



# BNAPS eLetter

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## More Coronavirus Bad News for Philately

Along with BNAPS Both the **Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain (CPSGB)** and the **Postal History Society of Canada (PHSC)** have cancelled their conventions this year. I have had the good fortune to have attended conventions conducted by each of these groups. And each has managed to create conventions that are unique and memorable. Next year would be a great opportunity to visit a convention you hadn't attended before.

**Some good news.** BNAPS groups have begun using Zoom to schedule online meetings. See LQSQ notice elsewhere and on June 6 the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic groups are holding a joint meeting. **BNAPS now has a Zoom subscription for use by any Regional or Study Group that would like to hold a meeting.** [Dave Bartlet](#) or [Charles Livermore](#) for information and coordination.

Zoom has had some bad press lately related to what is called ZoomBombing; defined as one or more strangers invading and disrupting a meeting. **All BNAPS meetings will be by invitation only, thus reducing the disruptions by others.**

## Ogopogo Plays it Safe with Covid19

It's been reported that in the Kelowna City Park even



Ogopogo is playing it safe by wearing a face mask.

The Kelowna Stamp club features a stamp with Ogopogo (sans protective face covering).

<http://www.okanaganstampclubs.ca/kelowna-stamp-club/>. The designer of the Ogopogo stamp is BNAPS

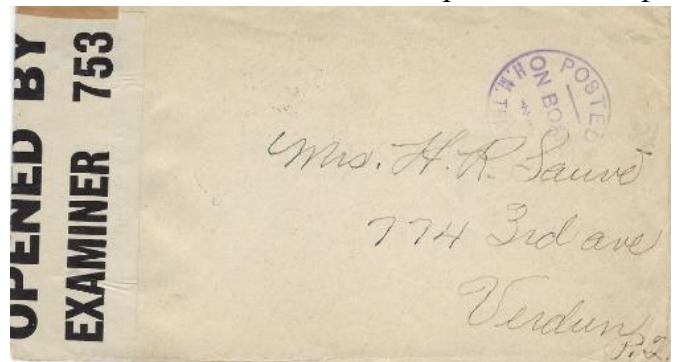
member K. Peter Lepold. To see this and other stamps he has designed visit: <http://paparazzikelowna.com/>

## LQSQ Group Holds Online Study Group Meet

The Large and Small Queen Study Group is not letting the Corona Virus get in the way of its meeting. On Saturday May 30th they held their premier online Meeting and Show-and-Tell. Gathered together using Zoom about 20 members attended. They hope to do this monthly. Kudos to this group for pushing forward

## Jon Johnson - A Eureka Moment!!

Recently Jon Johnson spent some time researching the cover shown here. What had caught his eye was the "Posted / On Board / H.M. Transport" handstamp at



upper right, and the "No.1 Ship's Conducting Staffs / Embarkation Transit Unit" handstamp, dated 3

November 1942, on the reverse. Jon's extensive digging led him to find out that the cover had been mailed on board the RMS Queen Elizabeth, which left Halifax, NS as part of Convoy AT28 on 30 October 1942 and arrived at the port of Clyde, Scotland four days later. Convoy AT.28 comprised a single merchant ship, the Queen Elizabeth, and no escorts. She carried 11,000 troops on the voyage.



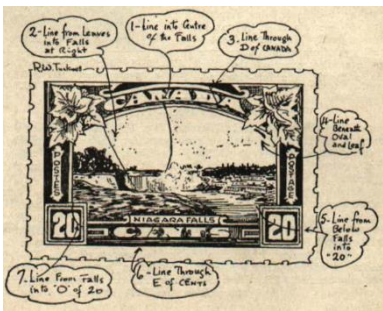
The full story of the travels of this letter will be told in the next issue of the Newsletter of the BNAPS Canadian Military Mail Study Group.

**George Basher, January 28, 1947 – March 9 2020**

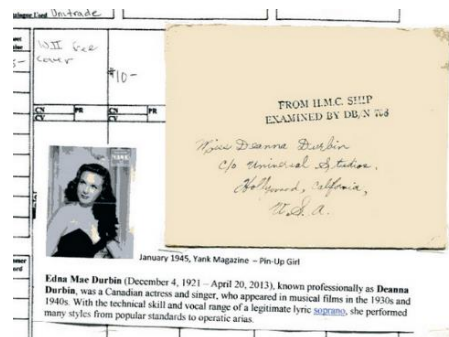
George was one of the founding members of the BNAPS First Day Cover Study Group and served as the first editor of its news-letter which he named “First Impressions.” He returned as editor in 2018 and served in that capacity until his passing. The full-text of his obituary can be found in the April/June 2020 issue of *First Impressions*.  
<http://www.canadafdc.org/Drupal/>

**1935 Niagara Falls Stamp – Member seeks assistance**

In 1950 and 51 Ron Tuckwell wrote twelve articles entitled “Variety Hunting in Canada”. The above illustration appeared in the December 1951 issue of *BNATopics* (whole number 86, p 346). It highlights many of the varieties/flaws that exist on this stamp.



