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EDITORIAL - My apologies for the late publication of this issue. - This was due to a lot of things, including email issues. I hope these have now been sorted out, but would anybody who is waiting for a reply from me, please resend the email, so that I can check that I received it, and also whether a reply has been sent but disappeared en route.
Best wishes to all readers for 2008. Chris

Anybody who wants to copy an item from this newsletter is welcome to do so. - Please acknowledge The Canadian Aerophilatelist as the source, and send a copy of any publication in which the reprinted material appears to the editor.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Once again that magical time of year is almost upon us - Christmas with all of its wonders of beautiful decorations, special music and the Nutcracker, winter sports on the ice and snow, gifts and the happy, hopeful faces of children awaiting Santa Claus directly from the North Pole, and the companionship of family and friends. The religious aspect of Christmas is under attack by many uncaring groups so let all know you are a supporter of Christmas in all of its heavenly glory. May Santa Claus remember your interest in Aerophilately.

I eagerly await Chris Hargreaves' Report on Aerophilately 2007 at the American Philatelic Center, 19 - 21 October 2007. Due to my wife's medical problems, I or a helper must be with her at all times to help her move about, and thus I am unable to attend aerophilatelic functions, or any other activities, outside the Ottawa area. I regretted not being able to attend this outstanding gathering of Aerophilatelists from throughout the world.

The CAS has been active promoting its activities by providing a complete set of The Canadian Aerophilatelist to the University of Alberta's Library, noted for its Canadian aviation research. This action was taken as a result of a proposal of Nino Chiovelli, a noted balloonist, from Edmonton .

On behalf of the CAS Executive and as a result of a motion at last year's AGM of the CAS, Neil Hunter, did an exhaustive study of how to implement a CAS system for Honourary Members, Life Members and Fellows of the CAS. Our Editor , Chris Hargreaves, plans to publish Neil's findings in the Canadian Aerophilatelist prior to the next AGM at ORAPEX 2008, on 11 May 2008. (*This report is currently being debated by the Executive Committee. Ed.*)

On 31 October 2007, I observed my 80th birthday. Looking back over the 75 year's that I have been a stamp collector, aerophilatelist, researcher, writer, exhibitor and judge, I marvel at the wonderful times that I have experienced with philately and all of the exceptional people that I have had the privilege to work with in many philatelic organizations. I have also been connected with many other organizations such as the Royal Canadian Legion, various military organizations, museums, toy soldier clubs, archives and libraries. My home is crammed with accumulations of toy soldiers, stamps, air mail covers and an extensive library. With my wife's medical problems I now find I do not have the time to carry out my duties with the various organizations. At 80, I have also slowed down considerably. I have sent off to auction most of my toy soldier collection, disposed of my large surplus collection of commemorative Canadian air mail covers to Brian Wolfenden, plan to auction off my accumulation of other philatelic items, and I am seeking someone who would be interested in purchasing 500 six and eight hour tapes of Coronation Street from the 1980's and 1990's. I discontinued taping the programs in September 2007. I am making more room in my house again much to Dorothy's pleasure.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Dick Malott continued:

I have also come to the decision that it is time that I relinquish the Presidency of the CAS to a more dynamic person, our Vice-President and Editor of the Canadian Aerophilatelist, Chris Hargreaves. If Chris accepts this proposal and is elected to the Presidency of the CAS, he will need a very active Vice-President, someone like Neil Hunter. We are blessed with a most competent Secretary and Treasurer, Brian Wolfenden, a dedicated Web Master, Steve Johnson, and an exceptional Board. If accepted I would stay on as the Past President of the CAS. I suggest that this change be effective at our next AGM in May 2008.

The CAS is in an excellent financial condition, active in many aerophilatelic endeavours and maintaining a reasonable membership for a very specialized area of collecting. I have been President for many years. It is my belief that to keep the CAS growing new leadership is required. New ideas and a more mobile leader to implement these ideas are needed. I can think of no better person than Chris to lead the CAS to a higher level of activity. I trust that he and the membership are in agreement with my decision to retire from the CAS Presidency on 11 May 2008.

To all enjoy a very merry Christmas and have a happy and healthy New Year.

Dick Malott

Editor's Follow Up:

Dick took on the roles of Vice-President and Newsletter Editor at the founding meeting of the CAS in 1984, and has been President since 1993.

MANY THANKS Dick for everything you have done for the CAS!

I am very pleased that Dick is going to stay involved with the CAS as Past President.

I have also checked back in the newsletters, and in our Constitution.

2007 was an election year, and the members of the Executive were elected for two year terms.

Since Dick is stepping down in mid-term, the Constitution says that the Vice-President replaces him. I will be glad to do that.

This will create a vacancy on the Executive Committee for the position of Vice-President.

Would any member who is interested in being nominated for the position of Vice President, please contact any member of the Executive Committee for more information and/or to nominate themselves for the position.

Letters to the Editor

Most of the letters I receive are a combination of social chat, and areophilatelic information.

I usually assume that comments being made about issues in the philatelic scene are private comments to me, and that the writer does not expect to see their comments broadcast to everybody who reads this newsletter.

There may be a future problem, if I have to decide whether comments are being sent to me as President, as Newsletter Editor, or for a personal exchange of ideas. - I do not want to "silence" anybody who wishes to express their opinions to all readers, but I also don't want to embarrass anybody who expected their opinions to be private.

I am therefore going to create a specific, LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, section in the newsletter. - If you wish your correspondence, (or a part of it), to be published, please indicate it is for this section.

I will assume that any other correspondence I receive is private, and treat it in the same way that I have treated correspondence in the past.

Chris Hargreaves

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Welcome to EIGHT new members!

- #377 Andre Lacroix, Sherbrooke, QC
- #378 Owen L. White, Toronto, ON
- #379 E. Wall Aurora, ON
- #380 Duff Malkin, Vancouver, BC
- #381 Daniel Michaud, Fredericton, NB
- #382 Rick Somerville, Ottawa, ON
- #383 Wolfgang Porges, Berlin, Germany
- #384 William Harris, Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A.

Season's Greetings, Brian Wolfenden

WEBMASTER'S REPORT

www.aerophilately.ca

- A new CAS Member Advertisements page has been added to the webpage
- The index to The Canadian Aerophilatelist has been updated.
- The Aerophilatelic Link page has been updated.
- The webcounter now stands at 1006.

Please be advised that I am in the middle of a move to London, Ontario, and may lose my internet for a short time during the process.

And please remember: If you do not have internet service, please contact me. I will mail any member a photocopy of any item added to the website, which has not been published in the CAS newsletter.

Best wishes, Steve Johnson

(Good luck with your move Steve! Ed.)

WESTERN CHAPTER REPORT

A few CAS members are looking forward to attending the next Royal in Quebec City that takes place from May 16 to 18th, 2008.

The next meetings of the WCAS are tentatively set for Saturday January 19, 2008 at the home of David Brown in Blackfalds Alberta; and March 29, 2008 during the Edmonton National show at the home of Jack McCuaig.

Plans for a Prairie Airmail anniversary event may be announced in the next newsletter.

Should any of the CAS membership happen to be in Alberta at the time of our next meetings please be sure to contact David Brown at P.O. Box 2446, Blackfalds, AB, T0M 0J0, Phone 403-885-2744 or email at dgbrown_id@shaw.ca

*Happy Holidays from the Western Chapter,
Dave Brown*

ANNOUNCING

THE TONY CONYERS PROJECT

FREE FIRST FLIGHT COVERS

TO INTRODUCE YOUNG COLLECTORS TO

THE PLEASURES OF COLLECTING CANADIAN FFCs!

Three FFCs will be sent to any collector who contacts Chris Hargreaves, 4060 Bath Road, Kingston, Ontario K7M 4Y4 and requests them.

THAT'S IT! NO CATCHES!

School and youth stamp clubs are welcome to participate. - Each member should write out an individual request, but the requests can all be mailed in together.

These covers have been very generously donated to the CAS by Tony Conyers, for distribution to young collectors.

At a time when so much is written about the need to interest young people in philately, we are very excited by the potential of this project, and to be doing something practical to attract young collectors. The CAS is therefore going to be paying the costs of this project, so that the covers really are free.

To try and develop the recipients interest in the covers they receive, into a bigger interest in aerophilately, we will send out a leaflet with the covers, that describes what First Flight Covers are, how they were produced, etc. This will also include a checklist of the cacheted First Flight Covers produced from 1928 to 1939, so that the recipients can check off the covers they received, and any covers they go on to obtain in the future. We are very pleased that the American Air Mail Society is supporting us in this project, and has agreed to let us use the catalogue numbers from *The Air Mails of Canada and Newfoundland* as part of this checklist.

To further help young collectors become interested in aerophilately, the AAMS is making *The Air Mails of Canada and Newfoundland* available at it's members discount price of \$32.00US (\$28 + \$4 postage within the USA), to anyone ordering a copy in response to the Tony Conyers Project. - Orders should be sent to: Greg Schmidt, 1978 Fox Burrow Court, Neenah, Wisconsin 54956-1181, U.S.A.

The CAS has arranged to make *The Air Mails of Canada and Newfoundland* available at a similar price, \$32.00 Canadian (including tax and postage) in Canada. - Orders should be sent to Brian Wolfenden, 203A Woodfield Drive, Nepean, Ontario K2G 4P2.

The AAMS has also donated some copies of the catalogue to the Tony Conyers Project, to be given to school and youth stamp clubs at no charge. - To apply for a free catalogue, a club should contact Chris Hargreaves at the above address, and outline how the catalogue will be accessible to collectors, and how it will be used.

The aim of this project is to distribute the covers and information as widely as possible. - Everyone reading this announcement is encouraged to pass the information on to any young people or clubs that they think will be interested.

Royal *2007* Royale

Toronto, Ontario - October 12th -14th 2007.

CONGRATULATIONS to our members who had aerophilatelic exhibits at the show:

Murray Heifetz - AV2 and O.A.T. Markings - Gold medal, and the *APS Award of Excellence, 1940 - 1980*

Neil Hunter - Evolution of Air Mail - Toronto, Canada - Gold medal, and the *American Airmail Society Ribbon & Medal*

Steve Johnson - Yukon Airways & Exploration Company Limited - Gold medal; **Semi-official Stamps and Mail used at Red Lake, Ontario** - Silver medal; and **Overseas Airmails Franked with the 50¢ Munitions Stamp** - Silver Bronze medal.

David Whiteley - Airmail Covers to Overseas Destinations, Except North America & Mexico: 1927-1942 - Silver medal

Dave Hanes - Canadian Airmail Labels and Markings - Silver

This is a great set of results! - Doug Lingard, who was the chief judge, and is also a CAS member, has commented that:

this may be the first time that 3 different Aerophilately exhibits have won Golds at a Royal, or for that matter, at any Canadian National Level Show.

I would also like to congratulate Doug on running a very amiable and informative Judges Critique; and to thank Brian Wolfenden, who's booth served as a CAS meeting and co-ordinating point during the show.

TORONTO DAY OF AEROPHILATELY

This annual event was held earlier this year, on Saturday October 13th as part of ROYAL 2007 ROYALE.

Although some of the regular participants were unable to attend, we got to meet Charles Flynn from Bolton, England, who joined the CAS earlier this year, and was attending the show with his wife Michelle. The meeting was also attended by three, at the beginning non-members: Duff Malkin, Ernie Wall, and Owen White.

