

Mayflower Minutes

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- September 1— Member Participation, My Other Hobby
- September 15— Ed Dubin, Lafayette Escadrille
- October 6— Big Autumn Action
- October 20— Member Participation, Sell, Swap or Buy.

Club Notes

ELECTION RESULTS -

President— Rod Watts

Vice President— Thomas Schoenfeldt

Secretary— Vacant (need someone to step and do it)

Treasurer— Bill Chace

Trustees— Joe D’Onofrio, Carl Muller

- The new slate of officers and trustees will assume their respective positions at the first meeting in October.
- We are also looking for the following volunteers. Please let Doug know if you are interested:
 - Someone to take Secretary responsibility.
 - Nominating Committee members (3).
 - Someone to coordinate the refreshments at our regular meetings.
- If you haven’t been to a meeting in a while, come on out and join us.

Quote:

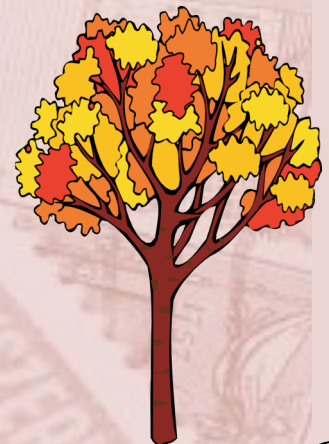
“Stamp collecting dispels boredom, enlarges our vision, broadens our knowledge, makes us better citizens, and in innumerable ways, enriches our lives.”

President Franklin D. Roosevelt



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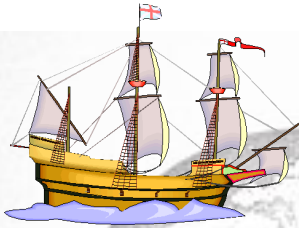
Mini Auction September 1, 2017

1. Canada used Scott 47, Cat 85.00
2. U.S. mint selection including Scott 528b, 536, 538, 540, Cat 75.90
3. U.S. mint selection including 431, 435, 484 never hinged, Cat 89.50
4. U.S. mint Scott 303, Cat 60.00
5. First flight covers
6. Nova Scotia, mint Scott 8, 11, used Scott 9, 13, Cat 71.50
7. U.S. mint selection including Scott 376, 377, 378, Cat 102.05
8. U.S. mint Scott 300, 302, 314, 319, 320, Cat 105.00
9. U.S. mint Scott 272, Cat 70.00
10. U.S. covers on page
11. U.S. mint Scott 324, 1 hinged, 2 never hinged, Cat 165.00
12. U.S. mint Scott 253, Cat 110.00
13. U.S. mint Scott 254, Cat 175.00
14. U.S. mint Scott (2) 306, never hinged, Cat 200.00
15. Detroit postal history on pages
16. Canada – (287) stamps including some higher Cat. older ones and interesting Coil Pairs, Booklet Panes, and Blocks of 4.
17. British Commonwealth - (6) MNH Souvenir Sheets with corresponding Sets including Barbuda #394-398, Dominica #950-953, Norfolk Island #364-368, St. Kitts #193-197, St. Lucia #894-896, & British Virgin Islands #471-477. Total Cat. \$54.55.
18. "U & V" countries – (259) stamps from Uruguay, Vatican City, and Venezuela.
19. Great Britain – (205) older stamps including many High Cat. older ones and some interesting Back of the Book.
20. India – (247) older stamps including the Feudatory States Charkhari, Cochin, Hyderabad, & Travancore.
21. Austria – (97) MNH stamps. Total Cat \$48.00.
22. Bavaria – (23) older stamps between #2 & #33. Minimum Cat. \$278.00. Maybe much higher after checking watermarks.
23. "B & C" countries – (367) older stamps from Brazil, Burma, Chile, and Colombia.
24. Great Britain - #48 used 1 shilling Queen Victoria. Cat \$225.00. Very good condition.
25. New South Wales & New Zealand – (114) older stamps.

