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Visitors Welcome

STARTING ON AUG.26th MEETING WILL BE VIA ZOOM

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PhilaJournal Fall 2020 issue notes.

Here is the second digital edition of the PhilaJournal. Hope you enjoy it.

YES, we are staying with this format. The printer bleed allowance has been removed to accommodate printing 2 pages on a regular letter size page; if printing is required. Distribution will be done via download link or issues can be emailed to Club members by their GTAPA Directors. Your choice.

Not being bound by the multiples of four pages for the printer and the weight of each issue for the postage we can start experimenting. Ideas?

It is noticeable that you can now click on any link and be taken to that web site. You can enlarge the pictures on each page to see more details... try it with the picture of Larry on page 5 to decipher what he is working on.

But, I think the most important improvement is the addition of **FREE Bargain Classified ads** after page 32. These are for members only, not professional dealers (sorry). Please read the "Few simple rules:" on page 33 to get the most from this section. I would love to hear any win-win stories from the members. Oh, and remember to send your ads to the Editor only.

Even with a very quiet 'soft launch' via a broadcast to all the Club Directors I already have 14 ads. **Advertising rates for PJ will be published in Nov. issue.**

Important changes to the PhilaJournal numbering system. Until now we started a new volume in August (Fall, issue #1) and then November (Winter, #2), 2 issues in one year and continued to February (Spring #3) and May (Summer #4) of the next year. It was confusing... Therefore the current Vol. XVIII will have 6 issues – this one is #5 (Whole Number 73) and November will be #6 (74). 2021 will start with Vol. XIX. The February issue will be #1 (75), May #2 (76), August #3 (77) and November #4 (78). Year 2022 will be Vol. XX (WOW!!!) and have same numbering system. Easy to follow and identify future volumes, numbers and years.

Important change to the Club dues schedule. We have not been able to meet since March. The GTAPA executives proposed that the annual Club Dues will not be collected starting August (as previously) and be free for the months of Sept. to Dec. of 2020. Starting in 2021 the Club Dues will become annual, based on a calendar year. The amount stays at \$2/member (clubs pay based on their club's PhilaJournal readership) and will be payable AT the first meeting in January. This will simplify payment and collecting of the dues. Each club will have time from Aug. to Dec. to deliver the next year's dues.

I hope most of you will agree that this will make life easier for your Club Treasurer. It will for GTAPA's. Thank you.

What Does a Cover Tell Us?

When we collect covers we do it for various reasons ~ for the CDS, cancels, receivers on back, FDC, cache or corner card & possible letter inside



How about contents? ~ Nothing there? Ops, yes there is!

The cover is made with old paper, a map. While these envelopes are somewhat unusual, this practice was done in times of paper shortage.

The practice dates back to US civil war where the Confederate States of America (CSA) used wallpaper for envelopes.

With Latvia's independence, Nov.18 1918, only days after WWI, they used old German maps to print their first postage stamps.

The cache commercial cover (shown here) from European Stamp Co. (stamp dealer in Belgium) was printed on an old, 1/50,000 scale, German map from WWII ~ mailed in 1946, to the owner of Harbord Stamp & Coin in Toronto.

The President's Viewpoint

Larry Friend

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Well what have you been doing to keep busy?

NO Club Meetings – No Shows – No Public Auctions – No, No, No – No that's all we hear. I have been fortunately enough to have picked up two large collections to work on and distribute to fellow collectors. Still have four collections to pick up when the pandemic is over.

Personally I have started several new collections from the material I have picked up and helped other collectors broaden their collecting interests.

Some of the more popular themes seems to be Canadian cancels, slogan cancels, perpins and early covers, particularly those containing letters & info.

I have had several requests for each of these and have been plowing through the boxes to help the collectors asking for them. While searching for these I have gained a new appreciation for this part of our hobby and will likely be my next new collection.

Much of the material I have sent out by mail and received payment through e-transfer; another new thing I have learned to do since the start of Covid.



