

# WEST COAST



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## Penticton Here We Come

Remember to mark the calendar for the last weekend in September for our annual meeting, the first under the new format voted for last year.

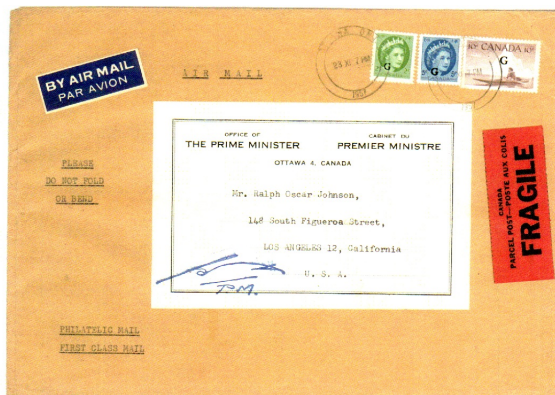
Details for Days Inn are in the last two newsletters I try to explain elsewhere in this issue why they are not here but here is what I have - Days Inn -Penticton - reservation phone 250 493 6616 mention you are with the Pacific Northwest Regional Philatelic Group. We had a number of rooms reserved at a special rate but the deadline for the special rate ended in March. Some information re rooms - all are 340 square feet - have fridge and coffee maker - wi- fi, parking and a continental breakfast included - heated pool - hot tub- grassed and landscaped courtyard - fitness room and an award winning restaurant.

The registration form is enclosed - the amount charged includes banquet - hospitality room and other charges for meeting expenses. If partners are planning on the full program they can be added to one registration form with payment for two. Please send completed forms and checks to Shirley Ann Frick.

## Postal Trivia From Bill Pekonen

Inserted in various places in the newsletter are some short items sent in by Bill Pekonen

1. Cross Border Cover 7.5 X 9.75 large envelope mailed from Ottawa to Los Angeles, California 23 XI / 1957. The cover was mailed from the Prime Minister Diefenbaker to a Mr. Ralph Oscar Johnson. The interesting comment on this cover is the typewritten words PHILATELIC MAIL Postage amounting to 17¢ is paying the 3 ounce Air Mail rate. Curiously, a red FRAGILE label was attached to the cover,



## **Proposed Agenda**

(subject to additions etc as “volunteers” are known)

**Friday** check-in and informal getting together - the hospitality room will open at four o'clock and continue until we kick all and sundry out before complaints come in from the hotel - usually 10 -10:30.

### **Saturday:**

8:30 AM opening message

8:35 Peter Jacobi

9:20 Ten minute break

9:30 presentation by Jack Isaacson and his amazing covers from the 1500's -

10:15: 10 minute break

10:25 Ron Leith

11:10 ten minute break

11:20 Clothes line - that popular session where members bring items of interest to the members for show and tell.

12:00 Lunch: A buffet lunch of Soup, Salads, Sandwiches, dessert for \$15.00 p.p.

1:20 - Presentation by Edward Haasdyk whose presentation is on the Postal History of K.L.M. Flights between the Netherlands and Netherlands West Indies.

2:05 Ten minute break

2:15 The annual business meeting. A topic on the agenda which may take a bit of time will be the idea of switching to a no fee membership. That is if you belong to

BNAPS and live in our catchment area you will automatically belong to the Regional Group.

6:00 Banquet room opens. A buffet dinner of salads, vegetables, chicken dish, beef dish, buns, dessert will be served. The cost is included in the registration fee. We will remain in that room for our guest speaker Sue Kershaw with her highly recommended slide show is: The Last Flight of HX313, the story of the plane, crew, survivors and Belgians on the ground.

Hospitality room is open after the banquet winds up.

### **Sunday:**

9:00 Presentation by Jon Jonson

9:45: 10 minute break

9:55 Presentation by Dave Bartlett

10:40 10 minute break

10:50 Conclusion of business meeting or Clothes Line if more time is needed.

12:00 Meeting ends.