After a round of introductions, we moved to the exhibit frames, where Murray, Neil and Steve discussed their exhibits to us.

A good time was had by all, and at the end of the meeting, Duff, Ernie and Owen all joined the CAS!

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OTTAWA STAMP & COIN DEALERS ASSOCIATION MONTHLY BOURSE

at the Nepean Spotsplex, 1701 Woodroffe Ave., Nepean, Ontario

2008 Schedule:

13 th January	10 th February	9 th March	13 th April	11 th May	8 th June
13 th July	10 th August	14 th September	12 th October	9 th November	14 th December


AMPLE PARKING - FREE ADMISSION

A number of aerophilatelists from British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, and the U.S.A., are planning to meet at

ROYAL * 2008 * ROYALE

on May 16-17-18 2008 in Quebec City.

Come and join us!



Royale 2008

National philatelic exhibition;
3600 pages of exhibits;
32 dealers on the floor
Stamps, covers, postal history;
Canada Post;
Animation and conferences.

Québec 1608-2008

Free Admittance

May 16-17-18 2008
Hotel Gouverneur
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*Société philatélique de Québec
is proud to organize
RPSC's 80th convention.*

ROYALE 2008 will be the 80th Annual Convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. It is being hosted by La Société Philatélique de Québec, and will include 3,600 pages of exhibits, 32 dealers, and a variety of meetings and presentations.

The Canadian Aerophilatelic Society is working with the SPQ to provide an aerophilatelic component for the show. 60 frames have been designated for aerophilatelic exhibits, and a number of CAS members will be combining together to give a presentation on *Early Airmail Pilots and Services*.

The show will be held at the Hotel Gouverneur, 3030 Boulevard Laurier, Sainte Foy. A block of rooms has been reserved at the hotel, at special show rates starting at \$140 per night.

A special feature of this event, is that a number of wives are planning to come to Quebec City too! However, it is not clear how much time they are planning to spend at the show!

For more information on ROYALE*2008*ROYAL go to their website at <http://www.royale2008.org/> or contact Royal 2008 Royale, Société Philatélique de Québec, Box 2023, Québec, Québec G1K 7M9.

Please note that the organizers are being very flexible with regard to the aerophilatelic block of exhibits, regarding exhibit length, Display Class exhibits, and the admission of new exhibits. - For more information on the aerophilatelic exhibiting and gathering, please contact Chris Hargreaves, 4060 Bath Road, Kingston, Ontario K7M 4Y4. [Email: hargreavescp@sympatico.ca]

AEROPHILATELY 2007

Aerophilately 2007 was a one-time all Airmail, World Series of Philately exhibition, held from October 19-21 at the American Philatelic Society's new headquarters: the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

It was a terrific event, with 200 frames of exhibits; 10 seminars; 12 dealers specializing in Airmail; unlimited access to the library for research; wonderfully friendly and helpful staff at the American Philatelic Centre and in the American Philatelic Research Library; and an American Air Mail Society hospitality suite at a nearby hotel in the evenings.

There were three entries on Canadian Airmails at AEROPHILATELY 2007:

William F. Harris: Canadian Pioneer and Semi Official Stamps and Flights - Vermeil medal, and the *British North America Philatelic Society Best BNA* award.

Neil Hunter: Evolution of Air Mail - Toronto, Canada, 1918-1967 - Vermeil medal, and the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Award of Honor.

Fred C. Dietz: Canada's Semi Official Airmail Carriers, Silver medal.

Neil and Fred are already members of the CAS. - William was presented with a one year Honorary Membership in the CAS in recognition of his Best BNA award.

Congratulations to Fred, Neil and Jim, on their achievements.

Many congratulations also to **Jim Graue**, who won the **GRAND AWARD** at Aerophilately 2007 for his **German North Atlantic Catapult Mail 1929-1935**. This is an outstanding achievement, and the announcement was very well received by the other exhibitors.

ACCOLADES for MURRAY HEIFETZ

During the F.I.S.A. Congress that was held as part of AEROPHILATELY 2007, Murray was presented with a **BRONZE F.I.S.A. MEDAL**, for his book O.A.T. and A.V.2 Markings, which is now in its 3rd Edition.

This is a great distinction for Murray!

The impact of his book was demonstrated later that day, at the Judges' Critique for AEROPHILATELY 2007.

One of the exhibits was an excellent exhibit by Richard Saundry of *European Acceptances for "O.A.T." from New York Until 1946*, that won a Vermeil medal.

When Richard asked for comments about his exhibit, the first response was that he should think about changing the title! - The judge commented that although "O.A.T." does indeed refer to Onward Air Transmission of mail that had arrived by surface means, which Richard showed very well, since Murray's book has been published, when people hear the term "O.A.T." they now think of the usually egg-shaped handstamp applied to covers for Onward Air Transmission! Unfortunately for Richard, not only were there no covers with this handstamp in his exhibit, but there could not be any, as the egg shaped handstamp was not used in New York, but mainly in London, England.

To have influenced how people interpret a philatelic term, is a remarkable achievement!

CONGRATULATIONS TO MURRAY!

(And my commiseration to Richard.)

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The last few months have been very productive ones for the CAS library.

In September, we had the opportunity to acquire:

1. Nine copies of PHILLIPS — AIR MAIL MAGAZINE, published in England between June 1939 and October 1944.

2. a number of copies of THE AERO FIELD published between 1954 and 1969, and a complete run from March 1970 to June 1983. This was published by Francis J. Field, who was for a long time the premier aerophilatelic dealer in Great Britain. It contains both contemporary descriptions of "new" flown covers, and historical accounts of old ones. - These will be a useful resource, once the contents have been catalogued.
3. 3 parts of the AIR TRANSPORT LABEL CATALOG, published by Don Thomas in the 1970's:
Vol.1 section 1 Europe - Germany
Vol.1 section 2 Europe - France & section 3 Belgium, Netherlands & Dutch Indies
Vol.4 Latin America

Then, while at AEROPHILATELY 2007, I obtained:

4. a large number of back issues of THE AIRPOST JOURNAL.

This is particularly exciting, (to your librarian), as we now have about half the issues of The Airpost Journal from when it was first published by the American Air Mail Society in October 1931 up til 1946, and an almost complete run from 1947 to the present time!

The special value of The Airpost Journal is that the AAMS has published:

Indexes to The Airpost Journal, Volumes 1-60, 1929-1989, & Aero Philatelist Annals, VOLUMES 1-25, 1953-1971 & 1975-1982

This volume of nearly 200 pages is the first comprehensive indexing of hundreds of topics of aerophilately, aviation, airlines and aeronautica. Nearly 900 subject heading covering over 150 pages are taken from the issues of The Airpost Journal, published monthly by the AAMS since 1929. Over 225 subject headings constitute an additional 22 pages from the Aero Philatelist Annals, a predominantly U.S. airmail journal published between 1953 and 1982.

(We also have copies of the Aero Philatelist Annals, 1975-1982 .)

Anybody can purchase a copy of the index, from Greg Schmidt, 1978 Fox Burrow Court, Neenah, Wisconsin 54956-1184, USA [email: gschmidt7@new.rr.com] for \$12US, (\$10US if you are a member of the AAMS) + \$4US postage within the U.S.A./ check with Greg for orders outside the U.S.A.

Then they can look up the topics they are researching, and if they find a reference to an article that might be useful, ask me for more information about that article!

5. THE STANDARD AIRPOST CATALOGUE - 1933 EDITION published by The Berkshire Exchange. This catalogue evolved into today's *American Air Mail Catalogue*, so is in effect the First Edition of the AAMC.
6. CATALOGUE DES AEROGRAMMES DU MONDE ENTIER by Frank Muller. - This is not about "aerogrammes" as we know them, but a comprehensive listing of First Flight Covers from around the world. This is a photocopy of the 1950 edition, which is still used for some international auctions today. (A copy of the Canadian section has been given to Dick McIntosh, who is going to compare it to the listings in the current Government Flights section of *The Air Mails of Canada and Newfoundland*.)
7. AIRMAILS 1870 -1970 by James Mackay, published by B.T. Batsford Ltd, London, England, in 1971. - This is a traditional looking book, that takes a chronological approach to the development of airmail.
8. ROCKET MAIL FLIGHTS OF THE WORLD TO 1986 by Dr. Max Kronstein, published by the AAMS. - This is another book with a title that is liable to be misinterpreted. It actually contains a lot of information about experiments in unmanned, high-speed aerial mail delivery in the 1930's, and very little about the space-exploration type rockets.
9. BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PACIFIC AIRLINES 1946 -1954, by Laurence Kimpton. - A beautiful book that describes the various airline services from Vancouver to Australia and New Zealand at this time, with lots of illustrations of covers. (For more information see the review in the September 2005 *Canadian Aerophilatelist*.)

A full list of our holdings is posted on our website: www.aerophilately.ca For a printed copy of this list, and/or more information about any of the items in the library, just contact Chris Hargreaves, 4060 Bath Road, Kingston, Ontario K7M 4Y4. [Email: www.hargreavescp@sympatico.ca]



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43rd F.I.S.A. CONGRESS and GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Congress and Assembly were held on SATURDAY 26th October 2007, at the American Philatelic Center, Bellefonte, PA-USA, during AEROPHILATELY 2007.

Board Members present were: President Kuno Sollors (Germany); Vice-Presidents Stephen Reinhard (USA) and Dr. Stefan Bruylants (Belgium), Treasurer Hans Mierl (Austria), Secretary General Jackie Lauwers-Bekaert (Belgium), Directors Gerard Collot (France) and MUDr. Bedrich Helm (Czech Republic). Three members were unable to attend: Tom Frommer (Australia); Hugo Goeggel (Columbia); and Romano Savini (Italy).

There were also about 20 delegates and visitors in attendance.

GRANTING OF AWARDS

The **GOLDEN F.I.S.A. MEDAL 2007** was awarded to **A. Don JONES, USA** and **Dr. Stefan BRUYLANTS, Belgium**, for their service and devotion to aerophilately and astrophilately.

The **GOLDEN F.I.S.A. PIN** was presented to **Stephen REINHARD, USA** and to **Dr. Peter MOELLER, Germany**.

LITERATURE:

- **A SILVER MEDAL 2007** was awarded to **Fiorenzi LONGHI, Italy** for his catalogue Aerofilia Italiana-Storico Descrittivo 1898-1941.
- **A BRONZE MEDAL 2007** was awarded to **Charles KIDDLE, GB** for his book Poster Stamps: German Aviation-German Aircraft; to **Murray HEIFETZ, Canada** for his book O.A.T. and A.V.2 Markings - 3rd Edition; and to **Volkmar MEHLITZ, Germany** for his special catalogue on DDR-Luftpost, Luftpostbriefe/ Aerogrammel Ganszachen.

By election at the AAMS / American Air Mail Society, **Brian ASQUITH, GB** was honoured to the **2007 Aerophilatelic Hall of Fame** for his dedication and outstanding service to aerophilately.

All received applause from the audience.

ADMITTANCE OF NEW MEMBERS

The former Polish club 'Ikarus' will most probably rejoin F.I.S.A.

F.I.S.A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kuno Sollors expressed the wish to resign as President of F.I.S.A., and proposed to the audience as new President, Stephen Reinhard, USA. - Accepted unanimously.

