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## PENTICTON MEETING DECLARED A GREAT SUCCESS

Members attending the annual meeting in Penticton at the end of September came away with many great memories.

The presentations were interesting - the food top notch and the socializing among the best ever -

While the actual numbers attending were a bit disappointing those who made the effort uniformly were of the opinion that this was one of the most enjoyable meetings in a long time.

The executive is already working hard to ensure that the next meeting slated for the Victoria area will be better yet.

## MARK OAKLEY ELECTED NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL GROUP

Members elected Mark Oakley of the Okanagan as the next Chairman of the Group- Mark, a retired Accountant, brings new enthusiasm to the job and is already working on making next year's meeting an even greater success



Our new Chair Mark Oakley has been married 31 years and has 3 children who have a mild interest in Dad's "sticker" collection. Eldest daughter, Melissa has a framed display of each of Canada's Supreme Court Law Stamps hanging in her law office, which oddly enough draws many questions from her clients. Carol assists me with the Okanagan Mainline Philatelic Auctions where I am the Treasurer and comes to almost all of my stamp activities and of course looks the other way when my auction purchases show up on the credit card.

# MEMBERS CHANGE METHOD OF MEMBERSHIP

Member attending voted uniformly for extending membership status to all members of BNAPS who reside in the catchment area which includes the western United States BC and the Yukon -

No fee is to be charged - events are to be revenue neutral - The new Chairman will see that appropriate notices are sent to all those on the membership list of BNAPS who qualify for our group. All of these members will receive notices - newsletters etc unless they notify us otherwise.

Some members have volunteered to donate the needed operating expenses.

We also extended the executive - which will now look like this

Chairman - Mark Oakley  
Secretary/Treasurer Shirley Ann Frick  
Event Coordinator Gary Fisher Liason with Pacific Northwest Stamp Clubs Peter Jacobi Newsletter Editor Peter Fralick

# PRESENTATIONS PRAISED BY THE AUDIENCE

With the change in format voted in Chilliwack last year - we had more presenters this time - judging by the questions and comments they were all well received and found interesting.

We'll try to provide a synopsis of what was shown and said at the meeting.

First up was **Peter Jacoby** with "My Favorite Collateral". Which was a collection of favorite things from the Kootenay mine era - we saw some things not to be seen again I would think.



Then came **Jack Isaacson** with his remarkable collection of early covers and mailings - dating back to the 1400's - amazing that something could have survived the vagaries of time and distance - from Italy etc - to arrive in a small hotel in Penticton - but he did get it and managed to attract our interest -



**Ron Leith** came from Vancouver to give his show of Victoria BC cork cancels - I didn't know the ins and outs of how they were made and examples of such - highly interesting to the gang watching.



Then came **Ken Pugh** and “the Andre Fordel/Fred Eaton Story” - how forgeries that were identified as such were made and sold - and some of the most interesting history behind the forgery setup - where many were not identified - anyhow we learned a lot I think.



That was the Saturday morning line up - after a good lunch we had more presentations

**Edward Haasdyk** gave a bit of a different piece on “postal history of KLM flights between Netherlands and Netherlands West Indies” - showed the planes and pilots and a lot of real history - the kind that doesn't usually show up in books.



Then came the annual business meeting -the minutes of which to follow.

This was followed by the banquet and guest speaker, **Sue Kershaw** who spoke on The Last Flight of HX313, the story of the plane, crew, survivors and Belgians on the ground. She entertained and again judging from the questions and comments managed to grab the interest of those there.



## Banquet Photo



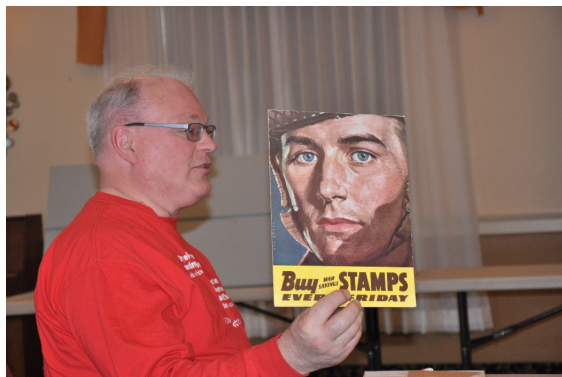
Peter Jacobi, Tim Woodland, Jon and Leanne Johnson



Sunday morning we heard from Jon Johnson with “WWII Canadian Merchant Marine “ which was well presented - followed a Canadian ship as it went from place to place across the Pacific and almost around the world - as a dutiful seaman sent letters home to his Mother from each place - interesting to see the progress from place to place - also interesting to see one of the letters with bits cut out by the censor - with a newspaper article a couple of days later reporting the action that had been censored.



