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Philatelic Timeline on Flight – Aviation & Aeronautics

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A 'flight' refers to the act, ability or process of flying or traveling through the air or space. While 'aviation' refers to the design, manufacturing and operation of aircrafts. It encompasses both the act of flying and the broader industries—like airlines, air traffic control and aerospace engineering—that support mechanical flight in the atmosphere. The term 'aeronautics' refers to the science and practice of designing, building and operating flight-capable machines such as airplanes, helicopters and balloons. It encompasses both the theoretical physics of flight and the engineering required to safely navigate within Earth's atmosphere and beyond.

Prologue

Philately branches that focus on aircraft and rockets are classified under Aerophilately and Astrophilately. They are highly specialized fields within Thematic Philately dedicated to the history of aviation, space exploration and airborne mail delivery. Aerophilately is the study and collection of airmails. It involves gathering and researching stamps, postmarks and flown covers used for transporting mail by aircraft, balloons or even zeppelins. Astrophilately focuses on space exploration. It studies and collects Rocket Mails which are mail transported via experimental rockets. Space memorabilia like envelopes, stamps and postcards are carried aboard manned and unmanned spacecraft, shuttles and space stations. Recovery ship mail like postmarks and letters from the naval vessels or aircraft that recovered astronauts upon their splashdown or landing.

I Origins of Flight

The Greek myth of Daedalus and Icarus is a classic tale of innovation, ambition and the perils of hubris.¹



Greece 1935



Relief-fall of Icarus, France 17th century



Canada 1935

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It centers on the master craftsman Daedalus and his son, Icarus, who attempted to escape imprisonment by flying across the sea using artificial wings. Exhilarated by the sensation of flight, he grew reckless. He ignored his father's warnings and soared too close to the sun. The intense heat melted the wax holding the feathers together, and Icarus plummeted into the sea and drowned due to his excessive pride and overconfidence.

The desire to fly has been present in humankind since ancient times. As early as 300 BCE, the Chinese invented the Kite, developing techniques to make it fly in the air and recording human attempts of flying with them. Ornithopters were machines designed to fly by the flapping of its wings in imitation of birds. Around 400 BCE, a scholar of ancient Greece, **Archites** of Taranto, built a wooden artifact which he

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From the Editor's Desk...

I did not make it to Boston 2026, wasn't in my budget. If you attended, please send us a blurb of your thoughts, impressions, joys and disappointments. The one and only International show I have ever attended was Pacific '97 in California. Thoroughly enjoyed it and hope to attend another US international show in my lifetime.

Keith and I spent a good portion of the summer making jam – strawberry, raspberry, marionberry and blackberry jam. Our freezer is full of berries to enjoy over the winter months; now we have a life-time supply of jam. Regardless of whatever else is going on in life, we have to stop and tend the gardens. How did your gardens do (if you keep one)?

Canadian Clubs – Please send a flyer, postcard or an email of your show dates for the rest of this year; all clubs – I need show dates for 2027 (if you have them set).

As you can tell, I am missing articles regarding Oregon, Idaho and/or Montana philately and postal history in this issue (just look at the **INSIDE** on page 1). I strive to include a variety of US states and Canadian Provinces member clubs' articles in each issue, but I need submissions. If you have an article you've been wanting to write or percolating on the back burner, or do not have the words to put an article together, just write it down and send it to me; I'll turn it into an article for you. Any topic, any state/province and even any country. We have 1 more journal this year (December), and we have 4 issues next year...and the next year...and the next year...you get the idea. Just keep the articles, blurbs, information and scans to match a'coming! Otherwise, I am going to have to beg and plead to use articles from Federation member clubs' journals. Or I'll start writing articles on Bhutan and India postal history, Peafowl, Chocolate, Siamese cats, or how my orange cat cleaned off my desk for me one day....

By golly, September is here. I'm not ready for fall. But here in Western Washington, the weather is turning cooler; rain, real rain not a sprinkle, is even in the forecast. Maybe we can finally get back to our stamps and exhibits before the holidays.

As a small part-time dealer, I have five philatelic estates to work up and bring to shows. Three estates are almost done, the two big ones Keith and I have plenty of work to do. SEAPEX is our last stamp show this year, then we start again in January. Which means we are going to have to put some material up on eBay, affordable and expensive material both. But weather forecast claims a warmer and drier than usual winter. I hope that doesn't mean more work in the gardens and less work on our stamps and exhibits. Guess we will see.

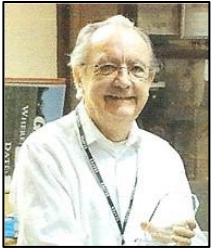
Keith may be having cataract surgery this fall – does this mean I will have some free time to work on my exhibits and collection? Maybe work on my India Experimental Cancels project? Write the long anticipated article for *Cats on Stamps Study Unit* journal? (We can only hope!)

Lastly, as you know, the Federation celebrated our 250th issue with the June journal! A big achievement. Now we are in our 91st year of organization! Two US philatelic societies founded the **North West Federation of Stamp Clubs** in 1935, and two Canadian philatelic societies became Charter Members in 1936. I can't wait to celebrate our 100th year in 2035!

Enjoy your fall!

Carol J. Edholm

Executive Secretary's Notes



Transitions

Organizations evolve, change personnel and get better but not without patience and effort. We in the Pacific Northwest have worked with each other for over nine decades. We can celebrate our stamp collecting together. Look at what our cross-border efforts have built.

The North West Federation has evolved, I believe, into a potent organization with a remarkable journal. Thanks for that goes to the vision and efforts of our last three editors: Jack Congrove 2016-2019, Darin Cherniwchan 2020-23 and Carol Edholm 2024-present. We have a quarterly journal of over 30 pages and a distribution to certainly 2,000 readers. This issue is number 251.

Our journal seems to be, in the eyes of the APS, unique. Carol hoped to enter it into competition, but we are not a club or a specialized society -- no place to be judged. We cover the uniqueness of the Northwest in the journal. We do not charge for anyone to receive the journal. It is emailed. We promote philately, encourage research of philatelic interests and also publicize the efforts of our 30-some clubs in four Canadian Provinces and five US states.

We of the Federation are weathering the downturn of membership in philatelic groups, and this coming year we must find new talent to participate in running the group.

Both Jim Hirstein and I are term-limited from our positions on the seven-person Board of Directors which meets yearly at PIPEX in May in Portland, Oregon, and as needed on Zoom meetings or with email exchanges. I'm asking others to step forward and to work to make the North West Federation better.

Jim is not withdrawing. He will continue to organize the John Arn Philatelic Symposium in April. It is a special day and a half of four speakers, two auctions and camaraderie. I will work to set up and enact an online speakers bureau to connect the three most distant points of the Federation - Anchorage, Alaska; Regina, Saskatchewan and Medford, Oregon with each other and with the clubs inside this triangle.

As an aside, adding up the areas of the nine political units in the Northwest, ours is larger than all but six countries. Would that make us, by area, the eighth largest philatelic organization on Earth; that is, one that is defined by geography?

We have good volunteers who work to keep us together as stamp collectors. As stamp collectors we have collections that evolve, change and get better.

Thank you. Keep collecting.

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Canada Post Ends Door-to-Door Delivery

As I mentioned previously, Canada Post is no longer delivering mail to residents' homes in an effort to save money. Residents now have to resort to picking up their mail at **community mailboxes**. The Post claims this move will "...strengthen the postal service, allow us to be a better partner for businesses, and help us meet our dual mandate of delivering for all Canadians in a way that is financially self-sustainable." They further state, "We're committed to moving forward in a thoughtful way that prioritizes service for all Canadians while protecting access to vital postal services in rural, remote and Indigenous communities." This discontinuance of service starting in 2026 will affect over a half million households in 37 communities -- Greater Toronto Area, southwestern and eastern Ontario, Montreal region, Quebec City and Trois-Rivieres with a dozen communities in British Columbia, areas in Manitoba, New Brunswick and Halifax, Calgary and Edmonton. It could take up to 5 years for this change to fully occur.



Apparently, three-quarters of all Canadians homes already receive their mail through community, apartment lobby and post office mailboxes. The disabled and elderly may still be able to receive door-to-door delivery.

With the change to ending delivery at residents' personal mailboxes, several rural post offices will be closed.

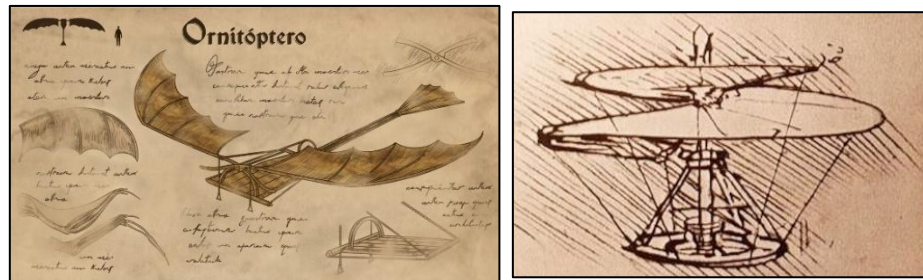
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named “Peristera” meaning dove, in Greek. The bird-shaped apparatus, tied to ropes that allowed a controlled flight, was propelled by an air blast.



Vinci, Italy 1952

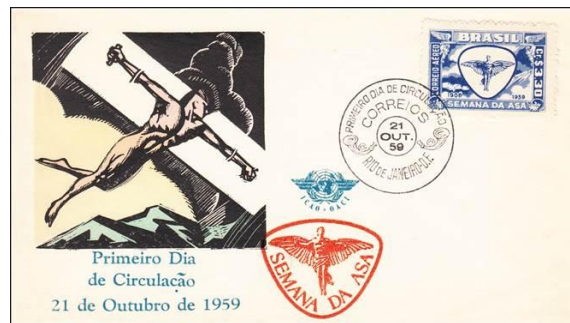


Leonardo Da Vinci Giclée Canvas Flying Machine Designs

Leonardo da Vinci made sketches and models of such aircrafts in the late 15th century². Although a few short flights have been recorded, ornithopters remained impractical. For centuries the flight of birds, dragonflies and butterflies continued to inspire pioneering inventors, like **Leonardo da Vinci** and others, to chase their goal.



