



BNAPS eLetter

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Zoom Meetings

Alberta Regional Group (BNAPS)

September 10, Wednesday, 7:00pm (Mountain Time)

BNAPEX 2025

September 19-21- Friday-Sunday

At this point we don't know if Zoom meetings will be possible. The facilities will be checked on Wednesday Sep 17. Once it is determined that Zoom meetings are possible, the links will be posted in the [BNAPEX Vernon Seminar schedule](#) on the website.

Postal History Society of Canada (Under the Covers)

September 23, Tuesday, 6:00pm (Eastern Time)

Bob Toombs: RAF Ferry Command Dorval, 1940 to 1946 - The Four Phases.

This presentation strings together the stories of the four administrative phases of Ferry Command Dorval in aircraft and air freight delivery.

Canadian Stamp News – Philatelic Events

BNAPEX Vernon Convention 19-21 September 2025

Mark Oakley of the Pacific Northwest Regional Group, VP Regional Groups and 2025 Convention Chairman has prepared a great convention for you and you won't want to miss it. The important events are the night out at the beautiful Gray Monk Winery on the Friday evening and the Banquet on Saturday evening providing the opportunity for all exhibitors and dealers an opportunity to attend the banquet while the convention is on.

Hotel – the convention hotel is **Sold Out**. If you have not booked, phone and check for cancellations at 250-545-3385 and use code **BNAPS** to get our group rates. You can cancel your reservations up to the day prior to arrival, so there is no reason to delay. Other recommended close by hotels include Marriot Fairfield Vernon, Best Western Vernon and Hotel Prestige Vernon (this is a sister hotel to the convention hotel and Queen rates can be obtained for \$170/night plus tax). The other hotels may have similar rates. This is a busy time in the Okanagan due to the various wine festival activities.

Exhibits – Exhibit entries and changes on the website are closed. Individual certificates and medals will NOT be given out at the banquet but will be handed out at the checkout of your exhibit. The names and medal levels will be read out at the banquet. This is being done to reduce the length of the banquet.

Mini-Exhibits – If you have not submitted your mini-exhibits that are **1 to 2 pages** (single or double) on smaller **British Columbia** topics of your choice, I have to have your jpg or pdf for inclusion by 7 September. Contact bnapexexhibits@bnaps.org for more information.

Registration - Thank you to those who have registered. If you are planning on attending, please register even if you are not planning on going to the banquet or night out – anyone entering the bourse needs to register in advance or wait at the registration table. As we need to provide catering numbers weeks in advance, please action this as soon as possible:

<https://bnaps.org/bnapex/bnapex2025-Vernon/registration.htm>

Bourse – For those NOT registering for either the night out or the banquet the admission fee is \$5 a day for Friday and Saturday, and free on Sunday (Under 18 are free all days). To save time at the registration table, we would appreciate it if you register for this admission so that a badge can be prepared for you in advance.

Souvenirs – view some of the souvenirs that can be obtained at the convention in this eLetter, the BNAPEX webpages or the program.

Program – the show program can be viewed from the homepage of the BNAPEX webpages

Here is some information for you to help with your planning:

Getting there – Driving - You can drive from Vancouver in about 5 hours, Calgary in 6 hours, Edmonton in about 8 hours. You might also think of flying into Calgary, rent a car, and take a drive through the Rockies to see all the wonders that are on the way as you head to the convention or as you go home.

Flying – If you are flying you should complete your air booking as soon as possible as fares rise the closer you get to the convention. The closest airport is Kelowna (YLW). There are direct flights from Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto – other cities connect through any of these direct cities. WestJet, Air Canada,

Porter and Flair all fly to Kelowna with 2 to 8 flights a day depending on the airline. Watch for sales which may still occur.

Shuttle - Kelowna to Vernon – while you can rent a car in Kelowna, we will run a shuttle for attendees coming in during the main times on Wednesday and Thursday and leaving on Sunday and Monday. There will be a **nominal fee** (to help pay for gas) for this ride which is about 30 minutes. For those with air bookings already, please either fill in the online form on the website to request a shuttle to Vernon, or answer the email that Mark sent to registrants. The link below takes you to the Shuttle Request form:

<https://bnaps.org/bnapex/bnapex2025-Vernon/BNAPEX2025AirFlight.php>

Incentives – The advance incentives have all ended. Draw will occur at the night out.

