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UP AND COMING

Every Saturday 4pm Auction
Seaside Book and Stamp

April 11 Douglas J. Gray - Open
House Show, Dartmouth (pg. 4)

April 14 Club Meeting
Solidarity Stamps, Auction

April 16 Friends of Philately
Bloomfield School, Halifax

April 17-19 CSDA Spring National
Postage Stamp Show
Toronto, ON

April 18 Exhibiting Workshop
Sackville Library (Details on Pg. 4)

April 25 Valley Stamp Club
Annual Exhibition and Bourse
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April 25 Fredericton & District
Stamp Show, Fredericton, NB
See details on page 4

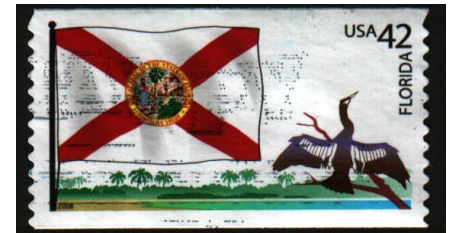
May 12 Club Meeting
Program TBA, Members Stock

June 12-14 Royal*2009*Royale
Parkway Convention Centre
St. Catharines, Ontario
St. Catharines Stamp Club

If You Save It, Its Time Will Come

by Marty Zelenietz

A few years back, I learned a lesson about getting rid of bird stamps I didn't "need". A correspondent in Iceland requested stamps showing the Anhinga, a cormorant-like bird found in Florida and points south. I happened to have a miniature sheet from Mauritania (sent by a correspondent in Taiwan- go figure!) sitting in my box of bird stamps. Never having seen the bird, and therefore not "needing" the stamp, I sent the much-travelled item on its way to Iceland. A little over a year later, I rued my rash action: during my visit to a cousin in Florida, I had seen quite a number of Anhingas. To this day, I have not seen another Mauritania mint sheet.



The weather on Monday, 19 January, kept me home from work. I had the radio on while taking care of various household chores. I was all ears as the CBC reported a rare bird cavorting around Halifax. For two weeks or so, a Greater White-fronted Goose had been seen hanging around the Northwest Arm. Speculation was that the poor bird had left Greenland in a flock of Canada Geese heading here, instead of sticking with his (or her) own kind and going to the UK for the winter. I had never before seen this kind of goose. I wanted to add it to my life list.

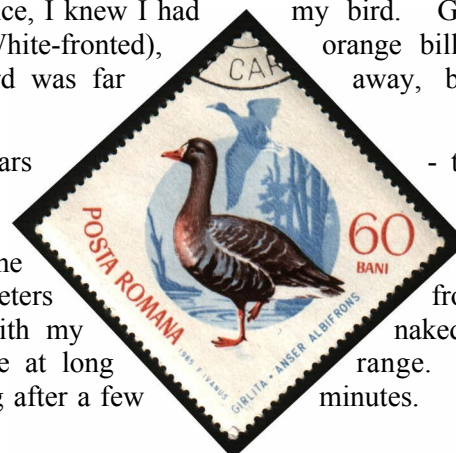


Tuesday morning, I left for work about an hour early. I found a place to park near Horseshoe Island Park, and ventured out on the rather slippery landscape. Raucous crows distracted me, but not in vain- perched in a tree was a Red-Tailed Hawk. I started scanning the open water on the Arm. Mergansers and gulls seemed to be the order of the day. There were some ducks clustered at the very end of the arm, by the Rotary. After



several minutes of staring through my binoculars and seeing nothing but Mallards and Black Ducks, something different popped into sight. Even at a few hundred metres distance, I knew I had my bird. Grey body, white face (hence the name White-fronted), orange bill: all the field marks were there. The bird was far away, but it was the bird. Success.

I lowered my binoculars. Then I noticed a bird. Back up went the magnificent goose came landed not five meters time examining it with my fine detail not visible at long presence, it took wing after a few



- time to head to work. flying towards me. binoculars, and the closer and closer. It from me! I spent some naked eye, appreciating the range. Bored with my minutes.

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A new bird on my life list means I must find it on stamps. At home that night, I went to a couple of my favourite bird stamp web sites. I learned that about a dozen stamps have been issued showing the Greater White-fronted Goose. I set to work pawing through that accumulation of bird stamps I didn't "need". Twenty minutes effort revealed I was already the proud owner of six stamps to add to my collection: one from Great Britain, two from Ireland, two from Japan, and one from Romania. Six stamps I don't need to go find and buy: six stamps that will make for a nice album page. For any stamp we have - if you save it, its time will come.

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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.