Please do not feel slighted if I have not mentioned the name of someone who volunteered - it was not by design. I have been having computer problems and lost the names of the presenters and their topics. There could still be room for two more presenters. Remember, as by resolution at the last meeting, there is a small honorarium of \$50 for presenters.

## Editorial

Ah yes the explanation - I hired a young fellow to "fix" my computers - he was going to get up to date programs and easier methods of using the computer for my collecting interests and the few games I like to play. He put in about 20 hours and as a result I no longer can find anything - although he tells me it is all there - and easier to locate - I now get signs popping up which say these are not genuine programs - and with symbols which I am apparently supposed to know how to recognize how they work. So if you would bear with me and resupply me with the information which I know you sent in earlier.

Remember all the presenters who made the Chilliwack meeting so interesting "volunteered" to present again this time in order to fill out the agenda - when they voted for the new format but only one has let me know that his business is making it not possible to be in Penticton.

I asked in the last letter if people could send me a blurb on why or how you started collecting - keep this in mind for the next newsletter.

I had some comments that putting the meeting dates, times etc in our newsletter for other clubs etc was a good idea - but so far have received none - feel free - we will place classified ads - or display ads - for members in the newsletter at no charge.

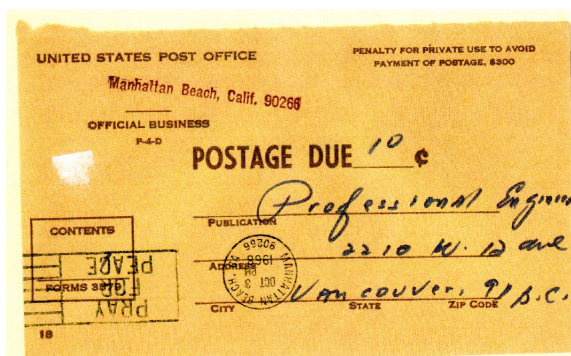
You will notice that we have articles by one enthusiastic member - remember a number of you have indicated this is a good feature of a newsletter - but only as good as the members who can supply us with the material.

Members who are also dealers are welcome to set up shop in and around the hospitality room - so long as what you are doing does

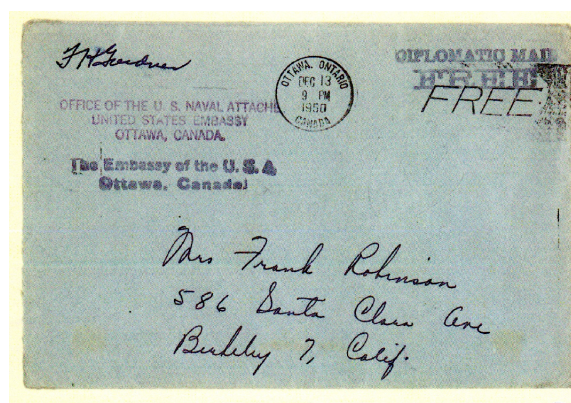
not interrupt the general fellowship of the room.

## More Trivia from Bill Pekonen

2. Cross border mail.... a rarely seen USA Official Postage Due penalty envelope addressed to the Professional Engineers Office, Vancouver, BC. The mailing date is not known, but a slogan machine cancel (Pray For Peace) slogan cancel shows an Oct. 3 1968 is in the LL corner. The envelope was mailed from the Manhattan Beach, California post office. This envelope requests a postage due amount of 10 cents - probably for a 5 ounce Printed Matter rate mailing.




6. This Cross Border envelope was mailed from Ottawa, Canada December 13, 1950 to Berkley California. The rate is FREE under the Diplomatic Mail privilege. It originates from the Office of the Naval Attache from The Embassy of the USA





5. This Cross Border envelope was mailed by the Government of Canada to an unknown destination in the USA. The clue about the destination is the statement that the rebate has been converted the American Currency. This is a rarely seen example of the Visitor Rebate Program which refunds any Goods and Services Tax paid in Canada by visitors from other countries. Visitors are exempt from paying the tax, but they must apply for the refund after returning home. The visitor is not allowed to claim exemption at the time of purchase or at the border . The cheque is dated 1999-08-19. The cheque amount in USA funds is \$62.33. The coding as the bottom of the page identifies the destination, however, the decoding will be left to someone else who can decipher the bar coding.

