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UP and COMING

Sept 8 Moncton Stamp Fair, RC Legion, 100 War Veterans Ave, Moncton NB 10 am - 1 pm.

Sept 11 Club Meeting

Sept 14-16 NOVApex 2018 (pg 4)

Sept 20 Friends of Philately

Travelling? Check out the time and place of other shows at www.rpsc.org/shows.html or www.csdaonline.com/shows

REMEMBERING TERRY FOX

by Robert Boudreau

My father Leonard had collected stamps and FDCs since long before I was born and I had spent many hours looking through his albums and stacks of FDCs. By the time I was in junior high, I had my own bona fide collection of international stamps. The joy for me was not in acquiring expensive, mint, or rare stamps, but amassing as many unique items as possible to fill the spaces in my album. I am old enough to remember the bags of 5000 stamps still on the envelope corners for nothing more than a few dollars at Woolco or any of a dozen hobby shops in Cape Breton. There were even packets available by country or topic at many local stores. Those days are gone of course, as the hobby (and the internet...) has evolved. And if I obtained a stamp that my father did not have, that would be all the more exciting.

When I heard that Terry Fox's mother, Betty Fox, would be arriving to visit students (at Riverview Rural High School in Cape Breton, NS – I was in Grade 10 at the time), I instantly remembered the FDC with the image of Terry Fox (Figure 1a) and Dad was kind enough to allow me to take it in on the off chance I would

be able to speak with her. She was a very kind woman and gracious enough to take the time to write a meaningful inscription (Figure 1b; "Dear Robert, Set your goals high & never give up on a dream. Best wishes, Betty Fox April 10/1992"), a sentiment which I later learned became a hallmark of her inspirational speeches through the years. Many will know that she was chosen as one of the eight flag bearers for the opening ceremonies of the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Games, and along with her husband



Figure 1a. Front FDC 30c stamp of Terry Fox (Canada #915) cancelled on first day of issue; 13 Apr 1982

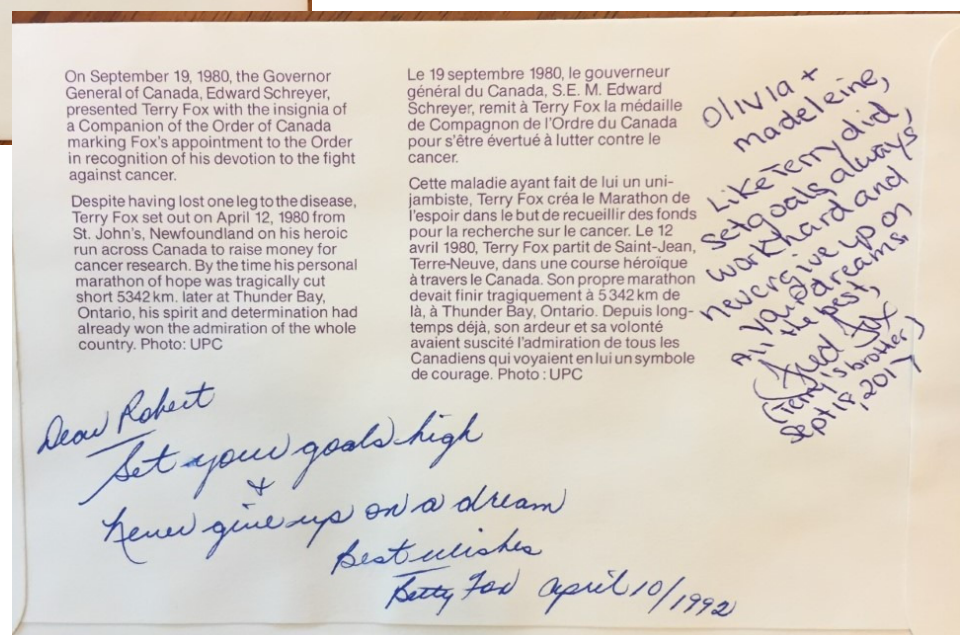


Figure 1b. Reverse of FDC showing inscriptions to Robert Boudreau by Betty Fox, Terry's mother, and later to Robert's daughters Olivia and Madeleine, by Fred Fox, Terry's brother.

