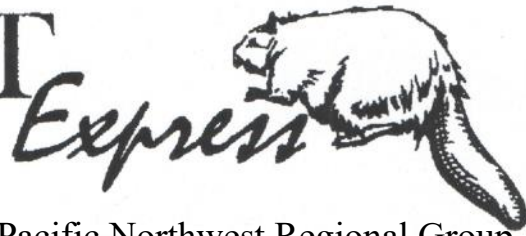


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British North American Philatelic Society - Pacific Northwest Regional Group

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Chair Message

Good day, members of BNAPS Pacific Northwest Regional Group.

As August draws to a close, it feels as if we have not had a normal summer with excess rain in June, a somewhat on and off July with a little drizzle outside today. But nothing this year has been normal.

Our world has been turned upside down and inside out with COVID and at this point we are all feeling that it just needs to end. But it continues, With that in mind we have decided to delay our annual meeting scheduled for Vernon in September to 2021. Given our demographic we cant justify bringing us together and potentially exposing us to COVID. Given the travel within BC recommendations, the hotels and restaurants in the Okanagan are just crammed with people. While everyone is doing their best and transmission rates remain low in our area, we wont take that risk.

Looking forward to 2021 and a return to normal and hosting you in the beautiful Okanagan. The date has been set for September 24, 25.

Latter September is a beautiful time in the Okanagan, weather is a little cooler but beautiful. I think the best time of the year.

Our annual meeting is normally the time that we have our annual business meeting and elect new officers for the ensuing year. As we have deferred our meeting until 2021, it follow that our elections will also be delayed.

Having said that, if any member feels that this process should go ahead regardless, we can create an electronic ballot process. So if you oppose the deferral to 2021, please send me an email and if sufficient members so request, we will proceed with an electronic ballot.

Although COVID has kept us distant there has been a lot of acidity with zoom meetings. And most interesting is attending meetings in other parts of the country with other BNAPS Regional Groups. A great opportunity to expand your social circle from your living room!!

From all reports, interest in our hobby has increased as we stay home and self isolate. The auction houses are reporting increased bidder and seller activity. One investment guru suggested to “Invest in tech indexes, but hedge your bets with fine wine and stamps, says this strategist”. When the investment gurus say to buy stamps we know its reached a fever pitch. So as you study your collection, indulge in a glass of wine, and you have it pretty much covered.

I have to admit, once spring arrived our attention turned to outdoor activity. The honey do list has shortened significantly. We painted the exterior of the house hiring help for the tall parts, built a potting shed for Carol, planted all kinds of annuals and perennials. Our yard was pretty much devoid of anything green as the prior owners had a zero approach to yard



work. So we have done some landscaping, rock walls and even planted some veggies—cucumber, cantaloupe, pumpkin. They went into the ground in July and are coming along but I doubt we will have much fruit. But it was fun. Our daughter planted 99 cents worth of sunflowers and now has 50 plants about 8 feet tall. The only other thing that is as vigorous are the weeds. We have chickweed in one flower bed and just cant win. If you have a suggestion—please send It

Chair Message (continued)

We have always been avid gardeners and we were unprepared for the COVID impact. The garden centres were just packed, items were quickly sold out with shortages everywhere. No one answered their phones, everyone was just run off their feet. What has always been a calm leisurely trip to the nursery has transcended into another jostling with crowds.

However, we picked our times and managed to achieve most of our planting goals. We built a large bed in the front yard and are awaiting mid September and 20 yards of topsoil for the beds and to level and reseed the front yard. And then that's it for this year and I can retreat indoors and visit with my old friends, my stamps.

As you will read later in the newsletter, if you have an area of interest and you need the assistance of other BNAPS members, just send it to me and I will publish it in the newsletter. I can say from experience that other members have been very helpful to myself in my search for information on Metlakatla. Thanks to Tim and Andrew.

I have been considering a large format printer for doing up album pages. The pages in my Lighthouse album are too wide for a standard printer. And sadly, my penmanship skills are severely lacking. Has anyone had any experience with this issue before and solutions? Of course moving to a standard letter size format page would solve all the issues. So asking for your advice—I know I'm not the first philatelist to have this issue.

