

NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB



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Newsletter

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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, April 9, 1991. Programme: Novapex '91 & Chicago, 1992

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The AMAZING article on p. 5 is courtesy of Dave Cooper, and certainly provides some food for thought. The poster on p.6 is for you to place somewhere appropriate to promote NOVAPEX '91.

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MINUTES, March 12, 1991: Highlights of minutes.

38 members were present. Doug Casey asked for an update on the status of the BNAPS convention of 1993. Marilyn Murphy said the club had decided not to sponsor the show due to the anticipated high costs.

George MacKenzie gave an update on Novapex '91. Doug Allen and two juniors will be guests on MITV at noon, April 12.

Two new books are in the club library: THE POSTAL HISTORY OF THE POST CARD IN CANADA 1871-1911, and THE MANUAL OF PHILATELIC JUDGING.

Joe Weeks and John Hall gave a slide show and question and answer session about their proposed group trip to Chicago for the World Columbian Exhibition in May 1992.

The regular monthly auction was held after coffee and doughnuts.

APOLOGY: My apology goes to Cliff Abram, whose spelling I corrected in the last Newsletter. The title of his article should have read: "Dictator Deposed by Philatelic Phinagling", not the finagling I used. To quote Cliff, "What phor? Phinagling I thought was phunny!"

RESPONSE TO DOUG ALLEN'S ARTICLE ON COMMEMORATIVES: Cliff Abram
Having read and thoroughly enjoyed Doug's article on the issuance of commemoratives, I came to the conclusion that it is impossible to refute any segment that he put forth, except perhaps, to say he did not go far enough, particularly in regard to what Canada has done in recent years. Not only have they made the issuance of commemoratives (if that is the correct word) overly frequent, they have added insult to injury by putting into circulation some of the most hideous stamps ever designed, including the present definitives. Before the recent hike in postage, the 78¢ stamp for overseas airmail was, to me, a banana, until it was pointed out that it was in fact a whale. In light of what Doug has written and the ensuing discussions I'm sure it will generate, maybe BANANA is apropos.

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MEMBERSHIP: Granted to Robert G. Nickerson, #886

Application received: Mrs. Lourdes I. Embil, 1980 Parkwood Terrace, Halifax, N.S.
B3H 4G3 Collects Canadian stamps and first day covers, also
Spanish stamps - preferably mint in both cases.

Bill Harper, 57 Chaswood Dr., Dartmouth, N.S. B2V 2C5
Collects USSR, general world pre-1960

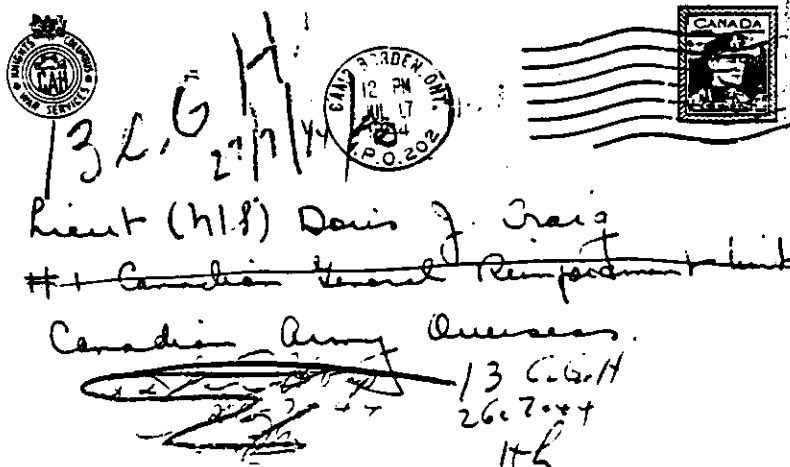
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REMINDER: Valley Stamp Show, Saturday, April 27, Kentville Fire Hall

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MILITARY COVER: Dave Cooper

This is a WWII cover mailed in Canada from M.P.O. 202 at 12 PM Jul 17 1944 in an envelope supplied by KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS - WAR SERVICES as per the upper left corner inscription. The 4¢ carmine coil of Geo. VI, perf. 8 vertically was cancelled by a machine cancel showing the post office as CAMP BORDEN, ONT. The cover was addressed to Lieut. (N/S) Doris J. Craig #1 Canadian General Reinforcement Unit, Canadian Army Overseas and was re-addressed twice. 1st) 22 ??? Hosp., 26-7-44 JM. 2nd) to 13 C.G.H. 26.7.44, HL & 3rd) C.G.H. 27/7/44/KD



EXHIBITION WATCH: George MacKenzie

This year's stamp exhibition, NOVAPEX '91, will only be a couple of weeks away by the time you read this, and a final call for volunteers is put forth. There are various areas in which Club members can participate this year, such as manning the Club Table, helping set-up, take down or even just attending the banquet. Club members are requested to attend at least once during the show to meet with old friends, view the exhibits and visit the Bourse. The programme for the three days is as follows:

