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AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY

Organized 1923 in the Interest of Aerophilately and Aerophilatelists Everywhere

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO:

CANADIAN CHAPTER
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16 HARWICK CRESCENT
NEPEAN, ONTARIO, CANADA K2H 6R1

To all members of the Canadian Chapter of the AAMS greetings on the occasion of the first issue of The Canadian Aerophilatelist on Canada Day 1 July 1985, Canada's 118th birthday. I trust that the data and attachments herewith enclosed will be of use and of interest to you. Further issues of The Canadian Aerophilatelist will follow randomly.

Item 85-1: Executive Committee of the Canadian Chapter AAMS.

President: Mr. Pat Sloan, P.O. Box 6217, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K2A 1T

Vice President: Major Dick Malott, Retired, 16 Harwick Crescent, Nepean,

Ontario, Canada, K2H 6R1.

Secretary: Mr. Kendall C. Sanford, 47 Lombardy, Baie d'Urfe, Quebec,

Canada, H9X 3K9.

Treasurer: Mr. Nelson Bentley, Treasurer, 3044 Otterson Drive, Ottawa,

Ontario, Canada, KlV 7B6.

Item 85-2: Secretary's Report by Kendall C. Sanford.

A report on your Chapter's activities at the PIPEX Exhibition held in Vancouver on 7-9 June, will be in the 2nd issue of The Canadian Aerophilatelis because I leave for two weeks in Geneva the last half of June. I will be able to squeeze in the Annual General Meeting (which includes a display competition) of the British Aerophilatelic Federation on the Saturday between my meetings in Geneva. I can report that we got four more members for the Chapter, which brings us up to 35 members.

LIST OF MEMBERS' COLLECTING INTERESTS

Attached to this issue of the newsletter is a Chapter application form. Some members who joined recently have already completed one for our records. Some of those who joined earlier have not completed one of the forms because we only made them up recently. If you have not completed one of these forms, and given us your collecting interests, please complete it NOW and return it to me. After I get them all, I will prepare a complete membership list on my computer, and it will be sent to all members. If you don't want your address shown in the list, please tell me.

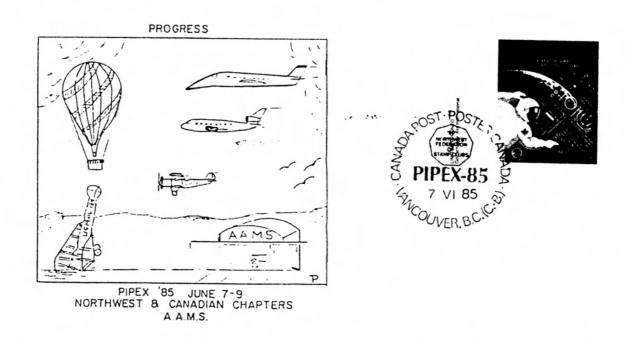
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Item 85-3: PIPEX'85 Cover.

The AAMS Northwest Chapter and the Canadian Chapter jointly produced a souvenir cover as shown. They were all cancelled with the PIPEX cancellation on 7 June. These are the only souvenir covers that were produced. The PIPEX Exhibition itself did not have any show covers. They are available from our Treasurer for CA \$2.00 or US \$1.50 each. Be sure to enclose a stamped and addressed envelope with your order. The proceeds help to support your Chapter. Order from Nelson Bentley, 3044 Otterson Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, KIV 7B6.



Item 85-4: A Report on ORAPEX'85, OTTAWA, ONTARIO

I am happy to report that as of June 1st, we have 31 members in the Canadian Chapter, and we hope to get 6 to 8 more at PIPEX in Vancouver, where we will have a joint booth with the Northwest Chapter of the AAMS.

If any members would like to have a copy of our Constitution and By-Laws and/or a list of Chapter members, just send me a stamped (U.S. $22 \not c$ or Can. $34 \not c$) and addressed envelope. I have the membership list on my Apple computer, so it is easy to print out a copy.

Kendall C. Sanford, 47 Lombardy, Baie d'Urfe, PQ H9X 3K9.

A REPORT ON ORAPEX '85

By Kendall C. Sanford, Secretary

Orapex '85 was held in the RA Center in Ottawa on 4 & 5 May 1985. Orapex is a local exhibition (this was the 24th) which is staged by the RA Stamp Club. Chapter member Pat Sloan was the Exhibition Chairman this year, and he and his team did a great job. The Exhibition was held in the ice skating and hockey arena and there was plenty of space.

