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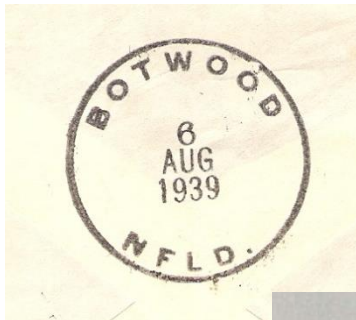
## Airport & Air Mail Field Cancels

**Mike Street** writes to say that in the April-June 2020 *BNA Topics* he asked BNAPS members for help updating Section 16, Canadian Airport and Air Mail Field Cancels, of the *Air Mails of Canada and Newfoundland Catalogue, 1st Edition*. **Mike** is looking for images of Canadian and Newfoundland postmarks and meter hubs which include the words “Airport” or “Air Mail” or “AMF” (Air Mail Facility or Field) or “AMS” (Air Mail Section or Service) or similar.

While air mail service in Canada grew from its early stages into an extremely important part of private and commercial communications in Canada during the reign of King George VI, KGVI period postmarks are not as common as they are from the QEII era. It may be that George VI Study Group members might have missed **Mike’s** request in *BNA Topics* but will be able to assist through this request direct to our members.

Among the KGVI era air mail postmarks **Mike** is looking for scans of are: Atlantic Provinces: Botwood, Gander, Goose Bay, Harmon Field, Newfoundland Airport, St. John's, Halifax, Dartmouth, Moncton, Saint John, Shediac; Quebec and Ontario: Montreal, Brantford, Ottawa, Toronto, Windsor; Western Provinces and Territories: Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Swift Current, Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Delta, Vancouver, Victoria, Whitehorse. If you have an example from any town or city not listed, **Mike** would also be very interested in seeing it. Post-KGVI examples are needed as well.

If you have examples of any of these postmarks, **Mike** would appreciate 300DPI scans. If you have examples but no scanner, **Mike** will pay postage both ways to borrow them for a few days and make scans himself. Please contact **Mike** by email <mikestreet1@gmail.com> or by regular mail at: Apt. 105, 1136 Maritime Way, Kanata, ON K2K 0M1 or by phone at 613-591-8471. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



*The Herald Dispatch Bulletin has been circulated on a bi-monthly to BNAPS George VI Study Group during 2020*  
*Copies of the Herald Dispatch and the Study Group’s Newsletter – the Post & Mail – are posted on its website - [www.kgvi.ca](http://www.kgvi.ca).*  
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## **zoom, zoom ... Zoom! & Post & Mail Issue 41**

**Ken Lemke** advises that he plans to publish notes about the Inaugural George VI Study Group Zoom meeting in the upcoming Issue 41 of the Post & Mail.

## **Crossover Collecting (cont'd – Part 3)**

Concepts related to Crossover Collecting were explained in Herald Dispatch Vol. Issues 2 & 3 with the aim to encourage George VI members to consider how they might record and share their philatelic knowledge with current and future members.

Many of us are members of other BNAPS Study Groups many of which, such as the Military Mail, Pre-cancel, Postal Stationery, World War II etc., have collecting, research and publication interests that “cross-over” the George VI period. Similarly, other philatelic Societies such as the Canadian Aerophilatelic Society’s, with its “*THE CANADIAN AEROPHILATELIST*”, have published a treasure trove of articles and information related to the George VI period over the years. In a similar vein, **Bill Longley** raised a largely overlooked area for KGVI enthusiasts in his article entitled “*Ignoring George VI Postal Routes*” found on page 8 of Issue 40 of the Post & Mail which, in itself, offers fertile ground for original research.

The Post & Mail has played an important role in recording philatelic works in its articles over the past 17 years. But much remains to be done and many new areas are ripe for expansion particularly in cross-over topic areas. It is suggested that various members may possibly wish to consider becoming a “KGVI in-house Study Group reporter” whereby they submit periodic reports on George VI related activities or articles associated with their favourite Crossover area for publication in upcoming Post & Mail issues. This type of activity will greatly expand the recording of philatelic research and knowledge for the benefit of current and future members our Study Group.

## **Herald Dispatch**

The Herald Dispatch was introduced in April 2020 to fill a gap that had evolved in the flow of correspondence with George VI Study Group members. Under **Ken Lemke’s** leadership, this gap has been closed as events now allow **Ken** to again take up the reins of Editor of the Post & Mail and also through his establishment of the Study Group Zoom meeting facility.

As such, the Herald Dispatch has fulfilled its original purpose and this issue will be the last in the current format.

Having said that, the “Bulletin” format of the Herald Dispatch lends itself to becoming a forum through which members can publish requests for information to assist them in their research and collecting endeavours. **Mike Street’s** request on page 1 regarding Airport & Air Field Cancels is an excellent example of what is possible in this regard.

We have a Study Group of more than 60 members on our email distribution lists that will be receiving **Mike’s** request for information. Your Study Group leadership has decided to offer members the opportunity to reach out to our membership at large in a similar fashion by circulating their requests through ad hoc publication of Herald Dispatch issues upon receiving such requests from individual members.

Study Group members wishing to utilize this service should contact Stephen by email at [stephen.prest@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.prest@gmail.com).