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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 WW II, the organization has served as a common cause meeting ground for organized philatelic interests within these states and provinces. The federation hosts PIPEX (Pacific International Philatelic Exposition), an annual APS World Series of Philately (WSP) show.

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. On this page and the ones that follow, you will find links to a wide variety of information, including:

1. A calendar of events listing all stamp shows and bourses in the Pacific Northwest, updated for 2021
2. A listing of all member stamp clubs in the Pacific Northwest
3. A list of all Northwest Federation awards presented since 1960.
4. TPF Journal Archives

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Editor's Page

A Generation Past

by Dr. Darin P. Cherniwchan, FVPC, BCPS, BNAPS, RPSC, PSSC, CPGSB

I was in bed sound asleep after a night on call when my neighbour, a Member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, phoned me on my landline.

"Darin! Turn on your TV! Now!" she shouted.

"What channel?" I asked.

She replied, "Any channel!"

I remember that Tuesday morning as if it was yesterday. It was quiet. The sun was starting to rise, its rays beaming into my room. I was alone in the house. I turned on the television from my bed. It was clear, I didn't have to change the channel. I lay there watching for the next several hours, glued to the images emanating from the fifty pound TV set's 27" cathode-ray tube.

It seems every generation has its watershed moment. For most of us, it would be 9/11. The world came to a crashing halt that day. Literally. For others it could be the Berlin Wall, the assasssination of JFK, or, for some, V-E Day. But, the world does goes on with daily headlines topping every newspaper across America, sometimes good, but mostly bad. A friend brought to my attention that 1/4 of today's North Americans weren't even born when the Twin Towers fell. For them, it's a piece of history with limited context.

So what have we learned from 9/11? How have we changed? Does history simply repeat itself (eg Scott Nos. 929 and B2 shown below) as part of an ebb and flow that many of us, sad to say, are becoming desensitized to in an era of "instant access" news, "as it happens" video and social media that challenges our road to the truth.

The postmaster of yesteryear was a very powerful (safe to say) man who had his finger on the pulse of the community. Nowadays, we all share a bit of that power, all within the reach of our own smart phones. As philatelists, what can we learn from the events of 9/11? For each of us, I trust it is different. For me, I cherish the simplicity of the hobby, one that gives me great joy and at times, an escape from the horrors of our world, even when the headlines have stemmed from our own back yard!

And to that end, happy stamping!

But before getting back to your albums and stock-books, take a moment to reflect on what 9/11 means to you and how you plan on moving forward in this new age of uncertainty.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived - that is to have succeeded."

Double vaccinated yet still wearing the mask,

Darin
Editor, TFP



Letters to the Editor

Calgary, Alberta
June 15, 2021

I just received the latest Federated Philatelist. I edit the Calgary Philatelist, and will add your name to our mailing list. You can pick out club news from each issue as you like. Thanks.

Dale Speirs
Bulletin - Editor
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Editor's Reply:

Dear Dale:

Thank you for your offer. Since your email dated June 15, 2021, I have received monthly editions of your Bulletin and have read all of them from cover to cover. They are packed with great articles and informative announcements. I even have made contact with a couple of the dealers who advertise in your Bulletin! I have given them my want lists.

Congratulations on this year being the centennial of your Society, established in 1922. In honour of this milestone, the British North America Philatelic Society will be celebrating along with the Calgary Philatelic Society in hosting the CPS 2022 BNAPEX one year from now on Labour Day weekend. I will be one of many in attendance.

BNAPEX Virtual 2021 just ended last weekend. It was a great show with an amazing array of speakers and exhibits from around the world. I look forward to another set of talks, great exhibits and, this time, in person fellowship!

Best,

Darin Cherniwchan (Ed.)

Poway, California
July 1, 2021

Congratulations on preparing a fine edition of the Federated Philatelist. It was an absorbing read, and I came back to re-read most of the articles later in the evening when it wasn't so hot.