The last presentation was Vending Automation of Canadian Postage by our special guest, Dave Bartlett - representing BNAPS. It was nice to see one of the officers of our organization. He and his wife added just a bit extra to the meeting.



A hearty thank you to the five of the seven presenters who volunteered to return their presenters honorarium to the Group - thus leaving us with a bit of cash for expenses.

This was the \$50 thank you gift from the Group to the presenters, voted in at Chilliwack.

## **HOSPITALITY ROOM A POPULAR VENUE**

We tried something a bit different this time. Usually we use a hotel room for the hospitality setup. This year we used a smaller meeting room with a large table and chairs. This proved so successful it might be a good idea for the future as well. People could come and go at their leisure and mix and match. We even had a sort of a crib game running.

## **Editorial:**

With the new rules for membership and the new executive enthusiasm we could well be on our way to a rebirth of interest in group activities. This will be up to the members to lend a hand and make the belonging to be a highly desirable affair.

Has anyone else noted that small post offices no longer carry commemorative sheet stamps? They carry the coils of everyday stamps and booklets which is the only way to put something other than the ordinary little coils. I am told it costs too much to stock the commemoratives.

Many thanks to the BNAPS executive for noticing the groups and taking an interest in promoting their activities. When you get a chance, tell them we appreciate this support. It is interesting to see the evolution of the group meetings. It appears we are on the way back. Now if members would remember to tell of possible conflicts we could avoid things like the Vanpex conflict we had this time. Mark is more in the mainstream of clubs etc, which I was not, so maybe this will not be such a problem.

We would be interested in hearing from anyone who has ideas as to how to interest the local clubs in our meeting. One of the main reasons in moving the meeting around

the province is to make it possible for local clubs to participate. For the last three meetings we have had a grand total of five people attending from the area where the meeting was held.

Do you know of anyone whom you think should be recognized on these pages? If so please let us know so we can try to collect the correct information and do so.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Thank you to our members for voting me as Chair for our regional group for 2018. I am really looking forward to working with our executive to make membership in our BNAPS group an enriching experience. Our motto is "Philately, Fellowship, Fun". Getting together with a group of knowledgeable stamp collectors to expand our knowledge of our hobby. What more could one ask.

Firstly, join with me in thanking Peter for his dedicated service as our Regional Group Chair for 7 years. Your volunteer service to BNAPS and your fellow collectors and philatelists is appreciated beyond words. Thank you Peter. In keeping with Peter's dedication to our hobby, he will be continuing in his role as the Editor of our newsletter.

Another decision taken at the Penticton meeting was a motion to extend regional group membership to all BNAPS members in our region. We also created an associate membership for non BNAPS members who may wish to join our group. This is designed for friends, associates and spouses' who wish to attend our events.

Our last meeting in Penticton, for me was a great educational experience. As one of our presenters said, "to love stamps is to love history". I am always astounded by the depth of knowledge that our presenters have in their subject areas. They truly have a

love of philately. Ed presented on KLM flight covers from Amsterdam to the Dutch East Indies. Ed's presentation really was a history of KLM Airlines from inception to the beginning of WWII. His flight covers documented to advancement of airplane technology and the tenacity of the pilots serving their customers. Peter's presentation on the history of the mining industry in the Kootenays was outstanding. His presentation was illustrated by postcards of many of the early mining towns in BC. Ron's presentation on the usage of cork cancels at the Victoria post office was a study in patience and detail. His presentation was of particular interest to myself as I have a small collection of small queens, many of course with cork cancels. Suffice to say, there was a little something for everyone. Ken's story on the Frodel forgeries and the Fred Eaton story was shockingly interesting. As a young teenager, I used to frequent the Eaton store on West Boulevard in Kerrisdale and that's where I received my first auction experiences. Also getting swept up in the bidding and paying the price. A lesson learned young.

Thank you to our other presenters –Sue, Jon and Dave. Regrettably, I was unable to attend our Sunday activities but from all reports their presentations were of great interest to the membership and very well received. I am certain these philatelists will continue to share their expertise with us at future events.

Planning is now underway for our next gathering in Victoria 2018. If you have any particular areas of interest that you would like to see explored, send forward a suggestion. If you have an area of interest that you would share with your fellow philatelists, please volunteer! The big news is that we are trying to tie our meeting to coincide with VICPEX to make the whole experience more enriching. Stay tuned as we will keep you advised as further details become available.