Alain Gauthier, a current member, also interested in Canadian stamp varieties reports, “I searched my 400 copies of the [1935] stamp and could not find any of these. Explanations !!!!!!!”. Can our members help? He collects re-entries and plate flaws (mainly from the Admirals to the Pence issues) and has accumulated many interesting looking post marks in which he has little interest. He is interested in swapping these for re-entries or flaws. If interested reach Alain at: [ag250649@yahoo.ca](mailto:ag250649@yahoo.ca)



**Wandering through the Exchange Circuits**  
 I spotted a cover addressed to

Canadian actress Deanna Durbin (nee Edna Mae Durbin). She appeared in many musicals in the 30s and 40s. She competed for roles with Judy Garland. It appears she had a fan on one of His Majesties’ Ships.

**T.A.G. – What does it stand for?**



“Other colleagues have also seen this abbreviation.” It seems to appear on cards from Montreal, between 1904-1908 and signify short payment. National Archives in Canada wasn’t able to help. Perhaps our members can help.  
 Richard Baxter [rick.roberts.baxter@gmail.com](mailto:rick.roberts.baxter@gmail.com)

**Chris Hargreaves – Aero-philatelist**

“As a boy I collected stamps, and wanted to become a pilot and travel the world. As I got older I stopped collecting stamps, gave up flying lessons due to chronic ear ache, and became a High School History teacher. However, because my parents collected stamps I sometimes visited stamp shops and shows to buy presents for them. My father collected birds on stamps, and one day I came across this cover with a bird in the cachet and a six cent airmail stamp selling for \$2.00. It intrigued me. I often taught my students about the 1930s. and remembered that at that time a quart of milk also cost six cents. But in 1992 (the time of this purchase) a quart of milk, (or its metric equivalent), cost \$2.25! So this cover that had once been a valued item, was prepared specially for a flight, sent to Edmonton, flown to Fort Nelson, travelled back across North America to Massachusetts, put in a





collection and now - fifty-five years later - was being sold for less, in purchasing power, than the original cost of the stamp!

“This 1937 First Flight cover sparked other interests – why were they created – who created them – what kind of aircraft carried them? I began reading about aviation history and First Flight Covers, and was soon collecting again, enthralled by aerophilately.”

Chris joined BNAPS in 1993 and has given presentations at several BNAPEXs, including “Air Mail Along the St. Lawrence” at BNAPEX 2009 in Kingston; and on “Gerhard Zucker’s Project for Rocket Mail over

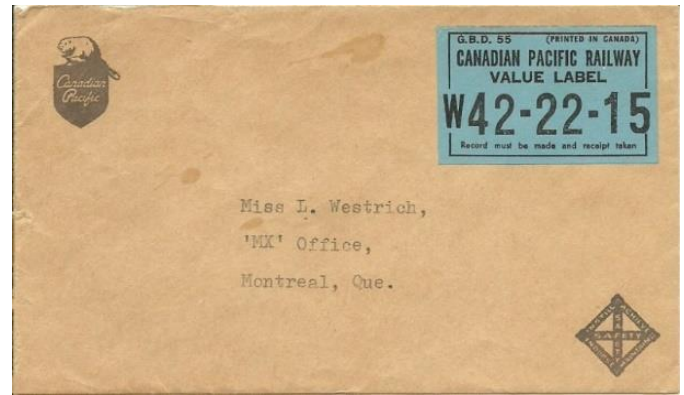
Niagara Falls, 1936” at BNAPEX 2015 in St. Catharines. In 2015 Chris received the BNAPS Vincent G Greene Award for the Best Article in *BNA Topics*, on research into the "D.w." handstamp.



Chris is editor of *The Canadian Aerophilatelist*, journal of The Canadian Aerophilatelic Society; and also writes a quarterly column of "Canadian Air Mail Notes" for the *Air Post Journal*, monthly journal of The American Air Mail Society. He received the L.B. Gatchell Literature Award from the AAMS for the best article in the *Air Post Journal* in 2014, and again in 2016. Chris is also Editor-in-chief for the revised edition of *The Air Mails of Canada and Newfoundland*, which will be part of the 7th Edition of The American Air Mail Catalogue being published by the AAMS, and RPSC representative to the F.I.P. Aerophilatelic Commission. In 2015 he was inducted into the Aerophilatelic Hall of Fame.

Outside of philately, Chris is Chair of the Kingston Field Naturalists’ Conservation Committee, and a member of the Ontario Invasive Plant Council’s Research and Control Committee.

## CPR Value Label



Here’s an image of an item shown at the Muskoka Stamp Club based in Bracebridge, Ontario. None of its members could identify with certainty. It is not a free frank stamp like those listed in the E.S.J. Van Dam catalogue. Was it used for employees only, and how? Responses to: [muskokapost@gmail.com](mailto:muskokapost@gmail.com)

## The eLetter is published by the BNAPS

**Membership Committee.** The goal of the eLetter is to publish information about projects on which members are working, to highlight online resources of interest and to assist members in seeking the help of others. Philip Atelic is looking for biographies of BNAPS members. If you know of someone who has an interesting story to tell let us know. If you have an illustration and a one or two sentence explanation send it along. Contact email: [charleslivermore@hotmail.com](mailto:charleslivermore@hotmail.com)

