

The theme of this year's edition of CALTAPEX is the 150th anniversary of Calgary, founded in 1875 by the North West Mounted Police.

CALTAPEX 2025

October 18 and 19

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CALTAPEX is at the Kerby Centre, 1133 - 7 Avenue SW, in the ground floor gymnasium. The site is directly beside the LRT station on 11 Street SW, and numerous bus routes stop within a few blocks. Vehicles in parking lots will need to have their licence plates registered on computer terminal inside the front door of the gymnasium.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, October 17

17h00 to 19h00	Set-up of frames and tables
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Saturday, October 18

10h00 to 17h00	Show is open
11h00 to 14h00	Canteen is open

Sunday, October 19

10h00 to 15h00	Show is open
11h00 to 14h00	Canteen is open
16h00	Auction begins

CALTAPEX 2025 AUCTION RULES

by Jim Senecal

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The CALTAPEX Auction will be held on Sunday, October 19. Registration for auction members will begin at 14h00. A bidder number is required to participate. Members may submit up to 10 lots starting at 14h15. Viewing will be opened at 15h00 and finish at 16h00.

There will be a 15 minute pause for the auction staff to organize the lots. Only those lots with two bids will be called. Single-bid lots will be considered sold. Once the auction is finished, purchasers will be allowed to pay for and collect their lots, following which consignors will be paid out.

CALTAPEX 2025 AWARDS

Medal Levels.

Five levels of ribbons and certificates are awarded: Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze. Exhibits are judged according to Royal Philatelic Society of Canada Regional Guidelines.

Special Awards.

People's Choice

Grand Award

One-Frame Award

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors

Silver Award - to recognize excellence of presentation by an exhibitor who has not been awarded a Gold Ribbon.

American Topical Association

Best Topical Exhibit

One-Frame Merit Award

British North American Philatelic Society

Best BNA Exhibit

Best BNA 1-Frame Exhibit

Best BNA 2 to 4 Frame Exhibit

Best Research Award

Canadian Aerophilatelic Society Award - for the best airmail exhibit

Sterling Achievement Award - sponsored by Women Exhibitors

Thunderbird Award - from the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs

CALTAPEX 2025 EXHIBITS

Class 1: Competitive Exhibits Multi-frame

Dave Bartlet: Canadian and Newfoundland Pioneer Airmails

Sandy Freeman: Enmity during WW2 - Propaganda vs. Patriotism

Walter Herdzik: How do they know it's Airmail?

Dave Russum: Great Britain to Canada Mail - Efficiency, Rates and Routes, 1800 to Present

Dale Speirs: Hyperinflation in the Ukraine after the fall of the Soviet Union

Dale Speirs: Advance fee mail frauds

Class 2: Competitive Exhibits Single Frame

Dave Bartlet: British Columbia Hospitals Aid Stamps May to August 1933

Walter Herdzik: Fabulous Philatelic Fabrications from Federations (Rhodesia in the 1950s)

Duncan Murray: First Stamps of British North America

Duncan Murray: Newfoundland Air Mail Stamps

Donna Trathen: Canada's First RCMP Stamp (1935)

Non-Competitive Exhibits: Both classes 3 and 4 will be open for People's Choice nominations. Please see the signage in the Exhibit area. We would like every visitor to complete a ballot.

Class 3: Non-Competitive (People's Choice)

Dave Bartlet: Okanagan Wineries from a Philatelic Aspect

Sandy Freeman: Enmity during WW2 - Propaganda Leaflets

Sandy Freeman: Enmity during WW2 - What is Patriotism? Examples from Canada, France, Netherlands

Glen Lundeen: Post Offices in the Western Territories Alberta, Saskatchewan, Assiniboia 1876-1883

Dave Russum: Brief History of British North America from fur trade to Confederation illustrated with Canadian stamps

Dale Speirs: Calgary's Growth over 150 Years

Class 4: Mini-Exhibits (People's Choice)

8 frames of various one or a few pages topics including Calgary's 150th anniversary.

