's on Country Hills Blvd NW, but that was used that for the William and Kate stamp in 2011 and he doesn't want to duplicate postmarks for bulletin mailouts.

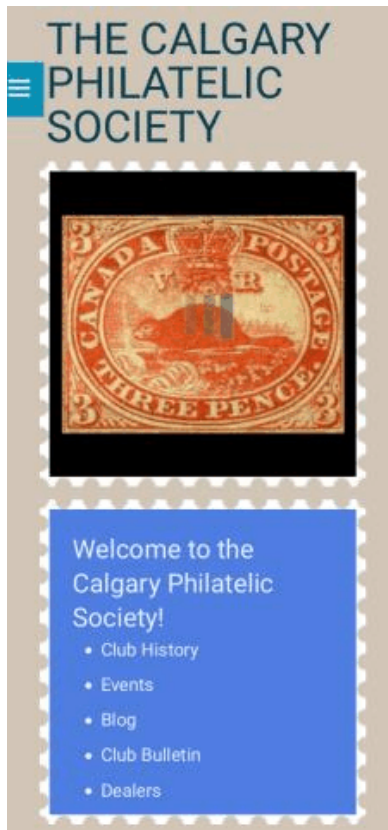
John van Staden Jr succeeded to the Webmaster position in 2005. He arranged for the club Website to have its own domain name: [www.calgaryphilatelicociety.com](http://www.calgaryphilatelicociety.com) With the advent of high-speed networks into homes, the front page could now carry far more graphics and data, such as a background wallpaper with the club logo, and photos. The screenshot at left shows the top quarter of the front page of the site on 2013-02-07.

In February 2013, van Staden retired from the job and handed over to Dave Bartlet.



*Dave Bartlet*





In 2016, a committee was formed to overhaul the Website, consisting of Dave Bartlet, Larry Tweedale, Peter Fleck, Dave Freeman, and Murray Bialek. Until then, it had been maintained from within the club, but a contract was issued for an outside company who could better keep up with changes in technology and security threats.

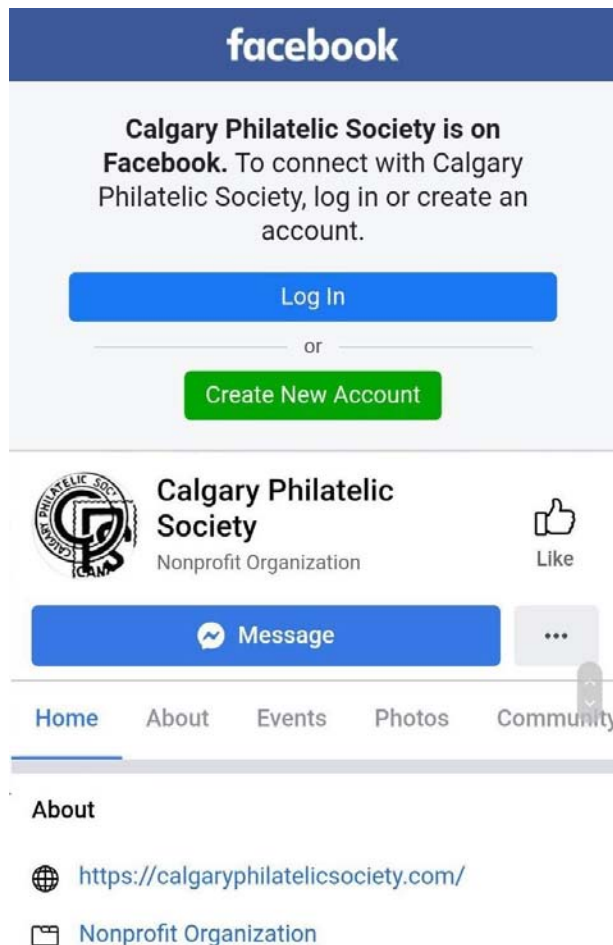
The new Website came on stream March 1, 2017. It featured new aspects such as a members-only area, archives of historical documents, and CALGARY PHILATELIST back issues in pdf format.

In keeping with further technological changes, the new Website could handle both computers and smartphones. The Website display shown here is as viewed on a smartphone.



On 2021-01-18, the CPS began a Facebook page to reach a wider audience.

The American Philatelic Society, of which the CPS was a member, awarded the CPS website a gold in its 2021 Star Route competition for newsletters and websites. In 2022, the website received a large vermeil.



## AWARDS

### Honourary Life Members.

1 - Dr. Edward George Mason	1933	21 - Greg Sereda	1992
2 - William C. Black	1933	22 - Jim Karr	1994
3 - Alfred B. Harris	1934	23 - Al Munro	1994
4 - William J.F. Emslie	1937	24 - Dale Speirs	1994
5 - Sid T. Richardson	1947	25 - John van Staden Jr	1996
6 - Alan Sorby	1955	26 - Don Wilson	1997
7 - Harlow M. Hartney	pre-1962	27 - Bob Hoffmann	1998
8 - John Learmonth	1972	28 - Doug Kollar	2000
9 - Ted Chiswell	1976	29 - Mike McPhail	2001
10 - Brien Horne	197?	30 - Bruce Irvine	2001
11 - John Jarabek	1978	31 - Penny Borrowman	2002
12 - Bob Monilaws	1978	32 - Isobel Attrell	2002
13 - Jack Cotton	1981	33 - Keith C.V. Brown	2003
14 - Edmund A. Harris	1981	34 - Janice Brookes	2005
15 - Phil Wolf	1983	35 - Walter Herdzik	2006
16 - James R. Taylor	1984	36 - Gordon Hill	2011
17 - Walter Jackson	1989	37 - Donna Trathen	2012
18 - Jim Sadler	1989	38 - Gerry Vader	2012
19 - Bob Perry	1990	39 - Jim Senecal	2014
20 - Jon Johnson	1992	40 - Julius Szekrenyes	2016

41 - Larry Tweedale	2018
42 - Linda Connolly	2018

## Founders' Award.

This award is given to the member deemed to have contributed the most to the CPS during the previous year. From 1977 to 1979 it was used as an award for CALTAPEX. The award is decided by the Life Members Committee.