MS-2vS-Pegasus, Somalia 1984

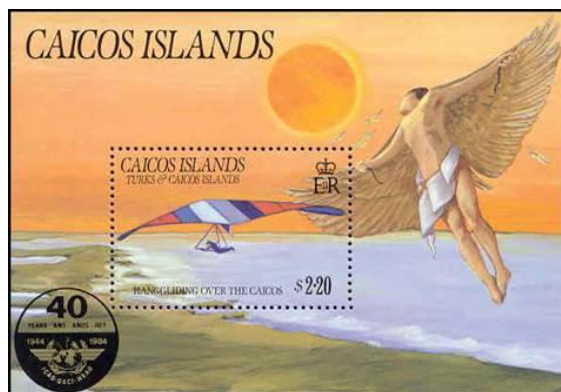


FDC - Brazil 1906

Somalia released this MS on the 40th Anniversary of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in 1984. It depicted the winged horse **Pegasus**, from Greek epics. Pegasus represented a kind of immortality; i.e., the rider of Pegasus could fly through the air to reach the heavens. It symbolized mankind's desire to take to the air, as well as the capricious nature of the element. The cachet and stamp of FDC Brazil 1906 shows allegorical figures representing flight and the great desire to fly. It symbolizes man's fascination with the infeasible notion of flying like an avian creature through the air.



Matariki Maori kites, New Zealand 2010



Icarus flying over Caicos Islands, Turks & Caicos 1900

Traditional **Māori** kites are highly regarded in philately. They are best known from the vibrant and culturally significant 2010 **Matariki** stamp issue by New Zealand Post. These stamps beautifully showcase historical kite designs and avian kites once used by Māori.

II History of Aviation

The aviation history is a narrative of human aspiration, technological innovation and the unyielding desire to explore beyond terrestrial boundaries. This write-up explores pivotal moments in this remarkable history which is enshrined deftly on philatelic materials worldwide for posterity.

■ 1903 – *Wright Brothers' Flight*

On 17th December 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright achieved the first powered, controlled and sustained flight covering 120 feet in 12 seconds. This momentous event at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, marks the birth of modern aviation.



Bosnia 2003



Togo, 1978



USA 1949

■ 1914 – *Commercial Flight*

St. Petersburg-Tampa Airboat Line became the world's first scheduled commercial passenger airline on January 1, 1914. It signaled the potential of aviation for commercial transport too.



USA 1990



Airboat Line Poster



FDC - Sea Plane, USA 1990

■ 1919 – *Airline Company*

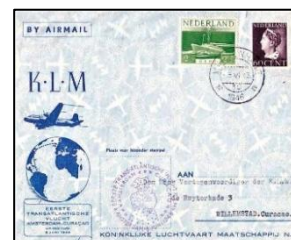
KLM is the flag carrier airline of the Netherlands, operating worldwide passenger and cargo services with its main hub at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol. Founded in 1919, it is the *oldest airline in the world still operating under its original name*.



FDC - Netherlands, 1959



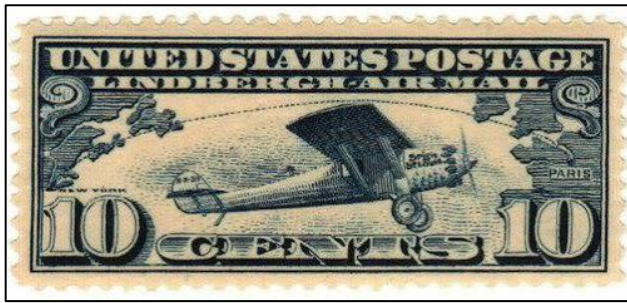
Netherlands, 1959



FDC - Netherlands, 1946

■ 1927 – *Solo Transatlantic Flight*

Charles Lindbergh made history by flying non-stop from New York to Paris on May 20-21, 1927 in The Spirit of St. Louis. This first solo flight ushered in the possibilities of long-distance air travel.

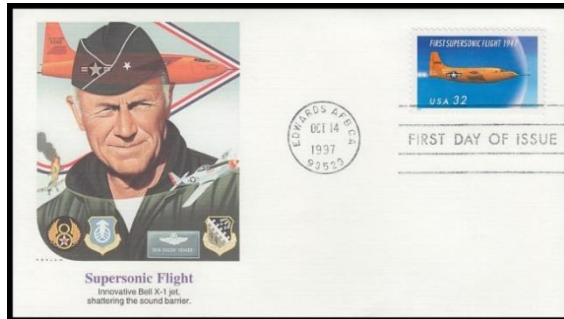


The Spirit of St. Louis, USA 1927



FDC - Lindbergh's Solo Flight, USA 1998

■ 1947 – *Breaking the Sound Barrier*



FDC - Chuck Yeager's 50th Anniversary, USA 1997



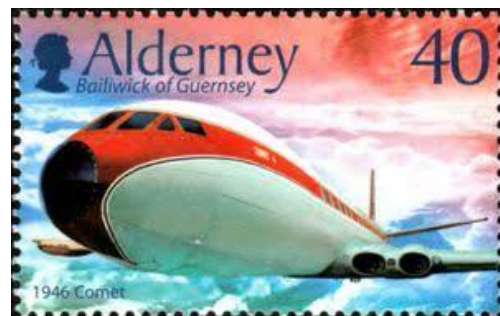
X-1 aircraft as it hits Mach 1, USA 1997

Test pilot Chuck Yeager flew a rocket plane faster than the speed of sound, marking a significant breakthrough in aviation technology. He was honored on an official US stamp in 1997. This *First Supersonic Flight* stamp depicts the Bell X-1 and commemorates the 50th anniversary of his epoch-making flight.

■ 1952 – *Inception of the Jet Age*



Comet DH.106, Marshall Islands 1953



Alderney 2003

The de Havilland Comet, the world's first commercial jet airliner, revolutionized air travel with its speed and efficiency. On 2 May 1952, the de Havilland Comet entered service with British Overseas Airways Corporation-BOAC. It marked a new era in civil aviation and left other aeroplane manufacturers years behind.

■ 1957– *Boeing's 707 Engine Airliner*

Boeing 707 introduced the era of commercial jet travel, achieving greater speed and comfort than previous propeller-driven aircraft. PAN-AM launched the first regular passenger service with the Boeing 707. In the 1950s, jet engine technology was not advanced as it is today. Since jet thrust individually to power a large, long-range aircraft on their own was absent, Boeing decided to utilize four jet engines to achieve the necessary performance for takeoff, cruise and long-distance travel.

■ 1962 – *Hypersonic X-15 rocket plane*

North American X-15 rocket plane become the first aircraft to reach the thermosphere in 1957. It set a record that still stands today, as the fastest speed ever reached by a manned aircraft. It attained speeds of Mach 4, 5 and 6 – meaning it could fly up to six times the speed of sound... or more than 4,000 miles per hour!



FDC - Boeing 707, India 1965



X-15 plane, USA 2000

■ 1962- *Tupolev Tu-134 first flight*

Tupolev Tu-134, a twin-engined, narrow-body airliner, made its maiden flight in the Soviet Union. The Tupolev Tu-134, **Crusty**, is an iconic Soviet twin-engine narrow-body jet airliner. For stamp collectors, it is a highly sought-after motif.

■ 1968 – *Induction of Boeing 737*

Boeing 737 is an American narrow-body aircraft produced at Renton, Washington, USA. Since entering service in 1968, it has become the best-selling jet airliner in history, with over 12,500 built for major global carriers - Southwest, Ryanair and United. Its uniqueness lies in its incredibly low ground clearance, heritage 1960s cockpit and unmatched operational commonality, which allow airlines to use the same pilots and parts across decades-old and modern models.



TU-134, Russia 2019



Boeing 737, Kyrgyzstan 2023



Postcard - B747, India 1976

■ 1969 – *Arrival of Jumbo Jet*

The introduction of Boeing 747, the world's first wide-body airliner, transformed global travel. Its capacity and range revolutionized international travel, connecting cities and continents like never before. Air India received its first Boeing 747, named **Emperor Ashoka**, in 1971. This marked the dawn of the "jumbo jet" era in India, featuring Air India's iconic "Palace in the Sky" livery which included painted windows designed to look like traditional Indian *jharokhas* (a stone window projecting from an outer wall of a building).



Concorde, France 2019



MS - Airbus A300, Liberia 2022



MS - Mriya, Ukraine 2023

■ 1970 – *Concorde*

Concorde remains a unique marvel in history as the only commercial airliner to routinely carry passengers at Mach 2 (twice the speed of sound). It cut transatlantic flight times in half and offered an unparalleled luxury travel experience, which permanently cemented its status as a global technological icon. Made jointly by UK & France.

1970 – *Airbus A300*

A300 is manufactured by the European aerospace corporation Airbus. It accomplished its first flight in 1970. A300 is lighter and faster than other wide body aircrafts and is also fuel efficient.

■ 1988 – *Antonov 225 Mriya*

As the world's largest cargo aircraft, the Antonov An-225 Mriya, the world's largest cargo aircraft, made its maiden flight on December 21, 1988.



Solar Impulse - 2, France 2021



FDC - A380, Singapore 2006

■ 2003 – *Airbus A380 Double-Decker*

Airbus A380 is the world's largest passenger airliner and the only full-length double-deck from nose to tail jet airliner, typically carrying around 800 passengers. It was designed to address the increasing demand for air travel, particularly in densely populated regions and congested airport hubs.

■ 2016 – *Around the World by Sun Power*

The aircraft Solar Impulse 2 completed the first round-the-world *flight of a device powered by solar energy*. It was a single-seat aircraft powered solely by solar energy, culminating in a round-the-world flight on from March 9, 2015 to July 3, 2015, and then again from April 21, 2016 to July 26, 2016, following damage to the batteries.