The thing that stood out the most to me was the resourcefulness of the NWFSC stamp club members. They came up with ideas for keeping philatelic activities going during the COVID-19 pandemic. Their enthusiasm encouraged other members to contribute, resulting in successful experiences.

You have humbly shared those achievements in the journal, and I look forward to receiving your next issue.

I moved from Oregon to California a year ago, so have gone "under the radar" as it were, until now when I have just attended the first face-to-face meeting of the Poway Stamp Club since the COVID restrictions.

I hope to remain on the mailing list in spite of my no longer living in the Pacific Northwest, as I will be continuing my membership of the Oregon Stamp Society for the foreseeable future.

Kind regards,

Sheryll Ruecker

Editor's Reply:

Thank you so much for your feedback. I really appreciate your appreciation!

I hope that in the upcoming months the land crossings at the US-Canada border will re-open to everyday traffic allowing us to re-connect in person at shows like PIPEX, SEAPEX and ones hosted by smaller clubs. The shows I enjoy going to the most are often hosted by the

smaller clubs where the degree of intimacy allows for an incredible exchange of ideas and dialogue. Perhaps one day I'll get a chance to attend a meeting at the Po-way Stamp Club near sunny San Diego!

Best,

Darin Cherniwchan (Ed.)



Flag of Canada
(before the Red Maple Leaf)



Ambergris Cay, Belize, Central America

Post Card 5.5 x 7.5" (14 x 19 cm) Circa 2001

Courtesy - Darin Cherniwchan

A Message from the Executive Secretary

by Larry Crain

Stamp activities, that are those beyond the quarantined stamp room, are increasing but not as quickly as expected. We need to be patient and be safe. We are not yet back to normal nor are we into a new normal.

Stamp shows in the past two months did not bring the crowds expected. This is true for the five shows I attended. Two were local shows, one in Kent, WA and one in Reno, NV. But it was also true for three large shows - WESTPEX in San Francisco, Great American Stamp Show in Chicago and SEAPEX in Seattle. Yes, Sunday attendance at all was dismal, oh all right, I skipped one Sunday myself.

In spite of the low attendance, business was OK for most and good for some. It seemed from my experience that there were fewer customers but larg-

er average purchases. More importantly, however, the enthusiasm was there. The organization of the events was there. The personal contacts, philatelic friends and new material were there.

We may have several more months of Zoom meetings for the clubs that do them. We may have several more months to isolate ourselves with our collections. We may have several more months to wait, but we will emerge strong with better organized collections and clearer collecting goals.

We and stamp collecting will survive!

- Larry



Do you have one of these? They are now 50 years old!!

Dennison Stamp Hinges - The Gold Standard

by Darin Cherniwchan

To my utter delight, I recently came across this package of Dennison Stamp hinges (right) in one of my boxes of philatelic supplies. And, yes, these ones are the real deal!

Col. Andrew Dennison founded the Dennison Manufacturing Co. in 1844 in Brunswick, Maine. The company expanded from paper box production to specialty paper products including gift wrap, tissue and cellophane.

Before 1868, stamp collectors would mount their stamps to albums using glue or cuttings made from postal selva. Scores of different hinge products have come and gone. Most were unable to design a stamp hinge that was easily peelable to prevent damage. Dennison Folded Stamp Hinges met that demand and have been recognized for decades as the gold standard.

The company changed hands several times over the past 70 years. The last packages of Dennison hinges were made in the 1990s but, due to changes in ownership, the manufacturing process never was able to replicate the non-damaging peelable characteristic that collectors demanded. Since then no company in North America makes stamp hinges and the highly sought after Dennison "originals" are being sold at auction for prices nearing \$50 for an envelope of 1000.

For more information on the history of Dennison Stamp Hinges, please read Don Denman's article at stampsmarter.org

If you find that article interesting, Denman suggests you pick up a copy of the book "Welcome to Dennison: Its History, Products, Programs and People" to get a deeper appreciation of the company that has helped all of us at some time during our stamp collecting years.

