



# BNAPS eLetter

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### President’s New Year’s Message

New Year’s is a time of celebration through much of the world. It is a time of new beginnings and resolutions, but it is also a time to look back at our journey and the progress that we have made over the past year and years. Three years ago, the pandemic was just beginning, and we were soon to be sequestered in our homes deprived of the social activities of philately, the club and society meetings, and our favourite shows and bourses. Yet we improvised with zoom meetings, zoom presentations and a virtual convention. Out of difficulties we now have a growing library of zoom presentation recordings and have expanded our reach. I want to thank all who participated in our online activities in 2022 as meeting leads, as presenters and attendees. Special thanks to Charles Livermore and Dave Bartlet as “Zoom Masters”, to Leopold Beudet for organizing our library of recorded presentations on the website and to the Calgary Philatelic Society for organizing CPS 2022 BNAPEX. Double special thanks to Charles Livermore for preparing this newsletter every month to keep us updated regularly.



As we look forward to 2023 let us resolve to build upon our success and become more involved with BNAPS activities both online and in person, if possible. Join a regional group; join a study group; attend BNAPEX 2023 in Halifax September 15-17; there are many ways to participate.

In closing I want to wish everyone a very Happy New Year 2023!

David McLaughlin

## Kenneth (Ken) William Lemke OTB (1944-2022)

Ken Lemke, past president of BNAPS (2018-2020) and member of the Order of the Beaver (OTB), passed away on 17 December 2022 at Burlington, Ontario at the age of 78.



Ken joined BNAPS in 2007 and quickly became an active participant in the society's activities. Ken was a regular attendee at the Golden Horseshoe Regional Group meetings in Ancaster, Ontario. He attended BNAPEX conventions regularly and participated in many other regional and national shows often volunteering his time to judge or at society tables. His interest in George VI philately led him to join the George VI study group and soon served as editor for the George VI Post and Mail newsletter 2008-2014 and again since 2016. He became the BNAPS First Vice President 2016-2018, President 2018-2020, and Past President 2020-2022. In addition, Ken served as the Circulation Manager for BNA Topics since 2014. In 2018, Ken was inducted as a member of the Order of the Beaver. Members recall Ken's joy upon receiving the OTB.

Ken's collecting interests included the Canadian National Steamship "Lady Boat" covers, the Grand Trunk Railway postal stationery view cards, the George VI Mufti and War issue definitives.

All who knew him, knew a generous and thoughtful man, interested in everyone and caring deeply about his family, community, and hobby. He will be missed by all.

A Memorial Visitation and Celebration of Life followed by a reception will be held for Ken at the Dodsworth & Brown Funeral Home, Burlington Chapel, 2241 New Street, Burlington ON L7R 1J2 on Tuesday Jan 3, 2023 beginning at 1:30pm. Further details are available

at <https://www.arbormemorial.ca/dbburlington/obituaries/ken-william-lemke/96604>

A full memorial for Ken will appear in the April/June issue of *BNATopics*.

## Zoom Meetings

### **Jan 9, 2023, Monday 7:00pm Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

*Colour and Appearance, Attempted Uses in Philately. Sam Chiu*

The presentation is open to all, but registration is required.

### **Jan 11, 2023, Wednesday 7:00pm Mountain Time (US and Canada)**

The Calgary Regional Group

Program to be announced

### **Jan 16, 2023, Monday 7:00pm Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

*Fireside Chat* with Sam Chiu, Gregg Redner, David McLaughlin, Mike Walsh, Joel Weiner with moderator Peter McDonald

The presentation is open to all, but registration is required.

**Jan 24, 2023, Tuesday 6:00 pm Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

The Postal History Society of Canada. "Under the Covers" Series

*The Montreal Transcript Business Reply Covers* - David Schurman

The presentation is open to all, but registration is required.

Please send an email to [PHSCpresentation@gmail.com](mailto:PHSCpresentation@gmail.com) to obtain the Zoom link.

**Feb 5, 2023, Sunday 11:00 am Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

BNAPS/CAS Airmail Meeting

A *Show & Tell meeting*. Send your presentation in advance to Chris Hargreaves at:

[hargreavescp@sympatico.ca](mailto:hargreavescp@sympatico.ca)

## Canadian Stamp News show listings

<https://canadianstampnews.com/events/>

## Canadian Philately Online (3)

### Early Philatelic Journals Online (a selected listing)

**The Canadian Philatelic Weekly** – 1894 (8 issues London ON)

[https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8\\_04556](https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8_04556)

**The Canadian Philatelic Weekly** – 1898 (9 issues Berlin (Kitchener))

[https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8\\_05152](https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8_05152)

**The Canadian Philatelic Weekly** – 1898 (5 issues Toronto)

[https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8\\_04565](https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8_04565)

**The Canadian Philatelist** – 1872 – (3 issues Birt' Williams & Co, Quebec)

[https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8\\_04562\\_1](https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8_04562_1)

In the first issue the editor laments the condition of stamp collecting world wide:

*But in Canada matters are even worse, and the whole body of collectors are boys; in fact we do not know of more than half a dozen adults who collect stamps, and are acquainted with but one philatelist. There are in this city a large number of excellent collections of the rare old issues, but the owners have long since left off collecting and although they never look at their albums, would not part with them at any price. These collections were made up when the stamp mania first began in 1861, and we have seen a collection in this city which contains upwards of two thousand stamps all issued before 1866 [and] the owner has now left Quebec and probably the collection, which is worth, hundreds of dollars, will never be seen again.*

**The Canadian Philatelist** – 1888 – (1 issue Geo. A Lowe, Toronto)

[https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8\\_04555](https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8_04555)

**The Canadian Philatelist** – 1888 (6 issues) (Canadian Philatelic Company, Niagara Falls ON)

[https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8\\_04566](https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8_04566)

**The Canadian Philatelist** – 1891-1896 (38 issues – London ON)

Official organ of the Philatelic Society of Canada

[https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8\\_04550](https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8_04550)

**The Dominion Philatelist** – 1889 – 1897 (76 issues)

Official organ of the Canadian Philatelic Association.

[https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8\\_04546](https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8_04546)

**The Gossip** – 1886?- 1887 – (2 issues)

[https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8\\_04690](https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8_04690)

The goal of *The Gossip* was to spearhead the establishment of a national philatelic organization in Canada. The first issues of this publication appear to be lost. Here is an advertisement from volume 2 of the publication

A detailed account of the history of organized philately in Canada can be found at:

<https://numerique.banq.qc.ca/patrimoine/details/52327/4022578>

**The International Philatelist** – 1892 – (10 issues)

[https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8\\_04549](https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8_04549)

In their first issue is mentioned *The Toronto Journal of Philately* (link in last month's eLetter).

“After receiving cash for about ten subscriptions, [The Toronto Journal of Philately] went out for a sale on Toronto Bay and were upset and DROWNED – not much! We rescued them just in time and were presented with a copy of that valuable paper. It will be thawed out by Xmas”

**Ontario Stamp Journal** – 1888 – (1 issue)

[https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8\\_04684\\_1](https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8_04684_1)



Contains a story about Heckler and the sale of Halifax Steam Boat Company Ferry Tokens. It appears that Heckler was falsely charged with selling forgeries of these items.

Another story tells of hanky-panky involving the election of officers of the Canadian Philatelic Association.

Exciting reading.

**The Philatelic Courier** – 1881 – 1889 – (22 issues) (Published by Henry Heckler)

[https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8\\_04938](https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8_04938)

## Kevin O'Reilly – BNAPS Member and NWT Public Servant



A BNAPS member since 1980 Kevin is yet another member who, in addition to collecting stamps, gives back to the community through his public service. There may well be other members who serve their communities through elected office. Please drop us a line and let us know who you are. You can reach Phil through Charles Livermore at [charleslivermore@hotmail.com](mailto:charleslivermore@hotmail.com).

Kevin was born in Hamilton, Ontario and grew up in nearby Burlington and Oakville. His long-standing interest in northern Canada was fueled by a trip to Moosonee and Moose Factory in 1973. Kevin went to the University of Waterloo where he obtained a Bachelor's in Environmental Studies in and a Master's in Planning that involved fieldwork in the Yukon in the early 1980s.

Kevin has resided in Yellowknife since 1985, where he has worked for Indigenous, federal and territorial governments and agencies on land use planning, environmental assessment and resource management. He served on Yellowknife City Council from 1997 to 2006. In November 2015, he was elected to the 18<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly of the NWT representing the Yellowknife riding of Frame Lake. He served as Chair for the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures and introduced a successful Private Member's Bill. Kevin was re-elected to the 19<sup>th</sup> Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly representing the constituency of Frame Lake. He Chairs the Committee representing all the regular Members.

Kevin started collecting stamps of the world when he was introduced to the hobby by his mother. He then specialized in Canada, then the Centennial Definitives, and in 1972 he sent off some self-addressed covers to post offices in the NWT and Yukon. This proved to be a turning point as he quickly specialized in the postal history of the Northwest Territories, Nunavut (as well as the Eastern Arctic Patrol), Yukon and Labrador. Sidelines include United States Army/Air Force Post Offices (APOs) in Canada and Newfoundland, the International Grenfell Association, and W Force in Newfoundland and Labrador.

He has published on these topics in many philatelic journals and his 1987 book, *Northwest Territories Postal Cancellations 1907-1986*, won the Frank Campbell award from the Postal History Society of Canada. This work continues to serve as the standard reference for this field.

In 2002 Kevin was one of ten recipients awarded the Queens' Silver Jubilee medal by the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, for his contributions to the hobby through research and writing. He was made a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada in 2012.

Kevin has exhibited competitively since the 1980s winning several gold and vermeil medals for his Eastern Arctic Patrol, Labrador and other postal history exhibits. He often gives talks or presentations at shows that he attends on topics such as the postal history of the Canol Project, the 1929 Mackenzie Valley Airmails, and other aspects of northern postal history.