All the Best

Mark Oakley

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The objective of the BNAPS Regional Group is to promote philatelic study, sharing of knowledge and friendship with members and associates in a fun atmosphere.

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WELCOME TO VERNON 2021

NEW DATE

LOCATION:

Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriott
5300 Anderson Way, Vernon, BC
250-260-7829

DATE:

Friday / Saturday

September 24, 25 2021



Room rates: Double queen \$135.00 per night. When booking, quote “Pacific Northwest Regional Group”. We have blocked 10 rooms for out of town members. **The special rate expires September 4.** Don’t be late on your booking!

The agenda hasn’t been finalized at this date, but we are planning a wine tour for spouses or significant others on Saturday while the educational sessions are in progress. On arrival day (Friday) we are arranging for a “meet and greet” opportunity at a nearby restaurant/bar/grill. The details to be advised. The hotel is located in an area with many restaurants immediately nearby, so we have a lot of options for dinner, etc.



Gary and Wanda
invite you to join
them in Vernon
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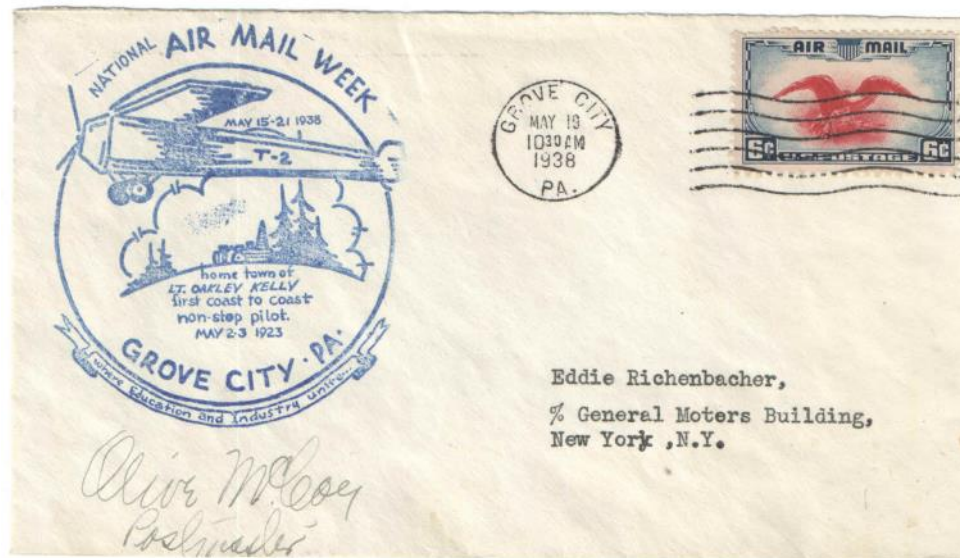


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What's in a Date

Mark Oakley

Elsewhere you will read Bill Pekonen's submission on significant dates. With that in mind I submit for your inspection the following.

While searching eBay for my favorite subject, Oakley ASSA, the search engine populated this little gem. To the sharp eye, one note that this cachet celebrating National Air Mail Week originated from Garden Grove California, home town of Lt. Oakley Kelly, the first non stop coast to coast pilot 1923. Oakley was no relative of mine and unrelated to my search on the town of Oakley, ASSA or Saskatchewan. What makes this cover interesting is the addressee. For you history buffs of WWI you will recognize the name of Eddie Rickenbacher, the WWI flying ace.