Downsizing you say NOT YET – anyone got a room to rent?

Larry sent to the bowels (Storage Area) of his condo to work on his stamps - as his office is crowded – his pick-up truck is full – his van is full – and there are even stamps in the trunk of his wife's car – that is until she finds out they are there

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Tenth Anniversary of Fascism Issue



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After the First World War, people were depressed and discontented and wanted change. Mussolini brought about many changes and was responsible for building roads, draining marshes, sponsoring new industries, developing hydro electric power plants, and generally tried to make Italy independent of foreign imports.



In 1932, on the tenth anniversary of Fascism, a set of 20 stamps were issued honouring Fascism, with denominations from 5 centesimi to 5 plus 2.50 Lire.

This consisted of 15 regular postage stamps, 1 semi-postal stamp, 2 air mail stamps and 2 express stamps (Sc. #290-05, #C40-41, #E16-17).

Each stamp pictured Fascist ideals with a brief description at the bottom (in Italian) of that ideal. The descriptions are as follows:

- 05 C. - Plowing with oxen and a tractor; so that Italy will have bread.
- 10 C. - Soldier guarding mountain pass.
- 15 C. - Marine, battleship, and seaplane.



20 C. - Portrait of a fascist youth; reference to a youth organization (Balilla).

25 C. - Tools and hands of workers.

30 C. - Flags, Bible, and altar.

35 C. - "New Roads for the New Legions".



50 C. - Mussolini statue and his quote "if I advance follow me, if I retreat, kill me".

60 C. - Hands with spades; referring to the draining of the marshes.

75 C. - Excavation of ruins.

1 L. - Steamers and galleons; our destiny will always be the sea.

1.25 L. - Italian flag, map, and points of a compass.

1.75 L. - Flag, athlete, and stadium.

2.55 L. - Mother and child; encouraging a great birth rate.

2.75 L. - Emblems of drama, music, art, and sport.



Semi-postal stamp

5 L. + 2.50 L. - A Roman emperor.

Air Mail stamps

50 C. - Eagle sculpture and airplane.

75 C. - Aerial view of Italian buildings.



Express stamps

1.25 L. - Ancient pillars and entrenchments.

2.50 L. - Head of Mussolini, trophies, and flags.



Except for 3 or 4 of the higher denomination stamps of this set, they are not difficult to find, nor are they expensive used. A mint set catalogues for about \$570.00.

Fascism began to die in 1943 when the Italians discovered that Mussolini's promises of a reborn Italy were all lies.





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ZOOM Getting Started on Windows and Mac

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Overview

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This article: https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362033-Getting-Started-on-Windows-and-Mac#h_97174a74-246a-4e54-8e9c-22b55cd0b665 covers

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Scott #1454i VAR

Well the moment has arrived! After 15 years of negotiations, the owner of these three UNIQUE imperforate sheets has finally agreed to sell. The editors of the Unitrade Canada Specialized were aware of their existence and they were listed in a footnote. Orders will be taken on a first come first basis and cut up accordingly. Sheets are all VF Never Hinged and were originally bought from an Archive Sale. Prices will be as follows. Payment plans can be arranged.

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Thoughts on Mounts

Collectors use mounts because they protect stamps better than hinges. Modern hinges are so brutal that when peeled off the stamp it is often thinned or left with a hinge remnant.

The most important decision is whether to use black or clear mounts.



Black are probably the most popular but most of the hingeless albums that I have seen use clear mounts. Black mounts tend to be unforgiving--if you are just a bit off in cutting the edges it really shows on your album page. Although mounts are sold in strips (210 mm for the shorter sizes) and in precut versions, most dealers carry only strips because they are more economical. You pay a heavy premium for the top brands (Stanley Gibbons, Scott, etc.). The Unitrade offers a full range of sizes at more reasonable prices.