Contact: registration questions to Mark Oakley at bnapexregistration@bnaps.org. For US registrants, contact Mark or Dave and we will assist to take a payment via Paypal (but you would pay the fee).

Exhibits questions to Dave Bartlet at bnapexexhibits@bnaps.org

Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain Convention 2025

CPSofGB will hold a Virtual convention on Zoom 5-12 October which you can participate in. Many of the sessions will take place in the afternoon Eastern time so that many of you will be able to participate.

Please contact Graham Searle if you have any questions at searle711@btinternet.com.

Visit their website for further information on the convention times:

<http://www.canadianpsgb.org.uk/convention%202013.html>

BNAPS Virtual Meetings and Exhibits 31 January 2026

Due to popular demand, we will run our virtual event tentatively on Saturday January 31, 2026. Watch the website and this eLetter for updates on this event. The format will be similar to our 2025 meeting. Another chance to show your new exhibits, and to meet with your favourite Study Group.

Boston World Show 23-30 May 2026

CORRECTION Notice for Exhibitors. In the Topics President's column, it was stated that exhibitors could qualify at CANPEX in October. This is INCORRECT and the application for exhibits must be submitted by 30 September 2025.

The world convention will be held in Boston 23-30 May 2026. There will not be another in North America until maybe 2036, so visit this spectacle this time around. The main hotel is full, however there are surrounding hotels with availability with rates in the \$230 range (but research may find you cheaper accommodations). The convention site is close to the Boston Airport and local transportation to the city is readily available. BNAPS will have a table in the Society area jointly with other Canadian societies at the show. Ron Majors is heading this up and he is looking for people who will be attending the convention to help be at the table a couple of hours during the 8-day show. Ron can be contacted at ronald.e.majors@gmail.com

BNAPS was at GASS (Great American Stamp Show) in Illinois

We shared a table with the China Stamp Society. Pictured at the booth are Richard Judge (Board Chairman, BNAPS) at left and H. James Maxwell author of the *Chinese Stamp Society Specialized Catalog of China to 1949*. Several topical collectors came hoping to complete their collections with Canadian stamps. We were pleased to direct them to the Canadian dealers at the show.

At the BNAPS Regional Group meeting, Richard talked about using spectroscopy to analyze stamp shades of the Large and Small Queens.

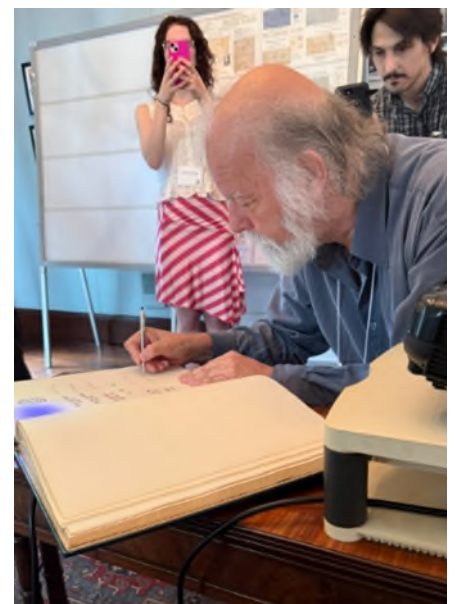
And BNAPS picked up four new members at the show.



Two BNAPS members inducted into the RPSC Role of Fellows



Jean Wang and John Wilson were inducted into the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada Role of Fellows at the July 19th Day of Philately which was sponsored by the Vincent Greene Philatelic Foundation. They are pictured here signing their name in the book of RPSC Fellows. A well-deserved congratulations to them both.



The following notice was sent to Canadian postal customers this past week. It is uncertain at this point how it will affect philatelic items shipped between the United States and Canada.

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Study and Regional Group contributions to the BNAPS website

After the torrent in July, it's one and done in August.

