

WEST COAST



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The Meeting is on in Chilliwack - again

April 29, 30 & May 1 - circle the dates on your calendar. The agenda - as we know it thus far - and registration form will appear later in this issue.

The meeting is to be held at the Best Western Hotel - 43971 Industrial Way just off the highway. The phone number is 1 877 722 3997 - mention BNAPS although saying the stamp collecting group would probably be understood better at the desk - we have a rate of \$99 per night plus the usual taxes. If you ask they will give that rate for a day or so on either end if you wish.

To get there from the Vancouver area:

Get on Trans-Canada Hwy/BC-1 E .

Follow Trans-Canada Hwy/BC-1 E to

Lickman Rd in Chilliwack. Take exit 116

from Trans-Canada Hwy/BC-1 E

Continue on Lickman Rd. Drive to Industrial Way.

To get there from Hope:

Get on Trans-Canada Hwy/BC-1 W

Follow Trans-Canada Hwy/BC-1 W to

Lickman Rd in Chilliwack. Take exit 116

from Trans-Canada Hwy/BC-1 W

Drive to Industrial Way

We will follow the format developed over the past few years - as usual this will be a topic for the business meeting.

We will meet as we arrive and register -

Friday afternoon or evening at the hotel. The hospitality room will be open from 4:00 PM, closing for supper then reopening after

supper until we decide to retire usually about 10 o'clock.

Saturday morning will see presentations - see the agenda - check to see what has transpired for planning partner activities for this time.

Last year there were only two partners and they decided to come to the philatelic sessions. Let us know by the end of March if someone is coming with you that would like to be involved in a partners activity.

Saturday afternoon will see Ken Pugh take the hardy souls from his morning photography session off to the sanctuary to practice their new skills. The rest will visit local points of interest, including the local museum.

There will be the usual banquet with a guest speaker. The hospitality room will open after this event finishes.

Sunday morning will see more philatelic presentations - a business meeting - clothes line and general wrap up with the session ending at noon.

Please register early if planning to stay at the hotel as the hotel has warned us they expect to be full for that weekend and cannot guarantee rooms after March. Also they have limited pet rooms available so first come first served in that aspect of travelling.

Please complete the enclosed registration form and send it to Shirley Ann Frick at the address on the masthead of this newsletter - feel free to contact Peter or Shirley Ann if you have any queries.

**AGENDA APRIL MEETING PACIFIC
NORTHWEST REGIONAL GROUP
CHILLIWACK**

Friday April 29, 2016

Arrive during the afternoon or evening -
meals as groups develop - hospitality room
available from 4:00 PM for registration etc.

Saturday April 30, 2016.

8:30 AM group meets in conference room in
hotel Opening remarks and notices

8:35 - 9:25 AM presentation Tim Woodland -
Philately of Deltiology - a tip of the hat (and
a prize to the first member to tell me what
that means in English (according to Tim).

9:25-9:35 AM break

9:35 - 10:25 Presentation Ron Leith -

10:25 10:35 break

10:35- 11:45 Member, Ken Pugh, who also
happens to be a world renown bird
photographer will instruct a group of
interested members preparatory to going out
to practice in the afternoon. You will need
your photographic equipment. Ken says
binoculars would be good for the afternoon
session.

Those remaining will deal with philatelic
presentations supplied by John Burnett.

11:45 - announcements before lunch time
12:00-1:00?? Lunch probably at the hotel.

Saturday PM

Ken Pugh's group heads out -we can't
arrange transportation until we know the
numbers involved.

The other group will head for their venues ,
including the Chilliwack museum. Also
transportation to be arranged.

These activities are planned to end before the
supper hour. The **banquet** will be at
Bozzini's Restaurant - #4 45379 Hocking
Ave. 604-792-0744. We plan to arrive about
6:00 pm. We will be ordering off the menu
which includes steaks, souvlaki, stir fry, ribs,
chicken, seafood and pasta. If you would
like to see the menu their web site is:
bozzinisrestaurant.ca/menu/. When we have
finished our meals the guest speaker, Sonny
McHalsie, the cultural/historical director of
the Sto'lo Nation will address the group.
The Hospitality room will open after the
banquet is over.

Sunday May 1, 2016

8:30AM meet in conference room - partners
are on their own but most welcome at the
main session.

