



# Nova Scotia Stamp Club Newsletter

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## UP AND COMING

Every Saturday 4pm Auction  
Seaside Book and Stamp

**December 2** Moncton Stamp Fair

**December 9** Stamp Fair & Auction  
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

**December 12** Club Meeting  
Christmas Quiz, Charity Auction

**December 16** Friends of Philately

**January 6** Moncton Stamp Fair

**January 9** Club Meeting  
40 years of the Stamp Club  
Newsletter, Circuit books

**January 12** Stamp Fair & Auction  
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth, NS

**January 17** Friends of Philately

**February 3** Moncton Stamp Fair

**February 9** Stamp Fair & Auction  
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth, NS

**February 13** Club Meeting  
Centennial Stamps, Auction

**February 21** Friends of Philately

**March 13** Club Meeting  
Birds on Stamps, Circuit Books

## Kaulbach Island and Alice in Wonderland

by Michael Peach

What is the connection between Kaulbach Island and Alice's Adventures in Wonderland? Located west of Halifax, Nova Scotia, in Mahone Bay, Kaulbach Island served as a rustic spot for a vacation. From 1971 to 1984, local postal labels were issued by the Kaulbach Island Local Carriage Service for the transport of mail that to and from the island and the mainland. The local stamps, classified as Cinderellas, were affixed to the back of the envelope, which was put in the Canada Post mail either at Chester or the town of Mahone Bay. The service ceased operations in 1984 when the island was closed to tourists due to concerns about the increasing damage to the island's ecology. Therefore the need for Kaulbach Island local stamps ceased.

The stamps were issued in blocks of 4. The bottom of each sheet of Kaulbach Island stamps contains the following instruction: Not valid for the carriage of mail by the Canada Post Office. To be used only in the Kaulbach Island Local Carriage Service and Kaulbach Island Local stamps may be placed only on the back of envelopes. Use Canadian postal stamps on all mail for posting in Canada. In 1976 a block was issued featuring Alice in Wonderland, that was overprinted in 1977 for the travel agents visit, see illustration. These stamps in blue, show "Alice catching the baby with some difficulty", "it was neither more or less than a pig", the Cheshire cat "I did not know that cats could grin" and "it vanished very slowly...ending with the grin",

Why was Alice in Wonderland chosen for these stamps? Were the operators of the service fans of Alice?

Much of the area surrounding Kaulbach Island and Mahone Bay was settled originally by Hessian soldiers who had been hired by the British during the American War of Independence. Most of the 30,000 men settled in the States, but a good number came to the South Shore of Nova Scotia. Many of the island's inhabitants are their descendents. The current island's owners, an American couple, purchased it in 1967. The proprietors were fond of Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland". Hence the Alice stamps.



The Alice books were written by Lewis Carroll, and Alice's Adventures in Wonderland was first published in 1865. Lewis Carroll was the pen name of the Rev. Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, D.D., 1832 – 1898, an Oxford mathematician and Student (Fellow) of Christ Church. Following the then English custom as the first son of the Reverend Charles Dodgson, he was named Charles, and Lutwidge the maiden name of his mother, Frances Jane Lutwidge. The pseudonym Lewis Carroll was a play on his real name; *Lewis* was the anglicized form of *Ludovicus*, which was the Latin for

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**Alice... Continued**

*Lutwidge*, and *Carroll* being an anglicized version of *Carolus*, the Latin for *Charles*. He was also a pioneer photographer and I recently saw an exhibition of his photographs at the National Portrait Gallery in London. He invented a number of games and puzzles. A condition of his studentship was that he become a priest and to remain single (this condition was rescinded in the 1880s). Although he became a deacon, for some reason he was never ordained, but retained his studentship. It is noteworthy that when I was at Rugby School, the same school that Charles Dodgson attended, a secular rather than a religious school, in the early 1950s, some of the masters were ordained members of the Church of England. Lewis Carroll invented the world's first stockbook, called the *Wonderland Postage Stamp Case*.

