



Nova Scotia Stamp Club Newsletter

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UP AND COMING

Every Saturday 4pm Auction
Seaside Book and Stamp

Friends of Philately - Meet 3rd
Thursday of the month at Bloom-
field School, Halifax, NS

January 7 Moncton Stamp Fair

January 10 Club Meeting
"My Cyprus Collection" - J. Forbes
Circuit Books

January 14 Stamp Fair & Auction
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

February 4 Moncton Stamp Fair

February 11 Stamp Fair & Auction
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

February 14 Club Meeting
RPSC Slide Show; Communica-
tions & Appraisals (2)- Doug Gray
Auction

March 4 Moncton Stamp Fair

March 11 Stamp Fair & Auction
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

March 14 Club Meeting
Panel on Exhibiting
Circuit Books

German Reunification, Part 2

By Michael Peach

At midnight on Tuesday/Wednesday 2/3
October 1990 a ceremony at the Reich-



stag in Berlin celebrated the reunifica-
tion of Germany. The event was marked
by the issue of two "Deutsche Einheit"
(German Unity) stamps by the Deutsche
Bundespost, which was now responsible
for issuing stamps for the whole of Ger-
many. On this date the East Germany
(DDR) ceased to exist as an independ-
ent state and its stamps issued in DDR
Marks and marked DDR could no
longer be used postally. The postal rates
were now uniform in the country. Prior

to this the two
other stamp
issuing bodies,
the Deutsche
Post and
Deutsche
Bundespost
Berlin, both
with stamp val-
ues in DM,
made a last is-
sue of stamps,
on 2 October
1990 and 27
September
1990 respec-
tively. These
stamps ceased



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Germany... Continued



to be valid for prepayment of postage at the end of 1991, although they could be exchanged for Deutsche Bundespost stamps at post offices during the first three months of 1992.

Four covers are shown. One from Dresden in the east to Bochum in the west. The stamps are DDR stamps with values in DDR Marks and Deutsche Bundespost stamps with values in DM. The cancellation from Dresden is 2 Oc-



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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 C\$15 per person (US\$20 US or International) or C\$22.50 per couple payable to :

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tober 1990, the last day of validity of the DDR stamps. The other two covers have Berlin and Deutsche Post stamps both postmarked 31 December 1991, the final day of the validity of these stamps.

Possibly a final effect of the German reunification is that from the commemorative issues of 6 April 1995, all the stamps now just say the country "Deutschland" and not "Deutsche Bundespost", the name used by West Germany since 1949 and Germany since reunification. The four commemorative stamps are shown below. Previous stamps from the founding of the German state in 1870 until 1943 bore the name Deutsches Reich (German Empire), which was changed to Gross Deutsches Reich (Great German Empire) until the end of the war. Since January 2001, stamps have been issued with values in euros, €.

IMO finds last rest in Falklands

This past December marked the 88th anniversary of the Halifax Explosion. In August 2005, The Falkland Islands issued a series of stamps on its Maritime Heritage. The highest value £1.20 stamp depicts the scene of the accident with the *SS Imo* shown in the foreground (right) and the burning *SS Mount Blanc* astern at left prior to the explosion. The stamps text states "SS Imo - The Halifax Disaster 1917 - Wrecked as SS Guvernoren - Falklands 1921".

This infamous ship was built in 1889 as the *SS Runic* of the White Star Line by Harland And Wolff of Belfast. Later sold and renamed, she had also been known as the *SS Tampican* before becoming the *Imo*.

Hurled ashore by the blast and badly damaged the *Imo* was rebuilt as a whaling factory ship and renamed the *SS Guvernoren*.

In a heavy fog in late 1921, the *Guvernoren* grounded on the rocks at Cow Bay in East Falkland. Salvage attempts were stopped after several days and the ship abandoned to the sea with no loss of life.



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Every Cover Tells A Story

by D.A. Cooper, Sr.