Opening remarks and notices

8:35 - 9:25 AM philatelic presentation - Ken
Pugh - A progress report on the series -
Reference Manuals of BNA Fakes,
Forgeries and Genuine. This could turn into a
workshop session if members bring items
that they wish some help with.

9:25 - 9:35 break

9:35 - 10:10 clothes line - members bring
items of interest to the group for
presentation.

10:10-10:20 break

10:20-11:00 business meeting - if you know
of items you wish on the agenda please
contact the Chairman so they can be included
on the last version of the agenda, which will
be in your registrations package. The agenda
will include- A discussion of the future of the
group. Should we meet again and where
remembering the last direction from previous
meetings would have us somewhere in the

interior. When to meet should involve a wee bit of discussion - we have heard from a number of members on this issue. Services we can supply to other collectors or members is a topic suggested for inclusion. Let me know if there are things anyone thinks should be discussed.

If there is time remaining for another philatelic presentation we will use another of the programs supplied by John Burnett. Noon conference ends.



A short synopsis of Semi-Official Airmail Service by B.C. Airways Limited

British Columbia Airways Limited began operations in 1928 out of the Lansdowne airfield in Victoria, B.C. offering air travel from B.C.'s capital to Vancouver and Seattle. Formed by the Eve brothers of Victoria, the airline operated using just one aircraft, a Ford 4-AT-B Tri-motor built by the Stout Metal Airplane Company of Dearborn, Michigan. The plane arrived in Victoria on July 23, 1928 and the company began carrying passengers later that day.

In addition to passengers, B.C. Airways sought post office approval to issue its own airmail stamp and carry mail between Victoria and Vancouver and they carried some 396 first flight covers on their July 23rd flight from Victoria to demonstrate the feasibility of doing so. Shortly thereafter the airline received approval to carry airmail and to issue its own semi-official airmail stamp to as a fee for conveying mail. B.C. Airways quickly produced a blue five cent airmail stamp and these were to be applied to the back of letters at one stamp per ounce of mail carried. Regular government postage was, of course, also required to be paid in addition to the semi-official stamp.

On August 3, 1928 the airline conducted its first regular flight with mail franked with its stamps and some 496 covers are reported as having been carried. Sadly, the company's semi-official airmail service lasted for just 23 days, when the operation tragically ended with the crash of the company's only aircraft on August 25, 1928 in the Strait of Juan de Fuca near Port Townsend, Washington. Given their short life span, examples of mail carried by the airline other than on its August 3rd first flight are very difficult to find.



Above is an example of mail carried by the airline on August 8th, five days after service began. Note that the cover was two ounces, requiring both double the airmail fee and double the regular postage. As this cover illustrates, although semi-official airmail stamps were supposed to be placed on the back it would seem that the post office did not rigidly enforce this requirement.



Mailed on August 11th at 4:00 p.m. the above cover illustrates mail carried from Vancouver to Victoria and nicely illustrates the expediency that the airmail service provided as it bears a receiving cancel in Victoria just one hour later!



Mailed on August 25, this cover captures the sudden demise of B.C. Airways. The sender of this cover could not have known of the airline's fate and posted it with the intention of having it quickly delivered using both special delivery and airmail service. However, it was on this day at about 10:00 a.m. that the company's only aircraft crashed with all on board killed. With the loss of their only aircraft and principle air crew, the airline never again flew, bringing an end to this interesting yet short-live airmail service in British Columbia.

submitted by Tom Watkins

DUES NOTICE

If you are wondering if you are paid up contact Shirley Ann. It is my understanding that our payment structure features anything from several years in arrears to paid up several years in advance. The \$10 helps with conference expenditures and for sending things like these newsletters.

Wanted – Information on Angus McMillan who produced Cacheted Patriotic WWII covers from Ladysmith, Vancouver Island. Anyone willing to share info., or knows of anyone with info. they are willing to share, please contact Bill Verbruggen at Verbill@dccnet.com. Also am looking for his covers to complete my collection. Willing to trade or buy.