Several countries, including, of course Great Britain, have issued stamps showing Alice, these are listed on the web, [lewis Carroll society.org.uk/pages/imspired/stamps.htm](http://lewis Carroll society.org.uk/pages/imspired/stamps.htm). Lots of information can be found on the web, particularly from searches using keywords "lewis Carroll".

**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 C\$15 per person (US\$20 US, US\$25 International) or C\$22.50 per couple payable to :

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

**1997 Recalled 5f Airmail Modern St. Pierre-Miquelon Rarity**

by James R. Taylor

The sharp eye of the nature artist caught the color and shading errors. The shipment of the original printing of the 5f Peregrine Falcon airmail Dallay #76A sent to St. Pierre lacked the bright yellow background color. The stamps also lacked the darker shading of other portions of the design. This 'missing yellow' stamp was to be issued at St. Pierre on May 14th, 1997. Ms. Joëlle Olaisola (opposite), the St. Pierre educator and designer of the stamp, could not believe her eyes. The stamps were too dull with the missing bright yellow color and the light shading in the design. This was not the stamp she had so carefully designed!



She insisted on a new printing with the proper colors. The entire shipment of the issue that had reached St. Pierre was promptly recalled and the stamps were destroyed by burning.

As is the case in most stamp recalls, in spite of elaborate Post Office security measures, a few copies of the initial 'missing yellow' first printing survived. These survivors were part of a small quantity that had been sold outside of St. Pierre before the recall had escaped the destructive flames. Copies of the 'missing yellow' recalled stamp are rare. Dallay values the #76A recalled stamp at the equivalent of \$US 900.

The second printing, with the bright yellow color Dallay #76 was issued at St. Pierre on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1997. This more brightly colored 5f airmail stamp is probably the one you have on your album page. Dally prices the second printing stamp at a more modest \$US 3.

**The Nova Scotia - Hawaii Connection**

Having been criticized in the philatelic press about the quality of their stamp designs and printings, Hawaii opted to take a more formal approach to stamp printing by using a US firm. Designed by postal clerk William Irwin, the 1864 2¢ orange red King Kamehameha IV, was ordered by the Postmaster General of Hawaii, David Kalakaua, from the National Banknote Company of New York. With Irwin's design as a sample Kalahaua asked that the stamps be perforated "if it would cause little extra cost".



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### Give me a "P"!!

Canada Post released their new non-denominated stamp on November 16 that will retain its value forever. The PERMANENT™ stamp will be accepted at the basic domestic Letter-mail rate and replaces next year's 52¢ domestic rate definitive stamps. The PERMANENT stamp will eliminate the need to purchase 1¢ stamps after a rate increase, doing away with the need for Canadians to worry about 'using up' postage stamps before a rate increase takes effect.



Intended to make doing business with Canada Post easier, the PERMANENT was created from a customer-responsive initiative. The stamps went on sale for 51¢ in November and will be accepted for postage after the rate change effective on January 15, 2007 at which time the same series of stamps will be sold for 52¢.

In addition to the PERMANENT stamp, Canadians will also be able to use up their existing stock of 51¢ stamps in 2007. 51¢ stamps will be accepted next year at the 52¢ rate (while supplies last), even after the January 15, 2007 rate increase. A bargain...



The three designs have the recurring themes of recent years for new rate change definitives - wildflowers (Coil 100s), the



Queen (Bklt of 10), and five "flag over" stamps (Bklt of 10 or 30 in 5 designs) that includes an image of Bras d'Or Lakes in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia (second from right above) - one more for our series on stamps representing Nova Scotia. (<http://www.nsstampclub.ca/NSStamps/NSonStamps.htm>).

*Excerpted from canadapost.com*

Yet another year has come to an end. As this newsletter was being completed I realized that I had not included much in the way of seasons greeting or a Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanza or Holiday season theme. It's hard to get in a festive moody when on Dec. 2 you can't decide to whether to hang the lights or mow the lawn just one last time. Happy Holidays to one and all as I raise a toast to you for a successful collecting year, and prosperous and healthy 2007.