1973 - Jim Sadler

1974 - Ken Ford

1975 - Tom Lemon

1976 - Walter Jackson

1977 to 1980 - used as a show award

1980/81 - Don Fraser

1981/82 - Keith Brown

1982/83 - Al Munro

1983/84 - Leanna Johnson

1984/85 - John Jarabek

1985/86 - Guy Boissonneault

1986/87 - Dale Speirs

1987/88 - no award

1988/89 - Greg Lang

1989/90 - Mike McPhail

1990/91 - Doug Kollar

1991/92 - Perry Holinshead

1992/93 - no award

1993/94 - Penny Borrowman

1994/95 - Ernie Bell

1995/96 - Bob Hoffmann

1996/97 - Isobel Attrell

1997/98 - Minaz Ramji

1998/99 - Andy Puczko

1999/2000 - Walter Herdzik

2000/01 - Janice Brookes

2001/02 - Gerry Vader

2002/03 - Marg Hunt

2003/04 - Jim Senecal

2004/05 - Dwayne Miner

2005/06 - Don Wilson

2006/07 - Donna Trathen  
and Norma Nielson

2007/08 - Dave Russum

2008/09 - Peter Fleck

2009/10 - Julius Szekreynes

2010/11 - Doug Kollar

2011/12 - Dave Freeman

2012/13 - Larry Tweedale

2013/14 - Murray Bialek

2014/15 - Walter Herdzik



2015/16 - Dave Freeman

2016/17 - Murray Bialek and Hugh Delaney

2017/18 - Murray Bialek

2018/19 - Dave Bartlet

2019/20 - no award

2020/21 - tie between Dave Bartlet and Dwayne Eadie

2021/22 - the entire CPS 2022 BNAPEX committee

*Bob Hoffmann*



## **Author Of The Year.**

This award for the best article(s) published in the club bulletin during the preceding calendar year. The winner is chosen by the bulletin Editor.

1990 - Mirko Zatka	2010 - Gordon Demke
1991 - Georg Gerlach	2011 - Gordon Demke
1992 - Perry Holinshead	2012 - James R. Taylor
1993 - Jim Karr	2013 - Murray Bialek
1994 - Bob Monilaws	2014 - Donald Wilson
1995 - Edmund A. Harris	2015 - no award
1996 - Phyllis Weston	2016 - Danny Chow
1997 - no award	2017 - Raymond Villeneuve
1998 - Jan Grasmeyer	2018 - no award
1999 - Dinu Matei	2019 - Tony Doughty
2000 - Hugh Delaney	2020 - Dave Freeman
2001 - Penny Borrowman	2021 - Tony Doughty
2002 - Patricia Prevey	2022 - no award
2003 - James R. Taylor	
2004 - Alexander Malycky	
2005 - Steve Davis	
2006 to 2008 - no award	
2009 - Jon Johnson	

## Dr. Edward G. Mason Award

Given to an individual member who displayed long service and demonstrated exemplary conduct and activity on behalf of the Society and the hobby. Recipient cannot be a Life Member.

2005 - Julius Szekrenyes  
2006 - Linda Kot (later Connolly)  
2007 - Gerry Vader  
2008 - Dwayne Miner  
2009 - Gordon Hill  
2010 - Jim Senecal

2011 - Donna Trathen  
2012 - Jim Senecal  
2013 - Norma Nielson  
2014 - Dave Freeman  
2015 - Dave Bartlet  
2016 - Peter Fleck  
2017 - no award  
2018 - Norma Nielson  
2019 - no award  
2020 - no award  
2021 - Dave Russum  
2022 - no award



*Dwayne Miner*

## **CALTAPEX Show Awards.**

Awarded annually by the CALTAPEX show judges to the CPS member who has the best competitive exhibit at the show.

### **Norm Tunna Award**

1980 - Edmund A. Harris  
1981 - Fitz Roett  
1982 - James R. Taylor  
1983 - Ed Harris

1984 - James R. Taylor  
1985 - no award  
1986 - Don Fraser  
1987 - Don Wilson

1988 - Bradley Harris  
1989 - Don Wilson  
1990 - Bradley Harris  
1991 - Edmund Harris

Beginning in 1992, the award was renamed every five years by the Life Members Committee in honour of a living CPS member with long service to CALTAPEX and participation in exhibiting. The re-naming procedure was intended as a flowers-for-the-living honour.

### **Sid Richardson Award**

1992 - Bradley Harris  
1993 - James R. Taylor  
1994 - Edmund Harris  
1995 - Edmund Harris  
1996 - ????

### **John Jarabek Award**

1997 - not awarded  
1998 - Dave Russum  
1999 - Edmund Harris  
2000 - James R. Taylor  
2001 - James R. Taylor

### **Bob Monilaws Award**

2002 - Dave Russum  
2003 - Mike McPhail  
2004 - Bradley Harris  
2005 - James R. Taylor  
2006 - Earle Covert

### **Edmund A. Harris Award**

2007 - James R. Taylor

2008 - Earle Covert

2009 - Donna Trathen

2010 - Earle Covert

2011 - Sandy Freeman

### **James R. Taylor Award**

2012 - Donna Trathen

2013 - Norma Nielson

2014 - Duncan Murray

2015 - Earle Covert

2016 - Dave Bartlet

### **Jon Johnson Award**

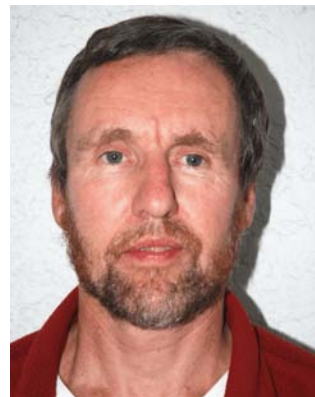
2017 - James R. Taylor

2018 - Donna Trathen

2019 - Earle Covert

2020 - not awarded due to cancellation of CALTAPEX by pandemic

2021 - not awarded due to cancellation of CALTAPEX by pandemic



*Dave Russum*

For CALTAPEX 2018, the Exhibits Chairman Dave R u s s u m established a category for exhibits of one to four pages.

