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ITEM 86-17

Greetings from your Executive of The Canadian Chapter, American Air Mail Society with Vol II, No. 2 of The Canadian Aerophilatelist. If you have any aerophilatelic news please send it to me for publication. Please note the \$5.00 membership dues for 1986 should be sent now to our Secretary, Mr. Nelson Bentley, 3044 Otterson Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K1V 7B6.

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ITEM 86-18

In reference to Item 85-14 concerning Destination Canada 85 for the hot-air balloon competition in Ottawa last July, 23-25, 1985 I am pleased to advise our members that the National Capital Commission (NCC) which now controls the remaining 5,000 flown and autographed envelopes, is giving the Canadian Chapter of the AAMS first opportunity to acquire examples of the flown balloon envelopes. Unfortunately several of the balloonists did not autograph the flown envelopes and some did not return the envelopes. The envelopes of the first, second and third place winners have not been located either. As a result the maximum number of autographed and different flown envelopes to a set is 33 along with 3 copies of the beautiful and informative catalogue. A list of items available and the price of each are attached. Souvenir catalogues priced originally at \$4.00 are available free upon request and payment of \$1.50 for postage for each programme desired.

ITEM 86-19

Ameripex'86 will soon be here. We hope as many as possible of our members will be able to attend. It is a disappointment that a day for aerophilately was not scheduled. However under the able leadership of Tom Dittrich of the Aerophilatelic Federation of the Americas (AFA) an excellent aerophilatelic programme of activities has been scheduled. This data will be repeated in The Airpost Journal. There should be a lot of interesting souvenirs. All members of the Canadian Chapter of the AAMS which is also RPSC Chapter No. 187 will receive a RPSC souvenir participation certificate from Ameripex'86.

ITEM 86-20

CAPEX'87 will be held in Toronto, Ontario 13 to 21 June 1987. Data on that event will be distributed immediately after Ameripex'86 by the CAPEX'87 executive. I have no data on the theme days so I do not know if there is an aerophilatelic theme day but I hope there will be.

We trust that aerophilatelists will come together again as they are doing so for Ameripex'86. It is obvious that it will be up to the Canadian Chapter of the AAMS to coordinate the aerophilatelic activities at CAPEX'87. Since a philatelic club booth will cost \$500.00, I hope all aerophilatelic groups will contribute to the cost. Individual members of our AAMS Chapter are asked now to contribute \$10.00 each to help cover the costs. Since we are now almost 50 in number a \$10.00 Canadian donation from each member would cover the cost. Donors will be recorded and will receive whatever special souvenirs become available to aerophilatelists.

We are also planning a special aerophilatelic dinner and social evening at the Royal Canadian Military Institute (RCMI) in Toronto during CAPEX'87 for all aerophilatelists. We plan to have Bob Bradford, Associate Director, National Aviation Museum and artist of 17 Canadian aviation subject stamps as our guest speaker. A five course gourmet meal with wine in an historic military environment will be presented. Do those AAMS members who attended CAPEX'78 and the 1978 AAMS Convention in Toronto remember the wonderful evening that we had at the RCMI, with the late A/V/M Earl Godfrey, DFC, AFC as guest speaker? We hope to duplicate that evening in 1987. The cost of the meal and expenses for Bob Bradford are expected to be prorated at \$50.00 Canadian per person. Again there will be special prizes for the event so the \$50.00 will be a good investment for an aerophilatelic night to remember. At the RCMI is the "Wings Room" where many aviation crests, photographs and mementos are exhibited, including the aircraft seat, machine gun and fabric, of Baron von Richthofen's aircraft reported to have been brought down by Captain A. Roy Brown, DSC. Please let me know if you plan to attend CAPEX'87, and if so, if you will contribute \$10.00 now for prepayment of the booth. I also wish to know, if you would attend the special dining-in-night at a cost of \$50.00 Canadian per person?

As soon as the CAPEX'87 data are available I'll distribute a copy to all our members. American (USA) members will have to submit entries for CAPEX'87 through the US commissioner if they wish to apply for an entry. The US commissioner for CAPEX'87 will be the well known aerophilatelist Mr. Fred Blau, P.O. Box 59153, Chicago, Illinois, USA #60659.

ITEM 86-21

I was appointed Canadian Commissioner to HAFNIA'87 in Copenhagen, Denmark, 16-25 October 1987. I have been advised that the first data will soon be sent to me. I'll send data to anyone interested in receiving data about HAFNIA'87 in anticipation of submitting an application to exhibit philatelic materiel. Again according to FIP rules, as the Canadian Commissioner I can only submit materiel of those RPSC members living in Canada. American entrants again must make application through the American commissioner, Mr. Fred Blau, P.O. Box 59153, Chicago, Illinois, USA, #60659.