Cheers. Jeff

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### Scotland-Now St Andrew's Day Stamps Competition

Scotland-Now is pleased to announce a chance to win Royal Mail's new stamps "Celebrating Scotland" in the special St Andrew's Day edition of Scotland-Now ([www.scotland-now.com](http://www.scotland-now.com)).

Scotland-Now is the free quarterly e-magazine that keeps Scots and friends of Scotland around the world in touch with modern Scotland.

Thanks to Royal Mail Scotland, there are 25 commemorative presentation packs of the beautiful St Andrew's Day stamps ([www.royalmail.com/standrew](http://www.royalmail.com/standrew)) to give away as a prize to stamp collectors in this free competition.



The artwork for the St Andrew image was by Edinburgh artist Clare Melinsky ([www.claremelinsky.co.uk](http://www.claremelinsky.co.uk)).

In the special St Andrew's Day edition of Scotland-Now, First Minister Jack McConnell MSP extends a warm welcome to all and highlights why Scotland today has much to be proud of. Royal Mail also tells us the story behind the commemorative stamps and the story of St Andrew. We also assess our connections with countries such as Poland and India.

Please visit [www.scotland-now.com](http://www.scotland-now.com) to enter the stamp competition. The competition will close on 20 December 2006 when the winners will be chosen.

Scott McIntyre  
Global Friends of Scotland ,International Projects Division  
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### Notes from the November Meeting

The NSSC Club meeting was held on October 10, 2005. A very informative and descriptive presentation was given by Jane Sodero on Czeslaw Slania, Engraver. It was well received despite some technical difficulties between computer and projector. Karen G. is settling into her new roll as master of the monthly draws and the usual riff. Oops.. patrons were the lucky recipients. Gordon Smith was presented with his Novapex awards and comments were made about his truly unique presentation on modern Botswana meter marks. A well stocked circuit book session followed the presentation.

The Executive meeting was held on Nov. 28. Much of that meeting dealt with Club finances and the "advent" of Novapex 2007 and who will be on committee - more to follow.

### Cover Box

Covers are available at the monthly meetings. In our "Worldwide Covers" box - a bargain can be found at 50 cents each, or 5 for \$2. The Canada and the USA covers are a real deal at 3 for a loonie (\$1)!! All proceeds from cover sales go directly to the club.

### Newsletter Articles

If you have an item (article, cover, show & tell) for the newsletter please contact Jeff for details at:

[webnews@nsstampclub.ca](mailto:webnews@nsstampclub.ca)

Unless of a timely nature, items will be printed on a first come basis. **The deadline for the January issue is Dec. 30, 2006.**

### Morris Moore

It is with sadness that we pass on our condolences to member Alice Moore (#539), and her family, on the passing of her husband Morris D. Moore (#797) on November 9, 2006 - age 91. As is the custom with the passing of a club member, a moment of silence in respect was observed at the November club meeting.

### Flight Stamp Sought



A reader of our newsletter is looking for information on, and copies of, the "stamp" label depicted. He writes it was "issued in 1959 to honour 50 years of flight in Canada at Baddeck, Cape Breton. It was probably issued by the committee who commemorated the event. It has an illustration of the Silver Dart [and the Avro Arrow] in flight and "Nova Scotia" in green along the bottom. I think it would be about the size of a normal ...stamp." A single copy of the perforated label recently sold on eBay for US \$36.50 - ouch! If you have more information concerning this item or have a copy to sell please contact the editor (page 2) and I will put you in touch with the reader.

**Member Dues** Final warning!!! There are still a few with outstanding dues. If you have recently paid your card is enclosed. Members not paid up by Dec. 31/ 06 will be cut from the roll.

### NOVAPEX 2007 September 14-16, 2007

Planning is in the works for Novapex 2007 which will be held in September, not May as previously broadcast. Committee members are being sought and if you have a burning desire to help out please contact the President. This will be a **Regional** show only. Details will be provided as they become available after Christmas. However, there is no time like the present to dust off those exhibits for next year.

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