Mini Auction September 15, 2017

1. Canada used Scott 46, Cat 125.00
2. U.S. mint Scott 331, 332, 333, 334, Cat 80.50
3. U.S. mint Scott 335, 337, Cat 95.00
4. U.S. mint Scott 304, Cat 60.00
5. U.S covers on pages
6. Nova Scotia used Scott 3, Cat 300.00
7. U.S. mint Scott 264 never hinged, 267 no gum, 268, 269, Cat 103.00
8. U.S. mint Scott 246, 247, 248, 250, Cat 150.00
9. U.S. mint Scott 430, Cat 90.00
10. Detroit postal history on pages
11. U.S. mint Scott 333, 335, 336, 337, Cat 190.00
12. U.S. mint Scott E8, Cat 110.00
13. U.S. mint Scott 309, Cat 200.00
14. U.S. mint Scott U44, Cat 210.00
15. First flight covers
16. Australia – (164) stamps including some better early ones and Australian States.
17. Grenada – (6) MNH Souvenir Sheets including #3251-3253 & #3255-3257, “Naval History of the American Civil War”. Total Cat. \$37.50.
18. Yugoslavia – (236) older stamps.
19. U.S. Territories – (135) stamps from the Philippines, Puerto Rico, and the Canal Zone.
20. Bavaria – (30) older stamps. Cat. \$200.00. Maybe higher after checking watermarks.
21. Baden – (4) older stamps including used #7, #9, & #27 and mint #22. Total Cat. \$51.00.
22. Argentina & Bolivia – (319) older stamps.
23. “P” countries – (245) stamps from Pakistan / Bahawalpur, Palestine, Panama, Paraguay, & Peru.
24. Great Britain - #29 plate 9 and #30 plate 14, 2p Queen Victoria’s. Cat \$47.50. Both very good condition.
25. Mix of (135) stamps from Marienwerder, Ukraine – German Occupation, South Africa, Virgin Islands, Ubangi-Oubangui-Chari, Wallis and Futuna, Yemen, and Zanzibar.





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Club Officers:

President: Doug Becker
Vice President: Mike Pappas
Secretary: Sandy Strzalkowski
Treasurer: Bill Chace

Trustees through 2017:

Sue Cousino
Chuck Daliege

Trustees through 2018:

Michael Smith
Paul Stanton

Contact Charlie Wood about giving a talk at an upcoming club meeting

Contact Doug Becker about submitting an article for the newsletter

Classified Ads:

RCPC Computer Repair is your answer for service and repair on your desktop, laptop, etc. WSSC member, Rob Herron is the owner and is a well-qualified tech. Contact him at 313-282-4865 or rpc.computer.repair@gmail.com.

(Do you have a philatelic buy/sell/trade you want to advertise? Do you have a business you want to promote? Let Sandy know...no charge.)



OF THE WSSC - PLYMOUTH SHOW, 2019

Dear Fellow WSSC Members,

We briefly discussed a wide range of ideas for how the club could commemorate the 50th anniversary during the 2019 show. At the July 21st meeting of the club during the new business portion, I presented a quick overview. The purpose of doing so is to inspire fellow members to join-in to help make one or more of these areas of activity a reality for our 50th anniversary show in 2019.

Friday Pre-Show Events

Our show has always been a weekend event but for our 50th anniversary show we may want to consider having a 3-day show, Friday-Sunday.

Another possibility is keeping the two-day format for the show but have a full or half-day seminar series with invited speakers from around the country to present.

Additionally, we could have an event in the afternoon/evening at the Plymouth Historical Society, inviting collectors and dealers from around the country to enjoy a special meeting of the WSSC. We could have a light food and drinks reception etc.

Saturday Evening Anniversary Dinner

Another opportunity to celebrate our 50th anniversary show is to host a special dinner on the Saturday evening of the show weekend.

Expanded Bourse

We should examine the possibility of opening up the wall between the bourse area and the food area to allow more space for an expanded bourse.

Special Seminars, Speakers & Exhibits

This category is wide open for ideas. We could turn the 50th anniversary Plymouth Show into a Midwest Philatelic Meetup with state postal history societies convening special meetings at our show.

Conclusion

We should also have a mass mailing to collectors and APS members in MI and other neighboring states go out from our 2018 show advertising the 2019 show – “Mark Your Calendars!” “Don’t Miss” Other mailings and advertising to follow in 2018 and early 2019 as well.