- Squared Circle Study Group: August newsletter, *The Roundup Annex*, Vol. 46, No. 4
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/squaredcircle/newsletters.htm>

BALPEX to Host BNAPS Regional Group Meeting



There will be a BNAPS Regional Group meeting at BALPEX 2025 this year. BALPEX will be held at the BWI Airport Marriott, 1743 West Nursery Road, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090, September 5-7. The Regional Group meeting is tentatively set for Saturday, the 6th. Charles Livermore will present two short talks – one on the Golden Jubilee Airmails of 1928, the second on the Toronto Hatched Plot to Burn Down New York City. There will be a meet and greet thereafter. For more information: [Baltimore Philatelic Society - BALPEX](#)

Upcoming Camellia Collections Auctions

Early Canadian and Newfoundland postal history



Special Announcement

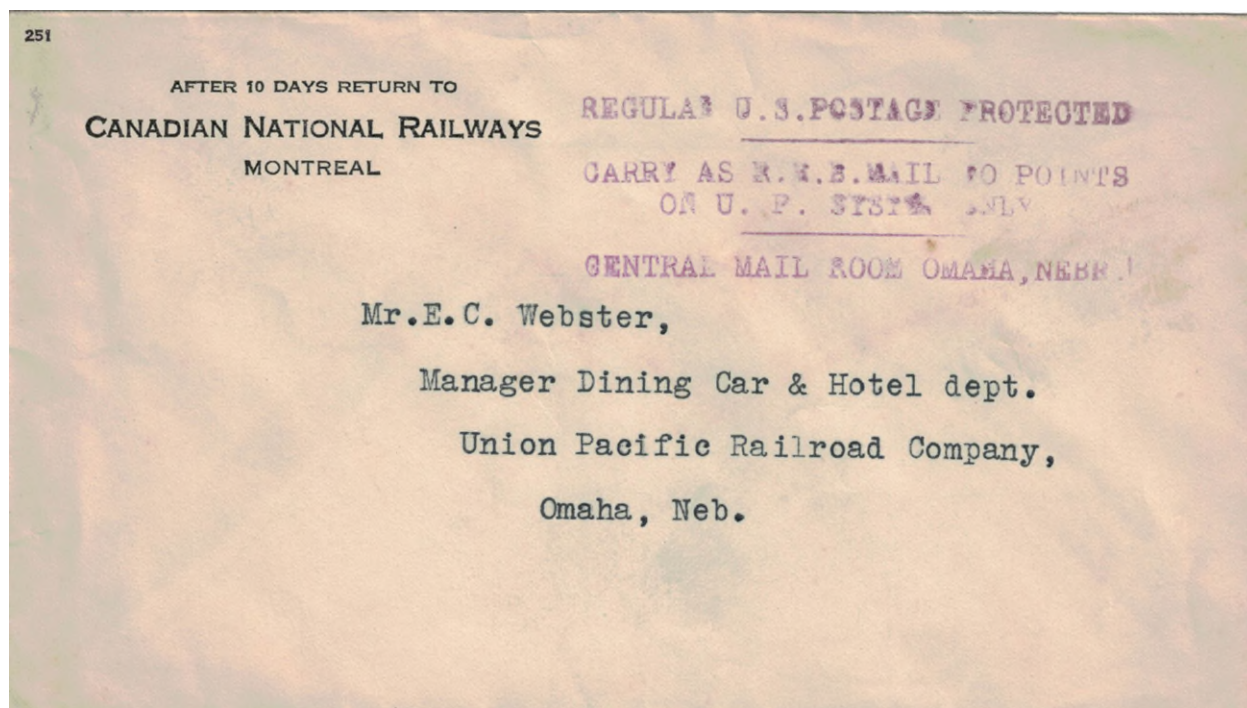
The Camellia PLC Collections

collections that have made it onto the philatelic marketplace in the past three decades such as the Nickle, Arfken, Carrington, Robertson, Cantor and most recently Brigham. Many items, especially foreign destination material, have never been seen in auctions or in dealer's boxes in the last six decades. So, if you collect Classical Canada and Newfoundland postal history and stamps prepare to see some outstanding philatelic rarities.