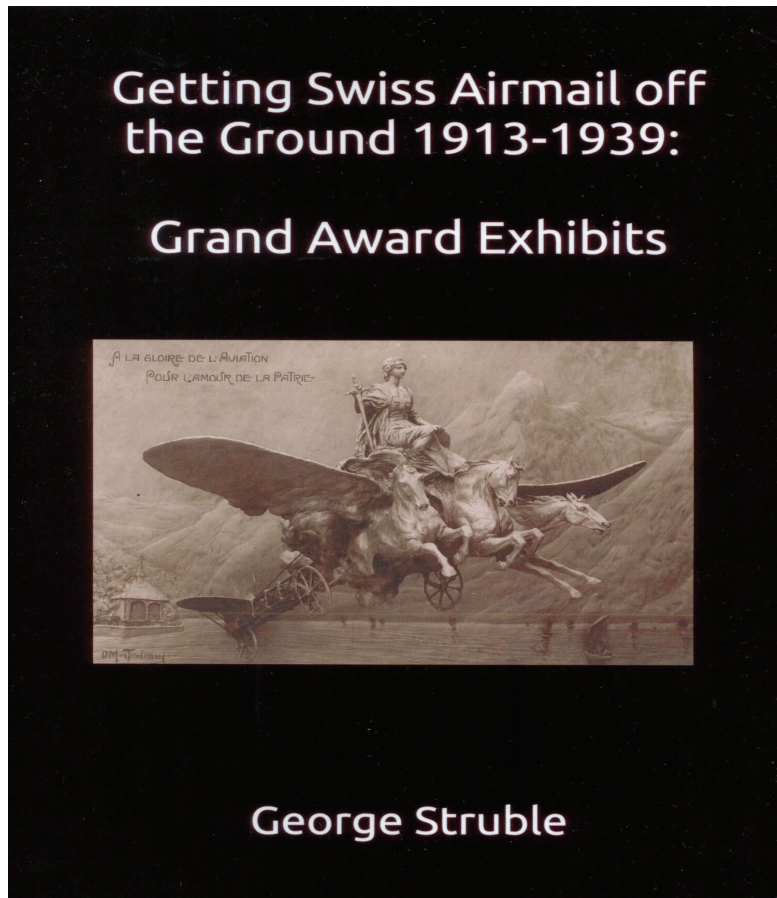


Book Review

Getting Swiss Airmail Off the Ground 1913-1939

by George Struble

A Review by Roger Heath, Port Townsend, WA



Have you ever read the Palmares of a philatelic exhibition and wished you could have viewed an exhibit in person without traveling across the country? Or, after attending a show you wish you had more time to study the Grand Award exhibit at leisure in your own stamp den? This book format brings the exhibit to you at a very reasonable price!

Struble's book tells the comprehensive story of the development of the Swiss airmail system. The 10-frame exhibit illustrates in detail features not experienced by other countries: the 1913 Flugspende (Campaign for Aviation) flights, the 1919 airmail service flown by the Swiss air force, the quiet period 1920 to 1923,

and the seasonal nature of the service into the 1930s, closing down every winter.

Starting in 1923, we learn about the development of routes by geographical section:

- Stamps to support airmail service
- Inside Switzerland
- To Germany and beyond
- To France and England
- To Austria and Eastern Europe
- To the South and Southeast
- To the Americas

The exhibit includes quite a few exceptional items that you would be unlikely to see anywhere else.

Most routes initiated during the 1923 to 1939 period are represented by first flight covers, including some to Switzerland. 1939 is the natural stopping point because all Swiss airmail service built over the previous two decades was halted when World War II broke out.

As a bonus the Appendix includes Struble's single frame exhibit 1920 Airmail Service Frankfurt – Basel: What a Fiasco!

In 1920, Switzerland contracted with Badischer LuftverkehrGesellschaft – BALUG for short – for airmail service between Frankfurt and Basel. World War I treaty restrictions did not allow German planes to leave Germany, so instead of Basel, the planes landed in Lörrach, just seven miles from Basel, but in Germany.