III Commercial Airlines

A commercial airliner³ is an aircraft designed to transport passengers or freight on a scheduled or chartered basis. These aircraft are categorized by their size, range and operational use, and are built to withstand heavy daily use and long lifespans

There are roughly 730 commercial airlines operating scheduled flights worldwide, according to aviation data tracker OAG. However, the total number can stretch to over 5,000 if you include all registered charter, regional, cargo and private operators that have official ICAO/IATA codes. **Delta Air Lines** is the *richest airline* by total revenue and market capitalization, generating roughly \$63.4 billion in annual revenue and



World Airliner Logos



World Plane Tail Logos

possessing a market valuation around \$44 billion. In contrast, **Emirates** is the world's *most profitable airline*, bringing in a record net profit of \$5.4 billion in revenue.



Indian Airline Logos



Air India 25th Anniversary, India 1973

IV Defense and Military Air Power

FDCs and stamps honoring defense and military air power are highly sought-after, particularly those depicting fighter jets, helicopters and historical defense milestones. Philatelists frequently seek such thematic cachets that combine philately with aerospace engineering and national armed forces.



Squadron, India 2005



IAF Diamond Jubilee, India 1993



FDC - IAF Golden Jubilee, India 1982

Commemorative stamps and First Day Covers from India focusing on military air power celebrate the history, aircraft and personnel of the Indian Air Force. These collectibles feature striking illustrations of fighter jets, transport planes, helicopters and anniversaries of the armed forces.

Modern military aircraft and helicopters form the backbone of global air superiority, rapid logistics and close-quarters combat. Classified primarily by their specific mission sets, these machines feature advanced sensors, modular armaments and integrated data-networks that allow them to perform complex, multi-role operations at war and peace!



Martin F35, Liberia 2022



Rafale, Central Africa 2017

Lockheed Martin F-35 Lightning II (USA): A fifth-generation multi-role stealth fighter flown by the US, Finland and other allies. It acts as a flying sensor hub and "quarterback of the skies" rather than just a traditional strike fighter.

Dassault Rafale (France): A 4.5-generation multi-role fighter heavily utilized by European and Asian operators. Designed to perform everything from nuclear strikes to carrier landings in a single airframe.



MS - Pavel Sukhoi, Russia 2020



MS - IAF Platinum Jubilee, India 2007

Sukhoi Su-57 Felon (Russia): Russia's premier fifth-generation stealth multi-role aircraft. Retains extreme agility for post-stall maneuvers, a feature emphasized less in Western stealth designs like the American F-35.

HAL Tejas (India): It is a single-engine, 4.5 generation, delta-wing multi-role light fighter aircraft. It is the smallest and lightest supersonic fighter jet in its class, built with a heavy emphasis on composite materials.



J-20 Blueprint sticker



Chengdu J-20, China 2021



Grumman B2 Spirit, Niger 2023

Chengdu J-20 (China): China Post released a special set of stamps featuring the Chengdu J-20 stealth fighter. The stamp set was officially titled "Chinese Aircraft" and prominently showcased the "Mighty Dragon" alongside other elite national assets like the Y-20, Z-20 and KJ-500.

Northrop Grumman B-2 Spirit (USA): Designed with a distinct "flying wing" shape to maximize radar invisibility, it can penetrate advanced air defenses and deliver both conventional and thermonuclear payloads anywhere globally. It is engineered to penetrate heavily defended airspace while avoiding radar detection.



100th anniversary and the Tu-160, Russia 2012



Se-tenant - Boeing C-17 Globemaster III, Central Africa 2022

Tupolev Tu-160 (Russia): The largest and heaviest supersonic strategic heavy bomber still in combat service. Also called "Blackjack" is a Russian supersonic, variable-sweep wing heavy strategic bomber. Revered in Russia as the "White Swan," it is the world's **largest, heaviest and fastest-flying** Mach 2+ supersonic military aircraft ever built.

Boeing C-17 Globemaster III (USA): A massive high-wing, four-engine military transport aircraft operated globally, including the Indian Air Force. It is a premier, heavy-lift strategic and tactical military transport aircraft used by the U.S.

Air Force and allied nations. It rapidly deploys troops, heavy combat vehicles, like the M1 Abrams tank, and humanitarian aid directly into austere, short-field airfields worldwide.



Lockheed C130, Guyana 1998



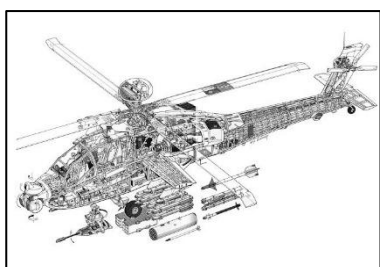
C-130J, India 2016



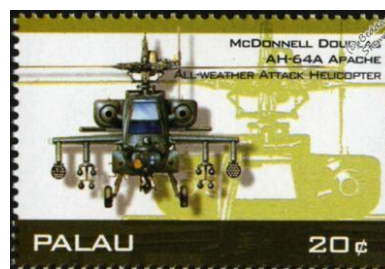
C295, Guine-Bissau 2021

Lockheed Martin C-130J Super Hercules (USA): The highly versatile tactical airlifter used for cargo transport, aerial refueling and special operations.

Airbus C-295 (Europe): A highly maneuverable tactical transport and maritime patrol aircraft.



H64 Apache, sketch



Boeing AH64 Apache, Palau 2007

Boeing AH-64 Apache (USA): The world's premier twin-turboshaft attack helicopter utilized by numerous modern militaries. Characterized by its formidable multi-domain combat capabilities, advanced sensor integration and a helmet-mounted system that synchronizes weapons with the crew's head movements.



Dhruv, India 2003

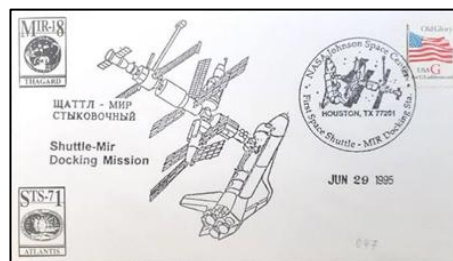


Prachand Light Combat Helicopter, India

HAL Dhruv & Prachand (India): Dhruv is a unique multi role, state-of-the-art helicopter with different variants, while the Prachand is a multi-role combat helicopter designed and built under Project Light Combat Helicopter for operations in high-altitude environments.

■ Permanent Pictorial Cancellations

In philately, an airplane picture cancellation or pictorial postmark is a specialized postal marking used to commemorate inaugural airmail flights, aviation events or historical anniversaries. These collectible cancellations and postmarks feature unique airplane motifs and are highly sought after by aviation enthusiasts.



The four "Space" postmarks, Houston & Texas post offices, **USA**

- **New Frontiers**

Space and rocket philately is a highly sought-after collecting theme. It spans postage stamps, FDCs and maximum cards celebrating space exploration, satellites and astronauts. Collectors often focus on historical milestones like Apollo 11 or contemporary missions like *Gaganyaan* - an indigenous mission that would take Indian astronauts to space. Its success will put India into the elite club of space superpowers.



The Soviet stamp depicted above commemorates cosmonauts - Vladimir Kovalyov and Aleksandr Ivanchenkov's - space-endurance record of 140 days onboard the Salyut 6.



15 Years of Space Age Rockets, USSR 1972



50 - Discovery, Marshall Islands 2021

Space shuttle⁴ stamps form a highly collectible niche in space philately. Commemorating the reusable space transportation system and humanity's future in orbit, these items capture the legacy of the shuttle era and the transition to modern commercial spacecraft. NASA built a total of six space shuttles. Five of these were fully functional orbiters built for spaceflight, while one, Enterprise, was used solely for atmospheric landing tests.

The following five space worthy orbiters completed 135 missions between 1981 and 2011. **Columbia:** NASA's first operational space shuttle. It disintegrated during re-entry. **Challenger:** Disintegrated shortly after lift-off. **Discovery:** Flew 39 missions. **Atlantis:** Flew 33 missions. **Endeavour:** Built to replace Challenger.



Se-tenant, USA 1975



Czechoslovakia 1963



SLV 3, India 1981



Space Shuttle Challenger, USA 1995



Space Shuttle Endeavor, USA 1995



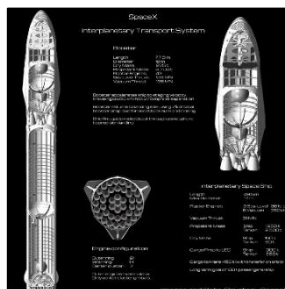
Apollo XV Pegasus and Deimos-Future Explorations, Ajman 1971



Elon Musk's company **SpaceX**⁵ is revolutionizing space exploration with its fully reusable SpaceX Starship and SpaceX Dragon spacecraft. These vehicles are designed to transport crew and cargo into Earth orbit, to the Moon and ultimately to Mars. SpaceX's Starship is a fully reusable, super heavy-lift launch vehicle designed to carry humans and cargo to Earth orbit, the Moon, Mars and beyond. Standing up to 142 meters (466 feet) tall, it is the most powerful rocket ever developed. Both its Super Heavy booster and the Starship spacecraft are fully reusable, utilizing rapid re-flight and in-space refueling technologies



MS - ITS Rockets, **Guinea 2017**



Space X - Future ITS



MS - Dragon, **CA 2022**

Epilogue

The future of aerophilately and astrophilately is pivoting toward digital communities, virtual exhibitions and globalization, breathing new life into the historically niche hobby. While physical air mail and rocket mail face practical declines, interest is surging as collectors trace the evolution of aviation and humanity's push into space. Aircraft manufacturing is undergoing a massive transformation driven by Industry 4.0. Key advancements include the integration of AI-driven smart factories, the use of digital twins for real-time design validation and additive manufacturing (3D printing) to create complex, lightweight components that reduce material waste.

