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UP AND COMING

June 14 Club Meeting
Program, Flea Market and Auction,
Closing Social

June 16 Friends of Philately
Bloomfield Centre, Halifax

Sept 13 Club Meeting
Annual Meeting, Program TBA
Members Stock

Sept 17 Brunpex 2011
Rotary Club House, Moncton

Sept 23-24 Novapex 2011
Dartmouth Sportsplex

Oct 1 Moncton Stamp Fair

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One Hundred Years Ago

by Michael Peach

King George V, the philatelist King, had become King of the United Kingdom, and the British Dominions and Emperor of India, on the death of his father, King Edward VII, on 6 May 1910. The coronation was held in Westminster Abbey on 22

June 1911. The Coronation Issue of *Stanley Gibbons' Stamp Monthly* was reprinted as part of London 2010. This is now *Gibbons Stamp Monthly*. Inflation has increased the price from 4d (currently less than 3¢) to £3.50 (\$5.60). Physically the magazine has changed vastly from a smaller size, 180 x 258 mm, 32 page black and white magazine to a 146 page full colour one, size A4, 210 x 297 mm..

In contrast to the present Monthly, the advertisements were all from Stanley Gibbons, then at 311 Strand, London, and now a bit further down The Strand at 399. The adverts included accessories, albums, a selection of literature, as well as some stamps.

An ivory pocket rule, 3" long or 75 mm, even metric measures were in use then, was for sale at 3/6 (three shillings and sixpence, 42d, currently about 28¢). This, being ivory, could now only be purchased as an antique.

There were no stamps issued to mark the Coronation. The first definitive stamps of the reign were issued on Coronation day, the green ½d and the red 1d Downey head issue, with a three quarter profile of the King's head. These stamps were not favourably
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received by the public at large, and the editorial emphasizes this. The editor was well known philatelist Major E.B.



Evans, author of *The Mulready Envelope* and other works. There were no higher values produced using this design, which was replaced by the Mackennal head issues with the full profile of the King's head that had been used for coinage

Many of the articles were serialized. There is Chapter XII of Postage Stamps in the Making, Lithography and Kindred Processes, by Fred. J. Melville. The issue included information about world wide philately, The Cape "Woodblocks" of 1861, Chapter XX of The Stamps of Paraguay – the 1904 Issues, The Stamps of Brazil, and Australasian Philately Today. Some of the topics have not changed, such as Philatelic Society News, New Issues, including illustrations, and Discoveries, Reviews, as well Topical Reviews. If

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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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Advertising rate for the newsletter or website is \$50 (CDN) per year.

District Superintendent of Postal Service
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 Winnipeg, Man.

New DLO Handstamp
 by Gary W. Steele

Collectors tend to gravitate towards various stamp and postal history collections for a variety of reasons. I like Dead Letter Office covers because they tend to have a good story on almost all of them. Also, it is still a subject in the maturing stage even though they can be over 100 years old; there are still new items to find.



Last year I obtained my first Winnipeg double circle #2. Note this is not a Barrel handstamp, as Barrels are known for the 1950's style handstamps using a device called a 'Barrel Assembly' with five different wheels. See Robert Smith's book 'Canada's Barrel Postmarks'.

The #2 and #4 double circle handstamps were proofed on December 4 1924 and November 7 1924 respectively. These appear to be a rubber handstamp as the inside circles are usually irregular. However, until the actual hammer device is found this is not concrete. It did not occur to me that a #1 and #3 might exist as none have been reported and only two of the #2 hammers have thus far surfaced.

Always surprised by new postal history material popping up, I came across this handstamp with a '1' imprinted on it. The upper letters are sans-serif, lower letters are serif. All letters are mixed with only D.L.O. being in caps, as is normal for the acronym of Dead Letter Office.

The cover originated in Winnipeg, Man. Aug 7 1929 paying the 3 cent 1st class letter rate to Ocean Grove, N.J. PO machine imprint Aug 10 1929 with the address crossed out and '201 E24 W N.Y. - c' written in. Held over for two months the cover was



then returned to the Madison SO PO Oct 8 1929, leaving Oct 9 1929 for delivery to the New York Dead Letter Office. There it was then opened and delayed again with the only N.Y. DLO handstamp dated Nov 14 1929, forwarded to the Winnipeg Dead Letter Office, received on Nov 19 1929.



No additional information about the addressee or handstamps is shown, as this would have been placed on the Dead Letter Office Return envelope (Ambulance cover).

Nova Scotians Prominent at Royal*2011*Royale

by J.A. (Jack) Forbes Jr.

Nova Scotians were recognized in several instances at the recent convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, held in Dorval, Quebec, and sponsored by the Lakeshore Stamp Club.

At the Awards Banquet, our Dr. Michael Peach became a Fellow of the Society, and signed the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists. This was in recognition of the many contributions Michael has made to the world of philately, including judging, exhibiting, publishing articles, local administration and serving on the Board of the Society.

During the Annual General Meeting, Rod McLennan of Truro, a long time member of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club was presented with an Honourary Life Membership in the Society accompanied by a medallion to identify this accomplishment. This award recognizes 50 years of continuous membership in the RPSC. At the same time, Marilyn Melanson, our local representative on the Board of the Society, accepted an Honourary Life Membership on behalf of Professor James Gray of Ward's Mountain, a member of the Valley Stamp Club.