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ONCE MORE WITH FEELING

by Dale Speirs

The death throes of Canada Post continue. The Canadian Union of Postal Workers rejected the latest contract proposal on August 1. CUPW had banned overtime on May 23. They rescinded the ban on September 12 but simultaneously replaced that with a ban on unaddressed mail such as flyers.

On September 25, the federal government announced it would accept recommendations to discontinue door-to-door lettercarrier service and would initiate reforms such as allowing part-time workers. Later that day CUPW announced they were resuming a full-fledged strike.

If the strike is not dealt with by the October CPS general meeting then CALGARY PHILATELIST will go to pdf-only publication. Current issues will be available free to paid-up members on the CPS website at www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com

Look for the Members link on the left side of the web page, click on the drop-down menu, then click on the New Issues link. If you have not previously registered to use the behind-the-paywall section of the CPS website, please email the Webmaster Dave Bartlet at dave.bartlet@shaw.ca and he will register you. You must be paid up as a member.

BNAPS

The Alberta Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society resumed its monthly meetings on Zoom on September 10 after a summer hiatus. Dave Bartlet was the host and there were 9 participants. The meeting began with a brief discussion of forthcoming stamp shows across Canada.

Arnie Janson presented a two-part talk. The first part was about the half-cent Small Queen stamp, which comes in two sizes, a tall stamp and a squat variety. These were printed by the same plate, but sometimes the paper had a vertical weave and other times a horizontal weave.

Arnie then explained how he measured and analysed these stamps and many others using an app called Stamp Analyser, available for \$6.99. Simply place a 300 dpi jpeg of the stamp in the measurement field and the app will provide perforations to two decimal places, margin sizes, frame size, and grade of stamp (VG, VF, etcetera).

Dave Bartlet then finished up the meeting in his capacity as BNAPS President. He mentioned several proposals to change the society's website and journal.

CAPE

The Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors held its first monthly meeting of the new season on September 24 via Zoom. The moderator was Dave Russum and there were 12 participants. The topic was the forthcoming CALTAPEX. Dave summarized the exhibits entered for the show and discussed other details.

The main presenter was Norma Nielson of Oregon, who spoke on the proposed judging system for CALTAPEX since there were no available RPSC judges. A combination of aging-out and sparse representation in the western provinces has made it difficult to find judges for shows. The Americans are having the same problems in their western shows.

The proposed plan is to have pairs of experienced exhibitors judge CALTAPEX, using the standard Exhibit Evaluation Form score sheet, as shown below. This will keep judging to a common standard in the absence of accredited judges. There is only one judge left on the prairies and he can't be everywhere, while it is extremely expensive to bring judges from Ontario and almost impossible from the USA.

Score Sheet (EEF)

Category	Max Points	
Treatment: Title, plan, development, balance	20	Lg Gold 90-100
Importance: Subject importance, philatelic importance	10	Gold 85-89
Philatelic/Subject Knowledge: Selection, correctness	25*	Lg Vermeil 80-84
Personal Study and Research: Analysis, evaluation, study, research	10*	Vermeil 75-79
Rarity: Challenge, difficulty of acquisition	20	Lg Silver 70-74
Condition: Physical condition and appearance in light of quality obtainable	10	Silver 65-69
Presentation: General layout, free from distractions	5	Silver-Bronze 60-64
		Bronze 55-59
*For Thematic exhibits, thematic and philatelic Knowledge/Study/Research have equal weight	17.5/17.5	

CALGARY POST OFFICES: CENTRAL CITY

Calgary has three post offices and about 75 retail postal outlets, most out in the far suburbs. The post offices run directly by Canada Post will be closed all weekend, but most retail outlets should be open. Some may have limited hours for the weekend.

If the postal strike is still on, some of the retail postal outlets may still be open for handback cancellations.