Aerospace technology is experiencing rapid transformation, driven by sustainable propulsion, artificial intelligence and advanced space infrastructure. These innovations are radically changing how we travel and explore the cosmos, pushing boundaries in both commercial aviation and space exploration.

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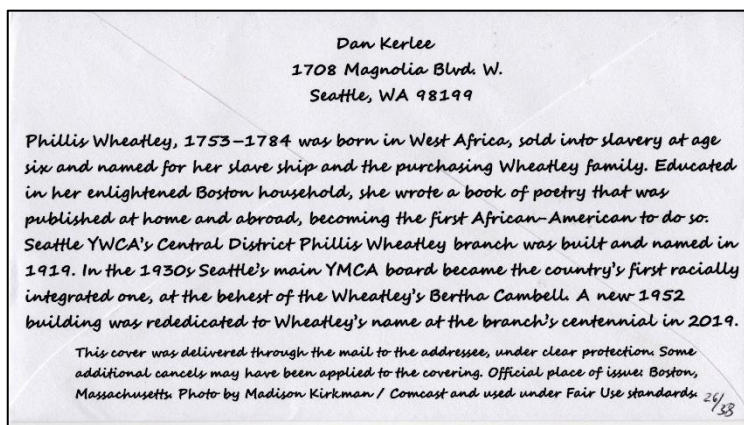
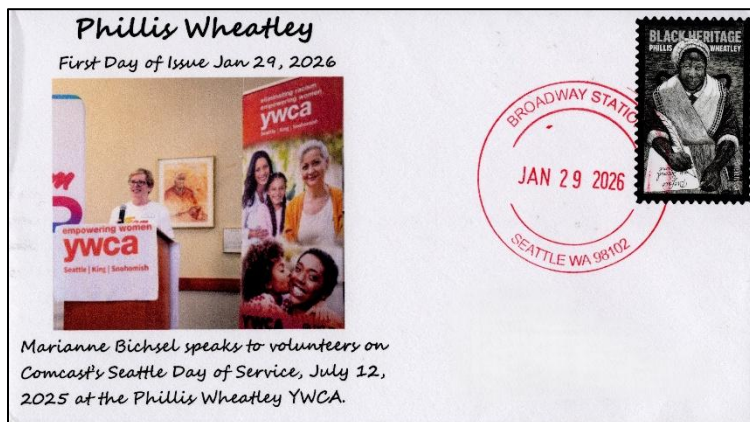
Philatelic Tidbits

It appears that CALTAPEX 2026 on October 17-18, 2026 will also be a trial run for Royal 2027 Royale/BNAPEX. They are looking for exhibits for both shows. Contact Dave Russum, Exhibits Chairman, russumd@telusplanet.net

Kerlee Corner...

Phillis Wheatley

by Dan Kerlee, Evergreen Stamp Club



Anchorage Philatelic Society Event and Show covers



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<https://anchoragephilatelic.org/cover-blog>

An Invitation to Join...

The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs has some 35 member clubs and philatelic organizations in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington as well as British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan in Canada, and its territories. With the exception of a short period of inactivity during WWII, the organization has served as a common cause meeting ground for organized philatelic interests within these states and provinces. The Federation supports PIPEX (Pacific International Philatelic Exposition), an annual APS World Series of Philately (WSP) show, and the John D. Arn Symposium.

The Federation is the only organization of its type with cross border membership and WSP exhibition sponsorship. It continues its member organization communications with *The Federated Philatelist* newsletter. The annual Federation meeting takes place at the club hosted site of the annual PIPEX show.

Please visit the NWFSC's website. On this site, we have listed information of interest to collectors in the Pacific Northwest. The website has recently seen a facelift and continues to be updated on a regular basis. www.nwfedstamps.org



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Letters to the Editor Welcome...

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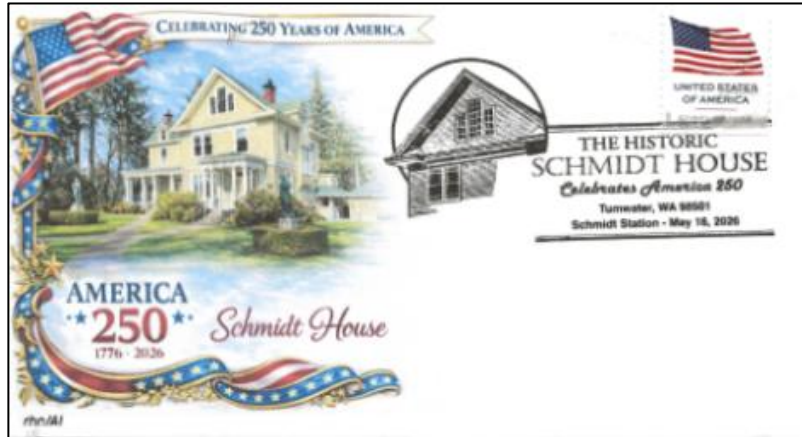
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America250 at Schmidt House

by Gerald (Gerry) Smith
Olympia Philatelic Society

The historic Schmidt House celebrated 250 Years of America from May 14 through May 30, 2026 with history posters and exhibits of a vintage kitchen, quilts, postal history and the American Bald Eagle. The Schmidt House is the colonial revival home of Leopold and Johanna Schmidt, founders of the Olympia Brewery. The home is listed on both the national and state historical registers and is within the Tumwater (Washington) Historical District. Now owned by the Olympia Tumwater Foundation, it houses Olympia Brewing Company archives, history program offices, and offers tours and event rentals.



Example cachet and special event postmark for American250 at Schmidt House

Activities included two concerts by the American Legion Band and two school days when second graders (80 students and 18 teachers/adults) from Peter G. Schmidt Elementary viewed the exhibits with vintage costumed docent narrators, heard a talk on what a revolutionary soldier might have carried in his haversack, and had hands-on experience making a tri-corn hat.

The Olympia Philatelic Society provided postal history exhibits, "Washington Route Agent and Railway Post Office Mail" by Gerry Smith and "History of Beer on Covers" by Dennis Gelvin, an apt subject considering the location. On the school days, Rick Crooks and Gerry Smith were the docents for the postal history display. The kids were curious about the postal history, especially when told the story about mailing kids. The early 1900 office tools shown in the same room brought the most enthusiasm.

The Olympia Philatelic Society also worked with the USPS and produced a special event cancellation for May 16. JD Williams developed the cancel, and five cachets were produced by Rick Crooks and Dennis Gelvin. A USPS representative was on site to cancel souvenir covers. Proceeds from cover sales were donated to the Olympia Tumwater Foundation along with covers for future sale.



Gerry Smith (back) discussing "Washington Route Agent and Railway Post Office Mail" exhibit with Lewis Maudsley, Sons of the American Revolution

2027 Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps

by Patrick Durbano, Editor
Unitrade

For Immediate Release

2027 Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps

New bilingual introduction, reorganized Postal History, expanded Precancel listings, and over 375 price updates highlight this year's edition.

AURORA, ON (August 10, 2026) — Unitrade Associates is pleased to announce that the **2027 edition of the *Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps*** is now complete with delivery expected in early September. Collectors and dealers may place orders through their preferred local or online stamp dealer, many of whom have already begun accepting pre-orders due to anticipated high demand.

Under the editorial direction of Patrick Durbano, the Catalogue continues to evolve following the successful transition to a two-volume format. The 2027 edition introduces **three major enhancements**, alongside extensive pricing updates, corrected descriptions, improved image quality, and expanded coverage across both volumes.

Major Enhancements for 2027

1. Fully rewritten and professionally translated French-Language Introduction

For the first time in 25 years, the Catalogue features a bilingual introduction. This new section appears at the front of each volume, allowing each to function as a self-contained reference and significantly improving accessibility for francophone collectors.

2. Reorganized Postal History section

The Postal History section has been moved to the beginning of the Catalogue and reorganized into proper chronological order. A fully revamped Stampless Postal History section, complete with updated pricing, is included in the CLASSICS volume.

3. New Canadian Precancel and Perfin Precancel section

A major addition to Volume 1 is a new 30-page Canadian Precancel and Perfin Precancel section, complete with pricing. This material is provided courtesy of specialists David Marasco and Kyle Taylor.

CLASSICS Volume (1851–1952)

The CLASSICS volume now opens with the reorganized Postal History section, including the revised and repriced Stampless Postal History listings, followed by a selection of nineteenth-century cancellations. Additional updates include:

- Over 150 price adjustments
- More than 60 new images, improving coverage of Varieties, Proofs, and Specimens
- Newly documented material and corrected placements, including Postal Stationery
- Expanded listings supported by contributions from the VG Greene Foundation

ELIZABETHAN Volume (1953–2026)

The ELIZABETHAN volume continues to incorporate each new Canada Post issue as released. Updates for 2027 include:

- Over 225 price changes, reflecting current market demand.
- Renumbering of booklets beginning at BK842
- Several new finds and corrected dates, descriptions, and images
- Restoration of the Red Postage Dues and Queen Elizabeth “G” Officials
- Seamless page numbering from Volume 1, eliminating repeated page numbers between volumes.

Across both volumes, collectors will find corrected placements of Postal Stationery, Postage Dues, Official “G” overprints, and Christmas Seals; clarified photo descriptions; expanded illustration coverage; and many newly reported listings.

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“Each year, our goal is to broaden the Catalogue and better meet the needs of collectors from coast to coast,” said Patrick Durbano, Editor. “The 2027 edition reflects extensive community input, major structural improvements, and significant new research. I am grateful to the many collectors, dealers, and philatelic advisors who contributed to this year’s work.”

About Unitrade Associates

Unitrade Associates, established in 1972 and based in Aurora, Ontario is a leading Canadian importer,

distributor, and manufacturer of stamp and coin collecting albums, accessories, and publications. Serving collectors and dealers for over 50 years, the company offers a wide range of imported supplies as well as its own UniSafe brand products. Through Unitrade Press, the company publishes more than 40 titles, including *Coins of Canada/Monnaies du Canada* and the *Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps*. Unitrade remains a family-owned business in its second generation. More information is available at www.UnitradeAssoc.com.