The service, which began November 11, 1920 was a debacle. Because it started in November, weather made flights impossible on most days; in the month and a half of the service, the plane only landed in Lörrach on 13 days. Not many people cared; only 685 covers were sent from Basel, and of those, only 102 were flown. Southbound service from Frankfurt was even less used; Swiss airmail expert Roland Kohl reports that according to a German official, up to December 20, 1920, only nine covers had been flown Frankfurt to Basel!

You have a chance to view these two exhibits in a single volume. Included are the synopses for both exhibits plus some introductory remarks by both author and editor. There are other books in this series and I foresee many other exhibits being published in this format for inclusion in private and philatelic libraries. This volume will be a great acquisition for any collector of Swiss stamps and covers, and certainly belongs in the publisher's series of Grand Award winners, and on your book shelf.

- RH

Getting Swiss Airmail off the Ground 1913–1939: Grand Award Exhibit by George Struble, edited by Steven Zwillinger, Exhibitors Press, Silver Springs, MD, 2021.
Price \$39.00, 8.5x11 soft cover, pp213. Available from Amazon (search - "George Struble" in Amazon books).

Featured Stamp Club

The Anchorage Philatelic Society

Over the past year, Eric Knapp has been sending me copies of the minutes of the Anchorage Philatelic Society's meetings. And, I must confess, I read them! And thanks to Kyla Root, Recording Secretary, they are very interesting, and, no, I am not a stamp nerd even though my family may disagree.

Members of the APS (not the APS you may be thinking of) pride themselves as "Stamp Collectors of the Last Frontier." Their website is invitingly clean and simple and for those member clubs who do not have a website, the APS site could be one to model (see link below).

The Anchorage Philatelic Society is Alaska's oldest and largest stamp collecting club. The club was founded in 1950 and has met regularly ever since. Don Faulkenberry is the current Society President.

The Anchorage Philatelic Society meets from 7:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. on the Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month at Turnagain United Methodist Church, 3300 W. Northern Lights Blvd.

The APS's website is <https://anchoragephilatelic.org>

On a similar, yet separate note, the Alaska Collectors' Club (ACC) is dedicated to developing a wider interest in the study of and preservation of Alaska's Postal History. Their journal, The Alaskan Philatelist, and their periodic auctions are their primary resources. The ACC is American Philatelic Society Affiliate No. 218.

There are many who enjoy membership in both the APS and ACC.

The ACC's website is <http://www.alaskaphilatelic.org>

- DPC (ed)

Federation News

"Featured Stamp Club" Column

The column, on the previous page, is dedicated to the member clubs of our Federation. If you wish to have your club featured in this column please start sending me your club's minutes, website address (if applicable) and any news or information you would like others to know.

Please forward all correspondence to Darin Cherniwchan, Editor, TFP, NWFSC

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North of the 49th Parallel

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

"On June 3, 2021, Bill C-5, An Act to amend the Bills of Exchange Act, the Interpretation Act and the Canada Labour Code (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation) (the "Act"), received royal assent. The provisions come into force on August 3, 2021.

The Act creates a new federal statutory holiday, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, which will be observed on September 30 of each calendar year beginning September 30, 2021. The new holiday was proposed in 2015 by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, which called upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish a statutory holiday to honour Survivors of residential schools, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process."

The above is an excerpt from www.mathewsdinsdale.com

A message from the Editor:

On September 30th, I will take the day to reflect on our country's historical past.

On September 30th, I will be away from the office and close to nature on the Stolo unceded traditional territory of the Pilalt and Chihlkwayuck Tribes

On September 30th, I will close my albums and stock-books.

On September 30th, I will ask what I can do to help our nation heal.

- DPC (ed)

12d Black Used Pair Stays in Canada: A Canadian Philatelic Gem

by Brian Grant Duff



All Nations and Canada Stamp Finder brokered the sale of the finest of two known used pairs of the 170 year old 12d Black, for \$165,000 in August 2021

This pair is illustrated in Howes' Canada handbook and has previously graced the Pack, Adler, Jephcott, Leggett, Hillmer, and Cantor collections. It went from a private Ontario collection to the Douglas Collection in British Columbia.