He was called America's Ace of Aces during World War I, the highest scorer of American aerial victories over the Germans. He could just as easily have been labeled the 'luckiest man alive,' however, since he survived — by his own count — 135 brushes with death during his exciting lifetime. 1

Rickenbacher's history makes for interesting reading. And for so interested, I would refer you to any number of web sites. He was truly a captain of industry. Upon returning from WWI He was involved in a number of endeavours, Rickenbacher Motor Company in 1922 started manufacturing, That business failed after about 4 years. Rickenbacher landed on his feet purchasing the Indianapolis Motor speedway. he was also appointed head of sales by General Motors for La Salle and Cadillac autos In 1926 he got his first experience in commercial aviation when he and several associates formed Florida Airways. Air Mail Act of 1934 was passed Under the terms of the act, General Motors had to divest itself of most of its aviation holdings, but it was permitted to retain General Aviation Corporation and a reorganized Eastern Air Transport, with its name changed to Eastern Air Lines. In April 1938, Rickenbacher and several associates bought the airline for \$3.5 million and he became its president and general manager and ran it for 25 years. And that leads us to the postmark on the envelop May 19, 1938 addressed to the General Motors Building NY, NY. Unfortunately this envelope came with no enclosures but is dated one month after the purchase of Eastern. Airlines.

The history of the envelope and the subsequent research on the history of Rickenbacher set me back \$1.95.

1. <https://www.historynet.com/captain-eddie-rickenbacher-americas-world-war-i-ace-of-aces.htm>



Historical Date Collection Bill Pekonen

Are you looking for a reason to start a side-line cover collection? Here is one suggestion you might wish to consider: start a historical date collection. You can start by making a list of significant world events. There are limitless topics you can choose from.

Once you have completed your list, you can look for covers in a junk box that match whatever dates you have chosen. The date is important, not who sent it or to where the envelope was addressed/ It could be a post card, an ordinary first class mailing; a registered letter or whatever. In that way, you can build an award winning exhibit.

For starters, you could choose World War Two dates such as September 3rd, 1939, the start of world war two by Great Britain; or 6 June, 1944 (D-Day); or 8 May 1945 (V-E Day); or 15 Aug, 1945 (V-J Day). Other dates could be chosen.

Try to find a cover that was mailed the day you were born. I hope you will have better luck than I have had. I haven't found even one cover mailed on the day I was born after many years of searching cover lots. So finding dated covers for a particular date could be more of a challenge than it would appear on the surface.

Illustrated with this article is an otherwise uninteresting censored cover from Panama to Argentina. It was mailed on August 9, 1945. That is the same date the American Air Force dropped the 2nd Atomic Bomb on Nagasaki. About 40,000 people were killed. President Truman threatened further destruction. The military did not want to give up, but the Emperor decided to surrender.

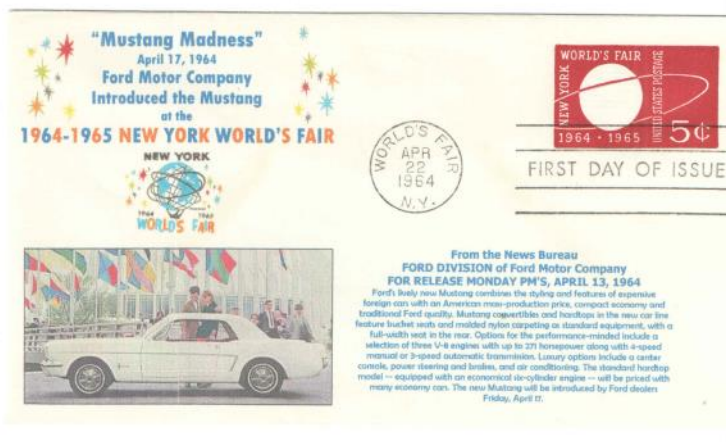
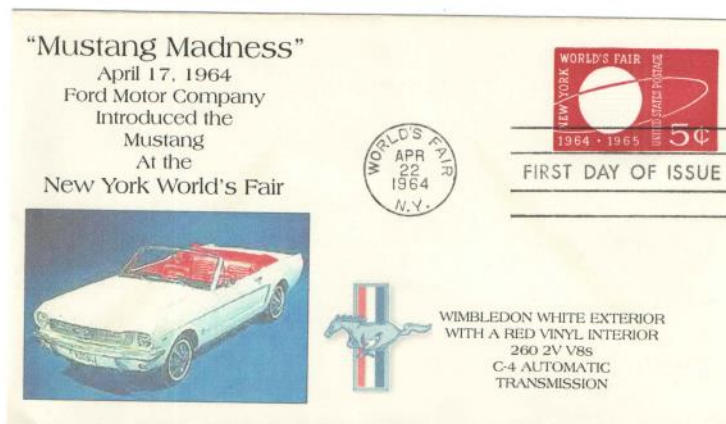
This envelope probably has another story that could be told. So pick a date or a series of dates and have a ball.

