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UP and COMING

Regularly planned activities have been cancelled, as have many philatelic shows in the near future as a result of the pandemic. We will update as we learn more.

NS Stamp Club Meetings –TBA
Moncton Stamp Fair - Cancelled
Friends of Philately - Cancelled

Check out the status of other shows at

www.rpsc.org/shows.html or
www.csaonline.com/shows

Stay Home! Stay Safe!

NEW ISSUES

Juno Award 50th Anniversary

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Insulin 100th Anniversary

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COVID RESPONSE

by Marty Zelenietz

Stamp collecting has received a boost from the pandemic. Collectors turn to their stamps as a response to lockdowns. Philatelic publications and on-line dealers report that Internet sales have boomed. New ways of “playing” with stamps have surfaced on sites like Pinterest and Instagram. Our own Club has grown, even in the absence of regular meetings. So when Jeff, the master of layout on the Post, told me that May was short of material, I started working on a piece that would document my philatelic response to COVID 19. I thought I should write an essay that laid out the process of refining my search for bird stamps to add to my collection: identifying the species I needed, discovering which of them were available on stamps, building a data base that included species, country, date of issue, catalog



Figure 1

number. Boring! You don't need to know how I've spent endless pandemic hours entertaining and distracting myself. What I've decided to do is share with you some of the fruits of my labours- some stamps that I've identified, hunted down, purchased, and waited patiently for. These colourful birds have brought some brightness into otherwise dreary times.

The Bronzy Hermit (*Glaucis aeneus*, Figure 1) is a bird I saw in Costa Rica in 2011. This delightful little hummingbird has only appeared on one stamp, a 2003 issue of Columbia (Sc.#1214a). Many of the Columbian nature stamps of that era feature superb design work that depict a number of wild creatures in their natural setting on a single stamp. If you look carefully, you can also find a Broad-winged Hawk (a bird seen in Nova Scotia) on this stamp.

I saw a Grey-tailed Tattler (*Tringa brevipes*, Figure 2) in Australia during my 2017 birding trip to the land down under. The tattler is related to the yellowlegs (Greater and Lesser) often seen in Nova Scotia. In addition to appearing on this 2008 issue from Kiribati (Sc.#934), this shore bird is featured on a few stamps of other Micronesian nations, Palau and the Marshall Islands. I've searched more than four years for a used example of a Grey-tailed Tattler. Success at last!



Figure 2

The Grey Hawk (*Buteo plagiatus*, Figure 3) is visible on the right side of this Mexico Conserva stamp of 2002 (Sc.#2255). As with much of the Conserva series, this design was reissued with different values and different perforations, making the Conserva issues a collector's delight. Only this Mexican design features the bird I saw in Costa Rica and Trinidad and Tobago.

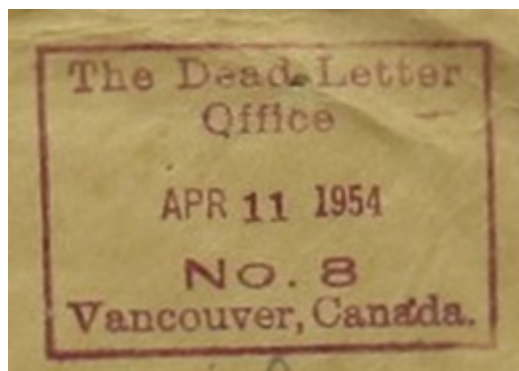


Figure 3

El Salvador is the only country to have issued a stamp showing the Tody Motmot

DEAD LETTER OFFICE HANDSTAMPS #61

by Gary Steele



47x32mm
Single frame rectangle
Proofed May 7 1952

On April 8, 1954 TCA flight #9 collided in midair with a Royal Canadian Air Force military trainer over Moose Jaw, Sask.

The plane carried a fair amount of mail, consisting of 79 lbs. from Montreal, another 454 kilos (1000 lbs.) from Toronto and another load (unknown quantity) from Winnipeg (per Bob Ingram 2014 Ephemeral Treasures.net).

One such item, an Easter Greetings card (ironically being sent for a second time by the senders per note inside) was



part of the mail on TCA Flight #9.

Fire and water damage can be seen on both the card and envelope from the plane crash.

The District Post Office Inspector from Moose Jaw, Sask. examined the contents on April 8, 1954 and included both items in a Dead Letter Return envelope on April 11, 1954 to the addressees in Vancouver, B. C.