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Cover Story - No. 5 Fd. Amb. R.C.A.M.C. C.A.S.F.

by Jeff Parks

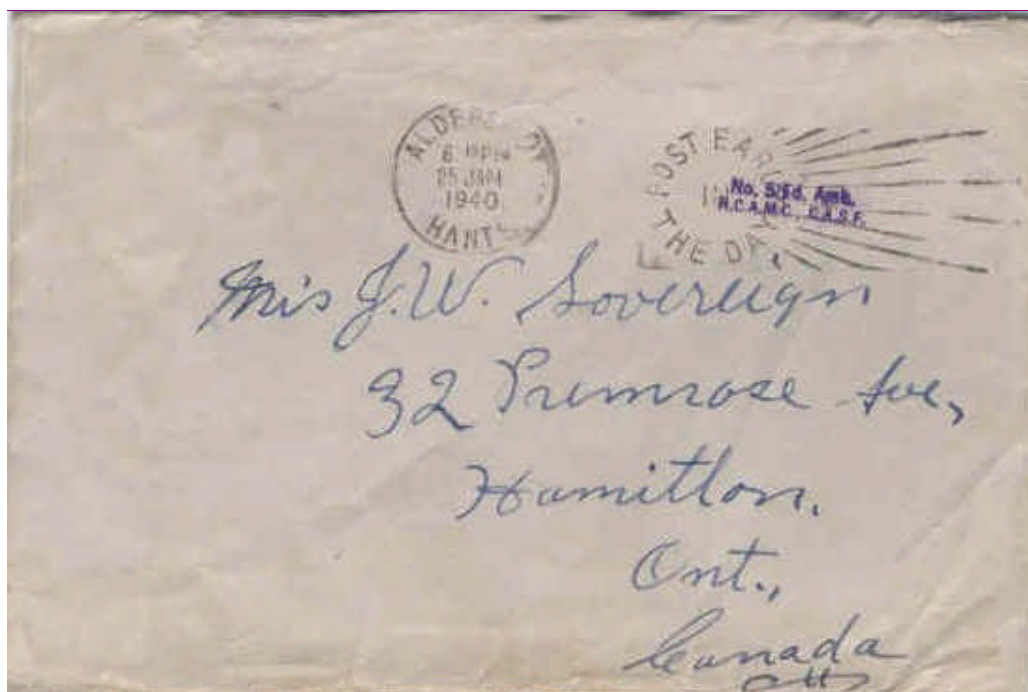
I am sure that Military Post historians would get a lot more out of this than what I can divulge but the unique postmark again sent me on quest for information and an interesting story. My first task was to determine what No. 5 Fd. Amb. R.C.A.M.C. C.A.S.F. stood for. I assumed, correctly, that since it was also postmarked in Aldershot, Hants [England] on 25 Jan 1940 that it was of military origin for a Canadian unit. That Unit - No. 5 Fd. Amb. - is the No. 5 Field Ambulance from Hamilton Ontario. The rest of the abbreviation is R.C.M.A.C. - Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps; and C.A.S.F. - Canadian Active Service Force.

On Sept 29, 1939, newly appointed Defense Minister Norman Rogers announced the composition of the 1st Canadian Division for overseas service in World War II. The Division was composed of three permanent force brigades - 1) Royal Canadian Regiment, 2) Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry 3) Royal 22nd Regiment (Vandoo). Many other militia units were called up to support these troops, including 4 field Ambulance companies from Fort William, Hamilton, Montreal and Kingston.

The No. 5 Field Ambulance Company had roots in previous bearer companies. No. 5 was raised in Hamilton at the beginning of WWI with recruits from Owen Sound and London as well. Several iterations of reorganization have since transpired. No. 5 stood down in 1919, but with a reorganization of companies in 1920 the No. 12 was renamed the No. 5 in honour of overseas service and the unit was called up in 1939.

The 1st Canadian Division went over seas in December 1939. They were camped in Aldershot, Hants about 60 km from London. Aldershot was established as a permanent British military encampment in 1854. The Division remained here until ordered to France in June 1940. Only the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade actually arrived in France, and it returned almost immediately. The division trained in England for three years before transferring to the Mediterranean to take part in the assault landing on Sicily in July 1943.

So...back to the cover. This may be one of the earliest surviving covers mailed after the Division landed in England. I wasn't able to find anything in connection with Mrs. J.W. Sovereign, but presumably it was the wife or mother of one of the men serving with No. 5 Field Ambulance. The other marking on this cover is "Post Early in the Day", a slogan that was used in several areas during this period.



Canada Post Recent Issues

March and April always seem to be busy stamp months and this year is no exception. As reported in the last newsletter, March 13 saw the launch of a pair of Rhododendron stamps at the Kentville Research Station. The stamps were also issued on a souvenir sheet.



The next in a long-running series depicting Canada's artists was released on March 20 with domestic stamp and souvenir sheet with domestic and international rates showing the art of painter Jack Bush.