Tech Help

Would someone like to do a blurb or presentation on use of computers in collecting or some aspect of how computers have impacted our collecting practices? It seems to me on discussing this idea that there are many and varied ways the Philatelic community utilizes computers - often with many frustrations involved. While some of us follow the "Duffy" line of dealing with computers, hah, many others have made them a vital part of the collecting process. It would be nice if some knowledgeable soul would enlighten the masses.

ALL NATIONS AUCTION SUCCESS

The March 12th auction from All Nations was a huge success according to regional group member, Brian Grant Duff. The highlight was a letter signed by John Gassy Jack Deighton, March 11th, 1875. Part of the Wellburn Collection being auctioned by All Nations. It had been estimated to sell for \$2000 and actually realized \$44,000. Another Wellburn item, Wells Fargo 1868 realized \$1705.00. A Newfoundland reprint proof set of 10 realized \$1485 from an estimate of \$100. Cape of Good Hope #10 on piece went for \$2090 from an estimate of \$500.

On the coin side, Canada uncirculated 1948 Voyageur silver dollar went for \$1320 from an estimate of \$1000.

Hudson's Bay Company uncirculated 1820 5 shillings estimated at \$500 realized \$1597 and Hudson's Bay 25 c card money estimated at \$500 realized \$1375.

Art Ross and Lester Patrick early 1900 hockey cards also went for well over the estimate.

If you are interested in viewing his current auction or more results from the Mar 12 auction his website is: <http://www.allnationsstampandcoin.com/auction.html>

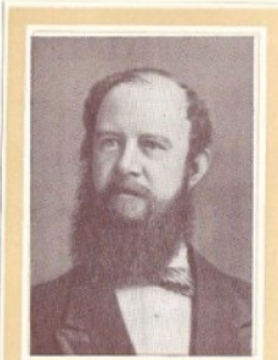
Gassy Jack Letter is on Vancouver Metro News:

<http://www.metronews.ca/news/vancouver/>

and in the Vancouver Sun:

<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/metro/>





Anthony Musgrave, C.M.G.
(1869-71.)

APR. 1870-O.H.M.S. LETTER FROM SIR ANTHONY MUSGRAVE, GOV. OF B.C.

add as an enclosure a

On Her Majesty's Service.

The Hon.

The Attorney General,

&c., &c., &c.,

VICTORIA.

Gov. of B.C.

Governor's Office,
Victoria, *15th Apr.* 1870.

[Signature]

IN Aug. 1869 Governor Musgrave visited Jeremiah Rogers logging and watched teams of oxen drag logs and spars to the water.

He inspected Capt. Stamp's new Hastings Mill, opened June 1867.

He crossed Burrard Inlet to Moody's steam sawmill.

He was surprised at the huge trees and excellent harbour, and he agreed to the survey of a townsite.

www.AllNationsStampandCoin.com Auction Noon Saturday 19 March 2016

Men say that women should come with instructions...


What's the point of that? have you ever seen a man

Actually read the instructions?



To all those people that make me laugh and Smile:

I couldn't live without you.



March 2016 RICHPEX Auction

Our auction features outstanding Canada & US Postal History, Postcards, Canada & Worldwide stamps, documents, philatelic reference books, and at least 800 intact collections to satisfy the most discerning collector.



Registered 1½ ounce triple rate cover posted at VANCOUVER on November 20, 1906 and addressed to MITCHAM England. Routed via MONTREAL on November 26th and sent to the MONTREAL Dead Letter Office for Customs inspection. Re-posted the next day with three rare #OX2 Official Seals tied by MONTREAL-BRANCH-DLO double oval handstamps. Also note a Montreal DLO wax seal on back and MITCHAM arrival backstamp on December 8th. The only reported cover with three #OX2 Official Seals.

Consignments & Catalogs

The consignment deadline is September 1st each year. Catalogs arrive four months later in January along with internet bidding at Stamp Auction Network. New clients, please order your free catalog early as they quickly sell out.

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REGISTRATION FOR PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGIONAL GROUP ANNUAL MEETING

name Member or Associate member

Partner - if attending

Registration for entire conference _____ @ \$90 _____

of

(includes conference room, hospitality room, banquet etc)

registration for partner or guest for banquet only @ \$34 _____

registration for banquet, hospitality room and activities @ \$45 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED - _____

I Wish to be included in the photography session Saturday _____

(if more than one person is choosing this option please indicate)