On behalf of the AAMS, Kuno was honoured and received a special clock in recognition of his significant contributions to F.I.S.A. and aerophilately. On behalf of F.I.S.A., Jackie presented Kuno an award plaque in recognition for his outstanding service as President of the Federation, researcher, promoting aerophilately and astrophilately worldwide, and his friendship. Kuno received a standing ovation and applause from the audience and Board, and expressed his thanks.

The newly elected President, Stephen Reinhard, thanked the audience for their confidence. He informed the delegates that F.I.S.A. connects all aero- and astrophilatelic clubs throughout the world; is honouring aerophilatelists and astrophilatelists worldwide; and is supporting exhibitions and publications.

Wolfgang Porges, Switzerland, was introduced as a new Board Member, and also as a possible successor as Secretary General since Jackie expressed the wish to resign in 2009. He was accepted as a Board Member by the delegates.

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43rd F.I.S.A. CONGRESS and GENERAL ASSEMBLY continued:**GRANTING OF PATRONAGE AND AUSPICES TO EXHIBITIONS**

The only request for FISA patronage received was from the Club Philatelique de Meyrin for "PHILAERO 09", an international non-competitive exhibition with 'Days of Aerophilately'. It will take place from 24th to 26th April 2009. Information about the exhibition was circulated, and Tony Roth, the F.I.S.A. delegate from Switzerland, gave a PowerPoint presentation about it.

PHILAERO '09 will be held in the Forum Meyrin, near Geneva, from 24th to 26th April 2009.

It is an aero- and astrophilatic exhibition with international participation, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Aero-Club of Geneva.

The exhibition is with "no competition", which means it is open to aerophilately, astrophilately, pioneers, postcards, and other aviation documents which cannot be presented in a competitive exhibition.

The latest date for entries is 30th September 2008.

The Club Philatelique de Meyrin also invited F.I.S.A. to hold their 44th Congress and General Assembly during PHILAERO '09, in the 'Forum Meyrin' on Saturday 25th April 2009. This invitation was unanimously accepted.

For more information about PHILAERO '09, contact the F.I.S.A. Secretary General Jacqueline Bekaert, Belgelaan, 87 B - 9070 DESTELBERGEN - BELGIE.

Information will also be posted on the FISA website: <http://fly.to/fisa>

CENTENARY OF THE FIRST CROSSING OF THE ENGLISH CHANNEL BY LOUIS BLERIOT ON JULY 25TH 1909

Board Member Gerard Collot, France, informed the delegates about a national commemoration to celebrate the 'Centenary of the first crossing of the channel by Louis Bleriot on July 25th 1909'.

Several events are planned from 22nd to 26th July 2009 at Bleriot Plage near Calais, and will be organised by CAF/Cercle Aerophilatelique Francais and GAPS. These will include a non-competitive aerophilatic exhibition with more than 300 frames, consisting of Class of Honour, one-frame display, and multi-frame display.

The CAF is also working with the British Air Mail Society (BAMS), to examine the possibility of something being organised on both sides of the Channel. Peter Lister, President of BAMS, mentioned that the British event would be shortly before, or shortly after the French event, so that the two events are complimentary.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

I attended the F.I.S.A. Congress as the CAS delegate, since Dick Malott was unable to attend. - I found the meeting very interesting, friendly, and optimistic.

Delegates were asked to publicize F.I.S.A. activities within their Society. I think this is an excellent idea, so have produced this summary of highlights from the official report on the Congress, and will pass on more news as I receive it from F.I.S.A.

THE WRECK AND CRASH MAIL SOCIETY

The Wreck & Crash Mail Society has a new website at: <http://wreckandcrash.org>

The Wreck & Crash Mail Society was formed in the latter part of 1994, and is devoted to the collecting and study of all aspects of delayed and/or damaged mail and interrupted mail services. Currently the Society is composed of four study groups, namely: the Air Crash Study Group, The Railroad Wreck Study Group, the Ship Wreck Study Group, and the Suspended Mail/Conflicts Study Group. The Society publishes a quarterly journal *La Catastrophe*, which contains articles on all aspects of wreck and crash mail, as well as news on new cover discoveries, auction realizations on wreck and crash mail, and questions from members who are seeking information on their crash and wreck covers and the stories behind them. - The website includes a complete Index to *La Catastrophe*.

For more information, please contact Ken Sanford, 613 Championship Drive, Oxford, CT 06478-1298, U.S.A. [Email: kaerophil@gmail.com]

Merry Christmas & Happy 2008

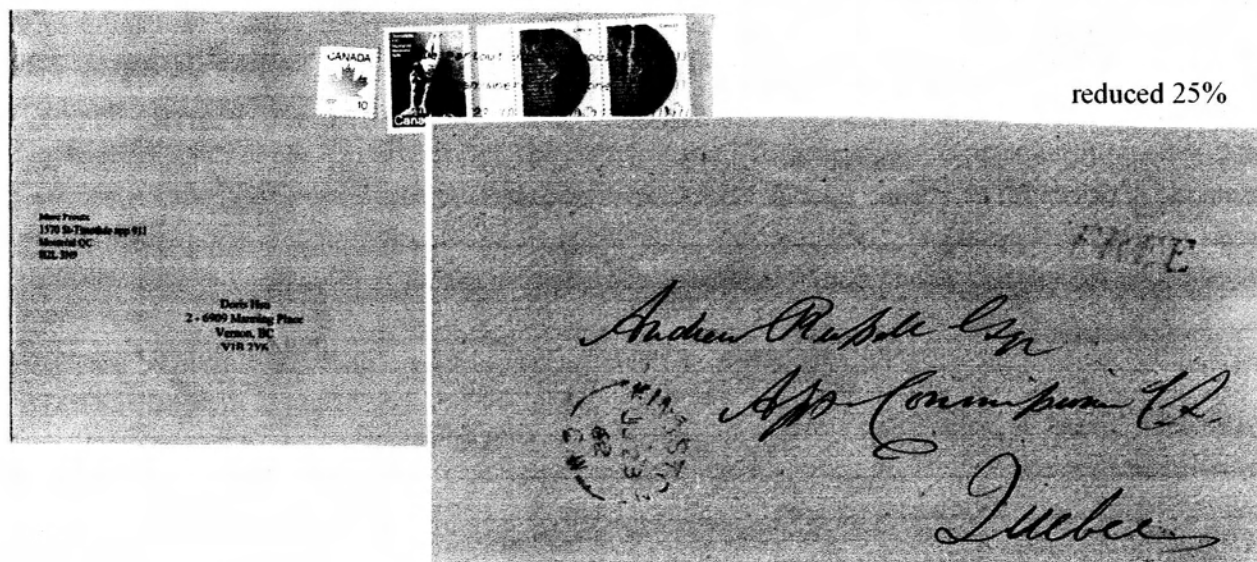
from Gord & Doris Mallett



To all CAS members & their families

The September issue of *The Canadian Aerophilatelist* contained a request from the editor for "all readers to send a copy of their cover that has flown/travelled furthest for least." Elsewhere in the newsletter he expressed an interest in "airmail covers postmarked from, or addressed to, Kingston, Ontario."

Coincidentally, in September the Kingston to Quebec City cover at the right appeared on eBay. Having placed the successful bid, we received the cover [enclosed in the envelope at the left] from the Montreal seller. The reason for the postage **FREE** status of the cover is unclear. Postage for surface letters in 1862 was 5¢ prepaid and 7¢ unpaid (each ½ oz).



The distances travelled by the above items were compared. To calculate "furthest for least", distance travelled ÷ cost of postage values were calculated. Results show that between these two items, the Kingston to Quebec travel-by-rail cover is the clear winner.

Calculation 1 The 2007 envelope, containing the Kingston cover, flown to Vernon, British Columbia: 4,000 km / \$1.30 = **31 km/¢**

Calculation 2 The 1862 Kingston postage **FREE** cover, sent to Quebec via Grand Trunk Railway: 500 km / \$0.00 = ∞ (**infinity**) ☺

The KINGSTON C. W. postmark is linked to an important juncture in Canadian history. The Lord Durham Report and resulting 1840 Act of Union created the United Province of Canada. Upper and Lower Canada came to be called Canada West [C. W.] and Canada East [C. E.] respectively.

Chris - the Kingston cover is in the mail again, this time in an envelope addressed to KINGSTON ON. Add it to your collection, as a reminder for you and Phillida to make a Kingston to Quebec City journey next May. **Royal 2008 Royale**. See you there!

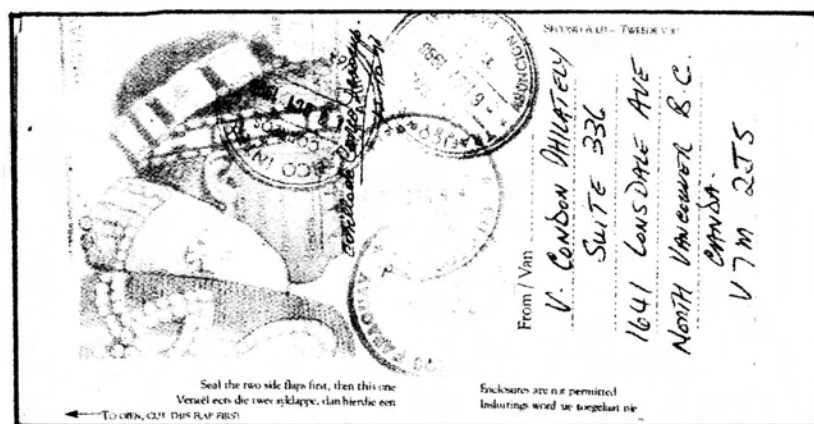
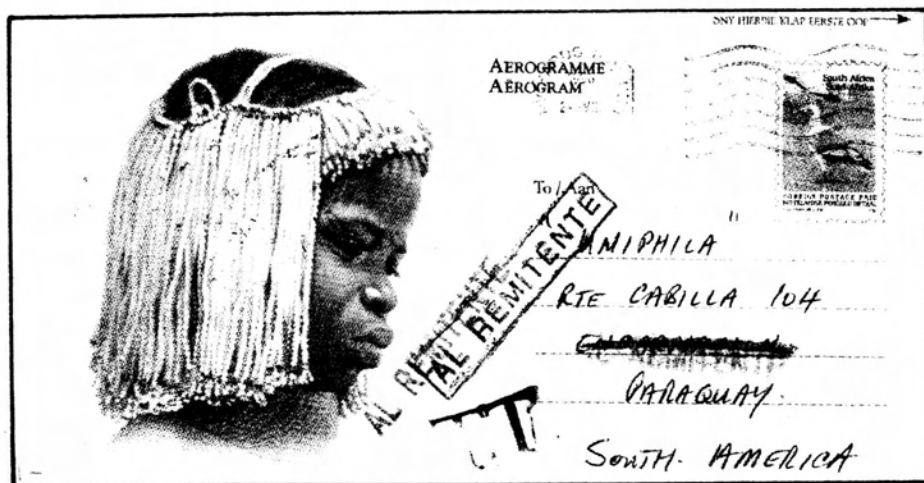
WHAT COVER TRAVELLED FURTHEST FOR THE LEAST POSTAGE?

Many thanks to Gord and Doris Mallett for the great introduction to the "Furthest for Least" challenge on the previous page, and for the cover.

Their calculation for "furthest for least" raises the question of how comparisons should be made, if this challenge was to be taken "seriously". - Should comparisons be made according to distance flown, or total distance travelled? How does one convert for different currencies? Should one adjust for inflation?

Since this was a Seasonal challenge for fun, I am ignoring these issues, and present the various "challengers" in descending order of franking on the cover, (sort of).