There were four aerophilatelic exhibits, three by Chapter members, which were as follows:

"Latvia". Air mail issues and covers. A Greblis, Lakeshore Stamp Club (which is from the West Island of Montreal). 3 frames. Silver award.

"Helicopter Mail in England". From the start of operations, Peterborough-Norwich-Yarmouth area 1st June to December 1948. \mathcal{E} 1.50 British Airways airway letter service rate. Nelson Bentley, RA Stamp Club and AAMS Canadian Chapter. Bronze award.

"Pan American World Airways Crash Covers". From crashes of Pan Am and affiliated airlines from 1928 to 1966. Kendall C. Sanford, AAMS Canadian Chapter. Silver bronze award.

"Development of Canadian aerogrammes and domestogrammes to 1984, depicted by mint and used material". Richard K. Malott, RA Stamp Club and AAMS Canadian Chapter. Silver bronze award.

There was also an interesting exhibit in the Topical section, "Brief History of flying on stamps, De Vinci to Garneau", by G. Lepine, RA Stamp Club. This won a silver bronze award.

This was the first time that Nelson Bentley had exhibited, and the first time that I had exhibited my Pan Am crash covers.

The judges were Clark Grierson, Chairman, Graham Locke and Geoffrey R. Newman.

Your Canadian Chapter had a booth at the show, selling AAMS publications and signing up new members. We signed up 2 or 3 new Chapter members, and 2 new AAMS members. Nelson Bentley and your Secretary manned the booth both days, and Geoff Thompson of Beaconsfield, Quebec helped out on Sunday.

The following AAMS and/or Canadian Chapter members stopped by and signed the register: (we show the place of residence of those not from Ottawa) Ed Lettick, Derby, Conn.: Pat Sloan: Frank Buono, Binghampton, NY: John Glashan: Dick Malott: Donald Clark: Jim Turk: Maurice Hewitt, Islington, Ontario: and Mike Shand.

We had scheduled a Canadian Chapter Meeting for Sunday afternoon, and had asked members to bring a few of their interesting album pages and talk about them for five minutes or less. Unfortunately, only about four people showed up, so no meeting was held.

I hope that the Canadian Chapter can encourage and stimulate more aerophilatelists to exhibit their material and thereby increase aerophilatelic activities in Canada.

Item 85-5: Commemorative D-Day June 6 1944 Cover from CFB Comox.

A committee has been formed at Canadian Forces Base Comox to establish an Air Force Museum. As part of our fund raising activities, a commemorative cover was commissioned to mark the fortieth anniversary of D-Day. The cover depicts a Hawker Typhoon in D-Day markings. The cancellation contains a miniature replica of the same Typhoon with the inscription "D-Day June 6, 1944 The 32 cent standard Queen Elizabeth stamp was cancelled June 6, 1984 at Lazo, B.C. Canada, home of CFB Comox.

We are selling the covers for \$2.50 (\$2.00 plus \$.50 postage/handling) and they can be obtained by writing to Chairman, Air Force Museum Committee, CFB Comox, Lazo, B.C. VOR 2KO.

Any assistance you could provide in publicizing the availability of the cover would be most appreciated.

From: Major E.H. Montgomery, CD Canadian Forces Base Comox

Lazo, B.C., VOR 2KO

COMOX AIR FORCE BASE MUSEUM

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Item 85-6: Report to President of FIP Commission for Aerophilately re Air Mail Collecting in Canada.

To: Captain Frank Lemos de Silveira President FIP Commission for Àerophilately Rue Pedro IV 0 3-3° EF P-1700 Lisboa, Portugal

Dear Frank:

In reference to your request for an update on air mail collecting in Canada I am pleased to advise you of the following data:

Despite several obstacles to the development of current air mail collecti in Canada there are many interested in Canadian pioneer, semi-official and official government air mail flights and applicable stamps. To encourage further development in Canadian air mail collecting a Canadian Chapter of the American Air Mail Society (AAMS) has been formed in Canada with Pat Sloan as President, Dick Malott as Vice President, Nelson Bentley as Treasurer (all 3 from Ottawa) and Ken Sanford of Montreal as Secretary. At present there are 35 registered members who are also AAMS members.

Air mail entries are being promoted in all levels of exhibitions - local, national and international. Five Canadian air mail entries at Israphil'85 were all awarded medals.