What's in a Date - Mark Oakley

The collecting of first day covers certainly meets the criteria of a unique date. The same could be said for first flight covers.

This cover was purchased on eBay in the late 1990 when it was still in its infancy and there was less competition as not everyone and their dog had found out about this new trading site.

At the time I was restoring my 1967 Mustang Fastback and in searching for parts I came across the FDC shown right. The FDC of the worlds fair and the release of the venerable Ford Mustang.



What's in a Date - Mark Oakley

FFC dated Aug 1, 1931 showing 10 cent rate with a stamp printed in 1876! Where has that stamp been hiding for 55 years prior to use.

Covid-19 Changing Stamp Collecting

In addition to a new topic (pandemic or Covid stamps and covers) the Coronavirus is creating new collectors.

Many of these are millennials, who may have collected as children and have rediscovered the “old school” hobby and return to it because of their “... affinity for nostalgia and a desire to escape their digital life”; well maybe only a part, as these digital natives cannot be with their technology.

Auction houses, and dealers across Canada are saying they have more enquiries more bidders, and new customers buying supplies and looking for advice. One auction house, in fact, reports former customers from 5-10-15 even 30 years ago are updating their accounts and starting collections.

Suddenly stamp collecting may be “cool” ...not convinced? Can you be cooler than Freddie Mercury and John Lennon, both stamp collectors whose collections are in the British Postal Museum and the National Postal Museum.

All these new collectors, who are looking for advice, mentors, and community, but most clubs across Canada are inactive during the pandemic.

“The key is the local level first” advises one leader of philately in Canada. He suggests clubs need: an active Facebook page, a website, ZOOM or TEAMS meetings, maybe a Tik Tok account (where #stamp generated 27 million views!), and Instagram (where a quick search revealed over 400,00 posts). All of these suggestions could keep the club active and engaging members.

Another dealer advises “...that collecting has evolved and this includes every aspect of the hobby from what is considered desirable to condition grading, to how to collect...” and what to collect. He suggests new collectors will be attracted to different topics: “...environmentalism, peace, feminism, Islam, rock stars and social equality are likely to be more popular than British Colonies.”

An “old school” hobby...new collectors....new topics...new technologies...new ways to view, buy, collect, share and exhibit...how will the clubs respond?



David Biltek

Victoria, BC

Can You Help Out Earle Covert

I am actively perusing Illustrated Permits. See (<http://www.bnaps.org/ore/Covert-IllustratedPermits/Covert-IllustratedPermits.htm>). It is the listing of these updated regularly on the BNAPS website. Most people get them in their mail and pitch them out. If you collect them please send me scans of what is not shown on the website (the entire front at 300 dpi. You can cover any address, you don't want seen, with a small piece of paper.) I have many duplicates I can trade.

If you don't collect them consider ending the entire envelope or card to me. I will pay the postage if requested.

I have also been accumulating to form an exhibit of "Foreign Mail with added Canadian Labels". They can be labels added in Canada for Customs, Customs Collect, EMS, Priority, Registered, Registered Collect, Xpresspost, Expedited, Regular, Do Not Scan and labels related to change of address, hold mail, where to pick up the parcel and return to sender. All mail coming into Canada from out of the country NOW comes in through 3 points only - Montreal (M), Toronto (T) and Vancouver (V). Look at many to these labels in the lower left hand corner and you will see large or small M, T or V. If an item is to be returned out of the country, it is supposed to back through the Port of Entry.