SOUTH AFRICA - PARAGUAY - CANADA



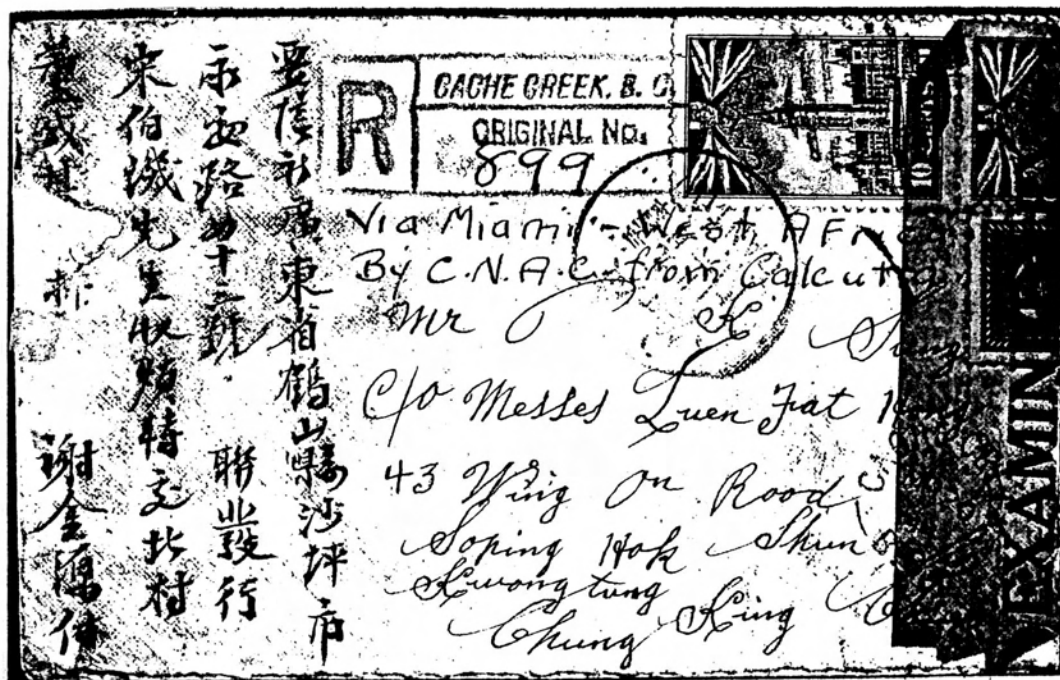
Undenominated aerogramme, 1998. - Postage was approximately 3 Rand / 60 cents Canadian.

Mr V. Condon of Condon Philately apparently had a customer with the company name of Uniphila in Encarnacion, Paraguay. At the time of mailing this aerogramme which, incidentally shows two Ndebelle children, both female, he was living in South Africa but planning to move to North Vancouver, B.C., and thus he gave his North Vancouver address as a return address.

The people responsible for Uniphila did not pick up their piece of mail and they did not do so for months. The item was mailed in the Richards Bay Hub area of South Africa on the 28th of August, 1998. It reached Encarnación by September 8th. It was held there until at least October 13th, 1998, when it was sent on to Asunción and returned to Encarnación, wherein it lay until the 3rd of November. At this point in time it was remailed to Asunción and finally returned to the sender. This of course meant that the aerogramme had to be sent onwards to North Vancouver. While being sorted in, perhaps, Victoria it received an "S" machine sorting mark.

Duff Malkin

AROUND THE WORLD FOR 85 CENTS



Registered Airmail cover from CACHE CREEK, B.C. to CHUNG KING, CHINA with adhesives of 85 cents (front and reverse), paying 75 cents airmail postage on ½ oz. Letter, plus 10 cents registration, tied by cds:

- eight-barred dumb canceller with date stamp CACHE CREEK / MR 20 / 44 / B.C.
- on reverse: ASHCROFT / MR 20 / 44 B.C.

Censor: Opened and resealed in Vancouver by Canadian censor tape printed EXAMINED BY DB 186

- Route:
1. Internal airlines to Miami.
 2. Pan Am FAM 22 Miami to Lagos.
 3. B.O.A.C. or Pan Am, Lagos to Cairo.
 4. B.O.A.C. Cairo to Calcutta.
 5. C.N.A.C. "over the hump" Calcutta to Chung King.

The cover was eventually "returned" undeliverable, by sea from SHANGHAI (Dec.1945), arriving VANCOUVER (10 JAN 1946), with DEAD LETTER OFFICE rectangular handstamp in green ink applied in OTTAWA 7th Feb. 1946.

This cover travelled completely around the world, and additionally across Canada!

Seasons Greetings to all, *Jack Ince*

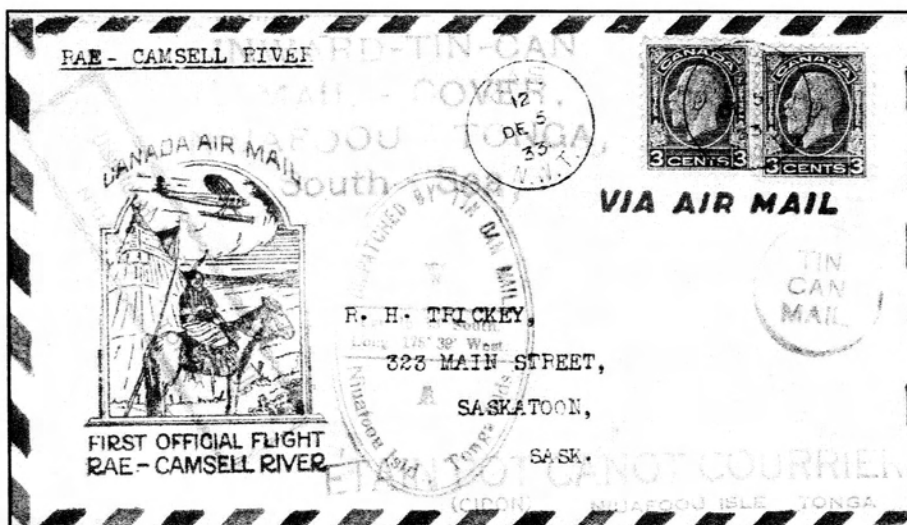
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NORTHWEST TERRITORIES to the SOUTH SEAS!



I enclose a scan front and back of a well travelled cover I own. A first flight cover posted 5th December 1933 in Rae to be forwarded to Camsell River, ends up in the hands of a Mr. Trickey. I am sure this is a real name, but it does make you wonder!

Obviously for some arcane philatelic reason it does not rest at this point. - It is plastered with Tonga Tin Can mail stamps. All for 6 cents! This may not be the most worthy piece of postal history but it has plenty of interest factor.

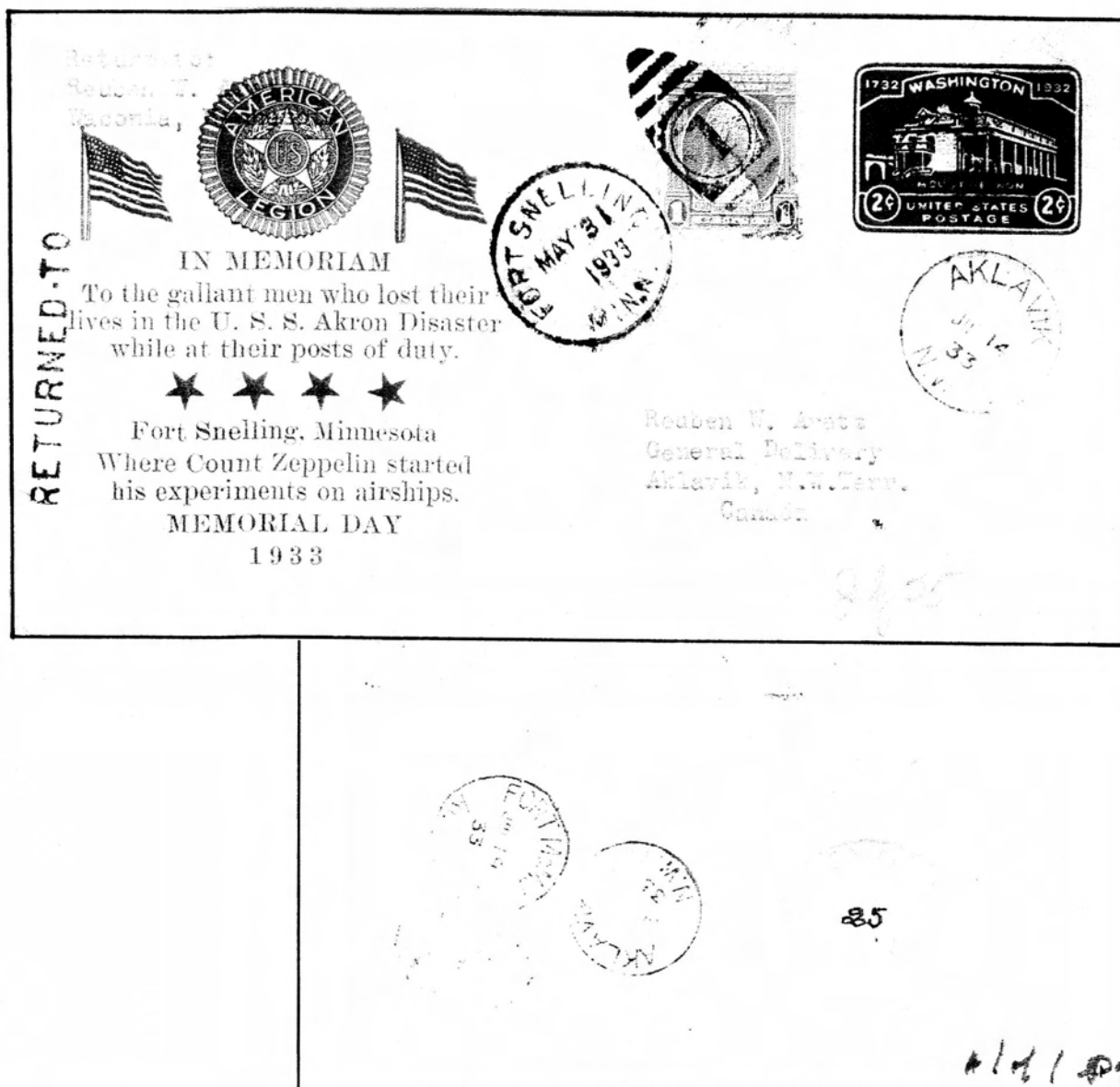
Kind regards, *Chas Flynn*

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1933 - 3 cents



Postmarked: FORT SNELLING MAY 31 1933 MINN.

Handwritten July 25 on front refers to backstamp: WACONIA. MINN JUL 25 12M 1933 RECEIVED

This cover was sent to me by Alan Klein in Sherman Oaks, California, who commented:

This memorial cover was prepared by Reuben Aretz one month after the U.S.S. AKRON crashed in April 1933.

It is one of several memorial covers he produced.

Reuben told me he addressed these covers to himself c/o General delivery at some of the far north places in Canada, when there were only "1 or 2" flights out a year.