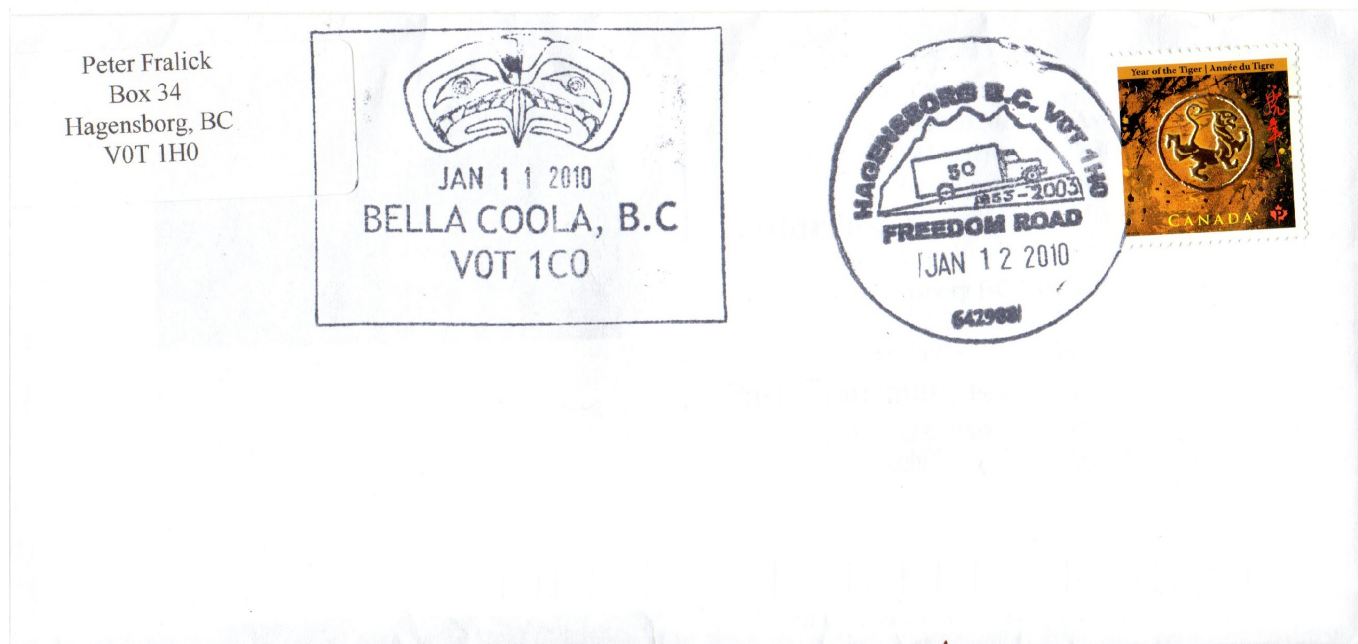
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GST/HST : \$62.83			
TVQ (QUEBEC) : \$0.00			
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YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED AS FILED.			
TO MINIMIZE THE COST OF CASHING THIS CHEQUE, THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS CONVERTED THE AMOUNT OF YOUR REBATE TO AMERICAN CURRENCY.			
REVENUE CANADA NOW REQUIRES PROOF OF EXPORT. VISIT OUR INTERNET SITE AT: <a href="http://www.rc.gc.ca/visitors">http://www.rc.gc.ca/visitors</a>			
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## CONTEST FOR MEMBERS

Take a look at the following cover - it actually went through the mails to the intended recipient - which perhaps might make one think - - no return to sender stamp - no opened to see to whom it was sent stamp - but got there anyway - so - two things - how might this have happened and then the second issue - there is something illegal about the whole thing - if you can tell me what that is I will supply a cover as a prize - if you can offer an explanation as to how it happened a further cover (s) will be awarded. Send entries to the editor - Peter Fralick.



