

# NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB



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Meetings: Second Tuesday of the month at the Nova Scotia Museum, Summer Street, Halifax, N.S. at 8 p.m. No meetings July or August.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 1990 at 7:30 p.m., this meeting only.

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Happy St. Valentine's Day! The photocopies of the Victorian and earlier postcards in this Newsletter are from the London Sunday Times, February 5, 1989, in the series, Let's Collect Stamps, forwarded to me by Rod Glover. This issue includes the rules and regulations for NOVAPEX '90, as well as the official entry form, so get cracking on your exhibit. I must apologize for the lack of proofreading, particularly in the last issue, No. 204. We have just come through a prolonged session at the IWK, and our minds have been elsewhere. Now all is well, our patient has resumed her role as a college student, and the rest of us are getting back to normal. It was nice to see the friendly face of our Recording Secretary

in the ICU, stamp collectors are everywhere.

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GIANT AUCTION: Chairman Phil Melanson is all set for this prestigious event in the Nova Scotia Stamp Club year. Please note that the doors do not open until 7p.m. and that the short business meeting will be at 7:30p.m. on this occasion only, with the AUCTION following immediately, Tuesday, February 13. If you have any questions, Phil can be reached at 865-6612.

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MINUTES, January 9, 1990

The regular monthly meeting of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club was held on Tuesday, January 9, 1990, at 8 p.m. in the Nova Scotia Museum with President George MacKenzie in the chair and 49 members and guests in attendance. The president welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new year. The president also welcomed a new member and a guest, who introduced themselves. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Steele/Saulnier.

Old Business:

- a. Giant Auction. Phil Melanson stated that 90 lots have been received so far and members should see him soon to arrange for pick-up or delivery.
- b. Convoy Stamp Cover Sales. John Harvey reported small sales of the cover at meetings and stated that he has in excess of 100 left.
- c. Novapex '90. This will be the topic of the program tonight.
- d. BNAPS Convention 1993. Dave Cole indicated that no reply has been received from Dr. J.J. MacDonald yet.
- e. Seniors Expo. The president stated that there has been no interest shown in participating in this event.
- f. Minutes in the Newsletter. The president announced that minutes of the regular monthly meetings will be put in the Newsletters, always subject to approval at the following meetings.

New Business:

- a. The president announced that Scott's Vol. 1 is now in the club library.
- b. The next executive meeting will be January 22, 1990, at 7:15 p.m. in the Board Room.
- c. Comments from Members. The subject of using Scott's Volumes for trading sessions outside the library was mentioned, and this matter will be discussed at the executive meeting.
- d. Program. Novapex '90 was the subject of the program and George Lafontaine, exhibition chairman, spoke at length about all aspects of this event. Marilyn Murphy is looking after the Junior Exhibits and Juniors' auction, and Ray During the club table. Tickets for the banquet will be \$20 for senior members and \$10 for juniors. Ken MacDonald stated more dealers are needed for the bourse. Dave Harvey hopes to get some more helpers around the middle of February to repair frames.

Following the program, coffee and timbits were served. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. followed by an auction of 69 lots. Respectfully submitted, Joan Harris.



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EXECUTIVE NOTES: 22 members were struck from the list for non-payment of dues. Reinstatement on the membership list will be made with payment. A small prize will be awarded at the Exhibition for the single-frame exhibit, but no medal, in accordance with RPSC standards. The Scott Vol. 1 in the Library is for reference only, to be used at the meetings. It should be placed on the table for each meeting, so it can be used during the evening. A new Program Director is

needed. Programs are in place for the remainder of the year, so anyone interested will be dealing with the fall of 1990, and winter/spring of 1991. If you would like to take this on, or if you need more information, speak with either Stan Dunfield or George MacKenzie. Make note that the FLEA MARKET is in May this year.

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EXHIBITION WATCH: George Lafontaine, Chairman

The Exhibition Committee met on Dec. 5 and the wheels have been set in motion for our annual stamp exhibition, NOVAPEX '90, to be held at the Lord Nelson Hotel on Saturday and Sunday, April 7 and 8. I'll be giving regular reports in the Newsletter to update the different Committee efforts to make this year's show the best ever.

Senior Exhibits. Please get your entry forms (see last page of Newsletter) in as quickly as possible to Heinz Kircher. The deadline for application is March 30, so now is the time to get started on your exhibit. Again, as a reminder, the entry forms will be received on a first-come/ first-serve basis and in the past couple of years nearly every frame was used, so avoid disappointment and mail your entry early. Remember you don't need to have your exhibit completed before you enter.