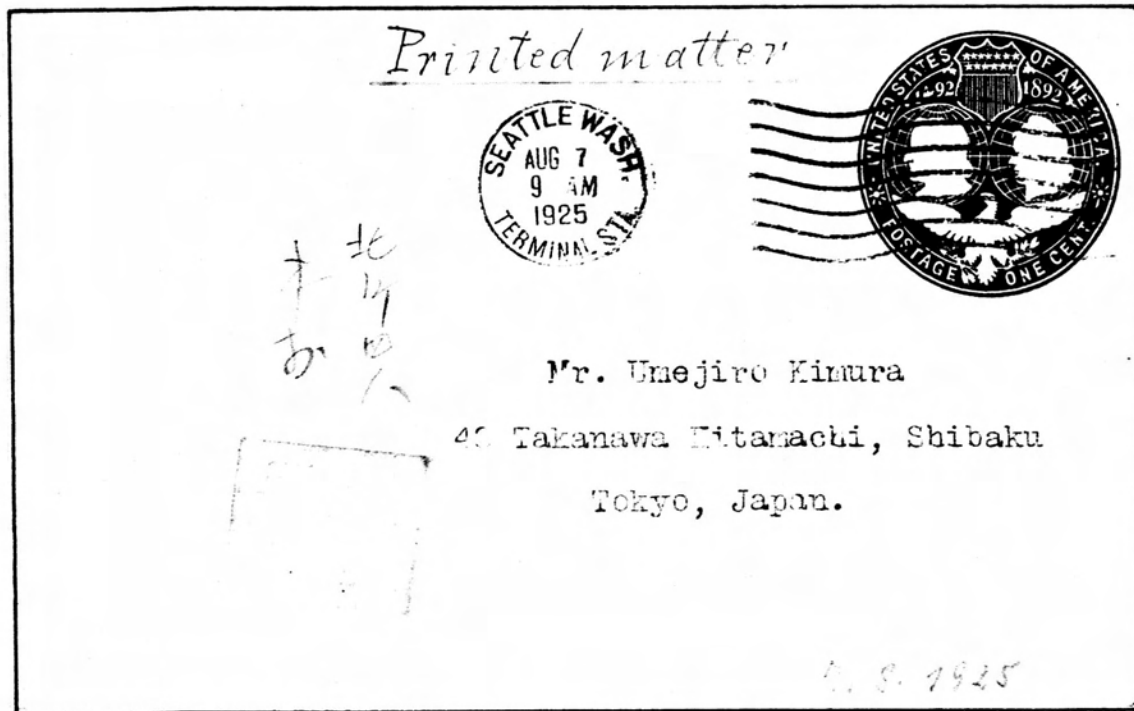
He learned from older cachet makers that General Delivery mail was only held, and if not picked up within 2 weeks, it was returned to sender.

I was also very pleased and interested to hear from Alan that:

Reuben is 95 years old and still tries to come to our airmail meetings, but lately he is frail, and we have to go see him at an assisted living residence, not far from where we meet.

Very Best Wishes to Reuben for 2008!

U.S.A. to CHINA for 1 cent!



Postmarked: SEATTLE WASH. AUG 7 9 AM 1925 TERMINAL STA.

Feint (as usual) U.S. Post Office handstamp "SEATTLE VICTORIA SEAPLEN MAIL" in purple ink on left.

Endorsed: *Printed Matter* Addressed to TOKYO, JAPAN

The reverse of the cover is blank.

This cover from John Johnson's collection, is illustrated on page 19, Volume 3, of the Sixth Edition of the American Air Mail Catalogue.

The 1 cent Printed Stationary envelope pays the correct rate in 1925, for a "Printed Matter" cover flown from Seattle to Victoria on FAM 2, and for onward transmission by steamer to Japan.

John drew my attention to this cover earlier this year, during a correspondence about FAM 2.

I was impressed by the cover then, and it was one of the triggers for this FURTHEST-FOR-LEAST CHALLENGE.

A properly franked cover that travelled from the U.S.A. to Japan for 1 cent is still hard to beat, unless one either:

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- considers a special rate, like on the next page . . .



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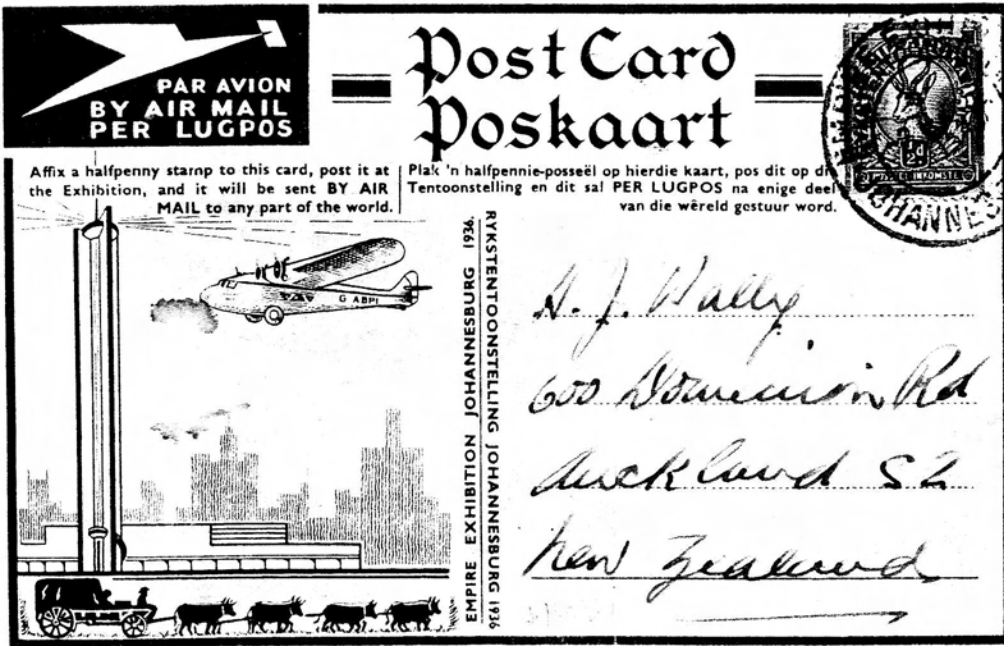
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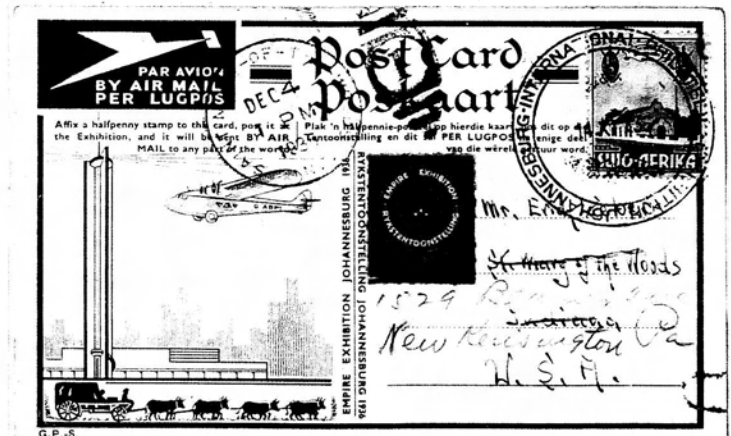
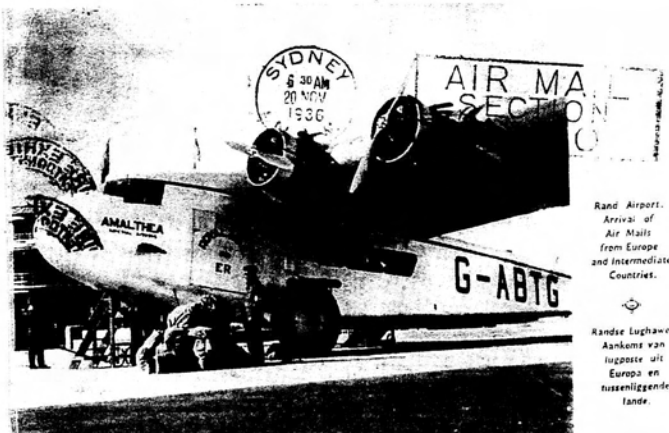
MERRY CHRISTMAS: CHEAP AIRMAILS TO ONE AND ALL.



Our indefatigable editor asks, What is the cheapest long distance air mail? Having just returned from a tour of my native Scotland you could say this is getting close to home.

There is little doubt as to the answer however. In 1936 the South African Post Office arranged with many world airlines to carry souvenir cards from the Empire Exhibition in Johannesburg to all over the world for ½d.

Mail went via Kisumu, Cairo and if eastward via Karachi, Singapore and Australia. (by sea to N.Z.)



Mail for the Americas went by air to London and by sea across the Atlantic.

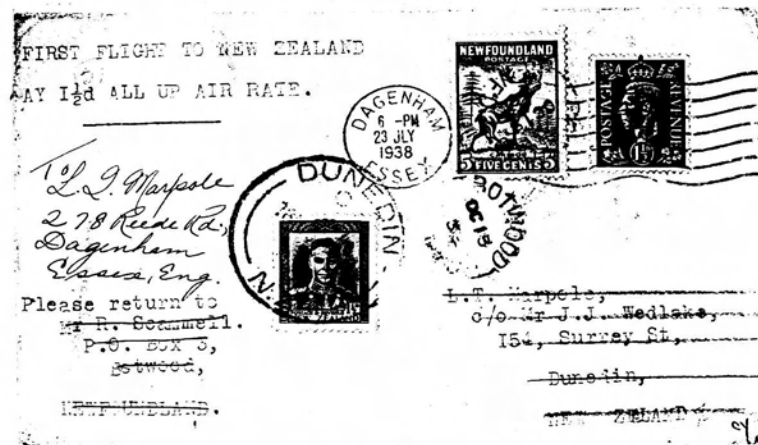
However if you want another close contestant, the Empire Airmail Scheme of 1937-39, carried mail "All-up" to many points of Empire. Shown here; carriage for 1½d from England to Australia by air (and sea to N.Z.; from NZ to Newfoundland probably by air from Australia and finally (for 5d in Oct,) back to England.

Just thinking about it makes me tired. Time for some Xmas egg-nog!

SEASONS GREETINGS TO YOU ALL.