ITEM 86-22

On the first page you will note that Nelson Bentley has volunteered to serve as the Acting Secretary until a permanent one can be assigned. Nelson filled the vacancy when Ken Sanford had to resign the position upon being elected President of the AAMS. Surely out of our 48 members there is someone willing to do his share for the chapter as Treasurer. Volunteers should write to our president, Pat Sloan, whose address is on the first page.

ITEM 86-23

A special hot-air balloon flight has been authorized by Transport Canada for 1 August 1987 from an area 55 miles from St. John's, Newfoundland by Mr. Henri Brink, Laan Van Liffar lake 28, 3612 BT Tionhoven, Holland. Canada Post has authorized a special cachet for official Canadian mail to be flown on the flight to Holland. Autographed, flown envelopes will be available at a cost of \$25.00 Canadian each. If anyone is interested please write to Mr. Henri Brink at his indicated address in Holland.

ITEM 86-24

Murray Heifetz of Toronto plans to start a local sub-chapter of the Canadian Chapter of the AAMS. If you know of anyone interested in joining the group in Toronto please contact Murray at 49 Ternhill Crescent, Don Mills, Ontario, M3C 2E4.

Murray also has some data and questions concerning the Northern Air Service stamps. Murray's data follows:

This is to do with a matter for the present CAMS acting as a study group for a problem with the Northern Air Service stamp that I have seen ignored in all past and current semi-official studies and bulletins. It has to do with the way in which the stamps were printed and distributed. Perhaps this could be inserted in a future bulletin as a problem with requests for input from our various members.

As far as I can ascertain there has been a record of only one booklet pane of 4; and one sheet of 20. Certainly there has been no more shown in any of the literature I have seen over the past 20 years. The pane is presently held by John Young and I have the sheet. In the booklet pane, the sides and bottom of the stamps are imperf. and the tops are perforated. In the sheet, only one side is imperf. All the other sides including the tops of all stamps are perforated. In the sheet, only one side is imperf. All the other sides including the tops of all stamps are perforated. There is speculation that there may have been another pane as part of the original printing sheet but it would be a mirror of the present pane with the other side imperf.

In checking over my covers, I have quite a few with the top of the stamp imperf. This is sometimes by itself, sometimes with one of the sides imperf., some with the dot variety and some without. None have the bottom imperf. and so would appear to rule out coming from a booklet pane. The occurrence does not appear to be rare. Problems - what kind of layout of sheet would give rise to an imperf top? Was there a second printing for this short-lived issue? If anyone can provide data please contact Murray Heifetz directly.

Item 86-25

It has been a great six months for auctions of Canadian pioneer and semi-official airmail covers and stamps. First there was the auction at J.N. Sissons of 14 January 1986 of the Jack Myers Collection of Semi-Official and Pioneer Airmail in which there was a mint copy of the London to London Flight, 1 September 1927; the auction of J.H. Harmer in London, England of "Pegasses" dated 11 and 12 May 1986; and finally the auction on 18 March 1986 of Ray Simrak's fabulous collection of pioneer, semi-official and airmail stamps by Charles D. Firby of Southfield, Michigan, USA. The prices for the pioneer and semi-official airmail flight covers were very high. Competition for the choice pieces was most encouraging for those planning to sell their pioneer flight covers in the future. A copy of the price list is attached. Eight items of note sold for:

1. Lot #26 Crimson silk re Franklin Expedition.....\$4,500.00 US
2. Lot #28 Brian Peck cover, not autographed.....\$2,600.00 US
3. Lot #29 Katherine Stinson flight.....\$3,600.00 US
4. Lot #36 Ottawa to Toronto 27 August 1918,
Black cachet.....\$2,800.00 US
5. Lot #48 Vancouver to Seattle, 3 March 1919.....\$6,700.00 US
6. Lot #56 Grand Army stamp.....\$6,100.00 US
7. Lot #57 Grand Army cover Hamilton to Toronto.....\$9,500.00 US
8. Lot #229 SCADTA cover 16 July 1929.....\$4,700.00 US

ITEM 86-26

The Air Canada Trans Canada historic flight in one of Trans Canada's original aircraft, a Lockheed 10-A, CF-TCC left St. Hubert, Quebec on Thursday 10 April 1986. If you are interested in a set of 50 souvenir envelopes for \$50.00 Canadian send in your order immediately to the distributor in Montreal - Maison Darnell, P.O. Box 1104, Station "A", Montreal, P.Q. H3C 2X9. A copy of the special public relations release from En Route is enclosed for your retention.