Xpresspost Prepays are interesting and changing. The last of these to the USA and Internationally will be sold by July 15, 2020 and no longer valid after Dec 31, 2020. I am always looking for used Xpresspost including Passport Envelopes in the Standard and Letter sizes. I will pay for postage to get these.

Modern mail is still interesting as well as the Postal Stationery, Tobacco Tax Paid and Duplex and Slogan Cancels to name a few

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Advertising Slogans and Postmarks

Bill Aaroe

During the last couple of years I have become interested in the advertising, dioramas, logos and slogans used as part of postage meters impressions ; this is probably an extension of my interest in slogan postmarks and ultimately marketing; the field I have made my career in. I purchased the pictured item on eBay some months back as it has an attractive diorama featuring both Seattle and Vancouver. What better item than this to submit to our regional group newsletter?

The postage meter appears, according to the 2004 Canadian Meter Postage Stamp Catalog by Ross W. Irwin, to be a Pitney Bowes meter type PB 8.1.13; these were used on Pitney Bowes Models Rt & RF postage meters often mated with Model R mailing machines. It was used by the 'Greater Vancouver Visitors & Convention Bureau' at their offices at 596 West Georgia Street in Vancouver. The group is now officially 'The Greater Vancouver Convention & Visitor Bureau', but is commonly known as Tourism Vancouver. The name change may reflect increased focus on attracting conventions to the city. The meter diorama features two views, Seattle's Space Needle on the left and Vancouver's City Hall on the right, with the notation '140 miles north' with an arrow pointing to Vancouver. The GVV&CB was in effect trying to ride on Seattle's coat tails as the reference to "Century 21" is in allusion to the Century 21 Exposition, the Seattle World's Fair, held from April 21 to October 21, 1962. Some ten million visits were made to the fair and if even a small proportion of those visitors also came up to Vancouver it would have helped the local economy. The Space Needle is the iconic symbol of the fair, but what exactly the two things to the tower's left are I do not know as none of the photos of the fair I looked at had anything that seemed a match.

The cover is attractive featuring a photo of the CP ferry Princess of Nanaimo sailing under the Lions Gate bridge. She was launched on September 14, 1950 at the Fairfield shipyard in Glasgow and made a quick trip to BC between May 16 and June 11, 1951. She began her west coast service on June 26th but her time here ended in 1963 with her transfer to the east coast (following the creation of the provincial ferry fleet) where she sailed as the Princess of Acadia between St. John NB and Digby NS. Eventually she was sold off, renamed the Henry Osborne, but on December 31, 1973 left St. John for the breakers in Spain.

The addressee, Clare Spackman (1909 - 1992), was at the time, the President of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (1957 - 1962) and professor at the Philadelphia School of Occupational Therapy at the University of Philadelphia. She is remembered for being a great clinician and as one who created the first treatment program in the US for children with Cerebral Palsy. Vancouver did eventually host the WFOT for their 6th congress in 1974.

SEAPEX IS GOING VIRTUAL!

If you haven't yet heard, SEAPEX is going **virtual** in September. The website address:

www.seapexshow.org
September 11 – 13, 2020

Opening page >>>

Clicking on the appropriate identified ovals will get you to these areas:



DEALERS: You will not be able to access the Dealer portion of the site until opening day, September 11. Be prepared to support your favorite, and even a new, dealer!

EXHIBITS: There are some terrific exhibits from around the US, as well as a FIP Gold winning Thematic exhibit from India. You will also see some fun "Free Style" exhibits. There are no exhibit rules for these and are less than 16 pages. You can view them by frame or individual page (by clicking on thumbnails).

PRESENTATIONS & MEETINGS: You need to **register** for live Presentations and Meetings starting September 1:

Meetings:

ATA Roundtable

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Presentations:

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COVID-19 Related Philately

There will be time for questions and answers at the end of each presentation. Live presentations are accessible by Zoom from your computer, tablet or phone. All times are Pacific Daylight Time. Once you register, you will receive an email invitation with date, time and log-in information to your chosen Zoom meeting/presentation (yes, you can choose all to sit in on).

Look forward to seeing you all there!