



# Nova Scotia Stamp Club Newsletter

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## UP AND COMING

Every Saturday 4pm Auction  
Seaside Book and Stamp

**May 5** Moncton Stamp Fair

**May 5-6** Orapex 2007, Ottawa

**May 8** Club Meeting, Circuit Books

**May 12** Valley Stamp Club Show

**May 12** Dartmouth Stamp Fair

**May 19** Friends of Philately

**May 26** IWK Kermesse

**June 9** Dartmouth Stamp Fair

**June 8-10** Vanpex, Vancouver, BC

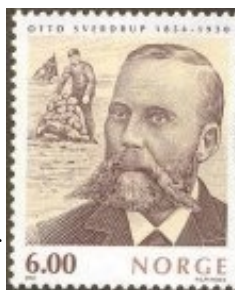
**June 12** Club Meeting. Closing So-  
cial and Swap Meet.

## Eastern Arctic Patrol

by Jeff Parks

In 1880 Canada was given control of its arctic islands by England, but took no measures to confirm its sovereignty or to exercise any jurisdiction over the area. Norwegian Explorer Otto Sverdrup (1854-1930) extensively mapped parts of Ellesmere Island and named and claimed other areas of the Canada's arctic area for Norway in his 1898-1902 expedition.

Between 1904 and 1909, arctic mariner Joseph Bernier (1852-1934) sailed to the far north on several government sponsored expeditions, having tried for several years previously to get Canada to assert sovereign claim to the arctic islands. At the time the USA was making waves about claiming the arctic for themselves. Canada eventually paid Sverdrup a large sum for his surveys and maps for him to abandon his claim to the north.



until the following year because the site was not predetermined. The postal equipment. Was destroyed that following winter when the post burned down.

In 1926, the post was moved north to Bache Peninsula (79°08'00"N), Ellesmere Island. A new detachment and post office were created. By 1933 Canada was awarded the northern territory by the World Court and the detachment

was moved back to Craig Harbour. Personnel from the Dundas Harbour (74°32'00"N), Devon Island post, established in 1924, were moved to Craig Harbour at this time. The cover at the left shows a 1936 cancel for Craig Harbour from the *RMS Nascope* and Hudson's Bay Company supply vessel. The government was using HBC vessels to move the patrol and supplies north during this period into the late 1940s.

The EA Patrol was then based aboard the annual supply ships for a time. The Dundas Harbour post office was reopened from September 1945 to August 1951. The Craig Harbour post was closed in 1940 and again opened in



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In 1921 the Eastern Arctic Patrol was to established with an RCMP presence to patrol the north and asset Canada's claim. Police detachments for customs, immigration, game law enforcement were to be setup as well as postal service. Bernier sailed on several of these first patrols.

The first post was Craig Harbour, (76°12'25"N) on southern Ellesmere Island. Postal equipment could not be prepared or supplied



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**Eastern Arctic Patrol...** Continued

1951. Post offices were also established at many of the HBC posts.

The cover on the previous page (bottom right) had a long route. Sent from Frobisher Bay c/o of the Eastern Arctic Patrol, Ottawa on HBC stationary via a Halifax post mark to Winnipeg. The letter was probably brought from the north by supply vessel to Halifax where it was put into the regular postal system. The post mark is June 16 1950 on 4 1c revised George VI Postes-Postage issues.

During the 1930s and early 1940s, collectors were invited by the Post Office to send covers north on the annual Eastern Arctic Patrol trip, for servicing at northern posts such as Pond Inlet (the first northern HBC trading post with a post office), Lake Harbour, Craig Harbour, Port Burwell, as well as Newfoundland, Labrador, northern Quebec and Manitoba ports of call along the Patrol/supply route. The Eastern Arctic Patrol vessel was designated a traveling post office, with a postmaster, from 1932 to 1947. A second postal official inspected arctic post offices accounts. Eastern Arctic Patrol postmarks can be found on mail until 1965. Mail for dispatch to the northern



settlements was routed through the Ottawa where the Patrol was headquartered.

The US postal card shown here depicts a July 4, 1934 cancel from Minnesota, sent to Craig Harbour via

Montreal; a routing stamp from the Eastern Arctic Mail Service aboard the *SS Nascope* on July 7, 1934; and, a receiving stamp at Craig Harbour, NWT on September 16, 1934. The letter was returned by the same process and the back stamp shows it was received in Waconia, Minn, on

**Nova Scotia Stamp Club**  
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada  
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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, US\$25 International) or C\$22.50 per couple payable to :

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Newsletter address as above.

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**A Review...**

by Michael Peach

***Preserving Stamps and Covers*** by George Saqqal

This guide is aimed at the serious collector, but the average collector can gain much insight and reminders about preserving a collection. It is really about paper, and its acidity, and how to preserve it. It is somewhat technical, and some suggestions are beyond what the average collector would do, such as checking the pH of the water used in rinsing stamps (who but an experimental scientist has access to litmus paper?) or handling covers using gloves.