Friday, April 12	6 - 7p.m. Receive entries
	6 - 9p.m. Set-up
	9 - ? Judging
Saturday, April 13	10 a.m. Exhibition opens, to be officially opened by Deputy Mayor Barrie MacFarlane of Dartmouth
	11 a.m. Junior Auction
	5 p.m. Exhibition closes for the day
	7 p.m. Reception/cash bar
	7:30 p.m. Banquet, Dan Bonner, speaker
Sunday, April 14	10 a.m. Exhibition opens
	5 p.m. Exhibition closes, take-down

EXHIBITS: As of March 22, we have 67 frames from the Seniors, 14 from the Juniors and 9 in the Court of Honour.

FRAMES: Once again this year frames will not be available ahead of time but an ample supply will be brought to the Masonic Centre before set-up time.

SET-UP: Members are requested to bring their entries to the Dartmouth Masonic Centre as close to 6 p.m. as possible on Friday, April 12. We hope to have the judging done that evening.

CLUB TABLE: We can always use people to sit at the Club Table. This will only take an hour of your time on either day of the Exhibition. Items available at the Club Table will be our Exhibition Programme, door prizes, membership forms, membership cards etc.

BANQUET: The reception will be held at the Masonic Centre at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 13, followed by the Annual Banquet at 7:30 p.m. The menu will feature a beef dinner with all the trimmings, dessert and coffee. The Guest Speaker will be Dan Bonner, Canada Post Marketing, who will give a talk on the new retail sales developments -- you know about going to the drug store or stationery store to buy stamps, don't you?

BANQUET TICKETS: Make reservations for the Banquet by contacting Russ Saulnier at the next meeting, he will have tickets available or you can pick them up at the Exhibition. The price is only \$14 this year so let's have a good turn-out. Please note that the deadline for reservations or cancellations is Wednesday, April 10.

BOURSE: The Bourse will be located on the first floor of the Centre and a total of 11 dealers will be in attendance filling all the available positions.

ADVERTISING/PROGRAMMES: Advertising revenue for the programme is now a little over \$500 with additional advertising expected by the month's end.

PUBLICITY: The best publicity is by word of mouth, so tell all your friends about it, posters will be put up, Rob Matthews will feature it in "Perforations", there will be additional newspaper announcements plus radio, and DON'T FORGET that at 12 noon, Friday, April 12, MITV will feature Doug Allen and a couple of juniors discussing NOVAPEX '91.

Those members wondering about nourishment during the day --- the Masonic Centre Canteen will be open from 10 - 5 providing tea, coffee, chowder and sandwiches at a reasonable price. In addition, numerous malls are within a reasonable distance along with fast food outlets nearby.

DON'T FORGET NOVAPEX '91 AT THE DARTMOUTH MASONIC CENTRE, APRIL 13 AND APRIL 14, FROM 10 a.m. TO 5 p.m. BOTH DAYS. COME AND HELP MAKE THIS YEAR'S EXHIBITION A RESOUNDING SUCCESS.

PHIL-A-TELIC:

Our Cover has been identified and by none other than our secret admirer who is adamant that he'll remain secret as long as he can.

Dear Phil-a-telic: I note a telaphilatic friend has a question. This Cover should have a Montevideo receiving hammer on the back. I note it does have what appears to be a transit mark on the front, also it is routed via Moncton, Montreal, Miami and Cristobal.

On January 11, 1930, a flight left Miami for Cristobal, after picking up dispatches from Panama and Colon, departed on January 14, arriving at Montevideo, Uruguay via Santiago, Chile and Buenos Aires, Argentina on January 20. The Cover is dated at Halifax on January 18, 1930.

I believe most, if not all covers on this flight were cacheted. On one a triangle was used which was inscribed - PRIMER VUELO POSTAL URUGUAY ESTADOS UNIDOS. A rectangle, double framed was also used - AGENCIA POSTAL de COLON PRIMER SERVICIO de CORREO AERO PANAMA or COLON-URUGUAY. This would be a U.S. Foreign Contract Air Mail Route #9.

The information comes from the A.A.M.C. Volume 4, 5th Edition. As for value: if he is selling, not enough -- if he is buying, too much- if he owns, a beautiful rate cover for the period.

Telaphilatically yours ----- P.S. If you are a betting man, don't bet on this, bet on the BILLS.

Ed. comment: O.K. I'm lost!

German local stamp show amazes U.S. collector

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I was there and saw it but I still don't believe it. The German Southwest Stamp Society's 91st exhibition took place Oct. 5-7 in Friedrich-

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By Les Wialick

shafen, Germany.

This exhibition was the equivalent of a local show in the United States, with the added attraction of hosting the national society's convention. Here is what surprised me.