Mounts come in top opening and split centre styles. The top opening types are easier to apply and are more flexible (you can always reduce the height of a top opening mount if you don't have the exact size you need) but they are much less secure as it is easy to dislodge a stamp from its mount. Split centres are much safer. When using split centre mounts you want to be frugal with the moisture applied to the top of the mount. If you get too enthusiastic when licking the mount, moisture can leak from the split on to the stamp.



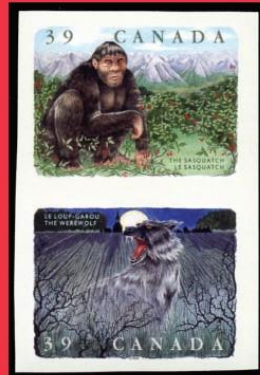
Buy a guillotine cutter because it gives a better cut than scissors. Guillotines cost about \$20 or so but you can often pick up a used one up for a couple of dollars or even less in Club sales.

When using any kind of mount, measure the length of mount required and then cut the mount BEFORE inserting the stamp. Lick the mount's top edge, allow a few moments for it to dry and then insert the stamp. Other views welcome.

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Cover Tells the Story of a Little Piece of Balkan History



This cover was sent from the “Syndicat pour la Banque Nationale d ‘Albanie” [Syndicate for the National Bank of Albania] of the “Burua [sic] du Tresorerie” [Treasury Department] to Vienna, Austro-Hungary. The address has been erased, except for “Wien I. However, the addressee was most probably a representative of the Wiener Bankverrein [Vienna Bank Association], which, with the Banca Commerciale Italiana [Commercial Bank of Italy] was charged with establishing the National Bank of Albania.

It is franked with all six of the Albanian Skanderbeg issue surcharged in Turkish currency on April 2, 1915 (Scott 47-52¹). Cancelled with a VLONE/3-5-1914 [3 March 1914] / SHQIPERENIE broken-bar cancel, a RECOMMANDE handstamp and registration number 5684 in script.

The Skanderbeg issue of December 1, 1913 (Scott 25 -40) is noteworthy for having the name “Skanderbeg” spelled wrong as “Skanderberg” and for being printed in a currency which the Albanian government wished to introduce but never did. It includes the 2, 5, 10, 25 and 50 quint and the 1 Franc values, overprinted with new denominations from 5 paras to 5 Groshen

While postally used and registered, I have not been able to determine whether the cover is overpaid.

Historical Background

The history of Albania is tied to the complicated story of the Balkans.

The First Balkan War, which pitted the Balkan League (Bulgaria, Greece, Montenegro and Serbia) against the Ottoman Empire, began in October 1912. The Balkan League quickly occupied Turkish territory, including Albania and Epirus. With the support of Austro-Hungary and Italy, a congress of 83 Muslim and Christian delegates declared Albania's independence at Vlore (Vlone) on November 28, 1912.

Ambassadors from Austria-Hungary, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy and Russia set up an Ambassadors' Conference in London on December 17, 1912. This Conference settled on a memorandum laying down certain fundamental constitutional principles for the state of Albania, including the establishment of a Principality, with the control of the civil administration and finances of Albania entrusted to an international commission consisting of delegates from the Great Powers and a delegate of Albania. This commission was to be in effect for ten years². In fact, the Great Powers were to wrest complete control by 1914.

On October 4, 1913 the Albanian Government "had concluded a concession agreement with the Wiener Bankverrein and the Banca Commerciale Italiana [Commercial Bank of Italy] for establishing the National Bank of Albania", but due to the turbulent situation in the country and the outbreak of the First World War, the National Bank "would not start operations until September 2, 1925"³.

Conclusion

This beautiful oversized and multifranked cover from a far-off Balkan country helps tell the story of the attempt to establish a stable monetary system for the newly-independent state of Albania during the extremely unstable time just preceding World War I.