An uncommon oc-

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Membership is C\$15 per person (C\$20 US, C\$25 International) or C\$22.50 per couple.

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and **renewal payments** to...

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currence of a SALVAGED FROM / T.C.A. WRECK handstamp is seen on the Dead Letter Return envelope. Of note is an OKC of the Vancouver DLO handstamp No. 8.

In 1948 the DLO had re-organized, reducing to only four offices in Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, and Vancouver. Several new rectangle handstamps were produced with varying clerk numbers on them, and no other for Vancouver has a #8. This handstamp has the same lettering but is different from all others in that it has mixed and heavy serif lettering. I suspect more of these similar #8 handstamps may appear on similar mail; however, I have yet to see any on the dozens of crash covers in my collection and elsewhere.

SOUTH AFRICA TO CAPE BRETON - 1894

by Tom Reyman

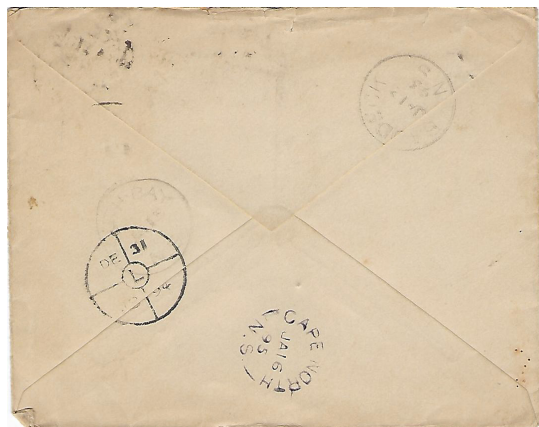
Many people from British territories emigrated to the lands of the Southern part of the African continent in the late 1800's and that included residents of Canada. There were several British colonies there among them Cape of Good Hope Colony, Bechuanaland, and Natal. The subject cover originated in Durban in Natal. This city has a wonderful natural harbour and in the late 1800's had a developing economy. Present-day Durban has grown into a major port of more than 3.7 million people and has become the fourth busiest port in the Southern Hemisphere.

The subject cover was sent from Durban on December 7, 1894 destined for Northern Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Mail at that time would have traveled by ship. The backstamp



with the "bullseye" imprint dated December 31 contains an "L", indicating it was received in London after the approximately 8,000-mile journey from Durban.

The cover was placed on a Westbound ship for the 3,000-mile trip, presumably, to Halifax, then, as now, a major shipping port. There is no receiving mark for Halifax but there is one for Baddeck, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia dated January 12, 1895. The cover continued Northward to South Bay (aka Ingonish), Cape Breton arriving on January 15. On January 16, the cover was received at Cape North and from there delivered to the recipient in nearby Aspy Bay. Even though the name of Aspy Bay had been changed in 1883 to Dingwall, the use



VOLKSWAGEN 1939

by Michael Peach

In 1939 the Deutsches Reichspost issued three stamps to mark the Berlin International Automobile Show, 17 February to 5 March. One of these stamps featured a Volkswagen Beetle (Käfer), 25Pf plus 10Pf. The stamps were surcharged, the surtax going to Hitler's National Culture Fund. The stamps were overprinted on 18 May, Nürbergring Rennen, as part of the European Grand Prix. The German Grand Prix was held on 23 July.



In the late 1930s the auto engineer Ferdinand Porsche designed a people's car, the Volkswagen. The car was produced in Wolfsburg in a custom designed factory and had a rear mounted air cooled engine. The price was 999 Reichsmarks. Red savings stamps, 5 + 6 Pf, were issued to members of the Deutsche Arbeitsfront (Labour group), and stuck on a card. When the card was full the owner could claim a



Beetle, then called Kraft durch Freude Wagen. This scheme was a scam and no one got a car. About 210 vehicles had been made before the start of the war.

The factory was bombed during the war. As Wolfsburg was in the British zone in postwar Germany, Major Ivan Hirst led a team of British servicemen that initially got the plant running again. Before the end of the production of the Beetle over 20 million had been made.

SOUTH AFRICA CONTINUED

of the Aspy Bay name persisted among the local residents. From that, one may guess that the writer was a former Aspy Bay resident writing to a relative.

The cover had traveled an estimated 11,000 miles over almost six weeks to reach its destination.

