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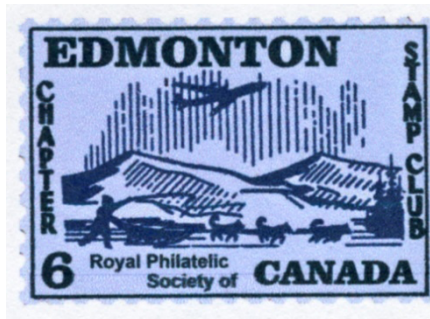
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10830 - 109 Street,
6:00 pm

Check Page 12 for meeting dates



The Edmonton Stamp Club dates back to 1912. The Club is Life Chapter #6 of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and Chapter #680 of the American Philatelic Society. **The editor welcomes communications of all kinds – letters, comments, and articles.**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



At our May club meeting, two members volunteered to contact Edmonton area school boards to make a list of school stamp clubs. We're blessed when hands go up to volunteer. When we had the Paul Kane stamp club visit us in April, there was such an awareness of sharing resources. Plus future members who will add to the collective knowledge base.

Speaking of new members, I look forward to welcoming Dora to our club at a future meeting. I wonder what her stamp collecting interests are? Stay tuned.

We started a table for discussion of member interests at our last meeting. Your President (me) was one of the ones who sat there and discussed his interest in World War II naval covers. Anyhow, the table is behind where Diane sits to sell 50/50 and where Brian gives out sales money.

Reminder: elections 23 June.

Happy collecting.

Be like a postage stamp. Stick to one thing until you get there. Josh Billings.

David V. Pattison
President



Maps on Stamps

Tim Graff

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With the advent of GPS maps built into our smartphones, the need for physical maps and a copilot (code name for “wife”) to read those maps while driving, has largely disappeared. Even so, most of us who belong to this grand club grew up with those physical maps, and I suspect, also enjoyed scanning them for all their juicy details.

Like my grandson, who even today enjoys drawing maps at the age of six, I also remember drawing maps as a child. For me they became a picture of a place I had never been to. Later, it would become a safe way to travel to places in the world I would never risk going to. As I got older, the map became more limited to practical matters like determining the best route from point A to point B.

It is with this in mind that I began to think about maps that have been pictured on stamps. Apparently, this is actually a specialized area within the hobby, known as “Cartophilately.” To illustrate the passion that some people have for this subsection of our hobby I draw your attention to a man by the name of Allan Lee.

For thirty-four years he researched this topic of maps on stamps and in 1977 donated to the Smithsonian Institute his life’s work in twenty-six volumes. His collection included some 7500 examples of mainly accurate maps, but also some showing the inaccuracy of maps on stamps. A more detailed article on his collection

can be found at this web address:

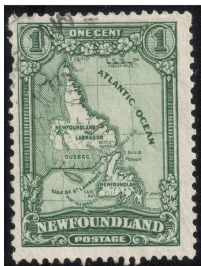
[https://postalmuseum.si.edu/exhibition/allan-lee-collection-of-map-stamps-volume-6.](https://postalmuseum.si.edu/exhibition/allan-lee-collection-of-map-stamps-volume-6)

These maps on stamps offer us numerous insights. Allow me to mention just a couple. They can sometimes help us see the growth or changes in a country, like this set below from Canada illustrating the evolution of our country.



Some map stamps show us the darker times in human history when dictators and foreign armies overwhelmed nations.

Colnect currently lists over 21,000 stamps in this thematic category. If you had asked me how many map stamps Canada had I would never have guessed that there were actually 227 stamps connected to this theme. I'll leave you with some Canadian and Newfoundland samples.



(Left) Map of Newfoundland and Labrador with re-entry doubling on the Map.

(Right) 1898 Canada Map Stamp - Plate position 89 Re-entry,

Oceans in Lavender





This 12c dark blue, perf. 12 stamp showing a map of Canada (Scott 145) was issued 29 June 1927 as the highest denomination of a 5-stamp set commemorating the 60th year of the Canadian

Confederation.

John-Paul commented that my articles are refreshingly short. Perhaps if I had as much experience in stamp collecting as I do in preaching, my articles would be as long as a sermon. You can thank God this is not the case.

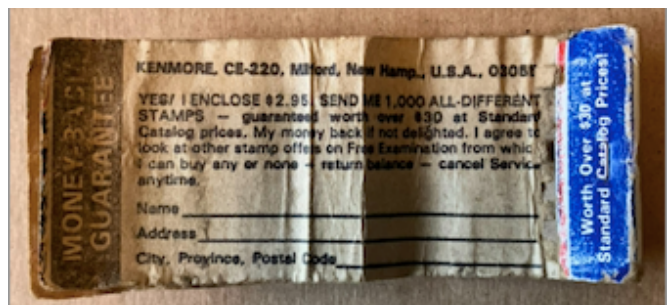
Member #2609...oh ya...Brian told me I'm now #2613!

Tim Graff

The Good Old Days

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A coworker found this in a ceiling space. He saved it and gave it to me knowing that I'm a stamp collector. Stamp collecting was so popular with smokers that stamps were advertised on match packs.



A First in First Day Covers

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I will start out by saying that I am not a First Day Cover collector. This does not mean that I do not have First Day Covers in my collection. If someone gives me a First Day Cover I will certainly thank them and give it a home in my collection. Generally speaking, I do not buy them. They take up more space than a stamp, and my collection has outgrown the shelf I put them on. Also, they are more expensive than stamps and I already spend way too much on stamps and the supplies that one needs to collect them.