The winner was decided by a People's Choice Award.



## **The President's Pot.**

The President's Pot was an award that began in 2006. It was originated by Dave Russum during his tenure as CPS President. He found a samovar in a flea market and decided to make it a monthly prize at club meetings. The samovar stays at the meetings and the winner receives a small gift.

It was first awarded at the December 2006 meeting to Mike McPhail. At that time, the club had a clothesline exhibit at each meeting for one-page exhibits, and the President's Pot was initially awarded for the best page. It was later awarded for small services done for the CPS and often "just for nice".

The list of winners begins on the next page.



Meeting	Name Of Winner
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Given for clothesline exhibit.

2006 Dec	Mike McPhail
2007 Jan	Peter Fleck
2007 Feb	Steve Davis
2007 Mar	Donna Trathen
2007 Apr	Hans Jensen
2007 May	Penny Borrowman and Walter Herdzik (tie)
2007 Jun	Milton Lowe
2007 Sep	Clothesline exhibit fizzling out, often with no entries for the month. Intermittent thereafter. Missing months below had no entries.
2008 Jan	Jon Johnson
2008 Mar	Penny Borrowman and Brian Cooper (tie)
2008 Apr	Ray Schoepfer
2008 May	given to everyone putting an exhibit on the clothesline

Clothesline exhibit died out for lack of interest.



Award revived and now given for small services to the CPS or just for nice.

2009 Jan Donna Trathen

Award died out again temporarily, although strangely the clothesline exhibit revived briefly at the same time.

2009 Jun given to all those who volunteered in the club during the 2008-2009 season

Once again the award faded away, this time for three years. It was revived by Peter Fleck, and was again given for services. The clothesline exhibit was long dead.

2012 Sep James R. Taylor

2012 Oct Janice Brookes

2012 Nov Doug Kollar (given for a quiz on Canadian Christmas stamps)

2013 Jan Dave Russum

2013 Feb Don Wilson (given for winning a quiz contest)

2013 Mar Murray Bialek

2013 Apr Al Ratsoy

2013 May no award

2013 Jun Penny Borrowman

2013 Sep Dave Freeman

2013 Oct Danny Chow (random pick from list of volunteers for CALTAPEX 2013)

2013 Nov Bob Hughes

2014 Jan Dale Speirs  
 2014 Feb Linda Connolly  
 2014 Mar Julius Szekrenyes  
 2014 Apr Jim Senecal and Murray Bialek  
 2014 May Gerry Vader  
 2014 Jun Larry Tweedale  
 2014 Sep Peter Fleck  
 2014 Oct Dave Freeman  
 2014 Nov Walter Herdzik

2015 Jan Doug Kollar  
 2015 Feb Jim Senecal  
 2015 Mar Norma Nielson  
 2015 Apr Donna Trathen  
 2015 May Murray Bialek  
 2015 Jun Penny Borrowman  
 2015 Sep Erika Peter  
 2015 Oct Dave Freeman and Dave Bartlet  
 2015 Nov Mike McPhail

2016 Jan Dave Russum  
 2016 Feb James R. Taylor  
 2016 Mar Hugh Delaney  
 2016 Apr Gerry Vader

*Julius Szekrenyes*



*Hugh Delaney*



2016 May	Ed Schultz (posthumous)	2018 Nov	Walter Herdzik
2016 Jun	Larry Tweedale		
2016 Sep	Murray Bialek	2019 Jan	Janice Brookes
2016 Oct	Donna Trathen	2019 Feb	Donna Trathen
2016 Nov	Walter Herdzik and Dave Freeman	2019 Mar	Larry Tweedale
2017 Jan	Doug Kollar	2019 Apr	James Ryan
2017 Feb	Dale Speirs	2019 May	Gerry Vader
2017 Mar	Phil Wolf	2019 Jun	Peter Fleck
2017 Apr	Jon Johnson	2019 Sep	Mike McPhail
2017 May	Jim Senecal	2019 Oct	Linda Connolly
2017 June	Patricia Prevey	2019 Nov	Dave Freeman
2017 Sep	all volunteers for BNAPEX 2017		
2017 Oct	Mike McPhail	2020 Jan	Keith C.V. Brown
2017 Nov	Keith C.V. Brown	2020 Feb	Patricia Prevey
		2020 Mar to Oct	not awarded due to pandemic
2018 Jan	Julius Szekrenyes	2020 Nov	Jim Senecal
2018 Feb	Danny Chow		
2018 Mar	Peter Fleck	2021 Jan	Dave Russum
2018 Apr	Dave Bartlet	2021 Feb	Dave Bartlet
2018 May	Raymond Villeneuve	2021 Mar	Dwayne Eadie
2018 Jun	Norma Nielson	2021 Apr	Dale Speirs
2018 Sep	Erika Peter	2021 May	Donna Trathen
2018 Oct	Penny Borrowman	2021 Jun	Peter Fleck

2021 Sep	Dale Speirs
2021 Oct	Ray Villeneuve
2021 Nov	Walter Herdzik
2022 Jan	Gordon Demke
2022 Feb	Dave Bartlet and Dave Russum
2022 Mar	Donna Trathen
2022 Apr	Dale Speirs
2022 May	Willi Beckers Locke
2022 Jun	Doug Kollar
2022 Sep	all volunteers who worked at CPS 2022 BNAPEX
2022 Oct	no award
2022 Nov	no award