If you want to get some postmarks of Calgary retail postal outlets close to the stamp show site, assuming the strike is over, here are their addresses. The LRT train is free downtown along 7 Avenue South but you have to buy a ticket going past City Hall to the east or 10 Street SW (the Kerby Centre station) to the west.

Downtown.

Dominion Drugs: 7 Avenue SW and 8 Street, northwest corner. Closed on Sunday.

The Local Market: 8 Avenue SW and 3 Street, ground floor, Bankers Hall. Closed on Sunday.

Chinatown.

Hing Wah Imports: east side of Centre Street South, near 3 Avenue SE.

Beltline.

This is the area south of the railroad tracks, along the south side of the downtown.

Shoppers Drug Mart: 17 Avenue and 7 Street SW

Shoppers Drug Mart: 15 Avenue and 1 Street SE, one block west of Stampede LRT station. This RePO has the Stampede Station postmark. If you take the Somerset LRT train, you have to buy a ticket, but it is good for 90 minutes both ways. From the City Hall station, the last free ride station going east, it is a ten-minute walk to the Drug Mart.

Bridgeland.

Luke's Value Drug Mart: 1 Avenue NE and 4 Street. North side of the Bow River, east of Edmonton Trail. This is a 15-minute walk from City Hall over the bridges.

Hillhurst.

Shoppers Drug Mart, 1436 Kensington Road NW. North of the Bow River in the Kensington shopping boutique district. About a 15-minute walk from the Kerby Centre, crossing over the 10 Street SW bridge.

ABOUT THE CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Calgary Philatelic Society was founded in April 1922 by Dr. Edward George Mason, and has been in continuous existence since. The CPS provides a meeting place for local stamp collectors to get together and share their interest in stamps and postal history.

The CPS 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.

Some of the benefits to members:

- 1) enjoying social interaction with other stamp collectors
- 2) opportunity to buy, sell, trade, and exhibit philatelic material.
- 3) subscription to our award-winning bulletin, the CALGARY PHILATELIST
- 4) access to our excellent library, with resources for all aspects of philately
- 5) participate in two philatelic shows per year: CALTAPEX in October, and a Spring Bourse in April.

General meetings, are held on the first Wednesday of the month except July, August, and December. They include a silent auction, a short business meeting, and a philatelic presentation by one of our members. Coffee and doughnuts are served after the presentation.

Regular auctions are held on the third Wednesday of the month, except July, August, and December. Auction lots should be in before 19h30 to allow viewing.

Visitors and guests are always welcome. Meetings and Auctions are held beginning at 19h30, with the doors opening at 19h00. The location for the General Meeting and the monthly Auction is: Kerby Centre, Room 205 (Lecture Room), 1133 - 7 Avenue SW, Calgary.

If you park in the Kerby Centre lots, you must register your vehicle licence plate at the computer pad on entering building; otherwise your vehicle will be towed or clamped.

The CALGARY PHILATELIST is published monthly. Every issue contains club news, original articles on philatelic subjects or postal history, members' advertisements, and a schedule of meetings and upcoming events.

The CPS Website is located at: www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com

Real-mail address is Box 1478, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2L6.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2025-26

by Murray Bialek

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Membership fees for the 2025-2026 season are now due. The fiscal year end is June 30. If you have not already paid at one of our meetings, you may pay your dues of \$25 three different ways:

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

Maintaining your membership certainly has many advantages, a few of which are Auctions (two per month), Members’ bourse, CALGARY PHILATELIST, Library, Members-only website pages, Circuit books, various monthly meetings both live and on Zoom.

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

Members’ Bourse: Held twice yearly.

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

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

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

Circuit Books: available for members to borrow

Monthly Meetings: Camaraderie and access to unlimited professional philatelic advice and knowledge. Monthly Stamp Line (1 to 4 page exhibits), speakers, and refreshments. Zoom access to monthly BNAPS and CAPE meetings

Your dues help with the maintenance of our youth stamp club, pay for our Kerby rental fees, and ensure we hold our yearly CPS Spring Bourse and our October CALTAPEX stamp exhibition.