I look forward to meeting you personally in Victoria 2018.

Cheers, Mark Oakley

PS. Mark can be reached directly at  
BNAPS-PNW@shaw.ca

## REQUEST FOR EXCHANGE

A chap from the Czech Republik has written asking if I know anyone who might want to exchange. He says he only wants mint stamps in blocks preferably. He specializes in Olympics, particularly issues relating to Rio in 2016 and Sochi 2014 etc. If you are interested you could write . He does not list a computer address - Frantisek Ulrich - 538 54 Luze 106 Czech Republik.

## FROM GARY FISHER

I am interested in creating a list of members and what their interest is. Please contact me gwfish@shaw.ca with your name and what your subject or interest is and I will begin to create a list. Gary Fisher Vernon" To begin: my interest is Canada Post stationary and town cancels. Thanks, Gary

## FROM BOB LANE

VIA ANDY ELWOOD

I just came across this publication. It is "Canadian Railway Scenes", vol. #1 "Good Medicine Books", Skookumchuk BC. 64 pages. Lovely photos inside.

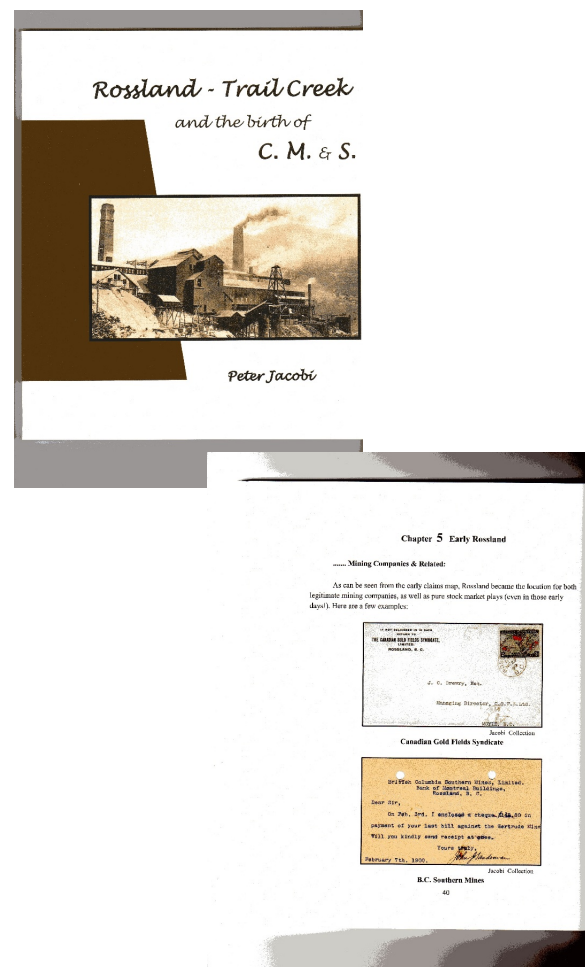
Articles about dieselization. Specifics re Kettle Valley, and Crowsnest and Kettle Valley. Also Colquihalla Line. Cowichan Valley Line. There is a chapter on the B.C. Provincial Museum Train, as well as the

BC Forest Museum. I would cheerfully mail this to one of the BC collectors. Contact me at: [boblanel@telus.net](mailto:boblanel@telus.net)

## FROM PETER JACOBI

**FOR SALE:** Peter's book. The book outlines the postal history of the discovery of the copper-gold deposits of Rossland and follows the early development of the city of Rossland, then goes into the formation of the Trail Smelter complex by Fritz Augustus Heinze and eventually the amalgamation of a number of early mining companies to form the "Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada, Ltd." or C.M. & S. for short.

The book has 116 pages, 44 b&w and 109 colour illustrations and sells for \$25 plus \$5.- for postage anywhere in Canada. Send requests to Peter Jacobi at [pjacobi@shaw.ca](mailto:pjacobi@shaw.ca) Payment by cheque please to Peter Jacobi, 5767 - 185 St. Surrey, BC, V3S 7T1



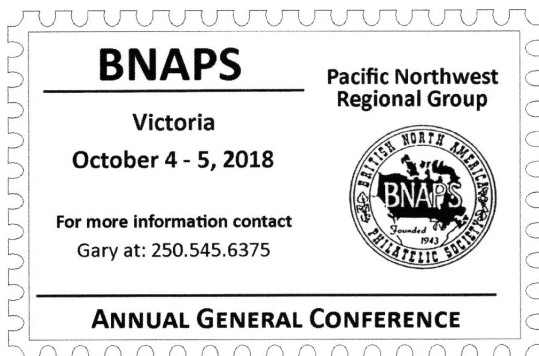
# FROM TIM WOODLAND

Here's an item that may interest you,  
welcome to put in newsletter if you wish.  
Not mailed but backside notation reads:  
"From B.F. Jacobsen Bella Coola"



Postcard is circa 1900 – 1910. Acquired at  
last weekend's Vancouver Rare Book,  
Photograph & Paper Show.