This USA First Day Cover is the only one I have ever purchased. It is not an expensive cover, but it has a lot going for it in the interest department. It celebrates Canada's centennial. The cachet is a picture of Canada's Fathers of Confederation. (I will assume it is a real picture of the Fathers of Confederation even though there were a couple of 1897 Newfoundland stamps that were printed in the USA that were not what they purported to be.) Unfortunately, the picture does not include Joey Smallwood, because Newfoundland joined Canada in 1949. (Nowadays we could just morph him into the picture.)

The most interesting thing about this First Day Cover is that it is the first US stamp to have first day ceremonies and cancellation on foreign soil - in Montreal. Canada. This is not a rare or expensive First Day Cover. However, like most things philatelic, it shows that you don't have to bankrupt yourself to have something interesting in your collection.

The Editor as Predator

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This is a shorter issue than most of the ones I have been producing. I thought of the last issue as a real blockbuster, twenty pages, with two long articles that I thought were fantastic. There was so much excellent material that I had to postpone Tim Graff's submission about maps on stamps from the previous to the present issue. One of my long articles last issue, the one on Keith Spencer, was reprinted from a very old issue of this very *Bulletin*. Sometimes I like to scavenge.

But I am really looking for live prey, i.e., authors who will feed me and our *Bulletin*. So if you have something you think will interest other club members, please write it up and submit it to me. I have years of experience fixing up people's writing, so you won't embarrass yourself if you misspell "embarass" or confuse "it's" with "its" or aren't sure whether to capitalize a particular Word or Not.

When you submit to our *Bulletin* you immediately achieve philatelic fame. Of course the same is true if you win the 50/50 and your picture appears in the *Bulletin*; but authorship is the better route to follow. There is nothing you can do that will guarantee you win the 50/50. But it's (its?) in your own power and agency to make yourself one of those famous people of whom collectors worldwide will say "Did you see x's article in the *ESC Bulletin*? Wow!"

So please contribute. Smokey Bear (where is he now when we need him?) used to say: "Only *you* can prevent forest fires." Your editor says: "Only *you* can make the *Bulletin* interesting."

Pin-Wheel Word Puzzle
By Tony Doughty

Pin-Wheel



A diagram of a pin-wheel word puzzle. It consists of a central circle containing the letter 'T'. This central circle is connected by lines to eight surrounding circles. Starting from the top and moving clockwise, the letters in the surrounding circles are: 'I', 'L', 'L', 'A', 'E', 'P', 'H', and 'Y'.

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**How many word of four or more letters
can you compose from the letters in the
Pin-Wheel above? All words must
contain the letter T from the hub.
There is at least one nine letter word.**

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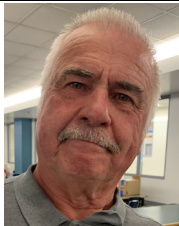
Host Hotel: Prestige Vernon Lodge Conference Centre

Resv. 250 - 545 - 3385 reservation code: BNAPS

More info: www.bnaps.org email: bnaps-pnw@shaw.ca

- A headline on the website of *Canadian Stamp News* reads: "Postal dispute stalls over arbitration terms." Hmm. I thought the big issue was that there was a shortage of Sharpie markers for cancelling stamps.
- Subscribers to *CSN* can read what looks to be an article both interesting and timely: "HBC's Legacy through Postal History."
- A 22-minute video from the CBC on why people still collect stamps: <https://vicstamps.com/cbc-news-why-people-still-collect-stamps/>
- A question to reflect upon: "When was the last time you received a piece of mail with a commemorative stamp decently cancelled?"
- Want to keep up with all the auctions? Here's how: <https://stampauctionnetwork.com/auctions.cfm>
- On 10 June, the US released a Barbara Bush forever stamp. Read all about it: <https://stamps.org/news/c/news/cat/us-new-issues/post/usps-presents-barbara-bush-commemorative-forever-stamp>

The Winners

			
Arif Sheena won the door prize on 26 May	Ian Campbell won \$35 in the 50/50, 26 May	Dave Hetke won the door prize on 9 June	Brian Heibert, our treasurer, won \$26.50 in the 50/50 on 9 June



Pin-Wheel Word Puzzle - Solution
By Tony Doughty

Alet, Alit, Aptly, Atil, Elat, Ethyl, Halt, Hate, Heat, Hilt, Hyet, Hyle, Iltth, Itea, Lahit, Laity, Late, Lately, Lath, Lathe, Lathl, Lathy, Latl, Leapt, Leith, Lept, Lethal, Lilt, Lite, Lithe, Littely, Pallet, Peaty, Petal, Philately, Piety, Pitthy, Plait, Plate, Playlet, Pleat, Tael, Tail, Tale, Tally, Tape, Teal, Tell, Telly, Tepa, Tepal, Thail, Thea, They, Thill, Ttle, Type, Yate, Yetl, All words contain the letter T. The longest Word is PHILATELY

Pin-Wheel - Solution

Meeting Dates

The Edmonton Stamp Club meets Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of St. Joseph High School, 10830-109 Street. Park to the north of the school and use the main entrance at the southeast corner of the school. For information about the club call 780-467-4825 or 780-437-1787.

2024-25

Only one meeting left this season: 23 June
And it's election day!

2025-26

8 and 22 September
3 and 17 November
12 and 26 January
9 and 30 March
11 and 25 May

6 and 20 October
1 and 15 December
9 and 23 February
13 and 27 April
8 and 22 June

DUES ARE DUE

30 JUNE FOR 2025-2026 CLUB YEAR

Individual \$35, Family \$45

+ \$10 fee for printed and mailed *Bulletin*
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SUMMER AUCTION, MONDAY 14 JULY

From 5:00 until 10:00 at Central Lion's Recreation Center, 11113-113 St.