Although only 1,700 people attended the show, the club table took in \$26,000. Twelve

Bundespost (German post office) employees were working full-time and were busy. However, the Bundespost would not tell me its volume of business at the show.

The club has 130 members, but the banquet was attended by 450 people who paid the equivalent of \$30 each.

Approximately 500 people attended the annual convention meeting and sat through four hours of speeches.

The bourse included only six dealers, three of which only sold supplies. There were 240 12-page frames on exhibit.

The entire exhibition cost \$53,000, which included

\$7,000 rent for the hall. The national federation donated \$5,000 towards the cost of the show. If there was any loss, the national federation would have made up the deficit.

However, there was a profit, which went to the local club.

The club rented the frames from the national federation for \$1 each. Club members paid an \$8 frame fee for exhibiting.

One hundred of the 240 frames were donated to the U.S.-based Germany Philatelic Society for the first German philatelic salon.

The club had to transport the frames from a warehouse

to the show site and return them. A member donated his truck and time for this task.

Club members who volunteer to help with the setup, takedown and the club table received a free banquet ticket and a complimentary hotel room for the duration of the show. The club had plenty of help.

The club sold cacheted covers from the current and past years at its table. The club also did a big wholesale cover business using the eight different special cancels.

The Bundespost was a wonder to observe as the 12 clerks canceled covers, cards and sold stamps.

I saw one postal clerk accidentally smear a cancel on a collector's cover. The clerk reached into his cash drawer, took out a deutschemark (about 65¢) and asked the collector to go to the club table and buy a new cover.

The collector returned. The clerk put on a new stamp, canceled it carefully, and returned it to the collector with an apology for the inconvenience. The clerk also added a small gift from the postal service.

It would take a committee from U.S. Postal Service headquarters and a four-hour meeting to get this done in the United States.

The Saturday night banquet had no speeches, but did have a dance band, singers and entertainment. No wonder 450 members and their guests showed up.

The "only" presentations were gifts to those members who celebrated their 50th birthday since the last banquet.

Note that I said 50th birthday, not 50 years of belonging to the stamp club or anything to do with the stamp collecting hobby. It was a fun evening.

About 500 people were present when the awards were presented Sunday morning. The awards presentation was

done with a different spirit of cooperation than I have ever seen at shows in the United States.

The program started with the mayor welcoming everyone, followed by speeches from the local club president and the federation president. Next came the head of Bundespost's philatelic section, the manager of the German printing office, and, wonder of wonders, a dealer talking to collectors.

Each person had some hard news to tell the assembly. The subjects discussed ranged from the stamp program for 1991 and why certain stamps were selected, to printing problems at the plant in Berlin, to the dealer's personal collection.

A representative of the German sports federation also made a speech, asking for cooperation with the federation in putting on stamp shows at sporting events to sell more semipostal stamps to raise money. Of course, he also mentioned that the exposure to stamps would help the stamp collecting hobby.

H. Jeager, the president of the German federation, stated that collectors ask the post office to cut down on new issues. But, on the other hand, collectors also ask for a semipostal for the stamp hobby.

In 1990, the cost of (West) German new issues, including semipostals, was \$53. In 1991, the German program will have 81 stamps including 22 semipostals, for an approximate total of \$54. This amount is a new high.

The postal official apologized for this high cost, but stated that the Bundespost will raise \$700,000 in 1991 for use to promote stamp collecting among youth. It's hard to argue with that cause.

There was a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect among collectors, dealers and the post office that does not exist in this country. I felt that I was in wonderland when dealer Hermann Sieger donated \$20,000 to the federation to promote stamp collecting in the former East Germany.

Yes, I realize it will benefit him eventually. But when was the last time you heard of a U.S. dealer giving away money to promote the hobby? ■

SURVEYS: After all this time only 35 members have taken the time to fill out and return their surveys. Please do so, if you have lost your form there will be some available at NOVAPEX '91.

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATION:

The National Postal Museum has arranged an exhibition on the railway mail service, featuring 100's of artifacts and based on the recollections of 65 former postal clerks who sorted mail on board trains. Visitors of all ages can test their memories and skills by trying games designed to reenact some of the challenging activities of the railway mail clerk. Ottawa to Sept. 2.

You will find some fascinating material covers and cancellations, as well as have the chance to bunk down on some mailbags and watch Canada whiz by as the clerks tell their tales.

THE NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB
PRESENTS

1991 ANNUAL EXHIBITION
OF POSTAGE STAMPS

A SHOWCASE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST HOBBY

AT THE DARTMOUTH MASONIC CENTRE
TOP OF MT. HOPE AVENUE, WOODSIDE

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10:00 A.M TO 5:00 P.M. BOTH DAYS
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ACROSS FROM THE NOVA SCOTIA HOSPITAL.