## And More From Bill

3. Cross border Permit Mail on an illustrated cover from Seattle, Washington to North Vancouver, B.C. This unusual travel promotion cover was mailed by Holland America Line in Seattle to a firm in North Vancouver specializing in Cruise travel. The date of mailing is March 20, 1994.



## **Advance Publicity Prints** **By Bill Pekonen**

More than 100 years ago, postal administrations realized the importance of selling stamps to collectors. Postal authorities established Philatelic Departments or Bureaus for the purpose of promoting the sale of stamps, especially about new stamp issues to be released. The Post Offices understood that postage stamps sold to collectors probably would not be used for postal purposes. The unused stamps were a profitable gain for post office revenues. One estimate concluded that only 20% of the printed quantity would actually be used for postage. The revenue collected by the philatelic departments does not include the postage stamps bought by dealers, collectors and others over the counter at the many different post offices. It is understandably difficult to know the exact per cent figure of mint stamps purchased for collecting purposes.

One example is the USA Columbian Issue released during January 1893. Many collectors regarded the 16 commemorative stamps as the gimmick that it really was – designed to suck money out of collectors pockets. It was more than 50 years later that commemorative stamps began to proliferate around the world.. The practice gave birth to topical collections.

Another example of excess printing is mentioned in a 1908 article written by Cornelius Wrinkle. The article was published in the August 1, 1908 weekly journal of THE POSTAGE STAMP publication. Wrinkle stated that one dealer ordered 72,000 farthing Cayman Island postage stamps. Wrinkle surmised that, because the population then living on the Cayman Islands was very small in number, that amount of stamps "*would probably have lasted till the end of time.*"

At first, Post offices sent black prints of the stamps to philatelic publishers and a growing mailing list of collectors interested in collecting stamps of a particular country. Copies were also sent to stamp wholesalers and stamp dealers. These reproductions are NOT proofs, as some might believe. As advances in colour printing were made, actual colour prints were mailed in advance of the first issue date. Reproductions of new issues can also be found in advance notices sent by post offices to collectors, but these are different from Publicity Stamps.

Publicity Stamps are also different from Publicity Labels; Sunday Stamps; and Se tenant blank spaces used in stamp booklets for various purposes ((See page 163-165 of the *Illustrated Encyclopedia of Stamp Collecting* by Otto Hornung, 1970 Hamlyn Publishing, London). Hornung does not mention the stamps issued by postal administrations to market postage stamps. Neither does Richard McP. Cabeen in his reference book *Standard Handbook of Stamp Collecting*. No other mention has been found by this writer in the various philatelic literature available for study. Perhaps mention exists in other publications which have not yet been observed.

The only publication found so far that mentions this special category can be read on page 81 of "*This is Philately*", written by Kenneth J. Wood -- Van Dahl Publications. Wood should know what he is writing about. He was the editor of *The Stamp Collector* newspaper. Postal



Administrations mailed copies of these new issues for mention in the newspaper. There is no doubt that many different publicity stamps were sent to the Van Dahl publishing address.

Publicity stamps are a separate collecting category. Publicity stamps are not the same as specimen stamps printed as trial proofs for other purposes in the printing process. Printing firms often experimented with different colours and shades to obtain approval for the final design. Nor are Publicity stamps in the same category as Cancelled to Order (CTO) or First Day Covers sold over the counter without being delivered by the mail service. For example, Sweden often mails specially marked covers to inform collectors of a new issue either soon to be released or after release to encourage sales of mint examples.

The black and colour prints can be identified by either a diagonal stroke through one of the corners, or parts of a blank circle. The markings are part of the printing process rather than marks applied later to previously printed mint stamps. Publicity stamps are not used stamps soaked off envelopes that have gone through the mail system. Many have the original gum on the back, while other print examples may be without gum

Many of these colour prints were released to the stamp trade by publishers, dealers and collectors who may have received them from postal administrations. These publicity stamps can often be found in stamp package mixtures advertised for sale in various publications.

A number of different examples of these issues are shown on the attached sheet.