**STATISTICS**

**CPS Membership Totals.**

		1959 - 56	
1922 - 5 (founding meeting)	1940 - 24		
1922 - 14 (year-end)	1941 - 16	1960 - 89	
1923 - 19	1942 - 26	1961 - 78	
1924 - 28	1943 - 18	1962 - 90	
1925 - 35	1944 - 25	1963 - 23	
1926 - 37	1945 - 24	1964 - 45	
1927 - 38	1946 - 26	1965 - 47	
1928 - 33	1947 - 30	1966 - 50	
1929 - 39	1948 - 20	1967 - 63	
	1949 - 21	1968 - 74	
1930 - 35		1969 - 45	
1931 - 35	1950 - 29		
1932 - 37	1951 - 23	1970 - 37	1978 - 106
1933 - 50	1952 - 24	1971 - 43	1979 - 93
1934 - 56	1953 - 27	1972 - 41	
1935 - 58	1954 - 30	1973 - 45	
1936 - 66	1955 - 34	1974 - ??	
1937 - 69	1956 - 38	1975 - 57	
1938 - 76	1957 - 45	1976 - 67	
1939 - 76	1958 - 41	1977 - 73	

1980 - 114	2000 - 188	2020 - 142
1981 - 142	2001 - 173	2021 - 131
1982 - 132	2002 - 171	2022 - 138
1983 - 134	2003 - 175	
1984 - 133	2004 - 193	
1985 - 138	2005 - 183	
1986 - 172	2006 - 173	
1987 - 206	2007 - 177	
1988 - 198	2008 - 181	
1989 - 191	2009 - 176	
1990 - 219	2010 - 163	
1991 - 219	2011 - 161	
1992 - 208	2012 - 168	
1993 - 228	2013 - 130	
1994 - 219	2014 - 174	
1995 - 235	2015 - 143	
1996 - 250	2016 - 132	
1997 - 203	2017 - 134	
1998 - 249	2018 - 157	
1999 - 197	2019 - 150	

## THE FIRST 100 MEMBERS OF THE CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Notes: For privacy reasons of modern members, this list does not go past the first 100 members.

Founder members attended the first meeting of the CPS in April 1922. Charter members were the first twenty members.

Members who quit the CPS, then later rejoined, were given new numbers unless they bought back the missing years.

Earliest Year Known may not be accurate due to missing or incomplete records.

Membership Number	Surname	First Name	Earliest Year Known	Deceased	Comments
1	Mason	Edward George	1922	1947	Founder of C.P.S.
2	Herring	F.W.	1922	1927	Charter member
3	Hall	W. Kelsey	1922		Founder member
4	Johnson	George R.	1922	1940	Founder member
5	Hives	W.E.	1922		Charter member
6	Thomas	Milton	1922		Founder member
7	Harris	Alfred B.	1922		Charter member
8	Potter	J.L.	1922		Charter member
9	Simmons	W.G.	1922		Charter member
10	Howland	Douglas C.	1922		Founder member
11	Harper	?	1922		Charter member
12	Palmer	F.	1922		Charter member
13	Tattersall	J.	1923		Charter member
14	Hartney	Harlow	1923		Charter member

<b>Membership Number</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Earliest Year Known</b>	<b>Deceased</b>	<b>Comments</b>
15	Biilman	H.	1923		Charter member
16	Horne	J. Stanley	1923		Charter member
17	Black	W.C.	1923		Charter member
18	Shaw	F.L.	1923		Charter member
19	Morrison	George A.	1923	1956	Charter member
20	Powell	E.C.	1924		Charter member, brother of H.A.
21	Moore	P.J.	1924		
22	West	W.C.	1924		
23	Boch	Carl	1924		
24	Potter	E.	1924		
25	Linton	Ivan	1924	1964	
26	Lewis	Harold V.	1924		
27	Sorby	Alan	1924		
28	Knight	W.F.	1924		
29	Wood	Ronald	1924		
30	Scruton	E.	1924		
31	Doddridge	J.	1924		
32	Powell	H.A.	1924		brother of E.C.
33	Moir	James M.	1924		
34	Lord	A.R.	1925		
35	Jackson	Jonathon	1925		



<b>Membership Number</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Earliest Year Known</b>	<b>Deceased</b>	<b>Comments</b>
36	Poot	H.	1925		Expelled 1933 for failing to return approvals from dealers
37	Wilkinson	J.	1925		
38	Newmarch	F.R.	1925		
39	Carter	Harold	1925		
40	Paterson	F.B.	1925		
41	Reader	W.R.	1925	1935	
42	Walker	W.J. Selby	1925		
43	Hill	George E.	1925		
44	Freeman	F.G.	1926		
45	Petersen	L.	1926		
46	Nairne	Reginald	1926		
47	Swartzlander	H.C.	1926		
48	Cooke	H.	1926		
49	Reid	G.A.	1926	1937	
50	Black	D.E.	1926		
51	Bagot	G.S.	1926		
52	Emslie	W.J.F.	1927		
53	Rose	H.A.	1927		
54	Hirt	C.	1927		
55	Taylor	William	1927		

56	Jarman	J.W.	1927		
57	Crosby	Lou S.	1927	1965	dropped out 1929, rejoined 1934
58	Benjamin	H.A.	1927		
59	Spence	Mrs. R.M.	1927		
60	Correau	H.C.	1928		
61	Barrs	G.A.	1928		
62	Spencer	Herbert B.	1928		
63	Adams	S.H.	1928		
64	Dippie	G.F.	1929		
65	Ross	W.F.	1929		
66	Ferguson	J.A.	1935		
67	Richardson	Sid	1929	1998	longest continuous membership
68	Tavender	H.O.	1931		
69	Wells	G.	1931		
70	Wyllie	W.J.E.	1932		
71	Chamberlain	S.B.	1932		
72	Van Ostrand	A.M.	1932		
73	Hindsley	Norman	1932		
74	Rogers	H.H.	1933		
75	Snowdon	G.P.	1933		
76	Robinson	C.	1933		
77	Pettigrew	J.G.	1933		
78	Foster	D.P.	1933		
79	Cumming	D.	1933		