Now, here comes the action part.....has one of these categories sparked your interest? Has one or more of them got you thinking about additional ideas the club could explore to make our 50th anniversary

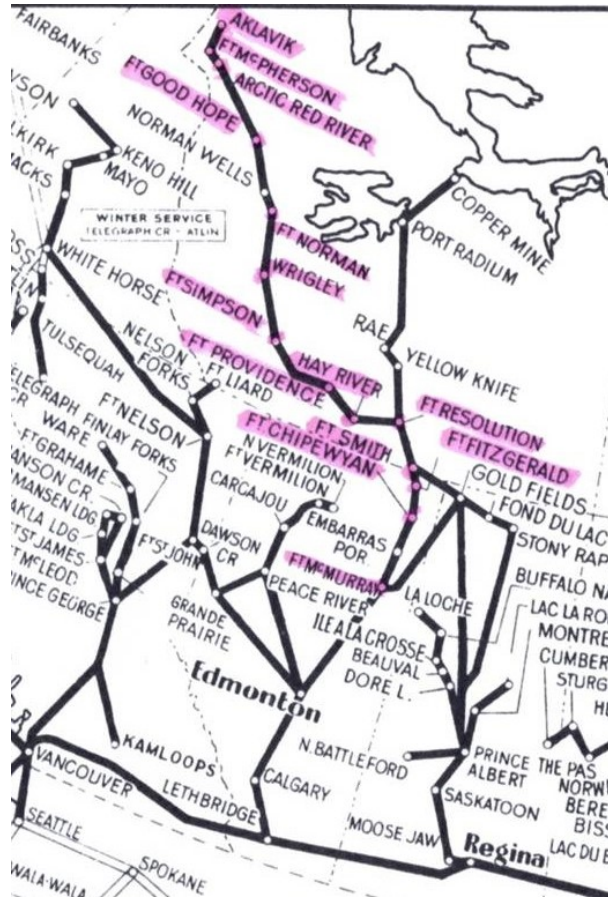


CANADIAN FIRST FLIGHTS



TO NORTHWEST TERRITORY AND NORTH OF THE ARTIC CIRCLE

In August 1929 the Canadian Post Office announced the inauguration of airmail service along the MacKenzie River from Fort McMurray to Aklavik, north of the Arctic Circle. There would be 13 stops, and the Post Office offered a separate cachet for service between Fort McMurray and each of the stops.



Aklavik had grown up around a Hudson’s Bay Company trading post, and became the administrative, medical and religious center of the region. It was also the Western Arctic headquarters of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, but by 1930 its population was only about 400. Before the introduction of airmail, communication with the rest of Canada was by steamer along the MacKenzie River in summer, and by dogsled along the frozen river in winter.

In 1929 there was not only great interest in aviation and stamp collecting, but there was also considerable excitement regarding anything to do with the Arctic. The result of these three factors was that by the end of October, the Post Office in Edmonton had received about 120,000 covers to be carried on the inaugural flights! These weighed over 7 tons, and this was far more mail than had been expected.

Commercial Airways, Ltd., which had been awarded the contract for the service, had to acquire three additional aircraft for the inaugural flights.

On November 26th the mail was sent by rail to Fort McMurray, which was the northern terminus of the railway from Edmonton. Starting on December 10th a team of four aircraft and six pilots began shuffling mail on the 1,676 mile route north. Some aircraft carried mail as far north as possible, while others took the cancelled mail south and returned with mail for more northern points. The first flight reached Aklavik on December 27th, having overcome very severe weather. On Christmas Day the temperature dropping to -60 degrees F overnight, and it was -44 degrees F when the aircraft had to be started and take off the next morning.

Native People of the Northwest Territory – Chiewyan, Cree, Slavey, Dene, Metis, Long Spear (Date back to 7000BC), Gwich’in

Languages Spoken – English, South Slavey, Dene, North Slavey, Gwich’n, Inuvialukton

Fort Norman now Tulita (Where the Rivers or Waters Meet)

Arctic Red River now Tslighehtchic (Mouth of the Iron River)