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THE NTSC AND COVID-19

In early March the **North Toronto Stamp Club** had to take the decision to cancel its Spring Bourse and all meetings at the Club because of the Covid 19 situation. As we realized that the Covid 19 emergency risked to last longer than expected we started organizing ourselves to cope with the new situation and maintain some basic connection with our Members. After having contacted most of our members by phone and having discovered that quite a few of them were using Zoom to keep in touch with family and friends we developed an emergency plan with following initiatives:

- 1- Intensify the number of newsletters to keep our members updated on what is happening at the Club
- 2- Expand our involvement in the NTSC Facebook page to facilitate all communications with the members and between the members
- 3- Initiate a new swap program where members would start multiple chain exchanges of stamps of different countries or topics through the mail. Read about it on page 21.
- 4- Start virtual meetings through the Zoom platform and continue them on a monthly basis until we would be able to return to our Club location in the Yorkminster Park Church

The first virtual meeting took place on June 11 and it included a PowerPoint presentation prepared by Jean Wang. The subject of the presentation could not be more appropriate as it related to Covid 19 philately. Through Jean's presentation we discovered that there was a positive side to the fact of being forced to adopt virtual presentations. Thanks to the possibility of expanding the audience participation to members who lived farther away from the Club and to non-members and the possibility to publish the presentation on YouTube, Jean's presentation has been viewed by 4 to 5 times more people than what is then normal attendance at one of our Club meetings. Actually few of the past presentations can be seen on YouTube.

The second virtual meeting took place on July the 9th and the subject of the presentation was "A philatelic trip to the Sorrento region". Click on the YouTube link to see it. You can also search for *NTSC Presents* on YouTube.

At the moment we are planning to carry all these presentations during our virtual meetings. However, should the circumstances change, it is possible that one or more of these presentations may take place in person at the Club. We will keep everybody informed on any possible development via our mailing system, our newsletters and our Facebook page.

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Duplicates? Swap!!!

A few years ago the NTSC started the **Swap Shoppe** in the big auditorium of the Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, several people met at tables trading stamps. This in addition to the usual circuit books, club sales table and a handful of dealers.

The Swap Shoppe is a place for anyone to trade their extras for stamps that will fill gaps in their collections at no extra cost. Trades are done on a 1:1 basis, or per Scott Catalogue value, to which the trading partners agreed. To facilitate trading, we have a list of members with their collecting interests and what they would like to trade. At the meetings we have a complete set of Scott catalogues available for swaps that are based on catalogue values. The other option is to trade for lower valued stamps, on a one-to-one basis.

A Swap Shoppe committee came up with guidelines for anyone who is wondering how to go about swapping, and these are available at the trading tables. **The basic principle is to be fair and honest in trading.**

NTSC Swap Shoppe remains active during these days of uncertainty around physical meetings. We are using some “new” technology (e-mail) to communicate, but the focus is now to use the “old” technology of mailing letters. YES, the SNAIL MAIL! The original purpose of stamps is put in action (you guessed it) to mail stamps to each other. These are a variation on the stamp approvals that were so common many years ago. The recipient of a stamp selection takes what he/she likes and replaces the stamps taken with similar quality stamps.

The circuit gets started by a collector with a selection of 100 large or 200 small stamps (mint and used) and is sent to the first name on a list of five to six names. The last person returns the selection to the originator. The sequence of the names on the lists are changed each time a new selection is put into circulation. Collecting interests are noted on the lists to enable participants to provide stamps that may appeal to the next person in line.

At this time, there are swap circuits for worldwide, Eastern European, German, Italian and Scandinavian stamps, plus a circuit for topicals. Subjects can be added/deleted depending on member’s interests. A distinction is made for “large” and “small” (Commemoratives and definitives), each category has its own circuit. If you are interested in trading with other collectors, then become a member of the NTSC Swap Shoppe activities.

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Unusual Postage Stamps

It has been a while since I penned an Unusual Postage Stamps article. Looking through a file folder I found information on two items.



