



Nova Scotia Stamp Club Newsletter

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UP AND COMING

Every Saturday 4pm Auction
Seaside Book and Stamp

March 8 Club Meeting
Review of International Shows
Circuit Books

March 12 Stamp Fair
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

March 19-20 South Shore Stamp
Club, Desbrisay Museum,
Bridgewater

April 9 Stamp Fair
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

April 12 Club Meeting
Appraisal ABCs, Auction

April 30 Valley Stamp Club
Annual Show, Kentville Fire Hall

May 27-29 Royal*2005*Royale
Sponsored by Middlesex Stamp
Club, London, Ontario

September 15-17, 2005
Novapex 2005
Dartmouth Sportsplex

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Canadian Postal Ephemera

by David G. Jones

In 1935, possibly because of the importance of the event, the Canada Post Office Department printed up posters for lobbies across the country showing a new stamp issue. The issue recognized the 25th anniversary of the accession to the throne.

Before the dawn of these "illustrated announcements" postmasters were made aware of new stamp issues in post office "orders" or communiqués. That news might have made it to a bulletin board, or maybe not.

At the suggestion of my postal employee uncle I started collecting these bits of post office marketing ephemera in 1955. I've been at it ever since.

It's been a grand old hunt - always challenging - with the rewards few and far between. Unlike our US cousins who have a postal authority that sells these things, we only send them

to postmasters - who are instructed that they must be destroyed after display. My searches have taken me from one end of the country to the other. I now have them all, more or less. I'll never know.

The Post Office Department issued posters for almost every issue from 1935 through to 1989.



They continued issuing information brochures though - the little PS 14's (nobody knows why they are called that) that started in 1956 - but they too were cut in 1990. But these puppies don't give up easily. They returned for a three year run as "presenting cards" and then quit. The posters meanwhile seem to pop

up now and then; and interesting, only here and there. No longer are they sent to every post office and only certain issues get this attention.

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Ephemera... Continued

At some point I also got into real postal ephemera. That means brochures, bulletins, cards, notices - anything not a poster, and not postally used or intended. My treasured keepsake is Post Office Order Number 2 issued in 1868. I've been unsuccessful in finding Number 1, but I persevere.

I'd welcome the opportunity to exchange materials with anyone, and always pleased to answer questions.

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Figure (page 1)

The picture shows the second poster issued - this for George V and the run of high values - June 3, 1935.

Nova Scotia Stamp Club Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

<http://www.nsstampclub.ca/>

Nova Scotia Stamp Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on every second Tuesday of the month (except July and August) at the Nova Scotia Museum, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax, N.S. The club publishes a monthly newsletter (except summer) which is released on the first week of the month.

Dues are \$15 per person or \$22.50 per couple (\$20 US) payable to:

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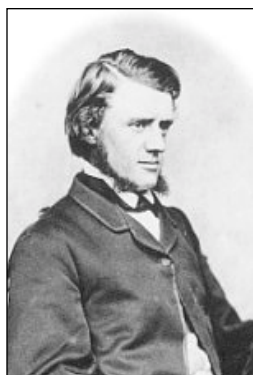
Advertising rate for the newsletter or website is \$25 (CDN) per year

German Exploration and Research in Antarctica

This Souvenir Sheet marks the 100th Anniversary of German Antarctic research. The two stamps depict the research ships Gauss (1901 expedition) (left) and Polarstern (current research vessel)



sailing past an enormous icy headland or berg. The sheet also notes Georg von Neumayer (1826-1909),



astronomer, oceanographer and geophysicist, who was director of the German Hydrographic Office in Hamburg (which he co-founded) from

1876-1903. He contributed to the development and organization of Germany's South Pole research effort. He was the Chair of the International Polar Commission from 1879. Germany's research station in Antarctica, Neumayer Station, built 1981 is named after him. The souvenir sheet was released in 2001.

The Quizzlers

1. What is the term for envelopes which have passed through the mail and bear postal markings?
2. Spanish stamp described as "Sin denta" would be what kind of stamp?
3. What does the root of the word 'Philately' mean?
4. In what year did Great Britain issue its first hologram stamp?
5. Thurn and Taxis issued stamps from 1852 till 1885. When did the Thurn and Taxis family start providing a postal service?

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Stamp Oddities

Hatem El Mekki (1918-2003) was one of the pioneers of painting in Tunisia, in the Arab world and in Africa. His works are marked of a proven plastic modernity, a depth in the topics and a diversity in the styles. His art was also prolifically used on stamp designs in Tunisia and other authorities such as the United Nations. He has over 400 stamp designs to his credit.

In 1964 he created a very unusual design of a two faced sun for a stamp (Sc. 441) issued by Tunisia to commemorate what scientists have called "The Year of the Quiet Sun" on World Meteorology Day. 1964 was a year of greatly reduced sunspot activity allowing for important scientific observations of the solar system to take place. Half the stamp depicts a smiling sun and the other side shows a disc with rain, umbrella and boots above and a scientific gauge below.

