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Item 85-13.

This second issue of The Canadian Aerophilatelist is being prepared and released sooner than planned due to an urgent matter - the elections for the AAMS executive. The dead line for the acceptance of votes is 1 October 1985. I urge all members to vote.

I also make a strong recommendation for the support of two of the candidates for executive positions in the AAMS for the next two years, both of whom are members of our Canadian Chapter, US citizens and dedicated aerophilatelists. Ken Sanford is offering his services as President, and Janice E. Weinstock is offering her services as Secreary. (See Appendix "A" attached platform statement by Ken Sanford).

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It is not easy to carry out volunteer duties in any organization, including aerophilatelic organizations such as the AAMS. Past executive of the AAMS have served the Society in their various ways but I personally feel we have been in the doldrums for sometime. Offers of personal services from myself to two presidents of the AAMS did not even receive a reply. There may be reason for this situation but it is not a method by which to make a Society grow. An opportunity to hold a future AAMS Convention in Toronto at CAPEX'87 was not accepted, although such an event will take place at Chicago during Interpex'86. We need dynamic workers and I recommend Ken and Janice for your consideration.

Item 85-14.

A special report is to be prepared by the promoters of Destination Canada 85 that took place 25 to 28 July 1985. It was a most interesting event but two days out of four were effected by very strong winds coming down the Ottawa River, prohibiting or limiting balloon flights. Bureaucracy and private enterprise did not work too well on this event. It was a great idea and may be repeated at Rockcliffe, Ottawa next year, but only under private enterprise. Late advertising, broken promises, lack of communication and no philatelic planning placed the event in financial jeopardy. As a result of intervention and advice from three members of the Canadian AAMS Chapter (Pat Sloan, Nelson Bentley and myself) we convinced the Destination Canada organizers to divide their 10,000 (yes 10,000) prepared envelopes as shown in our last issue (Item 85-12) and place the envelopes in the 50 Canada Post air mail bags that they had in the Post Office tent. These envelopes first selling at \$2.50 each, and later reduced to \$2.00 each, were cancelled with a special Canada Post cancellation dated 27 July 1985 (Saturday) earlier at Antigonish, Nova Scotia, the new office headquarters of the Canada Post Philatelic Services. All the envelopes were flown, signed by the applicable balloonist, and then all were sent again to Antigonish for cancellation on 9 August 1985. It is assumed all were so cancelled including those 8000 envelopes plus that were not sold or given away. Visitors to the event could also buy special post cards or put in their own envelopes in the mail bags.

I prepared 2 envelopes for each mail bag and have now received 40 different sets back cancelled on 9 August 1985. A cachet was available at the Canada Post Office at the balloon site but someone forgot to send the date to go in the cachet. I was advised by the organizer of the event that 47 balloons, not 50 flew. Two balloons from South Africa withdrew for political reasons. The other balloon not flying has not been identified. It will be most interesting to get a complete set of the 47 autographed flown balloon envelopes along with the colourful magazine and programme prepared for the event. This publication was priced at \$4.00 Canadian but reduced to \$2.00 on Saturday. A package deal will be offered later. I am going to propose to the chief organizer that members of our group would

offer \$60.00 Canadian for the 47 different autographed and flown balloon covers, including four signed by the four main winners and two copies of the magazine. A coloured photograph of each balloon, c/w a short story on the balloon and balloonist, is in the magazine. The four winners were - 1st Hakan Cotting of Newmarket, Ontario (\$20,000.00 Canadian); 2nd, Mikael Klingberg of Norway (\$10,000.00); 3rd, Janne Balkedal of Sweden (\$5,400.00), and 4th, Jean-Claude Dupin of France (\$2,900.00). The Destination Canada 85 programme of 60 pages in colour contains all that you need to know concerning hot-air ballooning. Anyone of our group interested in such a set of 47 envelopes and 2 programmes (and anything else I can obtain) please let me know so we can make an offer.

There is one problem at present concerning the envelopes and programmes - all are held by the National Capital Commission (NCC) which was the bureaucratic organization working with Eastern Canada Balloon Festivals Inc, to promote Destination Canada'85. As soon as the financial aspects are settled the official envelopes and programmes will be available for release. Two examples will be shown with this report - a card flown and signed by the winner of the event, Hakan Colting and an official envelope flown and signed by Mr. Peter Vizzard, No. 8, of Australia, flying "Lovely Lady".