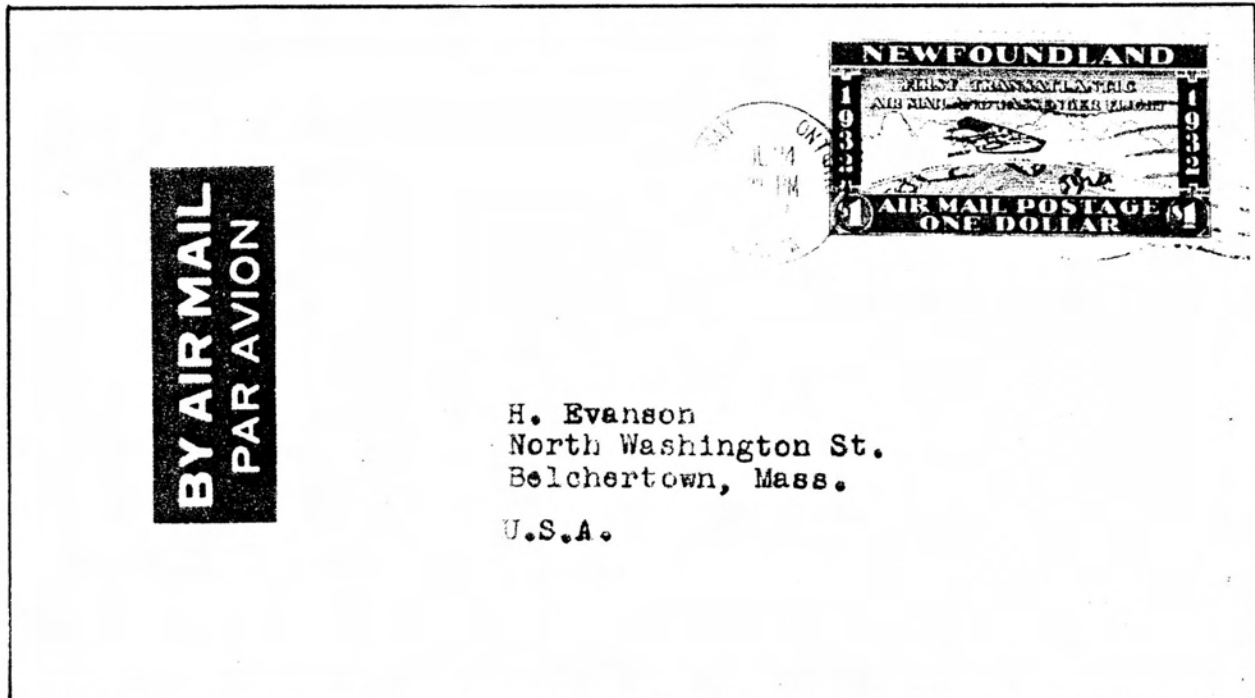
MIKE SHAND
1183 AGINCOURT ROAD
OTTAWA ONTARIO CANADA
K2C 2H8



Back in 1936, there were 12 pennies (abbreviated as "d") in a shilling; 20 shillings in a Pound (or "£"), and £1 was (I believe) worth 4 Dollars US or Canadian.

So Mike Shand's cover from the Empire Exhibition, flew from South Africa to Australia for less than a cent!

To beat that, you probably have to have paid nothing at all - which brings us to Donald Holmes' Wayzata cover!



Postmarked: **LINDSAY ONTARIO JUL24 6.30PM 1957 CANADA**

Newfoundland stamps have been valid for postage in all of Canada, since Newfoundland joined Confederation in 1949.

However, the Wayzata stamp is not officially recognized as a Newfoundland Post Office issue. - It was conceived with the approval of the Newfoundland Government in 1932, to help finance a proposed airmail and passenger trans-Atlantic flight. The company promoting the flight began selling the stamps in August 1932, but the proposal ran into financial difficulties, and the Newfoundland Government cancelled the agreement. - The stamps were never sold from Post Offices in Newfoundland.

Hello Chris,

I'd like to enter my Wayzata cover in the "What airmail cover has flown/travelled furthest for the least postage" contest, on the basis that it travelled all the way from Lindsay, Ontario to Belchertown, Massachusetts free!

The stamp cost nothing because it was never issued by Canada Post?

What say, Chris? Donald

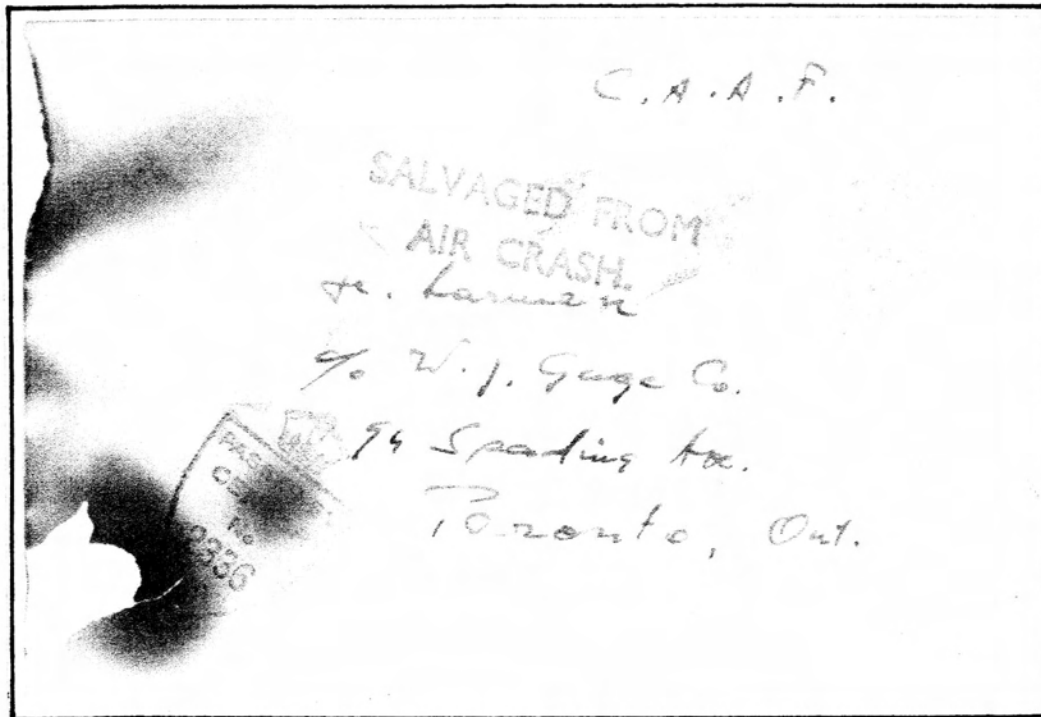
Chris says "Wow"! - This is the first time I've seen a Wayzata stamp that was really postally-used !

But considering that a mint Wayzata stamp is catalogued at \$35 in the Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalogue (6th edition, 2006), perhaps this cover should be regarded as "the airmail cover that travelled least for the most amount of postage"!

This is a terrific entry from Donald, and fortunately I can avoid the questions it raises, by moving onto the next cover, which flew, but was legitimately mailed without postage . . .

INFORMATION WANTED

Mike Axe is trying to find out who designed the Wayzata stamp. - If anybody can help, please email Mike at mikeaxe@btinternet.com , or send information to the editor of this newsletter.

WHAT COVER TRAVELLED FURTHEST FOR THE LEAST POSTAGE? continued:

January 22nd, 1945 - Italy (Field Post Office 13) to Toronto.
 Routing: Naples to Biggin Hill, U.K. where crash occurred January 28th.
 Free franking: Canadian Army Active Force (C.A.A.F.)

This cover is from Neil Hunter's exhibit: *Evolution of Air Mail - Toronto, Canada, 1918-1967*.

The SALVAGED FROM AIR CRASH handstamp shows that it was definitely being flown from Italy to England, where it would normally have been transferred to a ship across the Atlantic. - The service personnels' free franking privilege did not include Trans-Atlantic airmail, for which an additional fee was required: 30 cents from Canada, or 1shilling and 3 pence from England.

However, some mail may have flown the Atlantic without the extra charge being paid . . .

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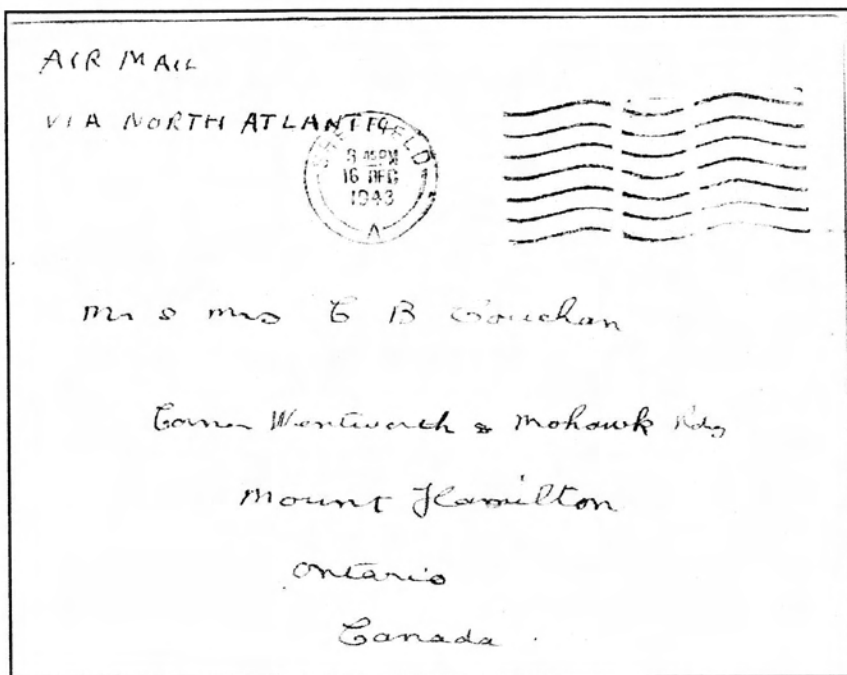
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English postmark:
SHEFFIELD 3.45PM 16 DEC 1943 A



Return address in Sheffield, England.

No backstamps.

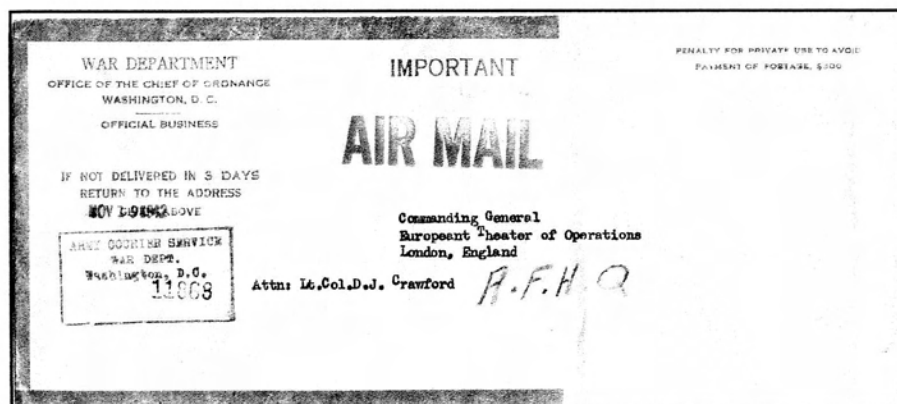
Hinge marks on the back indicate the cover was identified as "collectible" before your editor acquired it. - It was also opened at the bottom, which is unusual.

This is a mystery cover from your editor's collection. - It travelled from England to Ontario, but:

- there is no sign that there was ever a stamp on this cover.
- there are no markings to request "Free Franking".
- the **AIR MAIL VIA NORTH ATLANTIC** endorsement has not been cancelled or deleted.
- it was not charged Postage Due!

SO DID IT FLY THE ATLANTIC? - Any explanations for this cover will be much appreciated!