As most are no doubt are aware, I enjoy covers and odd items of all kinds. While I do not specialize in Canadian postal history, I do enjoy nice rate covers. To me a rate cover includes those that show a specific rate for postage and services such as registration, special delivery, etc., with the stamps used in the correct and current period. An eight-cent stamp from the 1930s used in 1970 or 2005 does not qualify. The three covers depicted are all franked within the proper period and all pay for registration.

The 1934 Halifax, N.S. to Crossetown, N.S., via Italy Cross, cover is franked with the 10-cent United Empire Loyalists stamp (Sc. 209) and the 3-cent Jacques Cartier (Sc. 208) stamp both issued on July 1, 1934. The cover is therefore also an FDC by post mark JUL 1 1934.



The Welland, Ontario cover of DEC 20 -35 is from my home area and has three stamps of the dated die King George V pictorial issue of 1935, a 3c (Sc. 219) and two 5c (Sc. 221).



The Halifax, N.S. to Clementsport, N.S. cover (right) of JUN 18 49 has two 3-cent GVI War Issue stamps issued in July 1, 1943 (Sc. 252) and a 10-cent Peace Issue of Great Bear Lake issued Sept. 16, 1946 (Sc. 269). The last low value KGVI issues were not released until November 1949, hence all the stamps are used within the proper time period. This cover also has nice back stamps including a HX. DIG. & YAR R.P.O. 05 Jun3 20 49 (inset).

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Happy New Year
2006
Year of the Dog



Notice of Intent to Change Membership Dues

A review of the membership dues was undertaken by the NSSC Executive at their December meeting. It was decided that all dues will remain the same for 2006-2007 with one exception. A new category will be added called International. This will be in addition to the existing US rate for individual membership. The cost of the new category will be USD \$25.00.

In order to constitute this change for the next fiscal year a vote of the membership will be taken at the January meeting.

The member dues for 2006-2007 will be as follows:

Individual - CAD \$15.00 (no change)

Family - CAD \$22.50 (no change)

United States Individual - USD \$20.00 (no change)

International Individual - USD \$25.00 (new)

The reason for the change is due mainly in the differential between the cost of US and International postal rates.

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. The Canada and the USA covers are a deal at 3 for a loonie!! All proceeds from cover sales go directly to the club.

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Kentville Sanatorium Cancel

A duplex cancel of Kentville Sanatorium N.S. 15 X 55 (Oct. 10, 1955) on a QEII Wilding 5c (Sc340). This office was opened in 1929, was re-named the Nova Scotia Sanatorium in 1960 and was permanently closed in 1971.



Membership Review

The NSSC membership dues drive is nearly complete for this year with only a handful of outstanding accounts remaining as of Dec 30. These will be pursued individually in the first part of January. With the hand over of membership responsibilities, there is certainly a possibility that something could go amiss, so if you think that you are up to date and have not received your membership card, let me know. The membership (including arrears) stands at 126 members with the following break down:

2 Honourary Life

101 Members

10 Family (20 members)

3 International



Liverpool Post Office circa 1920

I need your help!!

Misfortune fell upon me the week before Christmas when I fell upon the ice and severally fractured my right wrist requiring surgery. Luckily, I had about three quarters of this newsletter completed before then and have about half of February's done. I would like to solicit the help of the membership to provide me with material to complete the Feb. Newsletter. I do not require any articles of length, those are taken care of, however, items of interest - a unique cover, stamp or cancel - in a short write up (a paragraph) with an image will suffice. Your assistance will be appreciated and duly noted. See the section below **Newsletter Articles** for contact info (mail address on page 2) and deadlines. Thanks - Jeff Parks, Editor

Newsletter Articles

How about writing an article or something of philatelic significance for the fall newsletter. A typed page will fill several columns - add images and the text length can be shorter. Contact Jeff for details at:

webnews@nsstampclub.ca

Your notice of intent to submit should be sent by the middle of the previous month. Submission deadline for the February issue is January 28.

**NOVA PEX
2006**

NOVAPEX 2006

Sept 15-17, 2006

Dartmouth Sportsplex

Based on our experience at the Halifax Royal, 2006 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.**