#### References:

*This is Philately* Van Dahl Publications 1982 Volume 1  
*The Philatelic Companion* . Bill Gunston, Redwood Burns Ltd. Great Britain  
*Encyclopedia of Stamp Collecting* by Otto Hornung , 1970 Hamlyn Publishing, London  
*Stamp Collecting Teach Yourself* Books, Fred J. Melville English University Press, London  
*The Stamp Collector's Encyclopaedia* R. J. Sutton, Bonanza Books, New York 1966

#### AUSTRALIA colour prints

*Living Together* 1056, 1058, 1059, 1060, 1061, 1063, 1067, 1073, 1075, 1076, 1078.  
Christmas 1985: Strip of 5 (1044), 1045, 1046  
First Fleet 1928

#### SWEDEN

1666-1671 Black Print of Booklet Pane

#### FINLAND

Complete booklet pane colour print 977a  
Single 1978

#### MAGYAR - HUNGARY colour prints

3082, 3083, 3084, 3085

#### NOYTA CCCP RUSSIA COLOUR PRINTS

5621, 5622, 5623











# March 2018 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.



An 1872 Wells-Fargo Express cover from VICTORIA-BC to LONDON-ENGLAND. Routed by closed bag via ship to OLYMPIA-WA-TERRITORY, overland to ASTORIA-OREGON, coastal packet to SAN-FRANCISCO, and Union Pacific Railway to NEW-YORK arriving on OCT 24, 1872. Then by Hamburg-American Line packet "SS SILESIA" to PLYMOUTH on NOV 3rd, and train to LONDON on NOV 4th. The Victoria to New-York pre-UPU 6¢ treaty rated was paid with a Canada #39 stamp tied by a blue "Per Great Britain and Ireland" handstamp and a matching blue VICTORIA-V.I.-WELLS-FARGO-EXPRESS oval cancel. The USA to England 6¢ treaty rate was paid by US stationery cover #U85 cancelled with an unlisted New York Foreign Mail cork grid. A rare early route, rate, cancel, and dual country franking.

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A husband and wife were arguing one morning about who should be making the coffee every day.

The husband claimed it was a wife's duty to have her husband's coffee ready for him.

The wife dismissed his claim, and said it was the husband's place to make the coffee.

She said, "In fact, I can prove it! It says so in the Bible, that the man makes the coffee!"

The husband demanded, "Show me where it says that!"

So the wife opened her Bible, and showed him:



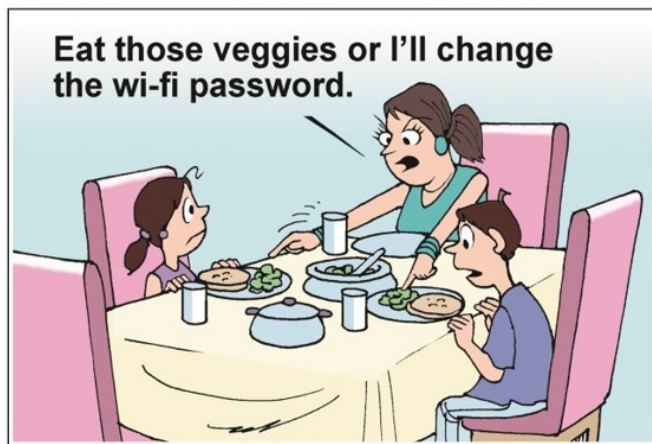
4. Cross Border mail from Fort Collins, (Denver) Colorado to Richmond BC paying a 95¢ rate using a 9 x 12 envelope containing correspondence about philatelic matters. This envelope is unusual because it used eight dramatically mis-perforated US Scott #1520 stamps.



#4

Enlarged 120% to illustrate perforation error





## IMMUTABLE LAWS

### Law of Mechanical Repair

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

### Law of Gravity

Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

### Law of Probability

The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

### Law of Random Numbers

If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers.

### Variation Law

If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

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## Law of the Bath

When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone will ring.

## Law of Close Encounters

The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

## Law of the Result

When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, IT WILL!!!

## Law of Biomechanics

The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

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