There were also a number of Government related covers that flew during the War, without requiring postage. For example:

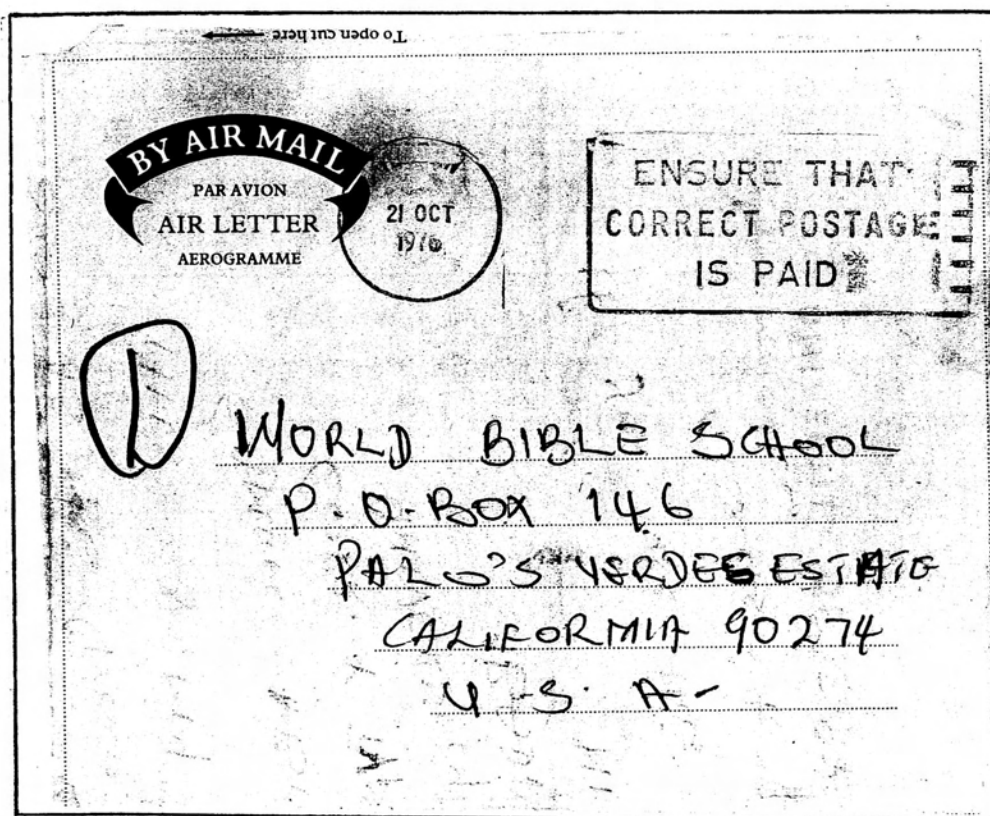


From: War Department, Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D.C.

To: Commanding General, European Theatre of Operations, London, England

However, it is arguable whether this cover really crossed the Atlantic "free of charge", since the Government was paying for the service that carried it.

FORTUNATELY FOR THIS CHALLENGE, THIS QUESTION CAN ALSO BE AVOIDED. - THERE IS ANOTHER COVER THAT TRAVELLED FURTHER THAN EITHER OF THE COVERS ON THIS PAGE, WITHOUT ANY POSTAGE BEING PAID ...

WHAT COVER TRAVELLED FURTHEST FOR THE LEAST POSTAGE? continued:**NIGERIA to CALIFORNIA with NO POSTAGE !**

Postmarked: IBADAN 21 OCT 1976 - The message contained in this aerogramme is shown on the next page.

I thought I would quickly send in my "Travelled furthest for least Postage" from Nigeria to California with NO postage. Humorous additional item is slogan cancel that reads "ENSURE THAT CORRECT POSTAGE IS PAID".

All the best at Christmas,
Walter Herdzik

CONGRATULATIONS Walter!

This challenge has been great fun!

I do not want to spoil it by declaring a winner, as that would really require thinking about some of the issues regarding comparison of covers, that were raised on previous pages but then ignored.

However, there will still be prizes! - As a result of the library acquisitions mentioned on pages 8 and 9 of this newsletter, we have some duplicate copies of the Air Post Journal from the 1940s and 50s that make very interesting reading.

I want to thank Gord, Doris, Duff, Jack, Chas, Alan, Reuben, John, Mike, Donald, Neil and Walter for their contributions, and will be sending each of you a copy of the Air Post Journal that I hope you enjoy.

In the spirit of the season, I will also be sending a copy of the APJ to everybody else who sent in an item for this "Seasonal Special" newsletter. - There are more items about intriguing covers on the next pages.

And, if anybody else would like a copy one of these old journals, then *Post Early for Christmas!* - Just send me a copy and short description of an interesting cover that I can use in next year's Seasonal Special newsletter, and I will be glad to send you one of the old copies of the APJ.

WHAT COVER TRAVELLED FURTHEST FOR THE LEAST POSTAGE? continued:

UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN, IBADAN, NIGERIA

TELEPHONE: IBADAN 62550
EXT. 301

CABLES & TELEGRAMS: 'UNIVERSITY, IBADAN'

BURSAR: H. PRESTON, O.B.E.

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HELLO PEOPLE IN THE LORD.

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NAME OUR REDEEMER AND SAVIOUR.I would be very grateful if you
would be sending me your BIBLE LESSONS
SO AS TO GROW IN THE WORDS OF GOD.

THIS IS MY ADDRESS.

SAMUEL ABIODUN BABATUNDE
CORR. & TYPING POOL
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IBADAN, OYO STATE
NIGERIA.If you use this address I will receive it
Thanks to God, and thanks to you
for co-operation. yours
S. A. Babatunde

This is the message written inside the aerogramme from NIGERIA to CALIFORNIA with NO POSTAGE, shown on the previous page. - The back had a printed sender's address of UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN, IBADAN, NIGERIA in the same font as the address printed inside the aerogramme.

SEASON'S GREETINGS CONTINUED

Big meals are very much part of the
Christmas season!

And of other times too.

Thanks to John Irvine for sending in
this cover commemorating the

**Air Mail Banquet
April 10th, 1930**

of the

**Border Cities
Stamp Collectors Club**

and a copy of the
Programme and Menu.

Third
Annual Dinner

of the

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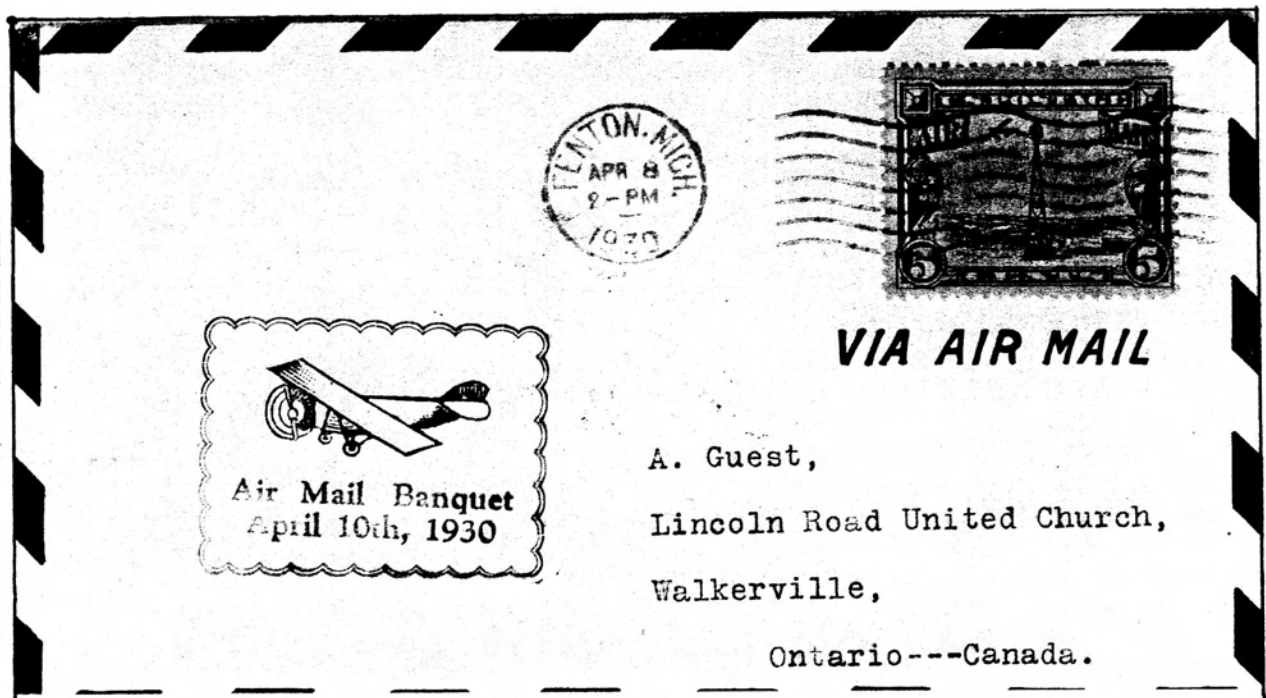
Air Mail Night

Thursday

April 10th, 1930

at

Lincoln Road United Church



Air Mail Banquet
April 10th, 1930

VIA AIR MAIL

A. Guest,
Lincoln Road United Church,
Walkerville,

Ontario---Canada.

Programme

Tuning Up Motors — Mechanics

Contact — Stand Clear

Invocation — Chaplain

Take-off

First Flight

Master Mechanic — Dad

Song — Mrs. Leakey

Drawing — Pop and Mechanics

Correspondence

PILOTS

The Mayor

Capt. D. McColl

Post Master

Auction

R. A. Brooks

GOD SAVE THE KING

First Flight

Airmail Cover Charge \$1.00

Take-off

British Columbia *Fruit Cocktail*

Watermark *Soup*

Shanghi *Chicken and Dressing*

Ireland *Potatoes, Brown Gravy,* English

France *Perit Pois*

Seven Seas Salt Pepper *Cachet*

India *Pickles* *Cheese* Linberg and Graf

Celery *Precancelled Kalamazoo*

Spirit of Windsor *Ice Cream* *Apple Pie* Cape Triangles

Assorted Cakes, *General Collection*

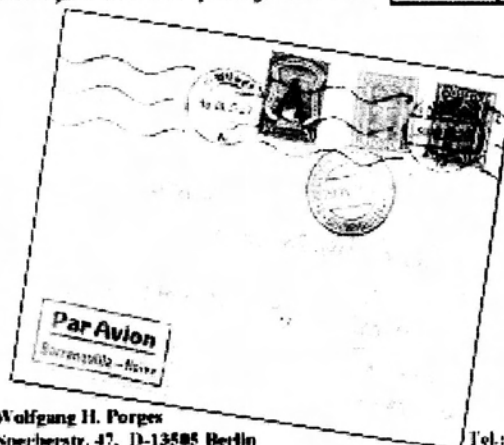
Ceylon *Tea* *Coffee* Java

Turkey *Cigarettes* *Candies* West Indies

SAFE LANDING

Programme and Menu from the BORDER CITIES STAMP COLLECTORS CLUB Air Mail Banquet, April 10th 1930.

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A CENSORED FFC from AKLAVIK, 1929!

From Kevin O'Reilly



Outbound: Dec. 27 Arctic Red River to McPherson (AKI May); Dec. 27 McPherson to Aklavik (AKI May); Dec. 30 Aklavik to Arctic Red River (AJQ Glyn-Roberts, AKI May); Dec. 31 Arctic Red River to Wrigley (AKI May); Jan. 1 Wrigley to Simpson (AKI May); Jan. 2 Simpson to McMurray (AJQ Becker, AKI May)

Air mail-rated, cacheted, philatelic cover signed by two pilots, May and Becker. Note the Australian civil censor tape and marking (applied in Brisbane) indicating that this item was likely sent undercover to a philatelist in that country in late 1940.

Many thanks to Kevin for this intriguing cover!

Kevin commented that:

The only explanation I can come up with for the censor marking, was that the cover was enclosed as correspondence and was censored on its way into a collector or dealer in Brisbane.

I agree with him.

If anybody can suggest another explanation, please send it to the editor.