<b>Membership Number</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Earliest Year Known</b>	<b>Deceased</b>	<b>Comments</b>
80	McWilliams	R.C.	1933		
81	Goodman	W.H.	1933		
82	Trickey	A.W.	1933		
83	Miller	Norman H.	1933		
84	Fortin	A.R.	1933		
85	Rannie	C.F.	1934		
86	Butters	W.H.	1934	1935	
87	Hamlett	R.W.	1934		
88	Adams	J.M.	1935		
89	James	A.R.	1935		
90	Horne	Brien	1936	2000	
91	Webster	E.C.	1936		
92	Learmonth	John	1936	1989	
93	Fisher	A.J.	1936		
94	De Vrye	Henke	1936		
95	Aylsworth	Robert W.	1936		
96	Hughes	H.C.	1937		
97	Snell	Fred	1937		
98	Collins	J. Ewart	1937		
99	Grant	R.W.	1937		
100	Purdy	Muriel M.	1937		

## **Other Stamp Clubs In Calgary.**

### **Youth Clubs.**

Calgary philatelists had a long history of working with young stamp collectors to encourage them in the hobby. A few months after the CPS was born, Col. J.L. Potter brought up the idea of inviting juniors aged 16 to 21 for a meeting. It was decided to host a special meeting October 24, with a view to organizing a Junior Society. The result of this special meeting was a agreement to work with the YMCA in encouraging boys in stamp collecting.

The interest of club members in recruiting young collectors continued. The April 1, 1924, general meeting was opened to junior collectors, and Dr. Mason gave a talk specifically aimed at them. Douglas Howland followed with a more advanced talk on stamps of historical interest. For this meeting, the club had made an effort to attract the attention of the newspapers and radio, and succeeded to some degree. This meeting was mentioned in both the CALGARY HERALD and the CALGARY ALBERTAN on the day of the meeting, and the HERALD followed up with a report in its April 2 edition. Previous to this meeting, Dr. Mason had sponsored a contest for boys for the best essay on "Why I collect postage stamps". Mason read some of the entries at the meeting, for which packets of stamps had been offered as prizes. The membership enjoyed these essays so much that they agreed to donate additional stamps to the boys unsuccessful in winning.

During the year 1925, the CPS had not forgotten its commitment to junior philatelists. Harlow M. Hartney in particular had been very active in working with the Calgary Y.M.C.A. Stamp Club. On March 30, 1928, a show was held at the Public Library for juniors. Four prizes were given for exhibits, and twelve prizes for a stamp quiz. Mr. W.J.S. Walker read a paper on the early postal history of the world, which seems to have been well received.

Although the CPS had actively encouraged junior philatelists, particularly by way of Y.M.C.A. stamp clubs, membership in the Society was restricted to ages 21 and over. This was discussed at a number of meetings, but the decision in early 1935 was that juniors could not join the CPS. They were, however, quite welcome to attend the meetings. At the June 1971 meeting the constitution was amended to reduce that age to 18, in keeping with recent legal changes in the outside world.

For many years club members had been encouraging junior philately by way of Y.M.C.A. stamp clubs. The emphasis shifted in April 1955 to the Boy Scouts, for whom a stamp club was arranged. The CPS was also helping to encourage stamp collecting amongst the boys at the Bowden Institute, the juvenile detention facility about 70 km north of Calgary on Highway 2.

Once again junior collecting was mentioned in the minutes of 1961. This time the junior club was to be run under the auspices of the City of Calgary Parks Recreation Department. After several months of planning an Open Meeting was held on May 5, 1962. This meeting was jointly sponsored by the Calgary Junior Stamp Club, the CPS, and the City of Calgary Parks & Recreation Department. A CPS member, Jim McComb, was the sparkplug of the event.

CPS members donated about \$300 to \$400 catalogue value in stamps which were distributed as gifts, prizes, or inexpensive auction lots for the children. The auction realized \$46.75, which was split four ways between the Calgary Junior Stamp Club SW, the Calgary Junior Stamp Club NW, the Boy Scouts Stamp Club, and the YMCA Stamp Club. 63 non-competitive frames were entered in the exhibition by CPS members, and 22 competitive frames by juniors. Sam Nickle acted as chief judge, with two juniors as his apprentices. Canada Post Office supplied a film on how stamp issues and first day covers were produced, and there were various quizzes and competitions. Altogether the event was declared a success.

A Junior Stamp Club exhibition was held on November 30, 1968. Although seldom, if ever, mentioned in the minutes, Society members were still actively helping out at various junior stamp clubs around the city circa 1973. Jim Karr, Ted Chiswell, Walter Jackson, and John Baisch were helping such clubs at the Calgary Public Library.

The Junior Club operated intermittently thereafter, sometimes fading away completely for lack of volunteers to run it. In the 2000s, Jim Senecal operated a junior stamp club that met once a month on Saturday. The club met regularly at the Edgemont Community Centre in the north end of the city. In 2017, Pat Prevey helped start a South Junior Club on the opposite side of the city to make it easier for all concerned to attend.

During the 2020 pandemic, the South club managed some meetings using social distancing and face coverings. The North club shut down because its meeting place was closed. From December onward, both clubs were shuttered.

### **Co-op Clubs.**

The 1975 January issue of STAMPede mentioned there were two Co-op Stamp Clubs operating in Calgary. These may have been employee clubs and/or open to Co-op members. They had probably been operating for some time but this issue was the first bulletin published by the CPS since 1963, so there is no written record prior.