There are a number of points that the average collector should, and probably does, know: store you collection in the dark, in an upright album, and in a relatively dry atmosphere. Maybe you noticed that some of the stamp items at a recent general auction at the Sportsplex smelled musty. They had probably been stored in a damp basement.

As the author notes "Preservation is little more than common sense with some knowledge of paper and its properties. Throw in some basic high school chemistry and physics and you have the basics".

The guide should have been aimed more at the average collector, with a series of dos and don'ts, rather than the expert serious collector would be consulting libraries, archives, and museums where conservation is a fact of daily life.

The preservation guide is available from the author (George Saqqal) at 9728 Third Avenue, Suite 556, Brooklyn, NY 11209 for \$5.50 postpaid to US addresses and for US\$6.00 to overseas addresses. Overseas purchasers remit the equivalent amount in the form of large format commemorative stamps of their respective countries that are in mint, never hinged condition.

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**David A. Cooper, Sr.**

by Michael Peach

Dave Cooper passed away April 24, 2007. Affectionately known as Cooper, he was a very active and well known member of the stamp community. He had been a member of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club for over thirty years, and was a former president. He was a member of various stamp clubs. Locally he was the mainstay of the Friends of Philately and The British Collectors Club of Nova Scotia, and produced monthly Newsletters for both groups. that always contained numerous examples from his vast collection. He will be remembered coming to the local meetings with a large case of goodies, mainly covers. He will also be remembered as a frequent winner of the door prizes at the meetings of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club.

On the larger scene, he was a member of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, The American Philatelic Society, The Great Britain Collectors Club, of which he was a director, The Auxiliary Markings Club and the Perfins Society. He was a regional judge of the RPSC, and had recently been an apprentice national judge at the March 2007 Edmonton Show. He had prepared many stamp exhibits, recently including: Where I be from – The Niagara Frontier, RCNVR/RCN in Second World War, U.K. Transatlantic Mail 1939-1953: The 1/3 (15d) rate with multiples and variations, Mexico Exporta Series. He was active in the promotion of and organization of local stamp shows.

He will be sorely missed by us all.

Our sympathy is extended to his wife Jane and the entire Cooper family.

Excerpted from the Chronicle Herald - Thursday 26 April 2007....

COOPER, David Allan Sr. - 69, Porter's Lake, passed away April 24, 2007, at home. Born in Fort Erie, Ont., he was a son of the late Robert and Kathleen (House) Cooper. He was employed with Livingston International (Boarder Brokers Inc.) for over 45 years. He was a philatelist, and was a member of NSSC, BCCNS, F of P, RPSC, AMC, and GBCC. David edited the newsletter for the BCCNS and F of P. He was an accredited regional judge and was an apprentice national judge. He was also a member of the Archeology Association of Nova Scotia. He enjoyed gardening, canoeing and taking his grandchildren on day trips throughout Nova Scotia. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, the former Jane Rogers; daughters, Elizabeth Cooper (Derrick Gray), Truro; Kimberley (Glenn) Thomas, Windsor Junction; Rebecca Cooper (Kevin Bruce), Lake Echo; son, David Allan Jr. (Jennifer Arnold), Dartmouth; brother, Paul (Fran) Cooper; sisters, Judy Bent, Patti (Russell) VanPlew, Carole (Patrick) Ferriday, Fort Erie, Ont.; 10 grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Funeral took place on April 28 in Dartmouth, NS and interment in Dartmouth Memorial Gardens. Donations may be made to the IWK Health Centre Foundation, Canadian Diabetes Association or Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia.

**Perfin Positions, A New Approach**

by Dave Cooper, Sr.

*As a tribute to Dave's many stamp related activities, I am republishing one of his many articles on perfins written for the newsletter. This one, in two parts was published in Jan/Feb 1981 Vol. 14 No. 116/117. Some editorial license was used due the reproducibility of the images in the original. Thanks Dave. So long.*

- Jeff

Perfin collectors, in their need to communicate with other collectors developed the word "position" to identify the relationship between the perforated insignia and the stamp. The question now is what is the easiest method to identify this relationship. The first attempt to identify the perfin positions was done by Major C.E.F. Salt, R.C.M.P. in 1942 who identified four different positions based on the "O" in "OHMS". Mr. G.B.D. Garrett, who had studied the 05 and 06 perfins (five and four hole OHMS) agreed with Major Salt and in turn convinced the British Columbia Philatelic Society (BCPS) to use his eight different positions as shown in below.