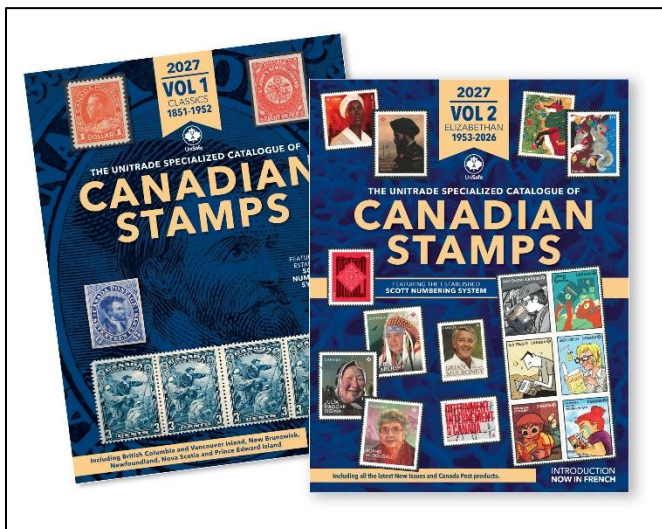
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Patrick Durbano is a long-time philatelist, dealer, researcher, and exhibitor. He is also a recognized expert in the perforated OHMS Official Stamps of Canada. Patrick is a member of the VG Greene Philatelic Foundation's Expertizing Committee, sits on the board of directors of the Canadian Stamp Dealers' Association, serves as treasurer of the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada, and is a long-time member of the RPSC, BNAPS and APS. He participates in approximately 20 shows per year and accepts 2027 Catalogue pre-orders at www.DurbanoStamps.com.

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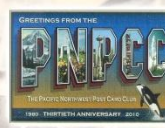
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The Northwest Federation provides a ribbon to be awarded to a worthy exhibit at all shows held within the geographic area of the Federation. The purpose of this award is to encourage exhibiting, whether or not the exhibitor is a member of a Federation organization.

Exhibits that receive a Vermeil or higher award are not eligible, and the judges of the show have sole authority to award or not award the ribbon.

Member clubs that hold shows with competitive exhibits can request the Thunderbird ribbon from the Executive Secretary. Local and regional shows are authorized to present a single award and national shows may present two awards.



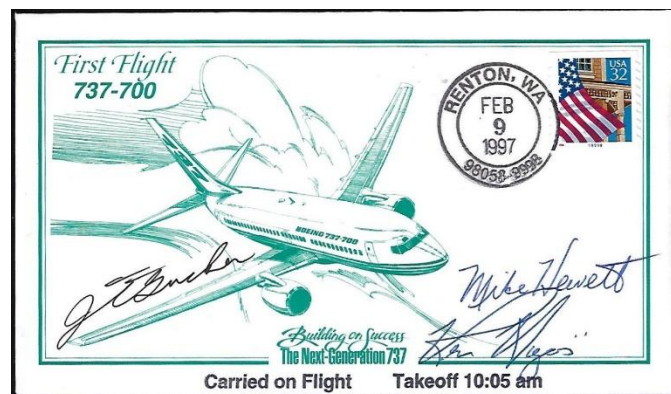
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Rodman Bay

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The dictionary defines “Goldmine” as: “A source of something very valuable or profitable”, so it is not surprising that at the mention of that word people are inclined to get out their checkbooks. The gold bearing veins at the head of Rodman Bay are a good example of that phenomenon.

Rodman Bay is located in Southeastern Alaska along Peril Straits on the north end of Baranof Island, 30 miles north of Sitka. In 1898 a group of prospectors discovered a series of gold-bearing quartz veins approximately 7 miles south from the head of the bay and staked numerous claims to cover their find. One of these prospectors was a fellow by the name of George Brent who was also a shareholder in the Alaska Baranof Exploration Company, the group that had grubstaked the prospectors. Since he was a shareholder and had mining experience, George Brent became the promoter for the property.

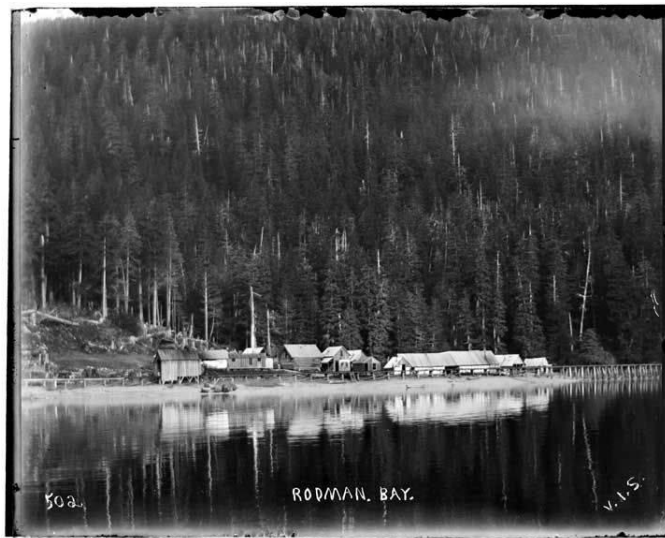
After a period of questionable sampling and determination of reserves, the claims were secured by an interested party with connections in England. The final purchase price was set at 20,000 pounds cash and one-third of the shares in an English company. On May 26, 1899, the Rodman Syndicate was incorporated and after more “exhaustive sampling” it was decided to go ahead with the project. It is interesting to note that no records of the results of this sampling have been found.

The rest of 1899 was quite busy with a crew of at least 60 men building a 7-mile road from tide water to the mine site and a 5-stamp mill. The mill began crushing ore on August 30, 1900 with conflicting reports as to the tonnage of ore that was actually processed. The mill never ran again. The 2 tons of concentrates that were shipped to the Tacoma smelter reportedly contained 5 to 7 percent gold.

This was the only ore milled and gold recovered from the mine.

Even though milling operations had ceased, the activities at Rodman Bay continued and over the next couple of years a small community was constructed by a crew of nearly 100 workers. What is interesting is that during this period when there was mining, but no milling of ore to generate income, decisions were made in England to greatly expand the mine/mill facilities. In April of 1902, 600 tons of freight were shipped to the site. During this period, the intense activity at Rodman Bay was matched by a different sort of activity in London where a new company was incorporated, directors replaced, shares sold, defaults encountered, suits brought, resulting in general chaos on the business end of the operation. On November 1, 1903 George Brent testified in court that the mine had been closed. Rumors circulating around this time suggested that the ore at Rodman Bay was not as rich as the developers had led investors to believe. After visiting the property, geologist/mining expert Alfred Brooks, United States Geologic Survey, reported “the ore is reported to be of very low grade and the work done has not demonstrated the possibility of profitable mining.” Governor John Brady in his 1904 annual report mentioned that \$750,000 had been spent on the property, and gave a more scathing assessment of the operation and those involved: “Mistakes in purchasing of machinery, in transportation, and in construction may be made and tolerated, but if in this instance the trouble is as to the extent and value of the ore body, the men who bear the responsibility should not be excused nor pardoned: they should be blacklisted and avoided by the mining community as such methods result in incalculable harm to Alaska’s mining interest.”

The above story is interesting and used here to cite an example of "Mining and Mail". With a population of around 100 people and an active business venture, there was a definite need for communications and the Rodman post office was added to the Juneau-to-Sitka contract route. Service started on May 1, 1901 with two round trips per month. Charles Poteet, one of the original locators, was appointed postmaster and served in that position until May 4, 1903 when he was replaced by Herbert Widdecombe. On June 20th of that year, the Juneau-to-Sitka contract route was upgraded to service towns every 6 days, so they got their mail 8 times a month. A "messenger service" was established for the Rodman route on November 16, 1903. This messenger service was



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an arrangement by the postmaster with a local person to transport mail to and from the Rodman office to local mines, canneries and settlements. On February 23, 1905 Simmon Freiman became the new postmaster followed by Wythe Denby on December 21, 1905. The messenger service was discontinued on September 30, 1906 and service to Rodman reduced to 4 stops a month on January 7, 1907. On April 1, 1907 mail service to Rodman was discontinued.

Sources:

The business/mining history was taken from: Patricia Roppel's "The Gold of Rodman Bay" in Alaska History (A Publication of the Alaska Historical Society) Vol. 8, No. 2, Fall 1993.

The cover Rodman bearing the 1901 postmark was graciously provided by Mike Senta and is the only Rodman postmark that has been found to date. I suspect, due to the London connection, a lot of the Rodman mail went to England and I wonder if there is a treasure trove of covers bearing the Rodman postmarks to be found in musty boxes tucked away in English attics.

To Our Readers

Articles Needed!

My file contains three articles for the December issue, but we could use more. I have nothing thus far for the 2027 issues – March, June, September and December.

I had two pages to complete this issue, so I filled them with our trip to the Strait Stamp Show in Sequim, Washington, last month.

It would be really GREAT if our readers would send articles – long or short – or simply a blurb about a cover, postcard or other philatelic item of interest. There are now over 2,000 readers from around the US, Canada and overseas which provides a wide variety of philatelic interest among our readers. Whatever you send in, someone and more will enjoy the articles.

***The Federated Philatelist* is YOUR magazine. Be a part of it and submit something.**

I have invited philatelists from outside Federation territory to write articles for our journal so our regular contributors are not overburdened.

Please submit articles the middle of the month before the due month (March, June, September and December).

I look forward to seeing your articles, short stories and philatelic material. Thank you!