The Brentwood Co-op Stamp Club met second Mondays at the Brentwood Co-op on Morley Trail NW (today called Brentwood Road NW). The South Calgary Co-op Stamp Club met at the Macleod Trail SE Co-op on fourth Tuesdays. The 1975 September STAMPede said: *“These are primarily trading clubs and collectors should bring their duplicates to meetings. Co-op Club members are reminded that they are always welcome to attend meetings of the Calgary Philatelic Society.”*

There was no further mention of the Co-op clubs in subsequent issues. They probably kept operating for several years but appear to have long been consigned to the dustbin of history.

## **Calgary Stamp Collectors Club.**

In the minutes of the November 10, 1942, meeting a mention is made of extending an invitation to the Calgary Stamp Club to attend the annual dinner. Nothing more is known of this rival group, other than its existence. Attending the 1944 annual dinner were several members of the Calgary Stamp Collectors Club, which was probably synonymous with the aforementioned Calgary Stamp Club. At the October 9, 1945, meeting the subject came up of the possibility of a merger between the CPS and the Calgary Stamp Collectors Club. Ed Lynn had previously approached the latter club about the matter, but was unable to get a definitive answer. It appears that the other club considered the CPS as being too advanced for their membership.

The 1945 December issue of POPULAR STAMPS (page 18) mentioned the November 22 meeting of the CSCC, where R. Calder was elected president and Alice Rushton as secretary-treasurer. The report said *"the usual bourse was again very active"*.

In 1949 November a joint meeting was held with the Calgary Stamp Collectors Club to discuss a merger. Held in the boardroom at the Herald Building, it was packed to overflowing. Nothing seems to have come of it, a familiar story. The 1954 December issue of POPULAR STAMPS mentioned the CSCC as co-operating with the CPS. Cecil Rosete was president of the CSCC and simultaneously vice-president of the CPS.

About the same time, a third stamp club, organized for juniors, was in existence under the name of the Foothills Stamp Club. There was also a Foothills Philatelic Exchange, publishing a bulletin THE FOOTHILLS PHILATELIST, but this was a dealer's house organ, not a non-profit society.

## **Study Groups.**

A number of informal groups have existed in the bosom of the CPS. By 1988 the CPS had three subgroups. The Calgary Regional Group of the British North American Philatelic Society had been in operation for more than three decades. The Australasian Study Group began in February 1982, and the Ireland and British Europe Study Group had been formed at CALTAPEX 87. The two study groups have since died out but the BNAPSers are still going strong.



## **The Calgary BNAPSers.**

The British North American Philatelic Society (BNAPS) is a specialized national society devoting its attention to the philately of Canada and the pre-Confederation provinces. Most of the membership lives in Canada and the United States. BNAPS has a number of Regional groups, of which the Calgary group is one. The Calgary Regional Group of BNAPS is the oldest continuously meeting such group within BNAPS.

Calgary BNAPSers meet on second Wednesdays, with usually a dozen or so people turning out. There is a brief business session, followed by conversation on a topic of BNA philately chosen by the host. Next is a show-and-tell session. Members bring along a philatelic item related to the meeting's subject and explain it to the rest of the group. There are no formal lectures or slide programs at such meetings, just like-minded stamp collectors talking with each other on topics of mutual interest. The December meeting was usually held as normal, with a separate Christmas social on a weekend night in some restaurant. There were also occasional June picnics or barbecues in local parks.

The earliest mention of this group is in the May 1957 issue of BNA TOPICS. Robert S. Traquair was secretary of the group at that time. Meetings were on second Tuesdays in member's homes. The June 1961 issue of BNA TOPICS reported that Mrs. Kathleen Lane was secretary, and the group met second and fourth Tuesdays at the Anglo-American, 330 - 9 Avenue SW. Over the years, meeting places have varied from business boardrooms to homes to private clubs.

Murray Devlin was secretary from July 1963 to September 1968, then Renee Benningen until sometime in the 1970s. (BNA TOPICS did not list Regional Groups for a ten year period, hence the uncertainty.) From January 1982, Phil Wolf was secretary for several years, succeeded by Jim Karr in 1995.

Calgary BNAPSers have been influential in the main organization. Sam Nickle held positions in BNAPS as follows: Board of Governors 1968, Vice-President 1969 and 1970, and President in 1971 and 1972. Edmund Harris was BNAPS Treasurer from 1975 to 1982, Board of Governors 1983 to 1985, Vice-President 1986, and President in 1987 and 1988. Earle Covert was BNAPS President for the 1999-2000 term. He has served the society in many capacities and was chairman of the Conventions Committee. Bill Pawluk was on the Board of Governors from 1985 to 1992 and was President for the 2007/08 term. Eldon Godfrey became BNAPS President for the 2016/18 term of office. Sam Nickle, Edmund Harris, Earle Covert, and Bill Pawluk were members of the Order of the Beaver, i.e. Fellows of the Society.



*Earle Covert*



*Bill Pawluk*



*Eldon Godfrey*

A typical Calgary Regional Group monthly meeting, seen on March 10, 2010, at the Cardell Homes boardroom.



Calgary BNAPS Regional meetings began in 1987, in association with Stamp Day, although the two events were separately run. They eventually were discontinued when the event was replaced by the Spring Bourse.

Activities included the occasional field trips. On May 12, 1993, the BNAPS Group toured the Calgary Mail Processing Plant, and saw firsthand the massive automated facilities with which Canada Post sorted more than a million pieces per day. A second such tour was held for the September, 9, 1998, meeting. In April 1994, the Group began meeting for a while at the Military Museum (Flanders Avenue SW) in their boardroom. Their first meeting there was a guided tour of the museum.