Recently, it was announced that another magnificent collection of early Canadian classical postal history, stamps, proofs and essays and will soon be re-introduced to the philatelic world. The Camellia Collection, for years housed in Great Britain, consisting of early Canadian and Newfoundland postal history will be auctioned by [Eastern Auctions](#), which throughout its history, has handled some of the greatest of Canadian collections. The upcoming Camellia Collections sale is no different and may even outclass previous collections. Ron Majors, Pence-Cents Study Group (PCSG) Chairman had the opportunity to view some of the items in the Decimal- to the Large Queen-era. At the Pence-Cents Study Group meeting at BNAPEX 2025 in Vernon, he will report on some of the notable covers that will appear in the auctions, which commence on November 22, 2025, and continue through the next two years. Many of these covers were totally unknown to current classic Canadian collectors so the auctions should pose some interesting competitive bidding. The collection rivals (or perhaps exceeds) other classical

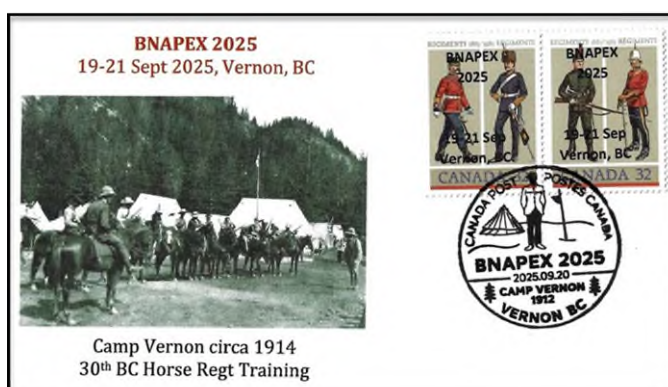
Has anyone seen this railway marking?

At the Great American Stamp Show (GASS) in Schaumburg, Illinois, I picked up the cover below. The dealer had never seen one before, nor had I. There are no markings on the back of the envelope. If you have any idea as to what the mark is or any postal regulations related to the cover, please respond to charleslivermore@hotmail.com



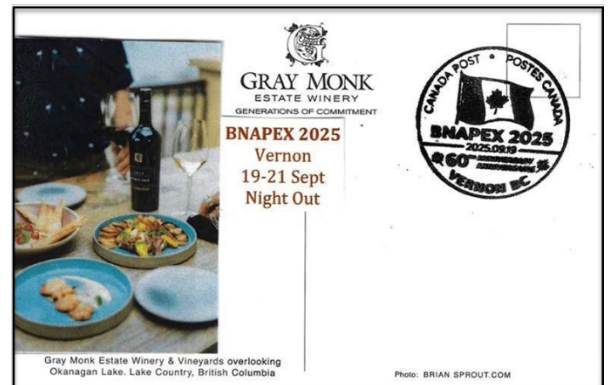
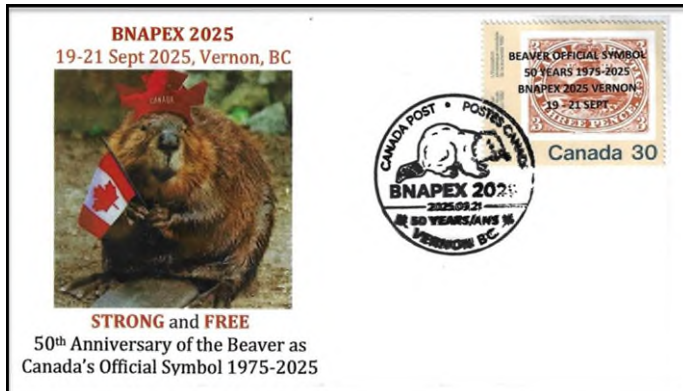
BNAPEX 2025 – Vernon BC – Selected Souvenir Items

Below is a sampling of souvenir items available at the Vernon convention. The best way to get them, of course, is to attend the show and get them in person. But that not always being possible, the next best way is to order them online. Details on how to do this will be found in the next eLetter along with a complete listing of all items available



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Additional Souvenir Covers





National Philatelic Exhibition *Exposition Philatélique Nationale*

October 18-19, 2025

The Hellenic Community Centre
133 Southdale Rd. West, London, Ontario
Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4
Free Admission, free parking, lunch counter.

Hosted by the The London-Middlesex Stamp Club
(Chapter 9 of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada)

The theme of the 2025 exhibition is the 200th anniversary of postal service in London, Ontario. On March 26, 1825, Lawrence Lawson was appointed Deputy Postmaster of London, County of Middlesex, in the Province of Upper Canada.

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Themes: Aerophilately, and the 200th anniversary of Bytown
APS World Series of Philately Show
Exhibit applications for all subjects welcome.

Saturday, May 2nd, 2026 - 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
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FUTURE SHOWS
MAY 29-30, 2027
MAY 27-28, 2028



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