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Newsletter from the Lethbridge Philatelic Society

Lethbridge Philatelic Year End Dinner

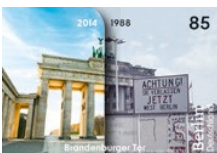


Everyone enjoyed the Evening



2024 New Issues

Like usual, Canada post is reluctant to show us what they are offering for 2024. Unlike countries like Austria and Germany where updates and brochures were out in December describing the first quarter issues with images. Even Greece listed the 2024 stamp program as far back as October. Below, a couple of German issues for 2024.



The Lethbridge Philatelic Society

The Lethbridge Philatelic Society meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 P.M. (except July and August). Meetings at **Insight**



Insight

#1, 1718-3 Avenue south,
Lethbridge, Alberta

Next Meeting: **January 11, 2024**, in the downstairs conference room.

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Austria loves it's automobiles



IN MY OPINION

It's been a Good Year

The first full year after the pandemic has been good for the year. This year, 2024 promises to be even better. Last year we had a lot of sale items for every meeting, leaving us little time for discussion and demonstrations. Many of our members have a lot of questions about various aspects of this complex hobby. I've heard many questions in conversations.



The questions range in all areas. What do you collect? How do you collect? Do you collect mint or used or both? What do you use to mount them? Where do you get the Album pages? Then there are the technical aspects, the techniques in removing used stamps from paper without damaging them. What media takes stamps off? How do the stamps get stored and how many of each do you save? What happens to the rest?



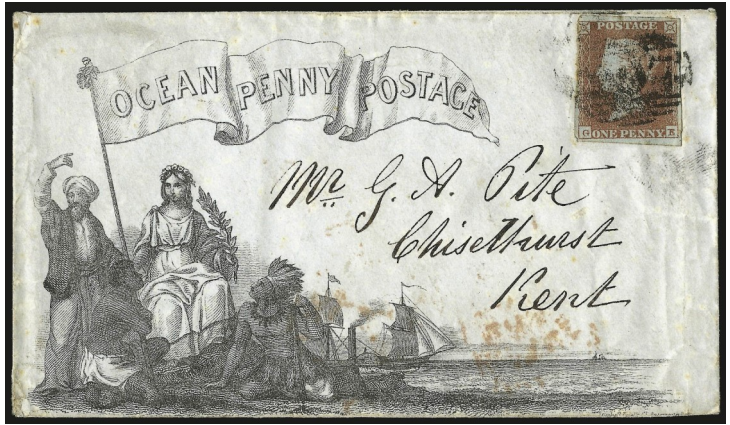
Philately is a vast hobby, both technical as well as challenging in skill and knowledge. History of Postage, or other, Stamps and Postal Systems around the World are very important in the hobby. Although collecting one of each of the stamps you come across seems like collecting philately, but there is more to it. My hope is that we will actively explore these areas as the year progresses, with the help of the members to do more with the “STAMP CHAT” in our meetings.

Thanks for putting up with my babblings in the Newsletter, but when “YOU” don't send me “YOUR BABBLING”, I have to invent my own.



Ocean Penny Postage

We all know of the Penny Black, the First Official Postage Stamp issued by Great Britain in 1840. At the same time, there was the Mulready Cover issued which also was one penny.



That interested an American blacksmith, freedom activist, anti-slavery, with the nickname “the learned Blacksmith”. Elihu Burnitt, from Connecticut, was heavily involved in the freedom movement, who in 1846 initiated an International Peace Congress in London England, Manchester and Frankfurt Germany.

In his work for delivering his peace message and articles, he made use of the Mulready letters sending the message to the corners of the world for the cheap postage of a penny. It was quite effective to get his message across.

His work was productive. In 1849 the “Ocean Penny Postage Covers” emerged. These covers had detailed engraving, with the 1865 Ocean Penny



ny Cover depicting Britannia with representatives of nations of the world and ships in the background. That is how the peace movement influenced the Philatelic World.

Christmas Airmail over the Ocean

The first powered flight was done by the Wright brothers in 1908. They flew a few hundred feet. It was years before anyone flew an aircraft any long distance, not to mention over the open sea. Those first flights were always of interest to the postal services in improving the speed of letters, and believe it or not collectors. Even then there was the start of first flight covers.



In New Zealand, the start of Air Mail wasn't until 1928, but officially, it started in the fall of 1931. The flight in 1928 was an event to see if it could be done. Before 1931, Any letters leaving New Zealand for the rest of the world left by sea. It wasn't until Charles pilot Kingsford Smith, from Australia, flew



THE FIRST NEW ZEALAND OFFICIAL CHRISTMAS AIR MAIL (1931)





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over fourteen hours over the Tasmanian Sea to land in Christchurch to 30,000 onlookers. Due to bad weather, the return flight took 23 hours, leaving only drops of fuel in the tank when he landed. Air mail to Australia started in 1921 with the Christmas mail that connected to the Australian National Airways flight to London England.

The first New Zealand Airmail stamps came out for flight across the two islands in 1931. Regular postage was 2 pence with 3 pence surcharge for air, making 5 pence .For the official Christmas flight, connecting to the British Islands, the Postal printers



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printed the regular 3 pence brown stamp in Green. This was over-printed with “Five Pence” in RED for this flight.

Since Charles Kingsford Smith was the aviation hero in Australia at the time, setting records and daring flights,



Stamps issued featured his name on them. He initiated an arduous route from Darwin to London, where several sections were over bodies of water, with many refueling stops.

Kingsford Smith got the nickname “the Flying Mailman” after flying 1400 pounds of mail from England to Australia. He was still trying to break records when on November 8, 1935 he was lost at sea between India and Singapore.

Announcements

- **Next Meetings :**
- January 11, 2024
- February 8, 2024

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 to :kerber1227@gmail.com
 by month end.

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 The Lethbridge Philatelic Society**

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- Germany: Neuerscheinungen | Shop Deutsche Post
- Austrian: Philately news 2021 - PostAG

Denmark: Frimærker

STAMP Pages : [http:// tim.mond.free.fr/](http://tim.mond.free.fr/)

Poland: Poczta Polska Philatelic Shop - Welcome

USA: <https://store.usps.com/store> - go to "postal store"

Edmonton: <http://www.edmontonstampclub.com/Newsletter.html>

Calgary Philatelic Society – The Calgary Philatelic Society

Stamp Collecting World: <https://www.stamp-collecting-world.com/>