The Royal Canadian Legion – 100 Years

by Carol j. Edholm

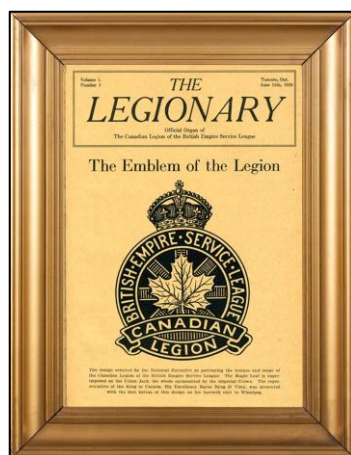
I love a good surprise! As your editor of this fine journal (so many have said), I receive journals and email newsletters from many of the Federation member clubs. Imagine my surprise when I opened up *Calgary Philatelist* from the Calgary Philatelic Society and this attractive cover slipped out, courtesy of the creator Dale Speirs.



Now I had to do some research to find out about this stamp. I discovered it could take more than 4 pages to tell you all about the Royal Canadian Legion. Hmmmm.....Let's do a brief history and then a timeline of this organization that was honored with a stamp in July.

Canada's Veterans – 2026 marks a once-in-a-lifetime milestone: a century of standing with Veterans, strengthening communities and honouring the memory of those who served.

The Legion was founded in 1925 at the Unity Conference, and began with a clear mission – to support Veterans and their families, advocate for their rights and ensure the act of Remembrance continues. On **July 17, 1926**, the Legion was officially incorporated by a special Act of Parliament and now recognized as their anniversary.



1914–1936 -- The Founding Years

- April 10, 1917 **Founding of the Great War Veterans' Association.**
- 1914–1918 **From War to Unity: The Legion's Beginnings**

- November 11, 1918 **The Armistice and the Beginnings of a Legion Movement**
- November 11, 1919 **The First Armistice Day: A Tradition Begins**
- May 15, 1921 **Field Marshal Haig and the Call for Unity**
- July 6, 1921 **The Birth of the Poppy Campaign**
- June 1925 **The Push for Veteran Unity**
- November 25, 1925 **Founding of the Canadian Legion**
- Early 1926 **Rapid Growth at Home**
- Early 1926 **Expansion Beyond Canada**
- May 29, 1926 **Presentation of First Legion Badge**
- July 17, 1926 **Incorporation and Official Anniversary of the Canadian Legion**
- October 1, 1926 **First Special Sections Established**
- January 24, 1927 **The Legion's First Convention**
- Late 1920s **The Legion Leads Advocacy for Veteran Care**
- 1930s **The Legion Supports Veterans Through the Great Depression**
- November 11, 1931 **Cementing Remembrance in Canada's Identity**
- July 26, 1936 **The Legion's Pilgrimage to the Vimy Memorial**
- 1936 **The Legion Honours the First Silver Cross Mother**

1939–1984 Postwar Rehabilitation & National Growth

- September 10, 1939 **Legion pledges support for the war effort**
- September 1939 **Canadian Legion War Services Established**
- 1939 **Canadian Legion Educational Services**
- April 27, 1942 **Conscription and Recruitment Support**
- July 1943 **Planning for Postwar Rehabilitation**
- 1945–1950s **Postwar Rehabilitation and Advocacy**
- Mid-1950s **Expansion into Community Service**
- 1957 **The Formation of Legion Nationals**
- 1960 **National Youth Remembrance Contests Launched**
- 1960–1961 **Royal Designation**
- 1972 **Membership eligibility grows**
- 1975 **The Legion turns 50**
- 1982–1984 **Membership surpasses 600,000**



1990–Today -- Modern Era & New Veterans

- 1990s **Modernization of Veteran Support**
- May 28, 2000 **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**
- 2001–2014 **Afghanistan and a New Generation of Veterans**
- April 1, 2006 **The New Veterans Charter, a work in progress**
- 2009 **Operation: Leave the Streets Behind**
- June 2014 **Expanding the Legion's definition of 'Veteran'**
- 2016 **Operational Stress Injury (OSI) Special Section Established**
- 2019 **Creation of the Legion National Foundation**
- July 6, 2021 **100th anniversary of the Remembrance Poppy**
- March 2020 – June 2022 **The COVID-19 Pandemic Response**
- 2023 **Connecting youth with Veterans**
- July 1, 2024 **Legion brings home a Newfoundland National Unknown Soldier**
- Today **Connecting Canadians with the Legion's mission**



Canada Post Overview

This stamp commemorates the 100th anniversary of the official incorporation of The Royal Canadian Legion in July 1926.

The Royal Canadian Legion has long played an instrumental role in supporting Canadian veterans and communities and commemorating the service and sacrifice of all Canadian veterans. The Legion maintains community spaces across Canada, offering local branches where veterans, their families and community members can gather for support, events and social activities.

Canada Post has a long history of commemorating Canada's military history and Remembrance Day through its annual stamp program.

Good to know

- Booklet of six Permanent™ stamps, issued July 17, 2026.
- This issue also includes an Official First Day Cover.
- These products are sold separately.

About the Royal Canadian Legion

In 2026, The Royal Canadian Legion marks a century of unwavering dedication to veterans, their families and communities across Canada. Founded to assist service members returning from the First World War, the Legion has grown into a national cornerstone of remembrance, advocacy and assistance for all who have served – both at home and in conflicts and peacekeeping missions around the world. Its National Poppy Campaign unites Canadians in honouring the fallen and recognizing veterans, for whom it raises funds to support vital programs and services. Backed by 270,000 military and civilian members at 1,350 branches across Canada, the Legion's volunteers carry its mission forward to future generations. The Royal Canadian Legion's 100th anniversary stands as a testament to its enduring contribution to Canadian history and to the legacy it continues to build through compassion, service and an unbreakable promise to never forget.

About the design

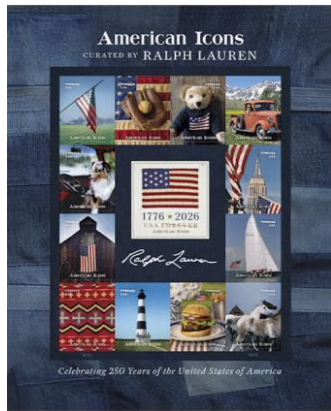
- The stamp and OFDC are the work of designer Blair Thomson and photo by Jo Thomson at Believe In.
- The stamp design features The Royal Canadian Legion banner as the backdrop, with a detailed presentation of the Legion badge.
- The inside of the booklet includes the message “Honouring 100 years of commitment to veterans, remembrance and community” and features six stamps.

Resources:

- <https://www.legion.ca/who-we-are/centenary>
- <https://www.legion.ca/ourstory/>
- <https://store.canadapost-postescanada.ca/store-boutique/en/414323111/p/royal-canadian-legion-2026-booklet-of-six-permanenttm-stamps>



New USPS Issues



American Icons, 6/9

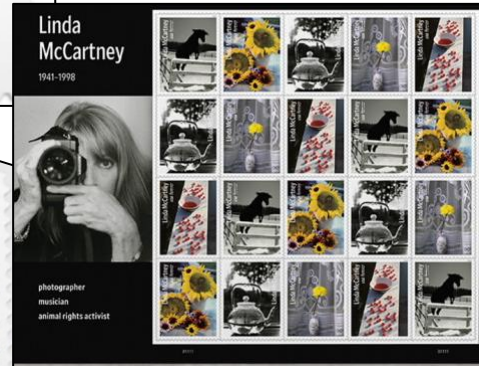
2026 US Flag 6/9/2026
Barbie 7/11/2026



Declaration of Independence 7/4



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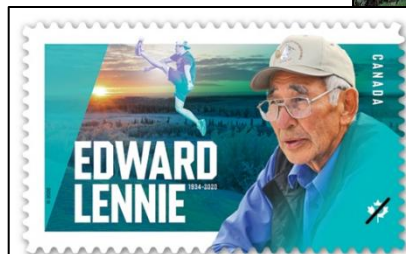


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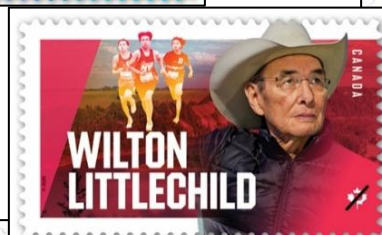


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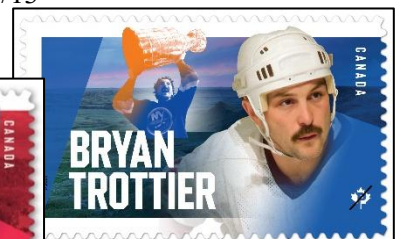


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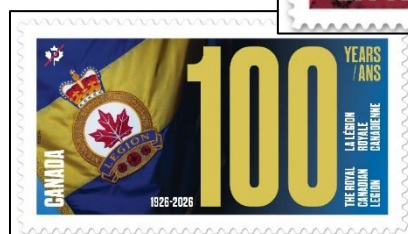
Blood Donation 6/11/2026



Royal Canadian Legion July 17



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Strait Stamp Show

August 8, 2026

by Carol J. Edholm
Sno-King Stamp Club

You just never know what you're going to see when you attend a stamp show in Washington state. But first, you have to get there.

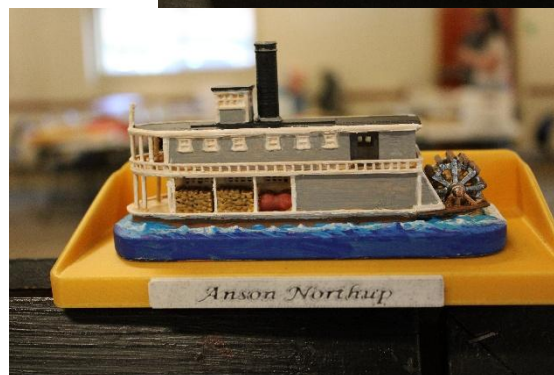
In my opinion, the ferries are the best way to travel to the west side. We took the *Spokane* over to the Peninsula and passed the *Puyallup* en route.