OH	HO	SW	WS	OH	MS	MS	HO	HO	MS	MS	HO
MS	2M	HO	OH	OH	MS	MS	HO	HO	MS	MS	HO
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H				

This series of perfin positions was copyrighted by Garrett who then transferred the copyright to the BCPS for general philatelic use. This position classification keeps the stamp constant and varies the insignia perforation. The varying of the perforated insignia is potentially confusing, in addition, the series shown is not consistent in its sequence of positions. Perfin collectors are generally familiar with the different perforated "OHMS" positions but what is the position of the stamp using the above classification.

There are many ways that the relationship between the stamp and perforated insignia may be considered. However, there are only two basic ways, namely, keep the stamp constant and vary the perforated insignia or keep the perforated insignia constant and vary the stamp. Either way eight different positions are produced. Since there are over 300 different Canadian perfin types and tens of thousands worldwide, the authors are proposing a simplified method of classification that may be applied to any existing perforated insignia.

...to be continued in June 07

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## Edmonton Spring National

David Cooper sent along the Palmares for the Edmonton Spring National which was held in, well...Edmonton, on March 23-25 past. Dave was one of five judges for the event.

Local members and associates have one prizes in the show. Our congratulations to David's grandson, Alexander Faulkner, who received Silver in the Youth Multi Frame category and the Junior Grand Award for his *Sports on Stamps* exhibit. He also received the .

NSSC Member Jack Forbes, Jr., submitted *The Role of the British Philatelic Association in the United Kingdom's World War II and Beyond Import and Export Control* for which he received the Best One-Frame Award for his Gold winning Single Frame exhibit. Three Cheers!!!!

## 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)!!

However..., lately all covers have been moving at **10 cents** a piece in an effort to turn over the stock. Marty Zelenietz, our cover care-taker, is looking for an new infusion of covers for sale. If you have some to donate see Marty. All proceeds from cover sales go directly to the NS Stamp Club.

## All Hands on Deck!!

September is fast approaching and we are getting closer to Novapex 07. We need people for the various jobs associated with the exhibition: Set-up and tear-down, youth table, club table, reception desk, tour guides.

If you are interested in helping out please send Jeff an email ([webnews@nsstampclub.ca](mailto:webnews@nsstampclub.ca)) indicating your participation and for what function. Sign up sheets will be available at club meetings in May, June and September.

## National Level Shows

There will be two major national shows in the late Spring 2007. By the time that you receive this newsletter, Orapex will have just gotten over, but Vanpex is coming up on June 8-10. Details about Vanpex can be found on the British Columbia Philatelic Societies website, <http://www.bcphilatelic.org/>. Jane Sodero will be one of the judges, and is willing to take any exhibits from this area with her that have been registered prior to the May 1 deadline. Please contact Jane 902-678-6945.



## Club Table at Novapex 2007

Building on the success and popularity of the Club Table at the 2006 exhibition and bourse, we will be again having a club table at this year's event where members can sell their material. There is no up front table fee, however, 10 % of your sales goes to the club. Prepare your stamps, covers, philatelic books, circuit books, ephemera, etc. for sale. Do an inventory, mark items with a unique code such as first 3 letters of your last name followed by a numeric series e.g. PAR234, and pass the inventory list on to Hugh Rathbun, who is coordinating the Table again this year. Helpers are also required to assist with sales and organization of material during Novapex. Hugh can be reached by email at [hrathbun@eastlink.ca](mailto:hrathbun@eastlink.ca). Let's make the table another success.

# NOVA PEX 2007

September 14-16, 2007

Novapex 2007 will be held in September at the Dartmouth Sportsplex. This will be a Regional show only. Planning is in the works and details are being provided as they become available. Please read other related notices in the newsletter and watch the website for updates. Information regarding the committee and prospectus / entry forms is available on the website at:

[www.nsstampclub.ca/novapex07.htm](http://www.nsstampclub.ca/novapex07.htm)

If you have any interest in helping out please contact Jeff at [web-news@nsstampclub.ca](mailto:web-news@nsstampclub.ca) or 902-876-0099.

## Novapex 2007 Team Competition

This is year one for what is hoped to be an annual "One Frame Team" competition. Many teams have already signed up and we are soliciting other clubs to join in. It is hoped that others will organize a team of five. Team Entry Forms, outlining the scoring system that will be used, are available on the club website, at monthly meeting or writing to the newsletter. A shield will be put up for this project, hoping it will be a continuing effort, along with individual plaques for the winning team members. For more information contact Jack Forbes, Jr - [JAFRBS@aol.com](mailto:JAFRBS@aol.com).

**Royal\*2007\*Royale** will be held in Toronto, Oct 12-14, 2007. The entry forms and prospectus are now available on the show website at:

<http://www.gtapa.org/Royal/>

## Newsletter Articles

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

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Unless of a timely nature, items will be printed on a first come basis. **The deadline for the June issue is May 25, 2007.**