TERRY FOX CONTINUED

Rolland, Terry's father, carried the torch for the 2010 Paralympic Games. She passed away 17 Jun 2011.

In early Sep of 2017 I learned that Terry's brother, Fred, would be visiting my oldest daughter's school (L. E. Shaw Elementary School, Avonport, Nova Scotia) as part of his outreach related to the Terry Fox Runs held annually across the country. I sent the FDC to school and Fred was kind enough to sign it next to his mother's inscription, 25 years later, addressing my two daughters Olivia and Madeleine (Figure 1b; "Olivia + Madeleine, Like Terry did set goals, always work hard and never give up on your dreams. All the best, Fred Fox (Terry's brother) Sep 18, 2017")

I participated in the first annual Terry Fox Run in Sep 1981 as a Grade Primary student, and later in life as a graduate student was fortunate enough to contribute to cancer research by conducting basic biomedical research related to leukemia and lymphoma. This piece of Canadiana is invaluable to our family and will remain a treasured heirloom for my daughters, both of whom, though very young, are already budding philatelists.

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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.

Membership is C\$15 per person (C\$20 US, C\$25 International) or C\$22.50 per couple. Send **new memberships** to...

NS Stamp Club c/o Jeff Parks
102 Birch Bear Run, Lewis Lake, NS B3Z 4B8

Membership renewals are sent to...

NS Stamp Club c/o John Harvey
46 Farquharson St, Dartmouth, NS B2W 4A8

NOVAPEX 2018

Novapex is nearly here. The three day event will be 14-16 September at the East Dartmouth Community Center, 50 Caledonia Road, Dartmouth. There will be over 100 frames of competitive exhibits, eight dealers, and a Club Table for members to sell material. Some important things to note:

Registration Table: We need volunteers to staff the registration table, greet visitors, and sell draw tickets. A sign-up sheet will be available at the September Club meeting, or contact Guy Jeffery (guy.jeffery5@gmail.com) if you want to participate.

Awards Banquet: Jack Forbes has organized the Awards Banquet for Novapex 2018. The Banquet will be at the new Doubletree in Dartmouth (formerly the Holiday Inn by the old bridge). The outstanding menu will be presented buffet style and features a choice of three entrees (Garlic Rubbed Roast Beef with Madagascar Peppercorn Jus; Pan Seared Atlantic Salmon with Citrus Reduction Sauce; Herb Marinated Chicken with Wild Mushroom Ragout), various side dishes and dessert. The Banquet will also feature some excellent door prizes. Tickets are \$55, and can be reserved by emailing Jack (jafbrs@aol.com) or John Hall (John_hall_13@hotmail.com).

Fun Corner: There will be a frame or two available as a Fun Corner, where club members can display a page or two of their collections, just for fun. No judges, no pressure. So if you have something neat you want to share, contact John Hall (John_hall_13@hotmail.com).

Exhibits: Novapex 2018 features nearly 40 exhibits from more than 20 exhibitors, including several from SP&M. Three teams are participating in the One Frame Team Competition: BNAPS, NSSC, and British Collectors Club.

PSSC Lecture: The PSSC Lecture is scheduled for 10 AM Saturday, and will be delivered by Hugh Rathbun. The President of the PSSC will be in attendance.

Club Table: Karen Galbraith is, once again, organizing the Club Table for members to sell their material. The Club receives 10% of gross sales from each vendor. For more information, contact Karen at kgalbraith@eastlink.ca.

There will be something for everyone at the show. Admission is free. See you there!

STOCK UP NOW

Now is the time to go out and stock up on Permanent Rate stamps. Canada Post is proposing to raise domestic postage to 90¢ [bulk sales - \$1.05 for an individual stamp] early in 2019. This will be the first bump in the cost of a stamp in many years. Just before the last substantial raise of 2014 (from 63¢ to 85¢ [bulk purchase] or \$1 [individual point of sale stamp], I loaded up on **P** stamps at the embargo deadline. I have a booklet left. Time to go out and get loaded up for the next several years!

CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME to the Nova Scotia Post: write up an interesting stamp or cover, talk about a treasure in your collection, explain an item of philatelic jargon for Stamp Talk. Write something short - write something long. Write a serial or regular column. Share an outstanding title page from an exhibit. We like everything. Email your contributions to Marty (zelen@ns.sympatico.ca) and we'll get you published.

DLO HANDSTAMPS #37

by Gary Steele

District Post Office Inspector
D. L. O.

NOV 21 1947

CLERK IN CHARGE
TORONTO 1, ONT.

ONLY KNOWN
COPY

46x34 mm

A lot going on with this Special Delivery Air Mail Registered cover mailed from St. Catharines, Ont. to Torquay, Saskatchewan.

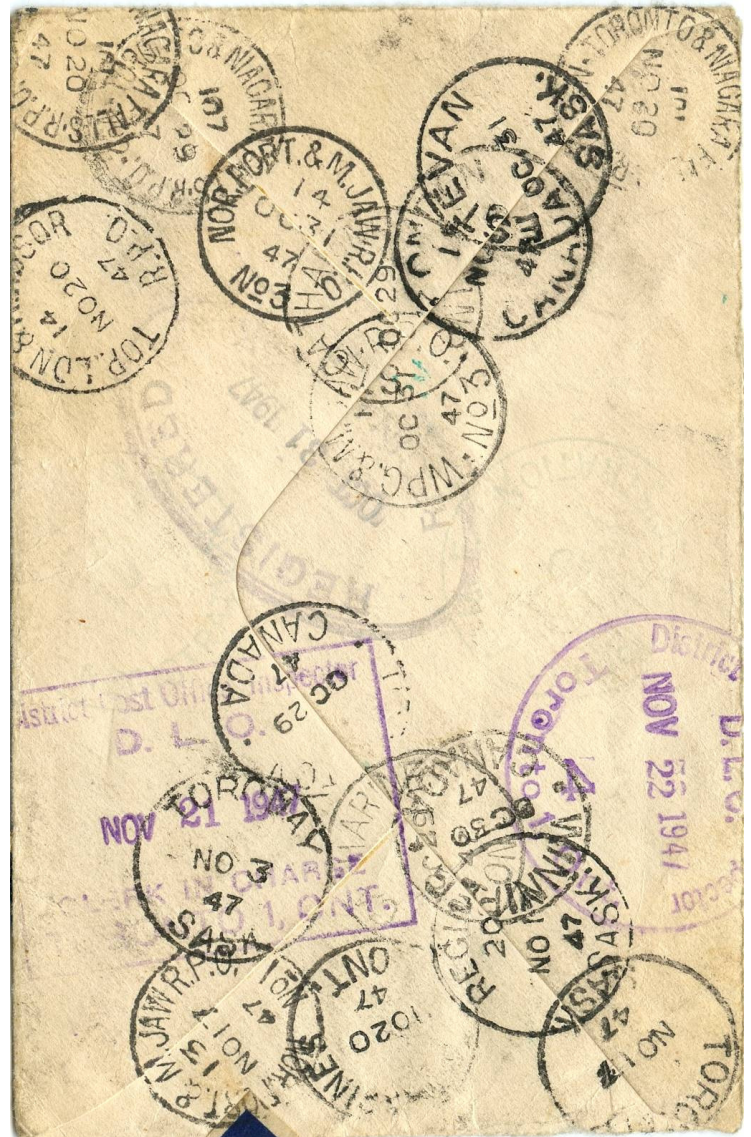
Note the manuscript '**Removed- HJ**' for the first address, a second address was tried in London, Ont. however it was also crossed out, with a boxed RETURN TO SENDER handstamp as **Mov'd Left no Address** marked by an 'X'.