The first is a stamp issued by Spain in September 2018. It was issued to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of Cosme García Sáez, an inventor who developed several ideas including a breech loading rifle, portable printing press and a mechanism for “all types of ink stamps” which was used by the Spanish postal authorities for marking dispatch and arrival dates on mail. The money from the sale and maintenance of these dater machines allowed him to develop his most famous patent, namely a submarine, a model of which was tested in Barcelona in 1858. What makes this stamp unusual is that instead of being issued on paper, it was produced



using rubber hence making a “rubber stamp” The design is set in relief and shows Sáez, a sketch of his submarine and an imprint of his postal dater.

Embossed stamps have been issued by many postal authorities but virtually all have been printed or produce using paper as the substrate. A while ago Malcolm Cook of the Bramalea Stamps club showed me some stamps issued in February 1971 in Bhutan using plastic as the substrate. The stamps were printed on plastic using four colour lithography. The individual stamps were then placed on hand engraved heat moulds and pressed into the desired three dimensional shape giving the appearance of a sculpture. See page 24 for the sample stamps. Bhutan has produced many unusual stamps over the years.

These items from Spain and Bhutan are in fact three dimensional so the pictures of them in this article do not do justice to their appearance.



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One of My Favourite New Covers

First printed in Trident Visnyk, Newsletter of the Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society



Upon nationhood at the beginning of January 1992, Ukraine needed stamps right away, to satisfy the first of their new tariff fees schedule. They were now in a more open economic market compared to USSR controlled scales of economy, and as a

result costs rose quite a bit. For example the cost of mailing a standard cover (≤ 20 -grams) at regular rate went from 5-kopeks to 50-kopiyoks.

As an immediate response to these increases, USSR stamps remaining behind in Ukrainian post offices were revalued to the national standard, without overprint being required. Thus, 50-kopeks = 50-kopiyoks or 0.50-Karbovanets (Krb), 1-Ruble = 1 Krb, and so on. The nation would allow this provisional situation until mid-November 1993 (probably the 15th).



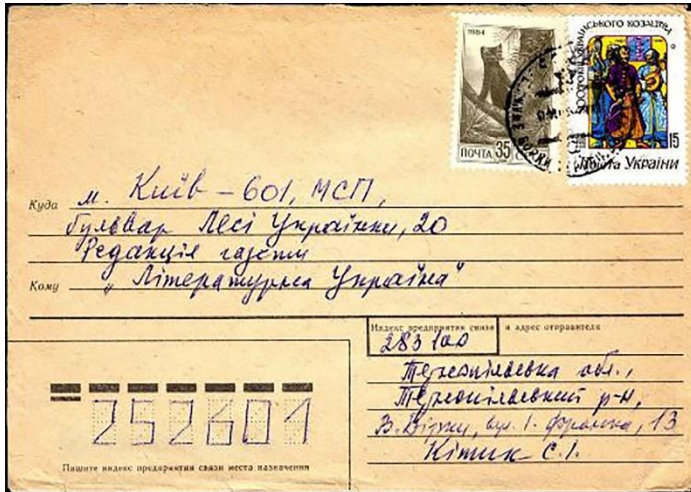
The first 'Ukraine-Post' issues: Cossackdom & Emigration-to-Canada commemoratives, were not released until March 1st. This meant that in terms of gummed stamps, you would not officially see a Ukrainian stamp on any mailed item for the first 82 days of Ukraine's new-found freedom¹.

(The tariff-1 domestic stream lasted only 128 days.) Further, these were the only two issues released by Ukraine-Post on time for tariff-1 domestic use.

Yet, with initial 1990s fees for independent Ukraine covers at 50·kopiyyoks (postcards at 40k), one must ask why Ukraine's very first modern-era national issues bore meaningless 15·kopiyyok (0.15Krb) face values.