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## BNAPS - PNWRG

### Financial Report

June 1 2016 to October 31 2017

#### Revenue

Dues	321.96
Interest	0.48
Donation	994.15
Penticton Registration	<u>1,240.00</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>2,556.59</b>

#### Expenses

NW Federation Membership	27.05
Chilliwack Expenses	286.92
Penticton Expenses	1,939.96
Office Expenses	<u>29.18</u>

Total Expenses 2,283.11

Net Revenue 273.48

Bank Balance May 31 2016	3,177.29
add: Net Revenue	<u>273.48</u>
Bank Balance Oct 31 2017	3,450.77

## Philatelic Phunnys

Did you hear the one about the unstamped letter?

Never mind, you wouldn't get it

What did the envelope say to the stamp?

"Stick with me and well go places."

## Other Funnies

I read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to cause any trouble, but shouldn't that be an even number?

Did you know that dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish?

## MINUTES OF AGM

### PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGIONAL GROUP

SEPT 30, 2017

Days Inn, Penticton, BC

Present: Peter Jacoby, Jon Johnson, Jack Isaacson, Wayne Dods, Tim Woodland, Mark Oakley, Gary Fisher, Wanda Fisher, Bill Verbrugen, Ed Haasdyk, Ron Leith, Dave Bartlett, Peter Fralick, Paula Fralick

Guest: Leanne Johnson

#### 1. Minutes:

Tim Woodland/Gary Fisher

That the minutes be accepted as circulated  
carried

**2. Treasurer's Report:** There is no Treasurer's Report at this time. It will be published the next newsletter.

#### 3. Membership:

a. Mark Oakley/Gary Fisher

That all members of BNAPS that live in our catchment area be members of PNWRG with no membership fee.

Carried

b. Mark Oakley/Gary Fisher

We will have an associate membership class who will pay the current associate membership fee and as set from time to time.

Carried

This means that guests invited to a PNWRG meeting would pay the \$10 associate membership fee plus registration fee

c. Tim Woodland/Bill Verbrugen

That the associate member class have no voting rights in any PNWRG affair.

Defeated

d. Mark Oakley/Bill Verbrugen

That the associate member fee for 2017/2018 be \$10.00

Carried

e. That visiting BNAPS members will be treated as PNWRG members re: membership fees

carried

#### 4. Next Meeting:

a. Paula Fralick/Tim Woodland

That the next meeting be in Victoria  
carried

b. There was a discussion around the dates for the next meeting and they have tentatively been set for Sept. 28, 29, 30, 2018

c. There was the suggestion that everyone at the meeting talk to 5 people and invite them to the next meeting, as a strategy to get new members.

5. Mark Oakley volunteered to be regional contact for the Okanagan

6. Information Item from Dave Bartlett: Items can be sent to **BNAPS** for the PNWRG web page. Our current newsletters have been on the page. Also there is a BNAPS Facebook page that we can add to.

#### 7. Elections:

a. Secretary/Treasurer

Bill Verbrugen/Gary Fisher nominated  
Shirley-Ann Frick

Shirley-Ann was elected by acclamation

b. Tim Woodland/Bill Vergurgen

That we have a chairperson and an event co-ordinator

carried



**c. Event Co-ordinator**

Tim Woodland/Peter Fralick

That Gary Fisher be nominated as Event Co-ordinator.

Gary was elected by acclamation

**d. Chairperson**

Mark Oakely was nominated as Chairperson

Peter Fralick was nominated as Chairperson  
- Peter declined the nomination

Mark Oakely was elected by acclamation

**e. Newsletter Editor:** Peter Fralick was nominated as Newsletter Editor

Peter was elected by acclamation

**More Funnies**

Money talks .. but all mine ever says is good-bye.

If you think nobody cares whether you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.

The pharmacist asked me my birth date again today. I'm pretty sure she's going to get me something.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

## MORE BANQUET PHOTOS



Dave Bartlett



Jack Isaacson and Peter Jacobi



Wayne Dods, Trudy Lajfar, Bill Verbrugen, Peter Fralick

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