The International Year of Astronomy is commemorated on a pair of booklet stamps showing the Horsehead and Eagle Nebulas behind two important Canadian Observatories - The National Research Council's Dominion Astrophysical Observatory in Saanich, British Columbia and Canada-France Hawaii Telescope, Mauna Kea, Hawaii. (April 2)



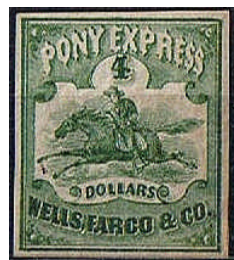
April 9 will see the release of the preserving the poles stamps - two domestic rates highlighting the arctic tern and the polar bear.

Stamp Oddities

The Pony Express was an overland fast mail service that ran from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California from April 1860 to October 1861. Messages were carried by horseback riders over the continent reducing delivery by ten days from Atlantic to Pacific via stagecoach. The route consisted of 190 stations every 10 miles - the distance a horse can travel at full gallop - for the 2000 mile route. In March 1861, the contract for the mail delivery changed hands and a more southern route was used. In April, the start of the American Civil War curtailed the route and it only ran from Salt Lake City to Sacramento until October of that year when the telegraph line reached Salt Lake City connecting Omaha Nebraska and Sacramento.



Wells, Fargo & Company was formed in 1852 to engage in express and banking business on the Pacific Coast. The Company survived the California banking collapse of 1855 and began acquiring competitive businesses. They were involved with the Overland Mail Company, and it was through this association that WF&Co participated in the Pony Express for the last six months of its existence as the San Francisco agents for the Express. Several "stamps" were issued at this time for prepaying service along the express route. A second Pony Express service was run by WF&Co between San Francisco and Virginia City, Nevada from 1862-1864 with stamps of similar design being used. Real usage is now quite rare and many of the usages and stamps have been faked over the years.



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Fredericton and District Stamp Show

Saturday April 25th

10:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Forest Hill United Church

45 Kimble Court, Fredericton, NB

Free AdmissionDealers, Canada Post, Youth table,
Non-Competitive Exhibits**Douglas J. Gray Stamp Fairs**

Doug Gray is offering an "Open House Show" at 6 Berkley Brae, every second Saturday of the month from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. There is ample free parking at the Penhorn Mall. Doug is also open to club members Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment - 461-0528.

Email Contact Information

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and we will put you on our list. We do not give out email addresses to anyone nor do we publish them without permission.

The Nova Scotia Post Needs You!!!

Please. Please. Please!!...new material and writers are required. This is the club newsletter, it would be nice to have more member participation. If 20 members committed to writing 2 articles (one feature and one cover story or other short piece of interest) per year we would be brimming over with material. Currently we have a stable of 3 to 5 writers providing material and thanks to those who contribute - like you!!!

Send your material to:

webnews@nsstampclub.ca

Unless of a timely nature, items will be printed on a first come basis. **The deadline for the May '09 issue is April 27, 2009.**

NOVA PEX 2009

Novapex 2009 planning is in full swing and we need your help. The show and bourse, under chairman John Hall, will be held on September 25 and 26 at the Dartmouth Sportsplex, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. If you are willing to take on a particular role in the organization of the event, please contact John or one of the club directors. Information concerning the stamp show will be posted in this newsletter and the website www.nsstampclub.ca as it becomes available.

Applications for Exhibits are now being accepted. The prospectus and exhibitor forms are available at the club meetings, on the website (follow the links to Novapex 2009) or by contacting the editor (page 2). Any questions concerning the exhibit regulations can be directed to Sean Weatherup.

If you are a dealer and would like to attend the show please contact Neil Bowlby - see our website for details.

The Team competition will again be a highlight of Novapex 2009. Teams consists of 5 members each with a single frame entered in the exhibition. Individual points are tallied for an overall Team score. Entry Forms, outlining the scoring system that will be used, are available at the link below, at monthly meetings or by writing to the newsletter.

The Dave Cooper Memorial Trophy is presented to the 5 winning members of the One-Frame Team Competition. Each individual Team member also receives a circular medallion.

Other awards available at this year's show include:

J. Doug Allen Novice Award

Ken C. MacDonald Postal History Award

George MacKenzie Aerophilately Award

People's Choice Award

RPSC sanctioned Ribbons

BUILDING A PHILATELIC EXHIBIT - WORKSHOP

Saturday April 18, 2009

10 am to 1pm

Sackville Library

636 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville

This workshop is for those potential first time or novice exhibitors who would like to get a handle on how to put together or improve on an exhibit. This workshop is about layout and design of your exhibit and not about the mechanics of "making" the page. Bring your philatelic materials, notepad and pen, pencil and ruler. Paper for layouts will be supplied. Cost: absolutely Free!

Valley Stamp Club Annual Exhibition

Kentville Firehall,

Main Street, Kentville, NS

Exhibits, "Flower Cart" Corner,
Canada Post, Dealers, Auction

Hosted by: Valley Stamp Club

April 25, 2009 10am - 4 pm

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