Among his many stamp designs are also this one below (Sc. 949) that commemorates Tunisia's Postage Stamp Centennial in 1988. El Mekki designed stamps well in to his 70s, the last one noted in Tunisia is a 1995 commemoration of Hannibal.



Manual Sort Mail

This is the English side of a fold over which you put on your envelopes and clip on with an elastic or paper clip. You can do this if you want your material hand cancelled at the Post Office instead of going through the spray jet automated system. I don't know how long this has been available but some members may be interested in this procedure as I know most of us prefer the hand cancellations.

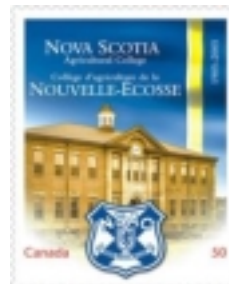


New Members

A recent membership review reported that we have a 98%+ return on membership this year, with a handful of members committed to 2006. In addition we have applications from three new prospects all from the Halifax Regional area: Roland Deveau collects worldwide, Canada, USA, Bermuda and Newfoundland; Michael Butt collects Canadian Stamps; and David Upright is a collector of Canadian and USA revenue stamps. Please welcome our new members.

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Nova Scotia Agricultural College stamp was released on February 14/05 marking the 100th Anniversary of the College.



Valley Stamp Club

The Valley Stamp Club will be holding its annual Show and Bourse on Saturday April 30, 2005 at the Kentville Fire Hall. This year's activities will include about 40 frames, dealers and an auction. The event is open from 10 am until 4 pm.

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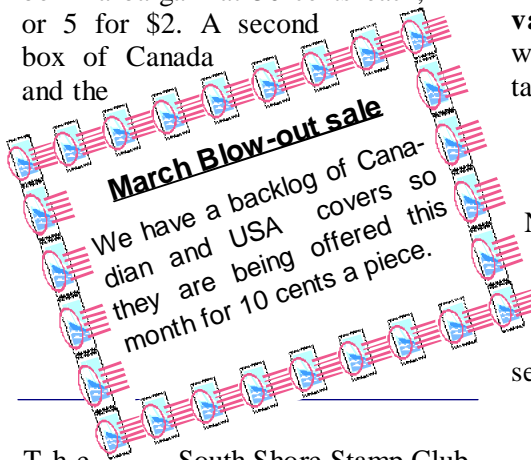
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Worldwide Cover Box

Covers are available at the monthly meeting in our "Worldwide Covers" box - a bargain at 50 cents each, or 5 for \$2. A second box of Canada and the



The South Shore Stamp Club will offer a stamp display and kids "stamp collecting" workshop at the Desbrisay Museum in Bridgewater starting on March 18th. This is not a bourse but you may wish to take a leisurely drive to Bridgewater on the Sat. 19th or Sun. 20th of March to see the Club's exhibits. "There's no specific theme, just some exhibits to the show public what our interests are." says club President, Lloyd Tancock. The SSSC is also looking for material for the children's program.

Material Needed for Youth

Philatelic material is required for Youth Tables at upcoming Shows. If you have material to donate please contact Elizabeth Sodero for more information.

Need a Lift?

If you don't like to drive in the snow or at night but you still would like to get to the monthly meetings, Let us know. We will try to pair you up with other members in your area to offer drives. Contact the club by email webnews@nsstampclub.ca, or contact another club member.

NOVAPEX

Novapex this year and next year will be held at the Dartmouth Sportsplex. **What would you like to see at Novapex?** Any suggestions and ideas would be most welcome, please contact Doug Gray or Michael Peach.

NOVAPEX 2005: 17-18 SEPTEMBER

Novapex 2005 will be held September 17 and 18. There will be the "normal" exhibition, with exhibits judged at the regional level and several dealers.

NOVAPEX 2006: 15-17 SEPTEMBER

Novapex 2006 will be held September 15-17, Friday to Sunday. Based on our experience at the Halifax Royal, it will be a regional/national show. This means that exhibits can be judged at the national or regional level. It is hoped that as many members as possible will be exhibiting at the national level. There will be space for 160 frames. It is expected that there will be several out of province exhibits. We hope that there will be several out of province dealers. It will be the only national exhibition in the east since Royal 2004. **Please make a note of the date.**

The 77th Convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada will be held in London, Ontario, May 27-29, 2005. The show will be hosted by the Middlesex Stamp Club. Check out the NS Stamp Club website for a link to Royal*2005* Royale.



Quizzler Answers

1. Covers
2. Imperforate
3. exempt from payment *ateleia* fr. Greek.
4. 2001
5. Roger I of Thurn and Taxis was knighted in 1450 for a relay post to what is now Northern Italy.



Unusual/Unique Mailboxes

This one was found on a website devoted to unique mailboxes "Sam's Mailbox Picture Collection". <http://sblom.com/mailbox/> Send us your photos of unique mailboxes you see in your travels.

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