Herbert Earle (1884-1975) was an engraver who had produced many cacheted first-day covers, printed by Universal Engravers Ltd. The guest speaker at the February 12, 1997, was Don Taylor of Unicom Graphics, the successor to UEL. He invited the Group to tour the Unicom plant, which invitation was accepted and took place on April 9. Members had a chance to see both modern computerized printing and older engraving and embossing machines still in use for top-quality work.

Calgary BNAPSers have also been active in staging national shows, specifically BNAPEX, the annual show of BNAPS. The first BNAPEX in this area was at Banff in 1960 from September 15 to 17, a few photos of which are shown below. BNAPEX 60 was co-sponsored by the Calgary and Edmonton Regional Groups, and a full report is given in the November 1960 BNA TOPICS.









The first 100% Calgary show staged in this city was BNAPEX 66 held September 15 to 17, 1966. For both BNAPEX 60 and BNAPEX 66 slogan cancels were used by the post office as publicity.

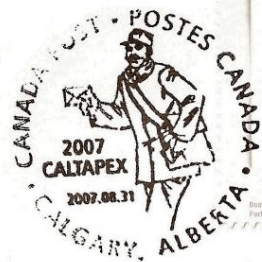


The next Calgary shows were BNAPEX 73, BNAPEX 85, BNAPEX 2007, and BNAPEX 2012. From 2007 the show was associated with CALTAPEX, as shown by the cover on the next page.





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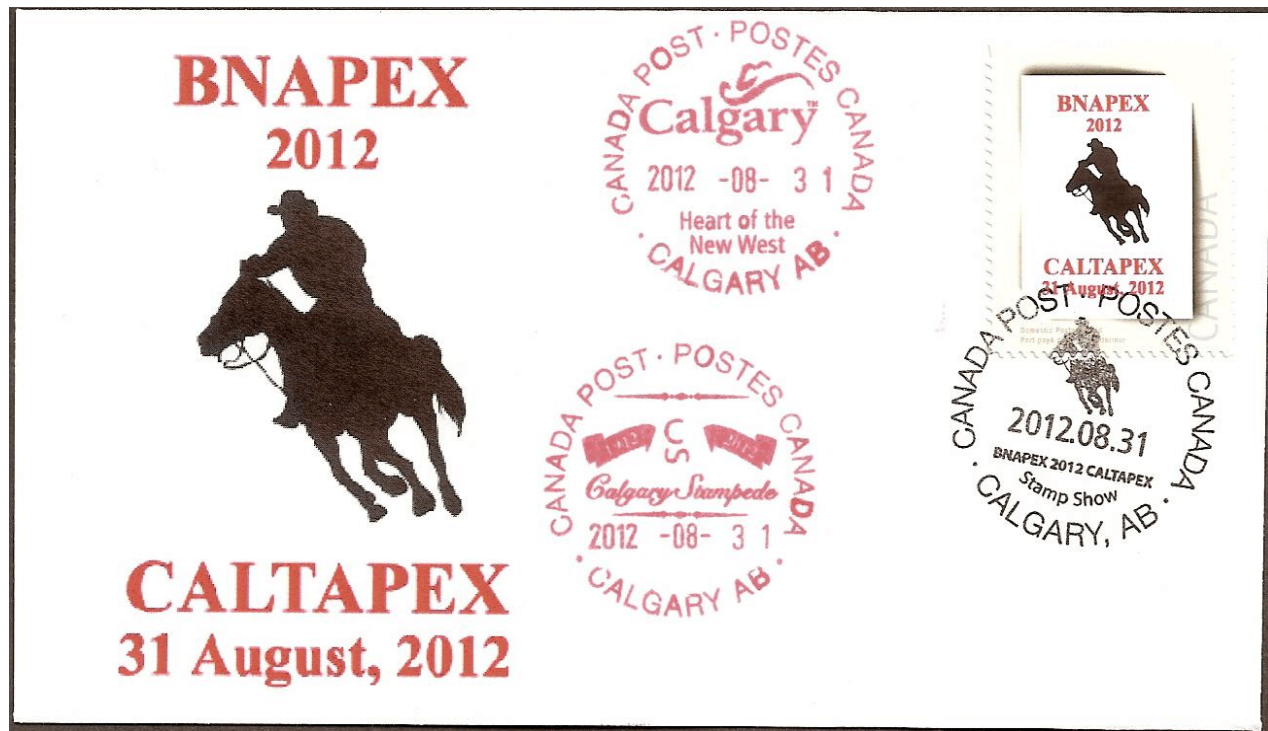


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**BNAPEX 2007 CALTAPEX**  
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A wide variety of souvenirs were prepared for BNAPEX 2012. That year was also the centennial of the Calgary Stampede.

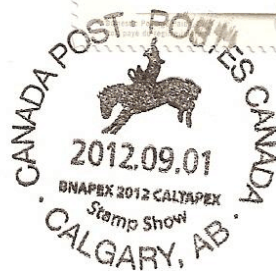
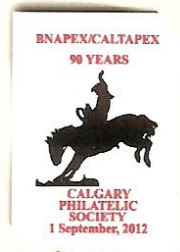