This math is what makes the illustrated cover (on next page) so meaningful to me, as a 1990s Ukrainian collector in general and provisionals exhibiter in specific. The cover is regular domestic mail posted May 4th 1992 (the last day for tariff-1 domestic mail was May 9th), cities of Velyki-Birky (Ternopil-Oblast) to Kyiv (Kyiv-Oblast). The Ukrainian 15·kopiyyok (0.15 Krb) and USSR 35·kopek (now 0.35 Krb) stamps met the required in-era 0.50 Krb fee.

In terms of genre material covers, application of one 35k USSR stamp provisionally revalued to 0.35 Krb is the most 'efficient' value for provisionals-era domestic covers franking combinations during tariff-1 that includes one of the two March 1st commemorative releases, since only a minimum two stamps would need to be applied (covers 35+15=50, postcards 25+15=40) in order to meet the exact required in-era domestic fee.



The vast majority of covers bear several nationally revalued gummed USSR stamps. However in this case, there are only two gummed stamps, one

a provisional and the other one of Ukraine's first two issues, and it looks like 'real' domestic mail rather than plastered mayhem!. This cover will replace one that is currently in my 1990s provisionals exhibit.

1. From articles penned by Inger Kuzych: i- Journal 62 page 60 endnote 1, "According to Viktor Mohylny, 'Ukraine Overcomes Stamp Shortage', Global Stamp News, May 1992, p. 42, at least one post office reportedly released some stamps prematurely in February when its stamp supply ran out."; ii- Journal 65/66 page 65 endnote 1, two specific post offices are noted, Haisyn (Vinnitsia-Oblast) February 11th Cossackdom, and Hlukhiv (Sumy-Oblast) February 17th Emigration; this is why the word 'officially' (as in official issue date) is used in the noted sentence.

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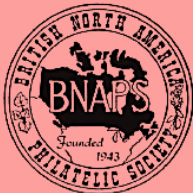
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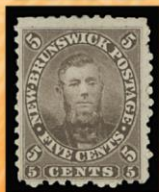
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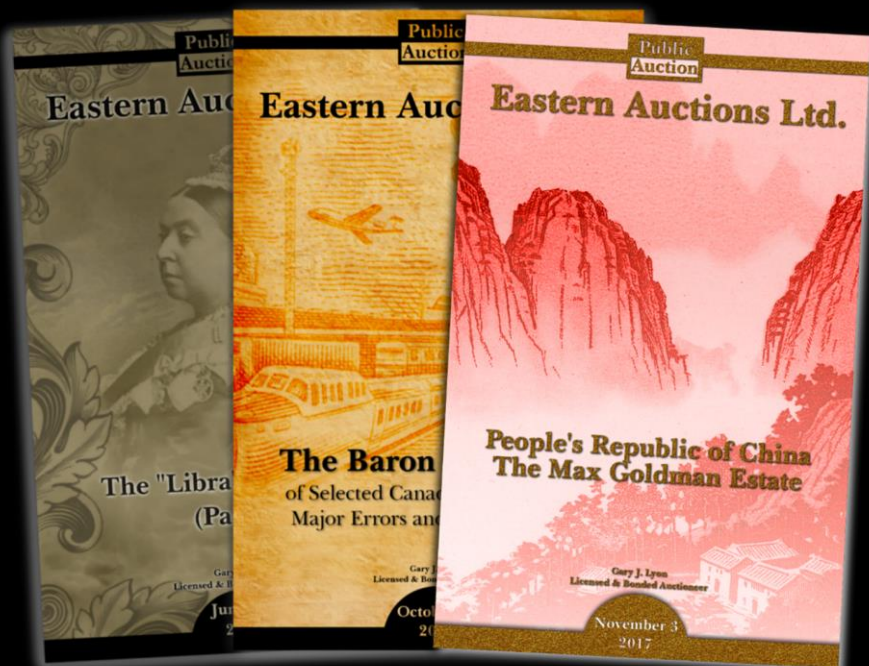
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