The author wishes to thank Carl Munden for the information he provided for this article.

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CLUB NEWS

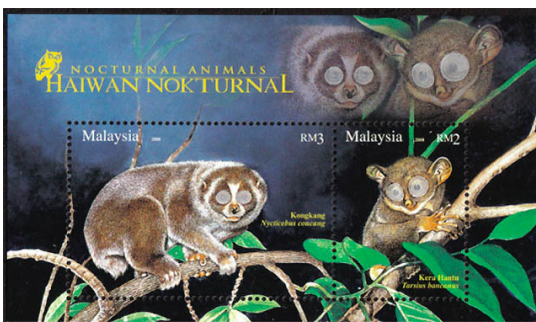
Well, we came close to having an April meeting! A sudden spike in the number of COVID 19 cases in the province brought on a “circuit breaker” lockdown with new restrictions on gathering sizes. If all goes well, things will open up again late in May, so look for an announcement of a late May/early June in-person Stamp Club meeting. Our long-delayed program on Christmas by Michael Pierce might just provide a seasonal counterpoint to what should be nice weather.

We note with sadness the recent passing of former long-time club member Chris Adams.

We have lost the storage space for our exhibition frames. The property that Able Moving and Storage used was sold, and they had to clear out. They helped us find some temporary secure storage in Cole Harbour. The problem is that our monthly storage costs have nearly doubled, from \$115/month to just over \$200/month for a 10'x15' secure unit. We are appealing to the membership—if anyone has secure and dry space available to donate or rent at a reasonable cost, we would like to know. Contact Keith at keithmackay@eastlink.ca or 902-429-6890.

Members with Instagram accounts might want to check out the postings of our own Gordon Smith. Gordon's current project is sharing an image of a stamp each day, with an eye towards the stamp's composition. He can be found on Instagram at stampgraphics.

Stamp Oddities



This 2008 Malaysia souvenir sheet features two stamps of small nocturnal primates—Slow loris and Tarsier. The eyes on the stamps actually glow the dark.

COVID RESPONSE CONTINUED

(Hylomanes momotula, Figure 4). This 1984 stamp (Sc.#1027) was a welcome recent addition to my collection, as were a number of other El Salvador stamps showing tropical Central and South American birds. My sole encounter with a Tody Motmot dates back to my 2011 trip to Costa Rica.

This is but a taste of what I've been up to during our lockdowns and isolations. I am thankful that I have a hobby (or a combination of hobbies) that occupy my attention and brings some joy to my life. I hope that your collection has nurtured you during these difficult days.



Figure 4



No word limit nor is there a limit on the number of annual insertions. Some members have expressed an interest in knowing what others collect: if you want to share your collecting interests here and include a collector profile, we'll do it.

Wanted: worldwide airmail labels, on or off cover, any year, any country. Contact Allison at allison.sueyi@gmail.com

Interests Shared

Jim McCorry collects: Canada, Scouting and Ireland. At present working on his Canadian Scouting/Guiding collection. Interested in covers with Scouting/Guiding cachets, slogan and event cancels.

Keith MacKay collects:

- Cancellations of the Gottingen Street and Morris Street Post Offices
- Advertising covers with illustrations of Halifax buildings
- Letterheads, invoices, cheques, bank drafts, bills of lading with illustrations of Halifax buildings
- Covers and postcards cancelled on US naval ships in Canadian ports
- 2- and 5-cent Small Queens with 11.5 x 12 perf and postmarked in NS
- Covers addressed to W.P. Ker in England, Scotland and China 1896+
- 1898 Map stamps cancelled in NS
- 2 Cents overprinted on 3-cent Victoria Leafs and Numerals postmarked anywhere in August 1899
- Halifax machine cancellations on covers and postcards in 1902
- 7-cent Victoria Numerals postmarked anywhere in 1902 & 1903
- Covers, cards & wrappers to & from H.L. (Harry) Hart (Halifax shoe & stamp dealer)
- Halifax Sub No. 2 cancellations on anything.

Jeff Parks collects:

- Clayton & Sons, Halifax illustrated covers - but especially **looking for** bicycle shop material. Yes! a bicycle shop in a clothing manufacturers!
- Covers/business mail of geology/mining related material in Nova Scotia.
- Covers/business mail cancelled from the LaHave to Lunenburg - any era.
- Post Office Post Cards, Wrappers, and Letter Cards - Queen Vic era.