



BNAPS eLetter

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Coronavirus

Our hobby, along with so many other activities, is not immune from the virus. Stamp shows and auctions around the world are being cancelled or moved to an online venue. BNAPEX 2020 in Halifax is still listed on the website but keep on the lookout for final news. The health and best interests of the membership will be the primary factors in any final decision.

However, being tied to our households doesn't mean we can't watch or listen to stamp talks. The article on the Philatelic Specialist Society of Canada lists a number of talks which are available as pdf documents or, in limited cases, watched on video. BNAPS also offers many presentations at: <http://www.bnaps.org/ore/ore-index.htm>

On the Web

The Philatelic Specialist Society of Canada has an underlying belief that philately is best when it is shared. From their website: "The PSSC membership wishes to share their passion for things philatelic by making available some of their presentations for all to enjoy. Below you will find exhibits big and small, PowerPoint presentations, Show-and-Tell pages, the occasional video and more as members submit items." Here is the direct link to some of their presentations. <https://philatelicspecialistsociety.com/presentations.php> It's a hard choice from among many excellent presentations but Ron Majors' "Cross-Border use of U.S. Civil War Patriotic Postcards" can be recommended.



Also recommended is Jack Forbes' "Shades of Canadas 8 Cents Small Queen



Election Year

Lest you be concerned that the eLetter is going national politics, we're talking about the BNAPS Election. It happens every two years. As with most volunteer organizations there is always the search for individuals willing to serve in an elected (or appointed) position. If you have an interest in serving as an elected official you are urged to get in touch with the BNAPS Nomination Chair, William Walton at: waltonwmc@aol.com Working with fellow collectors is rewarding both in terms of philatelic discussion and personal friendships that develop. Reward yourself – get involved.

BNAPS Member: Malcolm Montgomery

Malcolm Montgomery was born in North London during the Second World War. He spent the immediate post-war years in Austria, where his father was involved in the British Army's efforts to support the efforts of displaced persons to find new lives and homes in more stable areas.

Early schooling was in British Army schools, followed by a North London grammar school when his father returned to civilian life. Instead of applying for

university, Malcolm secured a place at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst and, at the end of a two-year course, was commissioned into the Middlesex Regiment, an infantry regiment whose depot was close to his home in North London.



In the thirty years that followed he served in Gibraltar, Libya, Northern Ireland, the United States and Germany, with occasional visits home for courses, training posts and tours at the Ministry of Defence. He

attended Staff College and had a tour with the National Defence College, where he worked with the Joint Warfare School. His last eight years in the Army were spent at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe and the Ministry of Defence, identifying the users' requirements for computer support in command and control.

On leaving the Army, Malcolm compensated for an earlier omission in his education by applying for a place at Southampton University to read history. Unfortunately, while welcomed as a 'mature' student (now aged 57), his earlier academic qualifications were deemed somewhat dated (and inadequate) and he was obliged to return to college to complete courses first taken in the late 50's ... following that delay he completed an Honours Degree and graduated in 2000. His history dissertation, a study of the development of the postal services in the area around Southampton in the early 19th Century, reflected an interest that dated back to his days in Austria, where he had formed a schoolboy collection of stamps, first Austrian, then Canadian.

The stamps of the latter country took over as the principal interest by virtue of becoming the majority share of the collection, but were themselves abandoned when Malcolm realised that, on an Army Officer's salary, he would never complete the collection. Instead he began to study postal history, mainly the postal history of the trans-Atlantic services

between the United Kingdom and British North America. Malcolm first joined the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain in the late 60's and BNAPS in the 'eighties, but his membership of both societies was interrupted by postings and work; he has been a member of the Postal History Society and of the Society of Postal Historians for many years. In the 1990's he took over from Jack Arnell as editor of the BNAPS Trans-Atlantic Study Group Newsletter.

In the last five years he has been forming a collection of the postal history of the Solent – a part of South Hampshire, including the Isle of Wight, with a long standing connection with a host of ships and shipping lines, extending his studies to mail carried from and to all parts of the world and concentrating more on the social, rather than purely postal, aspects of correspondence.

NOTE: The following four books of Malcolm's are available from the BNAPS Book Department.

Handbook on the Transatlantic Mail of British North America; Fines on Trans-Atlantic Mail between Canada and the United Kingdom 1859 – 1899; Trans-Atlantic Mail between Canada and the United Kingdom 1759 – 1851 and A History of Cross-Border Postal Communication between Canada and the United States of America 1761 – 1875

Unique Cover?

This cover carries the first two advertising slogans used in Canada. It was listed as a unique cover.



I'm waiting for the second cover to be discovered. Anyone?

Member Requests

From John Wash. When K (asimir) Bileski was selling material he had acquired from John Hubbard, Bileski would put a handwritten or a typed note into the approvals. I am interested in receiving scans of those notes. Maybe some of the members have saved these notes. I would like to receive scans of same. Definitely interested in the 1938 Royal Family 2 cent and 7 cent denominations. Send to info@nfldstamps.com Please and thank you. John M Walsh.