But then, we live north of Seattle, so it is easier and more relaxing to ferry over. Now if you live south of Seattle, I suppose it is best to fight the traffic and drive around, to Tacoma and over the Tacoma Narrows Bridge. Leave early in the morning, come home after dinner, then traffic is (mostly) lighter. For dinner, do take time to visit the various restaurants in Sequim. My favorite is the little Chinese in the tiny shopping mall – they serve excellent roast duck and in a duck dish! Or stop off at the 7 Cedars in Jamestown S'Kallam Tribe en route to and from Sequim. The area is lovely to tour and shop.



While at the show, be sure to check out the fun exhibits the club members put together. This year, my favorite was by Vera Felts on *Our Organs, Our Foods*. Of course, she had chocolate as one of the foods for the brain.



The *Two Hudsons* exhibit had these boats perched on top of the frames to enhance his exhibit.



The pick table is always loaded with collectors searching for treasures.

Customers at the dealers.





Be sure to get the latest stamps at the Post Office. They bring the US Duck Hunting License stamps so my brother can drive up to purchase. That's a 3½ drive for him!



Oooo, a new philatelist!



Cathie Osborne, the fearless and tireless Strait Stamp Show Chair.

Thank you Cathie and Team for a Great Show!



Awww...there he is. A much better look at the new collector. This is Gus, a customer's fishing and hunting buddy.

Like I said, you never know what you will find at a stamp show in Washington state.

See you at Sequim next August!

Pacific Northwest Postcard Club
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1st Sunday of the month, 10 am to 3 pm

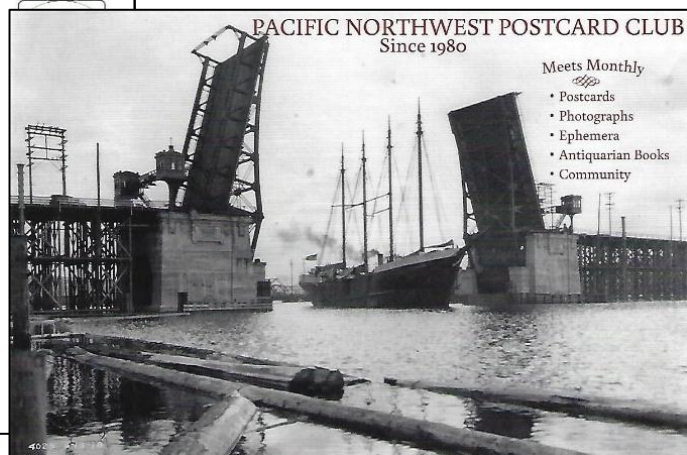
Ballard NW Senior Center
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Seattle, WA 98107

Annual Dues
\$20 Individual; \$25 Household; \$30+ Patron
Pay at the meeting or send check payable to PNPPC to:
Adele Rosenperl, PNPPC Treasurer
4313 NE 56th St.
Seattle, WA 98105

Inquiries: pnppc.board@gmail.com
Website: www.pnwpostcard.org

Ballard Bridge opened for ship passage, March 13, 1918

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CLOSED ALBUMS

Richard (Dick) Beaudoin. Passed July 7, 2026. Long-time member of Oregon Stamp Society, since 1982. Served 20 years in US Navy, serving in Viet Nam. Known for finding unusual collections and cheap stamps.

The Album Page, August 226, Oregon Stamp Society

Mike Reid, 1949-2026. Passed July 13. Mike joined the CPS in 1975, was Vice President from 1986 to 1987, and President from 1987 – 1989. He served as Auction Chairman (first Wednesdays) from 1980 – 1982. He also served on the Board of Directors from 1989 – 1990 and again from 1993 – 1995. He also served in numerous capacities behind the scenes.

Calgary Philatelist, August 2026; Calgary Philatelic Society

OKANAGAN STAMP CLUBS RPSC #246

www.okanaganstampclubs.ca

Date Host Location

Jan 25 Penticton - meet in Summerland, St. Stephens Anglican Church
March 22 Kelowna - meet in Kelowna, Mission Creek Alliance Church
May 24 Penticton Summerland, St. Stephens Anglican Church
Sept 20 Vernon The People Place; also Vernon's 50th anniversary celebration
Nov 22 Kelowna, Mission Creek Alliance Church

Kelowna Stamp Club

Seniors Citizens Association Branch 17
1353 Richter Street (Corner of Richter & Fuller); Kelowna
Second Wednesday of every month, except July and August
Time: 7 PM to 9 PM
Contact: Ed at stampshop101@gmail.com

Penticton Stamp Club

Seniors Drop-In Centre Society
2965 South Main Street; Penticton
First Sunday of every month, except June, July and August
Time: 2 PM to 4 PM
Contact: Steve at sstevesters@gmail.com

Vernon Stamp Club

The People Place
3402 27th Avenue; Vernon
Third Saturday of every month, except August
Time: 12:30 PM to 3 PM
Contact: Michael at mfitt@telus.net

CLUB ACTIVITIES



The **Alaska Collectors' Club** has been a Federation member since 2016. Publish quarterly journal, *The Alaskan Philatelist*. Annual dues \$15 for US members and \$20 for members from elsewhere. Contact Eric Knapp eknapp@gci.net. www.alaskaphilatellic.org



The **American Air Mail Society – Northwest Chapter** has been a Federation member since 1983. Publish quarterly newsletter *Air Mail Northwest*. No website. Dues \$___ per year for print and \$___ for electronic distribution.



The **Anchorage Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 1963. Publish quarterly newsletter, *The Anchorage Philatelist*. Meet second and fourth Wednesday at Turnagain United Methodist Church. Dues \$10 per year, \$15 for families and \$2 for youth. www.anchoragephilatellic.org



The **British Columbia Philatelic Society** is a Charter member of the Federation that joined in 1936. Meet Wednesdays at 7:30 pm church hall of South Burnaby United Church in Burnaby. Third Wednesday usually monthly auction. Dues \$20 per year for individuals, \$30 for families and \$7.50 for students younger than 18. www.bcphilatellic.org.



The **British North America Philatelic Society** (Pacific Northwest Regional Group) joined the Federation in 1998. Publish *West Coast Express*. Hold regional group meeting at VANPEX. In our area, are the Calgary, Edmonton and Pacific Northwest Chapters. PNW Chapter publishes the *British Columbia Postal History Newsletter*. Dues \$30USD/\$35CDA for all. <http://www.bnaps.org/regional/pnwr/RG-pnwr.org.php>.

Calgary Philatelic Society has been a Federation members since _____. Meet first Wednesday (except July, August & December) at 7:00 pm with auction, then presentation. Annual dues \$25 (plus \$10 administration fee for new members). www.calgaryphilatellicsociety.com.

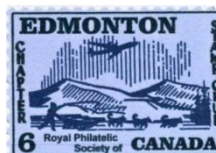


The **Central Oregon Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 2016. Meet first Saturday at 10:00 am at Zion Lutheran. They accept donations in lieu of dues. Contact info@centraloregonstampclub.org. www.centraloregonstampclub.org



The **Collectors Club of Seattle** has been a Federation member since 1954. Do not have a website or newsletter. Contact hstamps1@frontier.com.

The **Eagle Stamp and Postcard Club** has been a Federation member since 2015. Do not publish newsletter. Hold auctions four times per year. Meet first Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Eagle Methodist Church. No dues listed. <http://www.eaglestampandpostcardclub.com/>.



The **Edmonton Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 2009. Publish monthly newsletter, *Bulletin*. Each edition is full of interesting news and articles. Meet second and fourth Mondays at 6:00 pm at St. Joseph Catholic High School. Dues \$30 per year for individuals, \$40 for families. One-time \$8 fee for name tag. www.edmontonstampclub.com.



The **Evergreen Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 1976. Publish monthly newsletter. Meet third Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Kent Commons Rec Center. The club is preparing for their show in mid-April. Dues \$20 per year. <https://evergreenstampclub.com>

The **Fraser Valley Philatelic Club** has been a Federation member since 2017. Do not publish newsletter. Subject to school availability, meet second Tuesday each month (except July and August) at 6:00 pm at the W.J. Mouat Secondary School in Abbotsford. Annual dues \$10. <https://fraservalleystampclub.com/>.

The **Garden City Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 1999. Do not publish newsletter. Meet first Wednesday and third Monday at 7:00 pm at Atonement Lutheran Church in Missoula. Annual dues \$10. <http://gardencitystampclub.com/>.

The **Gastineau Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 1974. Do not publish newsletter. Meet third Thursday at 6:00 pm at 360 Egan Drive, Juneau.



The **Greater Eastside Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 2013. Publish *GESS Newsletter* via e-mail only. Do not have website. Meet first and third Thursday at 7:00 pm at Redmond Panera Bread café in the Bear Creek Shopping Center. Contact dananielsen@comcast.net.



The **Greater Eugene Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 2003. Meet second and fourth Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Saint Jude's Catholic Church. Dues \$15 and \$5 for youth. <http://greater.eugenestampclub.weebly.com/>.



The **Inland Empire Philatelic Society** is a Founding member of the Federation that joined in 1935. Publish monthly newsletter, *The Lilac Hinge*. Meet second (mixture/board meeting @ 5:00pm) and fourth (regular meeting/program/ auction @ 6:30pm) Tuesdays (except July and December), Spokane Valley Eagles Hall, 16801 East Sprague Avenue; Spokane Valley, WA. July picnic and December holiday dinner. Dues \$10 per year for individuals, \$15 for families and \$5 for youth under 18. www.ieps-stamps.com.

The **Linn County Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 2012. Do not publish newsletter, nor have website. Meet second Thursday at 7:00 pm at The Villas. Contact George Larson: larsonglf@mindspring.com.

The **Lynden Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 2017. Do not publish newsletter, nor have website. Meet last Tuesday at 6:00 pm at Lynden City Hall conference room. Contact Mike Marsh lyndenstampclub@gmail.com.

The **Lynn Valley Stamp Club** joined the Federation in 2018. Do not publish newsletter, nor have website. Meet second and fourth Wednesday 1:00 to 3:30 pm at Molly Nye House in North Vancouver, BC. Dues \$___ per year. Contact Neil Worley: sandnworley@shaw.ca.