ITEM 86-27

From time to time I obtain some copies of air mail labels or vignettes and air line baggage labels. I'll enclose a few now from Air Canada (2), CP Air (2), Australia and the Faroe Islands.

ITEM 86-28

We are pleased to welcome five new members to our chapter, now having 48 members.

Mr. Klaus-Udo Ziemer #44
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D-6370 Oberursel 1, W. Germany

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Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48236

Mrs. Wendy Bromley #47
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Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0W3

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Chicago, Illinois, USA 60690

ITEM 86-29

The Lakeshore Stamp Club Inc, located near Dorval Airport, held their Annual Stamp Exhibition on 13 April 1986. To commemorate the event a special souvenir envelope depicting the plan of Dorval's runways and cancelled by a special cachet showing the air terminal and a jet airliner flying above was prepared. Anyone wishing to purchase one should write to Mr. Geoff Thompson, 190 Westcroft Road, Beaconsfield, Ontario, H9W 2M3, one of our chapter members. If I find out the price I'll state it here.

ITEM 86-30

The Executive of the Canadian Chapter of the AAMS wish to change our name and status to the Canadian Aerophilatelic Society (CAS). A copy of a ballot is enclosed for each member to fill in and return, by 30 May 1986 to the Treasurer, Mr. Nelson Bentley, Secretary, 3044 Otterson Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1V 7B6.

ITEM 86-31

Copies of aviation data submitted to the CWM are recopied and distributed for the retention by our members. The following items are enclosed:

- A) The Flyer from Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame dated March 1986;
- B) Data re CP Air Lines inaugural flight to Shanghai, China from Vancouver, B.C. 29 April 1986;
- C) Data re Air New Zealand and Air Canada;
- D) Data re pioneer pilot Walter Fowler and the DC-3 event at Expo 86, Vancouver, B.C.
- E) Data on Air Canada's anniversary flight commencing 10 April 1986;
- F) A report "Concorde in Canada" by Al Stockweather, 2316 Park Avenue, Ford City, Pennsylvania, USA #16226. We are indebted to Al, one of our members, for this most interesting summary.

ITEM 86-32

Canada Post released on or about 4 April 1986 a special kit of post cards and change of address cards, all requiring postage. The two designs are most attractive depicting the Canada Goose in its various stages of development and in flight. An example of each is enclosed.

If you should have any further data on aerophilatelic events please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. K. Malott".

(R. K. Malott)
Vice President
Canadian Chapter AAMS
Encl: (Several)

RKM/dt.

ADDENDUM

ITEM 86-33

Arrangements have been made by member Bill Bartlett of Saanichton, B.C. on behalf of the Canadian Chapter of the AAMS, to prepare and mail on the inaugural flight of Canadian Pacific Air Lines on 29 April 1986, from Vancouver, B.C. to Shanghai, China, 200 special flight covers. These covers will receive a special cachet, postmark from Expo 86 if possible, pilot signed if possible, and an arrival mark of some sort at the CP Air Line Office in Shanghai. The limited number of these envelopes, the significance of this inaugural flight to Canada and China, and the need to raise funds for our Chapter will necessitate a charge of \$5.00 per cover post paid to the purchaser. Orders should be sent to our Secretary/Treasurer Nelson Bentley, 3044 Otterson Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K1V 7B6.

ITEM 86-34

At the annual ORAPEX '86 two-day stamp exhibition our Chapter had a table at which several publications and covers were sold for the benefit of the Chapter, six AAMS members signed in as attending (4 are Chapter Members), and two new applicants are to be processed. There were only three aerophilatelic entries all of which received awards:

- A) Canadian Forces Air Letter Forms - "Airgraph and Forces Air Letters - WWII" by E.R., Toop a specialist in Canadian military mail. This exhibit was awarded a Vermeil Medal in the Masters Postal History Section (5 frames).
- B) "Helicopter Mail England 1948 - 1978" in the General Section by our member Nelson Bentley, who was awarded a Silver Medal and the Brian Peck Trophy for the Best Airmail Exhibit in the General Class. The award is presented if an exhibit receives a Silver award or better. Congratulations to Nelson (2 frames).
- C) "Helicopters on Stamps" by G.E. Lepine in the General Tropical Section was awarded a Silver Bronze award (2 frames).