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

FOR SALE: About 20 years ago I stopped collecting Canadian VF-NH plate blocks and others of interest, and have been disposing of that collection since then. I can send you a scan of any stamps that interest you. A pdf of the remaining third of that collection is available on request by emailing Tony Burton at tonyburton.awb@gmail.com

CIRCUIT BOOKS REPORT

by Larry Tweedale

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Greetings everyone and happy October! Fall is upon us and it is prime time to work on our collections. Circuit Books has recently received some very nice submissions that are worthy of your inspection.

There are three early Great Britain books that include a desirable Penny Black for only \$50, as well as many Penny Reds (Scott #s 3, 20, as well as numerous #33 all with plate numbers). German States are well represented with two new books.

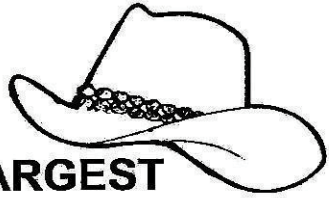
Also there are two new books with recent Canada as well as single books with Canadian Provinces, New Zealand, Channel Islands, Sarawak/Straits Settlements/North Borneo, Malaysia, South Korea, Dutch Indies, and Switzerland.

So much to see! Please come and check out our table at CALTAPEX on October 18 and 19.

ZOOM MEETINGS

Zoom software is free and can be viewed on laptops, smartphones, or tablets, regardless of operating system. It is best to view the meeting on Wifi. If you use your data allowance, a typical meeting consumes about 200 megabytes per half-hour. For technical assistance, please contact Dave Bartlet at dave.bartlet@shaw.ca

If you have not been taking part in Zoom meetings, email Dave so that he can put you on the mailing list. A day or two before the meeting, you will receive an email containing a link to the meeting. About five minutes before the meeting, click on the link and Zoom will automatically connect you.



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CLUB NEWS

The September bulletin was mailed from Exshaw on September 8 with the Internment Camps stamp. The Exshaw post office was chosen because it was the closest to the Kananaskis internment camp at Barrier Lake.

Publications by CPS members:
Jim Taylor had an article “The World Of Philately” in the September issue of THE FEDERATED PHILATELIST, published by the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs.

At the October 1st general meeting, Doug Kollar was presented with the President’s Pot for his work on the auctions.

COWTOWNERS OUT OF TOWN

CPS members who exhibited at BNAPEX 2025 in Vernon, British Columbia, on the weekend of September 19 to 21 won the following awards.

Dave Bartlet: “Canadian and Newfoundland Pioneer Airmails” won Silver
“British Columbia Hospitals Aid Stamps 1933” won Gold plus the Wilmer Rockett Revenue Award
Donna Trathen: “Canada’s First RCMP Stamp” won Vermeil With Felicitations

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CPS MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2025

October	8	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	15	Auction - Kerby Centre, Room 205
	17	CALTAPEX set-up - Kerby Centre, gymnasium
	18 and 19	CALTAPEX 2025 - Kerby Centre, gymnasium
	22	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
November	5	General meeting - Kerby Centre, Room 205
	5	Deadline for November bulletin
	5	Stamp Line theme - Countries which have changed their names
	12	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	19	Auction - Kerby Centre, Room 205
	26	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
December	3	Christmas Social - Kerby Centre, Room 205
	3	Deadline for December bulletin
	10	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom

2026

January	7	General meeting - Kerby Centre, Room 205
	7	Deadline for January bulletin
	14	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	21	Members' bourse - Kerby Centre, Room 205
	28	CAPE meeting - via Zoom

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CAPE (Calgary Association Of Philatelic Exhibitors) meets via Zoom on fourth Wednesdays. For details, contact Dave Russum at russumd@telusplanet.net

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