It was pointed out at this session that, had death not intervened, two other prominent past members of our club would also have qualified for Honourary Life Memberships this year – Dr. Henry Hicks and Dr. J. J. MacDonald.

A further Nova Scotian connection arose when a previous clerical error was corrected, and Donald Climo received his Honourary Life Membership, one year late. Donald was born in Halifax, and his grandfather had operated a photo studio on Barrington Street for some 50 years.

The Stamp Beetle

by Michael Peach

The Stamp Beetle was created in 1997 to mark the 50th anniversary of the Wolfsburg Philatelic Association. A total of 50,350 stamps were glued all over the old VW beetle.

Many collectors donated stamps, with stamps coming from all over the world. Since its creation it has been seen at stamp exhibitions across Germany and neighbouring countries. It has now come home to rest in the Volkswagen Automuseum in Wolfsburg, Germany, on permanent loan from the Wolfsburg Philatelic Society.



Wolfgang Heuberger, President of the Wolfsburg Philatelic Society, gives Susanne Wiersch of the Museum the keys of the Stamp Beetle.

Stamp Oddities

Dazzle Paint: Dressing Ships up for War

by John Hall

In 1917, the German Navy declared unrestricted warfare using *Unterseeboots* (U-boats), and the allies had to come up with ways to deal with this menace.

The British consulted noted naturalists and painters of the day to develop paint schemes, and one of the very first efforts were to paint ships in zebra stripes. In a herd of zebras, predators find it hard to single out one zebra due to the confusing mingling of stripes in a herd. This was attempted with ships with the idea that a convoy of ships painted in stripes would make it hard for submarines to pick out one target - any way of making it harder for submarines to judge speed, direction, or size lessened the chances of successful attack. This form of camouflage was called disruptive camouflage. A herd of zebras is called a "dazzle", hence the origin of the term applied to camouflaging ships. The British HMS Argus (top left) saw service in both World Wars. The SS (RMS) Empress of Russia was originally built for Canadian Pacific Steamships but was commissioned by the Admiralty in both wars. For more information on camouflage painting on ships, please see my topical exhibit at Novapex 2011.



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Classifieds

The Rod Glover Collection

Over the years Rod had assembled a large collection, primarily of the Machins issue of Great Britain. It can be broken down into several large units:

- ?? Booklets, covering the approximately period 1978-98 (3 binders)
- ?? Machins up to about 2000, new and used, mint blocks etc. (several binders)
- ?? Commemoratives, about 1982-96, mainly mint (several binders)
- ?? Pre-decimal collection, new and used in album.

Edward and Sarah would like to sell these items as large blocks. Interested? Please contact Michael Peach, 832-1662,

Hayden Collection

There is still a considerable amount of material in Mrs. Barbara Hayden's collection that she donated to the club for it's benefit. Countries (mint and used) include: Canada, United States, Great Britain, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia.

If you wish to review and/or purchase any of this material contact Jeff Parks 876-0099.

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Amanda Lewis has begun a business selling stamps and supplies - more details will follow in future editions. You can contact Amanda at ARL1964@yahoo.ca.

Orapex Winners

Orapex took place in Ottawa April 29-May 1. Two of our club members received awards for their exhibits.

Gary Steele won a gold award for his "1937-1938 Definitive Issue", plus the Reserve Grand Prize, The Herbert L. McNaught Memorial award for Best Canadian Traditional Exhibit, and a BNAPS "The Best BNA Exhibit" award.

Michael Peach won a silver award for his "Redirected Mail - Victorian Britain".



"ONE FRAME EXHIBIT" TEAM

It's time to put together your group's participants for the One-Frame Team competition at Novapex 2011. September 23 & 24, 2011. The winning team will receive the **David Cooper Memorial Trophy** and individual engraved Keeper Medallions.

The winners will be decided by adding the assigned values of the medals awarded to each of the Exhibits (Plus Bonus Points, if applicable) on each Team, based on the following guide:

GOLD	10 Points
VERMEIL	8 Points
SILVER	6 Points
SILVER-BRONZE	5 Points
BRONZE	4 Points
NO MEDAL	3 Points

Bonus Points

First Time Exhibitor	2 Points
Junior Exhibitor	2 Points
New Exhibit	2 Points

Entry forms are available on the Novapex website www.nsstampclub.ca/novapex11.htm or from the organizing committee.

Novapex 2011

Entries for Novapex 2011 are due on or before Aug 26. Entry forms are available on the Club website, at the Club meeting in June or by contacting the newsletter (pg2).

Membership

David Gorsline, Bedford, has applied for membership in the NS Stamp Club. His collecting interests are Canada and Commonwealth (former).

Mr. Frank Leaman, would like to attend one of our meetings, but doesn't have a drive. He lives in the downtown area of Dartmouth, maybe someone would offer to bring him. His phone number is: 465-3793.

It's that time of the year again. Dues become payable on June 30. Invoices will be sent out in September.

Send me your articles and cover stories now. Unless of a timely nature, items will be printed on a first come basis. Thanks for all those who have contributed in the past we look forward to hearing from you again. **The next deadline for the September issue is August 27, 2011.**

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