I feel that Destination Canada 85 was a good idea and having 47 different flown and autographed balloon covers is a great impetus for balloon air mail collecting in Canada. Our Canadian AAMS Chapter has promised assistance and advice for future events. Something good may develop from the problems of 1985 at Destination Canada 85.

Item 85-15.

A complimentary Hong Kong aviation First Day Cover from Cathay Pacific Air Lines from Vancouver, BC is enclosed with that company's compliments.

Item 85-16.

A number of the new Canadian .68¢ aerogramme day of release - 15 July 1985. A set of one FDC and one mint are available at \$5.00 per set postage paid from R. K. Malott, 16 Harwick Crescent, Nepean, Ontario, K2H 6R1. One dollar goes to the Canadian AAMS Chapter for each set sold to a member of our group.

Item 85-17.

To help the Treasurer build up a fund to carry out projects, like preparing a special envelope for Ameripex'86 or for CAPEX'87, please send in your \$5.00 dues for 1986 if you have not done so already. Treasurer Nelson Bentley's address is 3044 Otterson Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K1V 7B6.

Item 85-18.

Data on aerophilatelic publications available from Aerophil, c/o Kendall C. Sanford, 47 Lombardy, Baie d'Urfé, P.Q., Canada, H9X 3K9 are enclosed. Please note in particular the leaflet re "British External Air Mails until 1934" by Alexander S. Newall, F.R.P.S., L. (See Appendix "B" and "C").

Item 85-19.

Data concerning two new AAMS publications now available from the Canadian Chapter are enclosed - The Pioneer Airplane Mails of the United States by Thomas J. O'Sullivan and Volume V, 5th; Edition, American Air Mail Catalogue, 1985. (See Appendix "D").

If anyone has any aerophilatelic news, send it in to me for publication.

Yours aerophilatelically,



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Vice-President
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TWO NEW AAMS PUBLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE CANADIAN CHAPTER

The AAMS has just published two new books.

The first is 'THE PIONEER AIRPLANE MAILS OF THE UNITED STATES', by Thomas J. O'Sullivan. It is a brand new 346 page book by this leading authority, and details all 99 known Pioneers, describing the flights and their covers in greater detail than ever before. Over 265 illustrations help make this book an invaluable addition to any aerophilatelist's library or reading shelf.

The price is CA\$30.35 (US\$22.00) but AAMS members may order one copy for CA\$24.15 (US\$17.50). These prices are postpaid.

The second is the long awaited volume V of the 5th Edition of the American Air Mail Catalogue. Half of this catalogue is new material, not in the previous edition. New sections are:

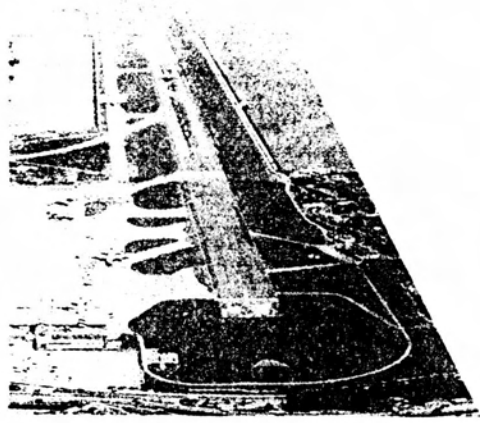
- United Nations air mail stamps & stationery
- Ryukyu Island flights, 1947-1972
- Cuba flights
- DO-X flights
- U.S. Gilder flights
- U.S. Autogiro & Helicopter flights
- Supersonic transport

Sections completely revised and updated are:

- United States air mail stamps
- Jet flights
- Alaska flights
- U.S. Souvenir Historical flights

One supplement is included, to the C.A.M. sections in Volumes II & III, flights to the date of deregulation, 1 December 1978. One price to all CA\$24.85 (US\$18.00) Postpaid.

You can order these publications, or any of the other AAMS publications, through our Treasurer, Nelson Bentley, 3044 Otterson Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K1V 7B6. As we receive a small commission from all sales of publications, you will be helping your Chapter by ordering through Nelson. The books will be sent directly from the Society in the USA. Please make checks payable to 'AAMS Canadian Chapter'.

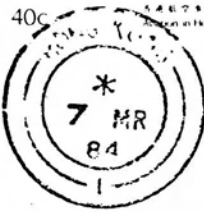


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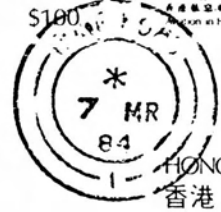


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