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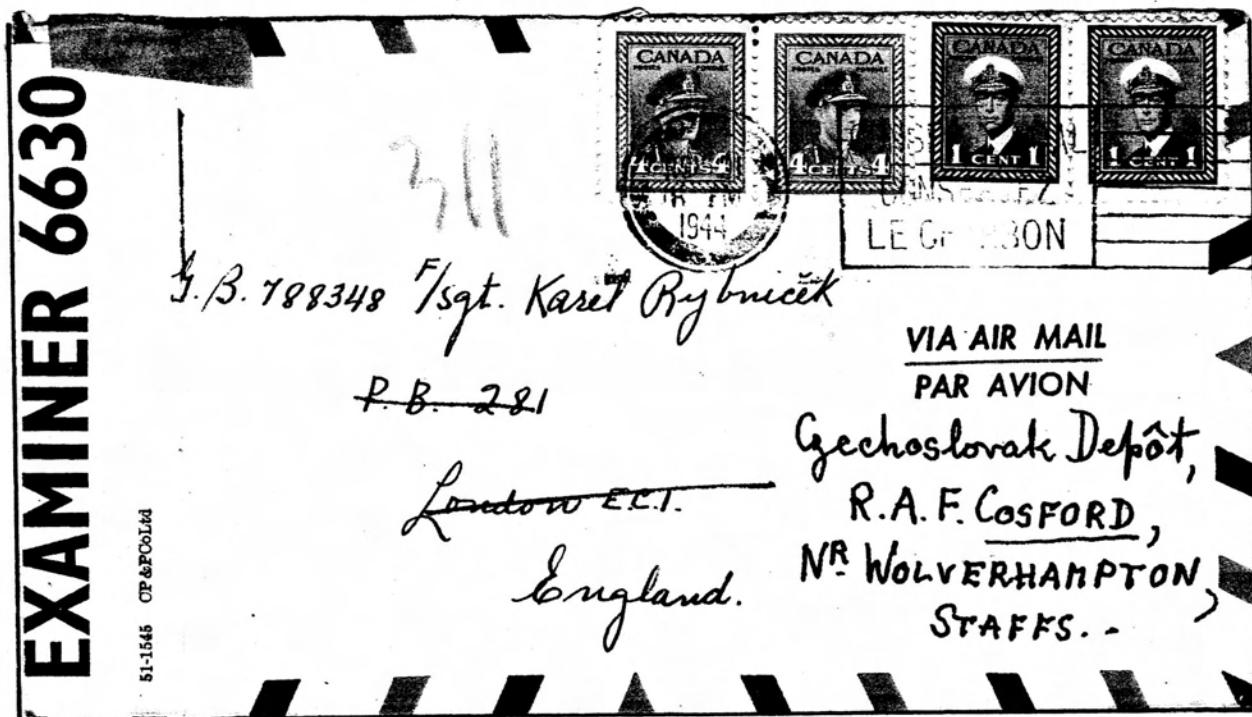
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AN UNUSUAL WORLD WAR 2 COVER

From Richard Beith



This cover was to one of the "undercover addresses" used in World War 2.

For The Canadian Aerophilatelist I enclose copies of an interesting cover, which you might like to use. This was posted in Quebec, 21 November 1944, addressed to P(O)B 281, London EC1. This was the 'undercover' address for Czechoslovaks serving in the Royal Air Force. It has been redirected to the Czechoslovak Depot at RAF Cosford (today the site of a major air museum). There were four specifically Czechoslovak Squadrons, 310-313.

310,312 and 313 were fighter units. 311 was originally in bomber command with Wellingtons, later moving to Coastal Command and ended up flying Liberators. The crayon '311' at the top of the envelope signifies that the addressee was with the four engined squadron. At the time this letter was sent, 311 was based at Tain in Ross-shire, Scotland.

All good wishes,

Richard

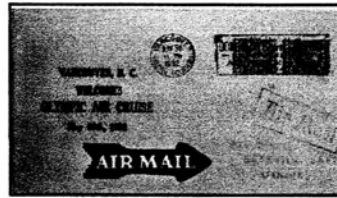
INFORMATION WANTED

Richard added:

If you print this could you add a query concerning the rate? The cover is franked at 10 cents when the normal transatlantic rate was 30 cents. I thought that the 10 cent concessionary rate was reserved for Forces Air Letter Forms. Perhaps the Canadian Post Office was more generous by 1944?

I do not think the Post Office was more generous by 1944, though they do seem to have been somewhat tolerant of underfranked covers to / from members of the Forces. - If anybody can provide more information, please send it to the editor.

FOLLOW UP: 1932 OLYMPIC AIR CRUISE COVERS



This cover, with a "VANCOUVER, B. C. WELCOMES OLYMPIC AIR CRUISE MAY 30th, 1932" cachet, was illustrated in the September newsletter, together with a question as to:

whether "Olympic" actually has anything to do with the Olympic games in Los Angeles that year, or does it refer to the Olympic Mountains?

Many thanks to BARRY COUNTRYMAN, for this wonderful article, establishing that the Cruise was definitely related to the Olympic Games:

Ten Planes Fly Into Local Airport Together

Los Angeles Olympic Games Fleet Includes Woman Flier. Left for Tacoma Today

Ten planes, including a Bach tri-motored 10-place ship of notable proportions and fittings, flew into Vancouver airport shortly after 4 p.m. Monday, carrying 35 Olympic Games Ambassadors from Los Angeles.

Eight of the planes left again at 9.45 this morning to make a scheduled visit to Tacoma and will be in Swifland this evening.

Two of the party, D. L. Fuller and H. W. Fuller of San Francisco, the former flying a Pitcairn and the latter a Stearman open cockpit plane, decided to stay over in Vancouver until Wednesday or Thursday.

Like others of the flying cruise, they are loud in praise of the local airport and all its appointments and conveniences. "We liked the look of Vancouver from the air so much that we want to see more of it" was their explanation of remaining over. They had joined the tour at San Francisco.

BUCKED WINDS UP COAST

"The cruise has a double purpose. To invite people to attend and participate in the Olympic Games at Los Angeles and to demonstrate the feasibility of flying in a large party on schedule," said Clifford Rawson, manager of the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce, which sponsored the outing.

W. E. Carey, a Union Oil Company aviation official, in charge of tour operations, reported a successful but rather difficult trip up the coast owing to wind, rain and cloudy weather.

Some of the planes met for the first time in two days when they reached the Sea Island airport, but all had stopped at Seattle before coming on to Vancouver.

Mrs. Frances Dudley of Glendale, Calif., was the only lady pilot in the party and was reported to have given a very good account of her skill in her neat Moreland two-seater.

WELCOMED AT AIRPORT

Several other ladies came as passengers including Miss Josephine McKim, national diving champion, and Miss Georgia Coleman, 100-yard breast stroke swim champion.

Ald. E. W. Dean was at the Airport to extend a civic welcome, with Board of Trade officials including President Harold Brown, R. D. Williams, Elmer Johnston, G. H. Colterell, W. E. Payne and W. A. Rundie.

Charles H. Webster was present in behalf of the Publicity Bureau and several members of the Aero Club extended fraternal greeting.

The party spent the night at Hotel Georgia, but there was no official entertainment.

INFORMATION WANTED ABOUT AEROGRAMMES

The Aerogramme Society website is one source: <http://www.aerogramme.com>

Duff Malkin is looking for more websites with information about aerogrammes.

If anybody has any recommendations, please send them to Duff at edm@telus.net or to the editor.

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Editor's Note:

This cancellation commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Wilbur Wright's flight at Le Mans on 8th August 1908, was part of the special feature *A History of Aviation and Air Mail through 50th Anniversary Stamps and Covers*, in the 50th issue of this newsletter, in March 2002.

It was mentioned then that there was great scepticism after 1903 regarding the Wright Brothers claim to have flown, and that it was their public demonstration at Le Mans, that made them world famous.

Donald has thoroughly researched the events leading up to the August 8th 1908 flight, and produced a wonderful book about them.



SPECIAL OFFER

On June 21st 1979 the *Lutheran Association of Missionaries & Pilots* in cooperation with the *Edmonton Flying Club* carried out a flight to commemorate the January 2nd to 6th 1929 mercy flight by "Wop" May & Vic Horner by flying 1,500 covers in a Fleet "Finch" between Edmonton, McLennan, Peace River, Keg River and Fort Vermilion. The serially numbered covers were postmarked Fort Vermilion & were signed by the 4 pilots involved: Denny May, Bob Horner, Russ Janzen & L.A.M.P. Pastor Pilot Les Stahlke. The money raised allowed from this flight allowed L.A.M.P. to purchase a new Cessna 185 - C-GCSS.

On June 16th 1980 the maiden northern flight of Cessna 185 C-GCSS took place when L.A.M.P. Pastor Pilot Gary W. Sartain flew the aircraft from Thunder Bay, Ontario to Fort Hope, Ontario. Special covers were issued for this event and are serially numbered & signed by Gary. The Fort Hope postmark is from Eabammet Lake.



The *Lutheran Association of Missionaries & Pilots* recently passed along the few remaining covers to me with a request that if possible they be sold to raise additional funds for L.A.M.P.

Both the 1979 & 1980 covers were given to people who donated \$50.00

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Please note that the price of \$60 was a pre-publication price, offered before the book was printed. The retail price in Canada and the US is \$68 including postage in either currency.

To order a copy, or to obtain more information, contact: Ken Snelson, 1000 King Street West #205, Toronto, Ontario M6K 3N1. [Email: ksnelson@rogers.com]

Index and Back Issues

Gord Mallett has updated the index to The Canadian Aerophilatelist, so that it covers all 72 issues published from July 1985 to September 2007.

The index includes all the articles linked to the collecting, researching and exhibiting interests of aerophilatelists and astrophilatelists, as well as all the general interest aviation and philately articles. The only content exclusions are society announcements, executive reports, advertisements and the like.

This index is now over 25,000 words in length!

Gord will email a free copy of the index, in Microsoft Word or WordPerfect format, to anybody who sends him their email address! He will also scan, and send out by email, copies of any pages from the newsletter. - There is no charge for this, but Gord suggests a limit of six pages per request.

He will also mail a printed copy of the index to anybody who requests one, (at no charge); and will mail out copies of articles or complete back-issues, for just the cost of photocopying and mailing.

Orders for the Index or back issues should be sent to:

Gord Mallett, #2 6909 Manning Place, Vernon, BC V1B 2Y6 (Email: gdmall@telus.net)

MANY THANKS for doing this Gord!

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**THE CANADIAN AEROPHILATELIST is produced quarterly
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**If you have anything you'd like to be included in the next issue,
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**Chris Hargreaves, 4060 Bath Road, Kingston, Ontario K7M 4Y4
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The CAS aims to provide a forum for the exchange of information among Canadians who are interested in any aspect of world-wide aerophilately, and for collectors from around the world who are interested in Canadian aerophilately. - This is mainly achieved through this newsletter, which is published quarterly.

The Society also provides a number of other services, including:

- a question-and-answer service for mystery air mail stamps and covers;
- a small library that can be searched for information on particular topics;
- discount prices on several aerophilatelic publications;
- a "sales department", with a variety of modern covers for sale;
- representation of Canadian aerophilatelists at national and international levels.

For more information about these services, and/or a free copy of our Short Guide to Canadian Aerophilately, contact Chris Hargreaves, 4060 Bath Road, Kingston, Ontario K7M 4Y4. (hargreavescp@sympatico.ca)
OR check out our website: www.aerophilately.ca

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To all members listed above, who have already renewed their membership, thank you for doing so.