The problems detrimental to Canadian air mail development are the refusal of Canada Post to provide data, cachets or backstamps on mail flown on new routes; the lack of interest and/or funds by Canadian air lines - Air Canada and Canadian Pacific Air Lines in particular - to promote and provide first flight covers (Air Canada's new route Toronto to Singapore via London and Bombay on 15 January 1985 received no first flight coverage); the exclusion of all data after 18 April 1950 in the AAMS catalogue Volune IV, 5th Edition, by the Editor-in-Chief of the AAMS catalogue series, since the Canadian environment did not conform to the criteria set forth for listing in the AAMS catalogues.

One of the projects that should be developed by the Canadian AAMS Chapter is to research and provide a list of known flown Canadian air mail covers for the benefit of Canadian air mai/1 tollectors.

There is a strong interest in interrupted (crash) covers of Canada as well as the special military air mail souvenir covers prepared for various military aviation events at Canadian Forces Bases. As an example (see enclosed cover) a very attractive cover was prepared at CFB Winnipeg on 9 November 1984 for the stamp commemorating the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the RCAF on 1 April 1924. In lieu of release on the anniversary date of 1 April, Canada Post releases appropriate military stamps prior to Remembrance Day observed each year on 11 November.

For those interested in data on Canadian aviation - commercial and military - there are several excellent reference books available on the market. Contact me for details if interested.

If anyone has questions concerning Canadian air mail flights and air mail stamps please contact me - R.K. Malott, 16 Harwick Crescent, Nepean, Ontario, Canada, K2H 6Rl.

I trust this is what you need for your FIP publication.

Yours sincerely,

(R. K. Malott)

Delegate FIP Commission for Aerophilately.

Item 85-7: Ads in The Canadian Aerophilatelist.

To help cover costs of this newsletter and postage for its mailing we would be pleased to receive classified ads with a maximum of 50 words for \$1.00 an issue. If you are interested send your ad and payment to Dick Malott.

Item 85-8: Canadian Crash Cover Study.

The Canadian Chapter is doing a study of all Canadian air crashes that were carrying mail. Members are asked to send in photo copies of covers, newspaper and magazine articles, photos, crash reports, or any other information. All information will eventually be published. Send all information to the Secretary, Kendall C. Sanford, 47 Lombardy, Baie D'Urfe, P.Q. Canada, H9X 3K9.

Item 85-9: Israphil'85 at Tel Aviv, Israel, 14-22 May 1985.

I had the pleasure of representing Canada as the Canadian Commissioner to Israphil'85. A copy of my report is attached along with a listing of all competitive philatelic exhibits.

Two commemorative flown balloon covers under Israphil'85 auspices were flown at Tiberius, Israel to raise funds for orphaned children. A xerox copy of each is shown - The Australian balloon Pro Juventute flew one set.

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Item 85-10: Aerophilatelic Data.

Enclosed in this package will be a number of aerophilatelic items including an advertising aerogramme from the Mariah Israel Hotel, data from Canada Post re an airmail show at the Posthouse, Vancouver, B.C. and data from Canair Notes in the AFA Journal.

Item 85-11: Aerophilatelic Plans for Ameripex'86.

Mr. Tom Dittrich, Vice President/Programmes, Aerophilatelic Federation of the Americas (AFA), 546 Post Avenue, Lyndhurst, New Jersey, USA, #07071 has released an interesting comprehensive proposal concerning Aerophilatelic Plans for Ameripex'86. A copy of his letter and data are enclosed for your perusal and action. If you have any suggestions let Tom know and send an information copy to Ken Sanford.

Item 85-12:

I have been informed of a hot air balloon race for 50 balloons taking place in Ottawa, Ontario 25 to 28 July 1985. Special souvenir flown balloon covers are to be prepared and sold at \$2.50 each. Data are meagre at present but I'll enclose a brochure on the event if available. I'll obtain a selection of flown balloon covers in case someone wishes the set of three being produced for this event.

If you have any Canadian aerophilatelic news to share with our members please send it to me.

Yours Aerphilatelically,

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Dick Malott

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Proposed souvenir balloon cover for Destination Canada 85 with .34 cents postage. There may also be post cards.

P.S. Canada Post has advised me that there was no Canadian mail carried on the Air India jet that crashed off Ireland in late June. It is not believed that any other mail was aboard the aircraft from any other sources.