Northwest Philatelic Library. Open second and fourth Saturday at OSS Clubhouse. <https://nwpl.org/>.

The **Okanagan Mainline Philatelic Association** has been a Federation member since 1996. Publish *OMPA News*. Meet five times a year in January, March, May, September and November. They are members clubs in Kelowna (Seniors Citizens Association Branch 17, 2nd Wednesday at 7-9pm), Penticton (Seniors Drop-in Centre Society, first Sunday at 2-4pm) and Vernon (The People Place, 3rd Saturday at 1-3pm). Dues \$12.00 per year; \$15.00 for family. <https://www.okanaganstampclubs.ca/>

The **Olympia Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 2012. Publish electronic newsletter. Meet second and fourth Monday at 6:00 pm at Tumwater Mobile Estates Clubhouse. Dues \$12 for individuals, \$15 for families and Free for youth per year. <https://olympiastampclub.com/>



The **Oregon Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 1937. Publish monthly newsletter, *The Album Page*. Meet second (2:00 pm) and fourth (8:00 pm) Tuesday at their clubhouse. Dues \$28 per year for regular members, \$26 for associate members who reside outside the area, and \$26 for youth. <https://oregonstampsociety.com/>

The **Pacific Northwest Postal History Society** has been a Federation member since 2001. Meet annually at PIPEX. Publish quarterly journal, *The Oregon Country*. Each issue has articles with historical images and nice illustrations of NW postal historical material. Dues \$20 per year. www.pnwphs.org.



The **Peace Arch Stamp Club** was first a Federation member in 2014. Do not publish newsletter. Meet first Wednesday (except July and August) at 5:00 pm at Brella Community Services, 15008 26th Avenue; Surrey, B.C. Dues \$20 per year. www.peacearchstampclub.com/.

Portland Philatelic Exhibitions. <https://www.pipexstampshow.org/>

The **Puget Sound Collectors' Club** has been a Federation member since 2017. Do not publish newsletter, nor have website. Membership is by invitation. Members bring interesting philatelic items to discuss or resolve a mystery. Anyone interested in joining the club should contact the Secretary, Thomas Matthiesen, via email at meconopst@earthlink.net.

The **Regina Philatelic Club** has been a member of the Federation since 2017. Publish quarterly newsletter, *Regina Philatelic Quarterly*. Meet first and third Wednesday from September through May at 7:30 pm at Access Communications Cooperative, second floor boardroom, 2250 Park Street, Regina, SK. Dues \$20 per year. <https://reginastampclub.ca/>



The **Salem Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 1948. Publish monthly newsletter, *Willamette Stamp & Tongs*. Meet third Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Scottish Rite Center (with Zoom option). Dues \$10 per year for individuals, \$15 for couples. www.salemstampsociety.org.



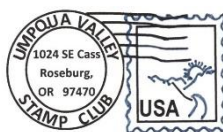
The **Sno-King Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 1963. Publish monthly newsletter, *Sno-King Stamp Club Philatelic News*. Meet second Wednesday at Snohomish County PUD in Everett. Edmonds meetings on hold until further notice. Dues \$10 per year, \$5 for youth under 18. <http://sno-kingstampclub.freehostia.com>.



The **Southern Oregon Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 1955. Publish monthly newsletter. Meet first and third Thursdays (except December) at 7:00 pm at First United Methodist Church, 607 West Main Street; Medford. Club is preparing for their annual show in early June. Dues \$15 per year. <https://www.sopex.info>

The **Strait Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 1977. Publish bi-monthly newsletter, *Strait Stamp Talk*. Meet first Thursday at 6:00 pm at Sequim Bible Church. Also hold informal mid-month morning meeting at local Burger King. This year, members at the monthly meetings are sharing philatelic items starting with a number; April is #4. No dues, but accept donations. <https://straitstampsoc.org/>

The **Tri-Cities Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 1966. No newsletter or website. Meet fourth Wednesday 7:00 pm. at Margaret Dunn's home, 463 Sundance Drive; Richland, WA 99352. Third Wednesday in November and December. Dues \$10.00 per year for adults, \$1.00 for students.



The **Umpqua Valley Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 2018. Publish monthly newsletter, *Umpqua Valley Stamper*. Facebook: www.facebook.com/UmpquaValleyStampClub. Meet third Monday, except June and December, at 7:15 pm in St. George Episcopal Parish Hall; Roseburg. Dues \$15 per year. Contact adams@mcsi.net.



USS Puget Sound Chapter 74 of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society has been a Federation member since 1978. Do not have chapter newsletter, but the Society publishes the monthly *USCS Log*. Annual dues \$19 for US, \$58 international and \$19 electronic delivery. www.uscs.org.



The **Victoria Stamp Club/Vancouver Inland Philatelic Society** is a Charter member of the Federation that joined in 1936 and has been a continuous member since then. Publish monthly newsletter, *The Guideline*. Philatelic library for members. Meetings include a small auction. Meet second and/or third Friday at 7:00 pm at St. Peter's Anglican Church Hall (second) or Windsor Park Pavilion (third). Dues \$ ___. Website: www.vicstamps.com

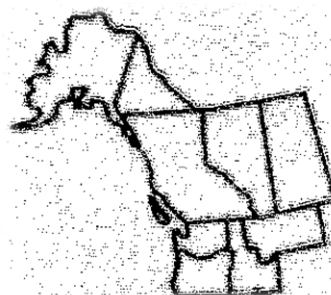


The **Washington State Philatelic Society** is a Founding member of the Federation that joined in 1935. Does not publish newsletter, nor have website. Meet second and fourth Thursday at 7:00 pm at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Seattle.



The **Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs** publishes this quarterly journal. Holds a Board meeting at PIPEX each year in May.

[Ed. Note: If you would like to have news about your club activities and upcoming plans published in future columns, please email details to me @ peafowlphilatelics@gmail.com.]



UPCOMING STAMP SHOWS / BOURSES 2026

Show Dates			Major events in bold / <i>PNW events in Italic</i>	Revised: 18 November 2025	
FRI	SAT	SUN	SHOW NAME	LOCATION	TYPE
	31 Jan	1 Feb	Greater Eastside Show	Redmond, WA	Bourse
	7 Feb		NSNS Coins, Stamps & Collectibles Show Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre	Burnaby, BC	Mixed
		8 Feb	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
	Feb	Feb	Regina, Saskatchewan Stamp Show, Regina Senior Citizens Centre (always 3 rd weekend)	Regina, SK	Show
27 Feb	28 Feb	1 Mar	APEX, 100 th anniversary Serum Run	Anchorage, AK	Show
	6 Mar		Sno-King Stamp Club Show (2027 date)	Kenmore, WA	Bourse
	14 Mar		Eugene Stamp Show	Eugene, OR	Bourse
	Mar		PNWPHS at Oregon Stamp Society clubhouse	Portland, OR	Bourse
		Mar	Salem Stamp Show	Salem, OR	Bourse
	21 Mar	22 Mar	Edmonton Spring National Stamp Show	Edmonton, BC	Show
	28 Mar		Olympia Philatelic Society Spring Roundup	Lacey, WA	Bourse
	28 Mar		Sea & Valley Expo 2026	Langley, BC	Bourse
	11 Apr		John D. Arn Philatelic Symposium	Moses Lake, WA	Event
	Apr	Apr	Calgary Philatelic Society Spring Bourse	Calgary, AB	Bourse
	18 Apr	19 Apr	Evergreen Stamp Club Spring Show; Kent Commons	Kent, WA	Bourse
		Apr	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
24 Apr	25 Apr	26 Apr	WESTPEX (WSP)	Burlingame CA	Show
		Apr	AMPEX (Fraser Valley Philatelic Club)	Abbotsford, BC	Bourse
1 May	2 May	3 May	PIPEX (WSP)	Clackamas, OR	Show
	9 May		NSNS Coins, Stamps & Collectibles Show	Burnaby, BC	Mixed
	16 May		Garden City Stamp Club Wallace Weekend event	Missoula, MT	Event
	23 May	30 May	Boston 2026 World Expo	Boston, MA	Show
5 Jun	6 Jun		SOPEX (Southern Oregon Philatelic Exhibition)	Medford, OR	Show
	18 Jul	19 Jul	Evergreen Stamp Club Summer Show; Kent Commons	Kent, WA	Bourse
	8 Aug		Strait Stamp Show	Sequim, WA	Show
28 Aug	29 Aug		Antique Paper Roundup; Kliever Armory (Friday-Saturday)	Portland, OR	Bourse
	12 Sept		NSNS Coins, Stamps & Collectibles Show	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
18 Sept	19 Sept		BNAPEX (76th annual BNAPS Convention)	Burnaby, BC	Show
	Sept		Eugene Stamp Show	Eugene, OR	Bourse
		Sept	Salem Stamp Show	Salem, OR	Bourse
	Sept		Central Oregon Stamp Show	Redmond, OR	Bourse
		27 Sept	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
			VANPEX	Burnaby, BC	Show
	Oct 3		Olympia Philatelic Society Fall Roundup	Lacey, WA	Bourse
9 Oct	10 Oct		SEAPEX	Tukwila, WA	Bourse
	17 Oct	18 Oct	CALTAPEX; Kerby Centre Gymnasium	Calgary, AB	Show
	21 Nov		NSNS Coins, Stamps & Collectibles Show	Burnaby, BC	Mixed
		22 Nov	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
			SACAPEX (with exhibits)	Sacramento, CA	Bourse
			Vancouver Stamp Fair; Holiday Inn Express	Vancouver, BC	Mixed
	5 Dec	6 Dec	PENPEX	RedwoodCity, CA	Bourse
	20 Dec	21 Dec	Salem Coin & Stamp Show; Polk County Fairgrounds	Rickreall, OR	Bourse

- Second Saturday each month Rose City Stamp Fair. OSS Clubhouse; Portland, OR; Bourse
- Fourth Saturday each month Collector's Corner. OSS Clubhouse; Portland, OR; Bourse