The deal was mainly made via Facebook Messenger. I am still trying to provenance the pair prior to Howes and am dismayed that Canadian Philately does not have records of the history of its greatest rarities.

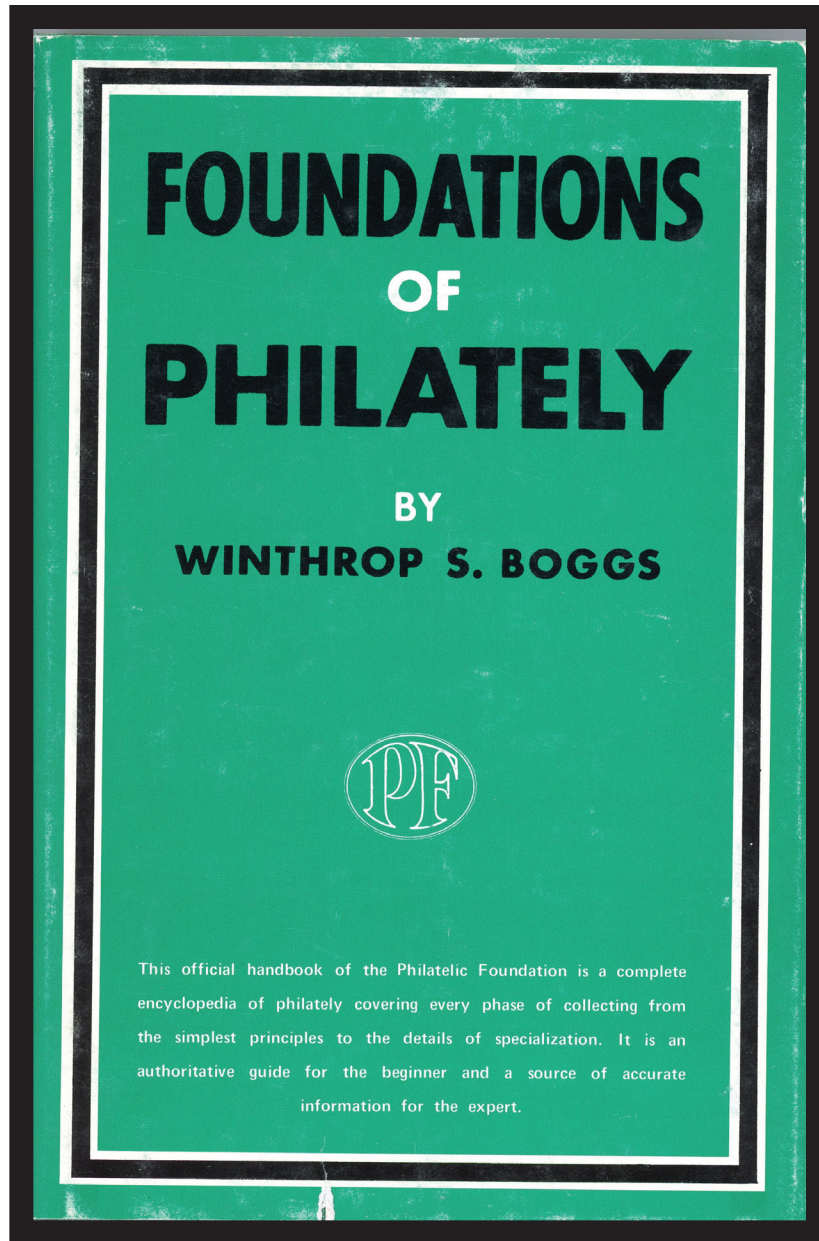
Art Leggett separated one of the used pairs shown in Howes to supply two clients with singles. I was told to

divide his shipment in half for insurance purposes, but didn't do it.

- BGD

All Nations is operated by Brian Grant Duff and conducts weekly online auctions at <https://www.allnationsstampandcoin.com>

- DPC (ed)



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