Special Delivery covers are usually sent for speed, however, it took 24 days to hit the Dead Letter Office in Toronto on Nov 21 1947. Another day to open, process and remail in a Registered Dead Letter Return envelope on Nov 22 1947.

Due to the registration and special delivery frankings on this cover it may have been specially handled by the **CLERK IN CHARGE** at the Toronto Dead Letter Office.

This handstamp was previously unknown as there is no proof recorded in the proof books. There are also few CLERK IN CHARGE DLO handstamps for any city. Some are more common than others, however, I find it amazing it can still take decades to uncover new reports.

The other D.L.O. handstamp, a 38mm rubber circle with a large '4' is also quite scarce being only the 2nd report and the earliest known date.



Now if I can only find the Registered Dead Letter Return envelope that this item was used to return to the sender, it would surely complete the rest of the story.



NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION

NOVAPEX 2018
National Stamp Exhibition & Bourse

EAST DARTMOUTH COMMUNITY CENTER
50 CALEDONIA RD
DARTMOUTH, NS
LOCATED NEXT TO BEAZLEY FIELD AND
CALEDONIA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
SEPT 14 15 & 16, 2018

Exhibits
Souvenirs
Club Table
Door Prizes

Stamp Dealers
Group Meetings
Awards Banquet
Hourly Draws

Youth Day on Saturday with free stamps
and supplies for all youth participants

Hosted by the
Nova Scotia Stamp Club
www.nsstampclub.ca/novapex18.htm




NEW RPSC AWARDS FOR NOVAPEX

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada is initiating a series of new awards that can be presented at national level shows:

- RPSC Excellence - Treatment /Traitement Award
- RPSC Excellence - Material/Matériel Award
- PRSC Excellence - Presentation/Présentation Award
- RPSC Excellence – Title/Synopsis/Titre Award
- RPSC Novice Award

All are open to every exhibitor except for the Novice Award, which must go to an RPSC member. The awards will be given out at the discretion of the panel of judges, and might not be awarded if the judges deem no exhibit worthy. More information on these new awards can be obtained from the RPSC national office.

CLUB NEWS

The Program Committee met over the summer, and has laid out an interesting variety of meetings and topics for the coming year. Our first meeting, 11 September, will be our Annual General Meeting, preparation for Novapex, and a Show and Tell session geared towards our new bid/no bid auction. Auction lots will have a sheet of paper attached: if no one indicates interest in the item by marking the sheet, the item will not appear in the active auction. Members are encouraged to do a Show and Tell about one or more items they place in the auction, to stimulate interest, and bidding.

More programs for this year include: October, a return from our Canada Post friends in Ottawa to talk about upcoming issues; November, Bill Burden on Philatelic Phishing; and December, our Christmas Quiz and Social, the Charity Auction, and a presentation by Mike Pierce on the 1970 Canada Christmas issue.

Congratulations to Jack Forbes, whose exhibit *CYPRUS Air Mail Usages paid with George VI Definitives* received a Gold medal and a Philatelic Association of New South Wales, Australia Award at the recent annual Convention and Show of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, held at St. Catharines, Ont. At the same show, Mary Pugh won the Reserve Grand award for her Great Britain, George V Commemorative Stamp Issues (Large Gold).

Club member David Jones is selling his philatelic library. If you are interested in seeing what he has available, contact him at shibumi.management@gmail.com and he can email you a list of his holdings.

NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB CENTENARY

by Marty Zelenietz

The well-traveled cover illustrated here bears witness to the Club's Diamond Jubilee. Mailed from Sydney, NSW (message dated 12 February 1982), it made it to Nova Scotia without apparent postmarks. It was redirected to me in Port Moresby, PNG, and was machine canceled in Halifax on 26 March. The bilingual slogan bears the Nova Scotia coat of arms and the English inscription "NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB/ DIAMOND JUBILEE EXHIBITION". The third line of text appears to be "1922-1982". I wasn't at the show- it's a long trip from Papua New Guinea to Halifax. If anyone has a clearer strike of this cancel, I'd be happy to publish it.