# **BNAPEX/CALTAPEX 90 YEARS**



**CALGARY  
PHILATELIC SOCIETY**

**1 September, 2012**



# **BNAPEX/CALTAPEX 100 YEARS**

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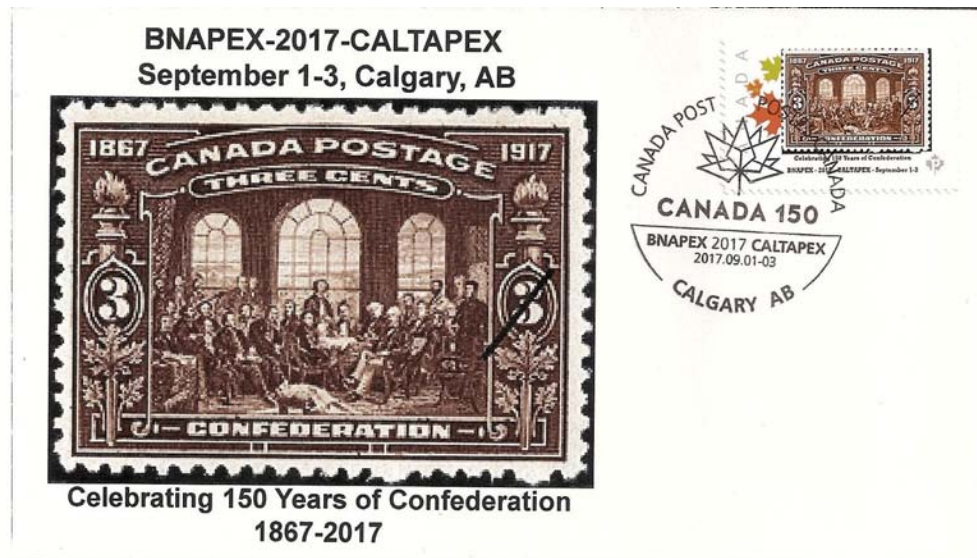






BNAPEX 2017 had originally been scheduled for Ottawa, but when the organizer failed, the BNAPS executives asked the Calgary Regional Group to take it over. That was the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation and thus a particularly significant date.

The Calgary BNAPEX 2017 was booked for the Hyatt Regency Hotel again, on the Labour Day weekend of September 1 to 3. The show was a success. Eight commemorative covers were produced, of which a sample is shown at right.



The next page shows the set-up of BNAPEX 2017. There were 150 frames of exhibits and 22 dealers.





Exhibitors, registrants,  
and committee heads  
received this portfolio.





During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Calgary BNAPSers managed to keep meeting online via Zoom software courtesy of the mother organization BNAPS. There was no April or May meeting in 2020 but online sessions began with the June 10 meeting and carried on through the pandemic.

## CAPE.

The Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors was founded in 2003 as a workshop group to help its members improve their exhibits. It was very successful, as several members went from novice local exhibitors to international gold. Meetings discussed the practical aspects of exhibiting, such as page layouts, title pages, storylines, and type of material to display. The photo below is from the tenth anniversary meeting in 2013.



Left to right, front row: Donna Trathen, Janice Brookes, Sandy Freeman

Back row: Walter Herdzik, Liz Roett, Fitz Roett, Peter West, Norma Nielson, Dave Bartlet, James R. Taylor

By the 2010s, members were becoming successful international exhibitors and frequently traveling to shows in the USA, Europe, South America, Asia, and Australia. James R. Taylor was active as an international-level judge and commissioner, and traveled to many shows overseas.

The 2020 pandemic briefly shut down CAPE meetings from March but online meetings began in September using Zoom software, courtesy of BNAPS. Even after the pandemic was over, Zoom was the preferred type of meeting.

## **UKRAINIAN COLLECTORS CLUB OF CALGARY**

The UCCC was founded in 1987 for collectors of Ukrainiana, mainly philatelic and numismatic but also ephemera and militaria. The group met at St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Orthodox Church on first Mondays. They exhibited at various Ukrainian festivals in Calgary and occasionally in Edmonton until 1993. Thereafter the group entered exhibits in CALTAPEX. From 1989 to at least 2002, commemorative covers were produced for Ukrainian anniversaries in the Ukraine or cultural festivals in Canada. During the first decade of the 2000s, CPS members of Ukrainian origin gradually died off from old age, and with them any further philatelic initiatives.

## DEALERS

Undoubtedly from the very beginning, some members of the CPS did a bit of briefcase dealing or by mail. Capt. W.J.F. Emslie set up as a stamp dealer, the first in the city with a store front, although predecessors operated by mail. He was the first to be listed in HENDERSON'S DIRECTORY, appearing in the 1931 edition under the heading of "Philatilists" [sic]. In later years, some CPS members advertised in national publications as mail order businesses.

H.G. Saxton was one of the mail order operators, indeed while he was President of the CPS.

October, 1950

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In CALGARY PHILATELIST #12, published 1995 April, long-time member Bob Monilaws reminisced about pre-WW2 dealers. Monilaws served for the duration of the war with the Canadian Army in Europe, so when he returned to Calgary he found the philatelic scenery had changed. Quoting from his article:

*... there weren't any that one might call a real down-to-earth dealer, as they all had either a counter in another store or ran their business from their own home. In any case, they were all one-person operations. I knew all the dealers below personally.*

*Wedman's Stamp Service was run by Elvin Wedman from his residence at 128 - 11 Avenue West. This was mostly an approval business, although he did carry a few hinges. Elvin moved to Vancouver some time during the war.*

*The Stamp Shop was run by D.P. Foster, who had counter space in with the Alberta Drafting & Blueprint Co. in the 200 block of 7 Avenue West. During the war, he moved in with the Premier Cycle works, 300 block 7 Avenue West. He carried a very small line of philatelic supplies.*

*Captain W. Emslie ran a small business from his home in the Bankview district. Prior to this he resided in Edmonton and moved back there sometime during the war. He dealt mostly in over-the-counter sale of stamps.*

*A.B. Harris ran a small business upstairs in the Bay Block, which was located in the 200 block of 8 Avenue West. He dealt mostly in single stamps and packets. You could buy a thousand mixed stamps for 10 cents, but any good ones in these packets were all damaged.*

*H.C. Hughes operated from an office in Johnson's Storage & Cartage, 300 block of 10 Avenue West, and also from his residence in the Sills Apartments. Mr Hughes gave the impression that he was a buying agent for American dealers.*

*Harry Saxton ran his stamp business from his home in the 100 block of 10 Avenue NE, and was probably the best known dealer in Calgary. Doris McKay of the Edmonton Stamp Club was his daughter, and Dierdre McKay, also of the ESC, was his granddaughter.*