Kevin is married with two adult children. He is an avid gardener, hockey player, photographer and postal historian.

NOTE. The vest Kevin is wearing is a traditional Dene vest made by Mary-Louise Drygeese of Dettah NWT. Members of the legislature are allowed to wear traditional clothing in the House rather than a suit.

## Canadian National Level Shows in 2023

The Edmonton Stamp Club has agreed to resurrect its Spring national show in March 2023. This will be the first ESC National since 2019. The Edmonton show will be followed by another national show -- ORAPEX May 5-6 in Ottawa. The third national show will be Royal\*Royale 2023, which will run in place of CANPEX in London, Oct. 13-15. With only three national shows for 2023, exhibitors are urged to get their entries in early

## Study group contributions to the BNAPS website in December

Newsletters from five study groups were posted on the website in December:

- Air Mail Study Group, December newsletter, Vol. 15, No. 5  
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/AirMail/newsletters.php>
- British Columbia Postal History Study Group, December newsletter, No. 124  
Link: <https://bnaps.org/hhl/n-bcr.htm>
- Fancy Cancel & Miscellaneous Markings Study Group, December newsletter, No. 93  
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/FancyCancel/newsletters-fc.php>
- Newfoundland Study Group, January 2023 news bulletin, No. 3  
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/Newfoundland/newsletters.php>
- Squared Circle Study Group, December newsletter, Vol. 43, No. 6  
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/squaredcircle/newsletters.htm>

The Digital Philately Study Group posted a video, *The Power of PowerPoint*, by Darin Cherniwchan in which he demonstrates how to use a scanner in conjunction with PowerPoint to create “flip pages” of a stamp to detect plate varieties.

Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/Digital/meetings.php>

## BNAPS Exchange Circuit - DISCONTINUED

After extensive discussion, the BNAPS Board of Directors passed a resolution at the Sept 1, 2022 board meeting to discontinue the Philatelic Exchange Circuit. The reasons behind this decision include low sales volume, low member participation, insurance costs greater than the net return to the Society and the expansion of alternate online purchase/sales sites. Current owners of material in the Philatelic Exchange Circuit may email inquiries to: [exchangecircuit@bnaps.org](mailto:exchangecircuit@bnaps.org)

To ensure that exchange circuit pages are properly returned, it would be helpful if owners provide any owner page numbers, category and any photocopies or scans of submissions that may be available with their email inquiries.

BNAPS extends thanks and appreciation to Andy Ellwood who has served as the Exchange Circuit manager for many years.

On behalf of the Board of Directors:  
Richard Judge, Chairman

## BNAPEX 2023



BNAPEX 2023 will be held at the Best Western Dartmouth located at 15 Spectacle Lake Drive, Dartmouth NS, B3B 1X7 September 14-17, 2023. The BNAPS Board Meeting, Frame set up and exhibit mounting will take place on Thursday September 14th followed by the Bourse, Exhibits, Study Group meetings and Seminars, September 15-17, 2013.

The exhibition prospectus and the exhibit entry for will be included in the 2023 First Quarter issue of BNA Topics. The exhibition will accommodate the customary 160 frames of exhibits.

Watch for updates on BNAPEX 2023 details on the BNAPS.org website



Plan to attend and participate in BNAPEX 2023. Enjoy the Nova Scotian hospitality and the sites and attractions of the Halifax area.

## Bluenose Question

I've been scanning some of my stamps recently for inventory purposes and I after scanning my Bluenose, I've notice this white mark above the right 5 of the 50. I had never noticed it before. I have done a bit of research on the web, but so far not successful in finding this variant. The first picture is scan at 300dpi and the second one at 1200dpi. There is also a bit of white spots in the scroll above "cents".

Can anyone at BNAPS help me with this variant?

Francois Deschamps

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## Edmonton Stamp Club – 2023 Spring National Stamp Show

**NOTE! This is the only national level show to be scheduled in the west this year!!!!  
The deadline for exhibit entry is February 28, 2023**

Saturday March 25, 10:00am to 5:00pm  
Sunday March 26, 10:00am to 4:00pm  
Central Lions Recreation Center  
11113-113 street  
Edmonton, AB

Dealers From Across Canada and  
Notable Guest Speakers  
FREE PARKING - FREE ADMISSION  
- FREE APPRAISALS

Dealers welcome please contact:  
Show chairperson: John Bucci  
Email: [mjrcards@telusplanet.net](mailto:mjrcards@telusplanet.net)  
OR

Download a Dealer application form for the 2023 Spring Stamp Show [HERE](#)

Exhibitors welcome please contact:

Show prospectus: [3fd9fd\\_5d6f8ccb26c3442d99ffef4d3825eee0.pdf \(edmontonstampclub.ca\)](#)

Main exhibit coordinator: Steve Friedenthal Email: [stevefr1@telus.net](mailto:stevefr1@telus.net)

Download an Exhibitor Entry form for the 2023 Spring Stamp Show in [WORD](#) or [PDF](#)

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World War II soldiers thank you post card  
for cigarettes sent from the home front