Junior Exhibits: Marilyn Murphy is again in charge of the Juniors, and as usual there will be a Junior Auction. All Senior members are encouraged to donate lots which can be given to Marilyn at any meeting.

Program/Advertising: I've taken this position myself, and so far have sent out about 100 letters to businesses, but what I need is responses, so if you know of anyone who would like to place an ad (the rates are exceptionally cheap) please give me a call at 864-1824.

Publicity: Ads have been placed in BNA Topics, The Canadian Philatelist, APS Journal, and the Philatelic Exhibitor, so hopefully you have already seen them, or at least watch for them in upcoming issues. English posters have also been made so now all I need is a translator so a French version can be made and placed in the Post Office. And now for something exciting, the club may actually have its first highway billboard sign advertising the show. Watch for the CLEARWATER sign on the Bedford Highway.

Club Table: Raymond During could sure use a hand welcoming the expected 500+ visitors, so any volunteers would be appreciated.

Bourse: Ken MacDonald is hard at work finding dealers for the show, and we should have a rough idea of how many will attend by the next Newsletter.

Banquet: I am pleased to announce Dr. Margaret DeWolfe has accepted this position. Ticket prices will be the same as last year: \$20 for Seniors and \$10 for Junior exhibitors.

Judging: I am pleased to announce that we have the experience of Claude Michaud for this position.

Layout/Design: All in hand under the capable chairmanship of Dave Harvey.

Anyone wishing to volunteer for any of the Exhibition tasks or committees should get in touch with George Lafontaine at 864-1824. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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MEMBERSHIP: Granted to #878 John Clark.

Application: John E. Battcock, 81 Bellevista Dr., Dartmouth, N.S. B2W 2X6  
Interests: Australia, G.B., Canada, U.S., some Commonwealth

PHIL-A-TELIC:

The challenge has been met so the owner of the question in the November Newsletter can follow through on our agreement and send Phil the other question poste haste:

Dear Phil: The stamps which you are trying to identify (Newsletter #203) belong to one of the numerous bogus fabrications massively produced in the Russian occupied parts of Europe immediately after the Armistice. This kind of bogus overprint - the coat-of-arms of Czechoslovakia - is mentioned in the Michel catalogue, Eastern Europe - "Tschechoslovakei". The bottom line of the overprint obliterates the original inscription: BOHMEN and MAHREN  
CECHY a MOZAVA

The original stamps used for this fabrication are listed in Scott Vol. 2 (Czechoslovakia - Bohemia and Moravia) #80, 81, 82 and 83. Hope that this will help to solve the Truro mystery,

Sincerely, Nik

A tip of the hat and thanks to Nik for solving the problem, let's have some more questions from the rest of you members before I get the second one from the originator of this one. Address all mail to Phil-a-telic, 1333 South Park St., Apt. 515, Halifax, B3J 2K9

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PAPER CHASE: The Amenities of Stamp Collecting, Alvin F. Harlow. New York: Holt, 1940. pp. 218, 219

Treasures, Stratagems and Spoils: Airplane flights have been a favourite method of exploiting the collector, from the time of Henry Hawker's flight across the Atlantic in 1919. Some covers have brought in fancy prices after years, one carried by De Pinedo in 1927 has sold for \$3500. When Darius and Girenas planned a flight from New York to Lithuania in 1933, their propeller was in hock for repairs, they announced that they would get up a cachet and carry letters. As both were killed landing on the other side, it was an unfortunate idea.

A planeless pilot who wished to fly from Minnesota to London organized Aerial World Tours, Inc. persuading the Newfoundland Government - for a promised consideration of \$80,000 - to permit his company to print 400,000 so-called air-mail stamps of \$1 face value, which were to be canceled by the St. John's Post Office. The promoters were to sell these stamps to collectors at 400% profit! After being printed in the U.S., the stamps were delivered to Newfoundland, and the promoters started selling to philatelists. In addition to the dollar charge, there was a handling fee of 10¢ per order, plus postage and registration. Covers could be registered for an additional 50¢, and a further 50¢ would get you the crews' autographs. The company would not guarantee delivery of any covers. A storm of protest from philatelic editors, and cataloguers caused Scotts to refuse to countenance the stamp, and the Newfoundland government to repudiate the whole deal.

Thanks to Hugh Rathbun for this article.

