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**Royal / Stampex**

Your Editor will be attending the Royal 2006 show in Calgary from September 29 to October 1, and the Stampex 2006 show in Toronto from October 13 to 15.

I am scheduled to give two presentations at Stampex about the “hardships” of being the Unitrade catalogue editor (ok, I put in the word “hardship” — actually, it is a pleasure to be the Unitrade editor).

If you are able to attend one of these shows I would enjoy meeting you. Unfortunately I am not able to attend BNAPEX 2006 in Sudbury.

**Corgi Times Index**

The annual *Corgi Times* index is included with this issue, thanks to Robert McGuinness. Preparing this annual index takes a bit of time, particularly when the editor places articles and short notes in various places in the newsletter!

**BNAPEX 2006**

Last reminder: our study group will be holding a meeting at this year’s BNAPEX 2006 show in Sudbury from September 1 to 3.

Our own ESG chairman, Harry Machum, is chair of this year’s BNAPEX. He will also be chairing our Study Group meeting! Bring along a “show and tell” item, if you are able.

**Dues Notice**

A special thanks to all of those members who responded promptly with their dues renewal included with the previous issue of the *Corgi Times*.

A red X here \_\_\_\_ indicates that this will be your last issue of *Corgi Times*. Please take a minute and send in your 2006/07 dues now.

Special thanks to those members who passed on a contribution or postage donation as part of their recent annual dues renewal (as of July 31st):

**Contributions:**

- Robert Anderson (C\$15)
- Don Beaumont (C\$10)
- Paul Bourgoin (C\$10)
- Brian Cannon (C\$10)
- Ross Christian (C\$5)
- John Cooper (C\$30)
- Steve Cruse (US\$3)
- Robert Haslewood (C\$20)
- John Hillmer (C\$20)
- Stanley Kalabza (US\$11)
- Gary Lyon (C\$20)
- Paul MacDonald (US\$4)
- Bill McCann (C\$5)
- Robert McLeish (US\$16)
- Ronald Messenger (C\$25)
- Paul Tissington (C\$10)
- John Wynns (US\$5)

**Postage donations:**

- Don Beaumont (US\$11.41)
- Barry Danard (C\$7.04)
- Harold Houston (C\$10)

## Who are We?

We are the Elizabethan II Study Group under the auspices of the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS) — The Society for Canadian Philately.

Our journal, the Corgi Times is published 6 times a year.

With the exception of the 1967–73 Centennial Definitives, we study all aspects of Canadian philately during the Elizabethan era.

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## Canada Post News

Do we like more stamps being issued by Canada? Sure we do! Every new issue is a part of the Elizabethan era — right up our alley. Here is what Canada Post is up to these days...

### Postal Rates To Rise

Canada Post has proposed postal rate increases for January 15, 2007:

Domestic Lettermail: to 52¢ (from current 51¢)

USA: to 93¢ (from current 89¢)

International: to \$1.55 (from current \$1.49)

A new group of definitives is sure to be forthcoming in late December to meet these new rates. It would be great if Canada Post keeps the same floral theme.

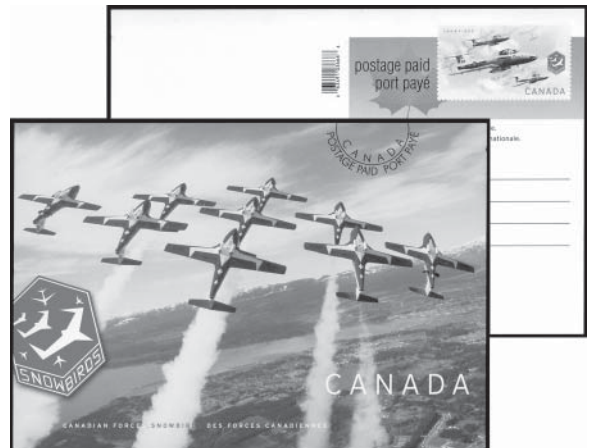
### Prepaid postal cards

Canada Post is certainly not letting up on the release of Prepaid postal cards.

No less than five different stamp issues will have corresponding postal cards released sharing the same design as the postage stamps. In each instance, there are multiple stamp designs with each issue. The result is twelve different Prepaid postal cards:

- Year of the Dog (2 cards)
- Canadians in Hollywood (4 cards)
- Canadian Forces Snowbirds (2 cards)
- Duck Decoys (4 cards)

Each non-denominated postal card sells for \$1.69 (plus GST) and is good for mailing anywhere in the world.



### *Corgi Times*

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## Study Group Business

New members

(none)

E-mail changes/additions

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## Planning Calendar

This is a listing of major exhibitions and bourses with a large content of both Canadian Exhibits and Canadian dealers. Minimum listing criteria: two day event; 1000 page exhibition; 18 dealer bourse with 50% offering Canadian material.

The goal is to list events far in advance to encourage either exhibiting or attendance and preferably both.

### 2006

Sep 1–3: **BNAPEX 2006**: Sudbury, ON

Sep 29–Oct 1: **Royal 2006**: Calgary, AB

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## Way too late

As everyone would agree, time sure flies by fast. It doesn't quite seem like yesterday that that last *Corgi Times* was completed and mailed — it has been nearly five months now. For that I truly apologize.

As I noted in the last issue (May–June 2006), our family was just in the process of getting ready move to a newly built house northeast of Winnipeg. Although the move went smoothly, it did take far more time away from my day-to-day work (which for some reason there was more of this summer) than I ever expected. That, coupled with the need to get the next edition of the *Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps* completed for delivery in early October, put my other “stampie” projects, including the *Corgi Times*, to the back burner. Just when I thought it was safe to go back in the water, another paying project would come along that delayed my ability to get back to the *Corgi Times*.

Bottom line, a special thanks to everyone for your patience in waiting to get the latest Canadian Elizabethan stamp news. I surely hope I do not have another delay in getting future *Corgi Times* produced and delivered into your awaiting hands.

I debated whether to mail a “supersized” *Corgi Times* issue comprised of 48 pages or three separate 16-page standard issues. I opted for the latter. Except for this brief editorial, the rest of the news in each of these three issues would have been “current” at the time of the release date of each journal's issue.

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## New Postal Rates Book

Delayed ... Andrew Chung informs us that *The Postal Rates and Fees of The Elizabethan Era From Canada 1952–2005, Volume Two*, is still in the final proofing stages. It has been delayed but should be ready for printing by the end of December (with delivery in January?).

We have been advertising the first volume (Domestic Rates) here in the *Corgi Times* for the past year or so. This is the companion volume, featuring International Rates. There will be about 250 pages divided into three sections: Canadian Forces mail, United States of America, and International (non-USA).

You can order your copy(ies) by sending your cheque, payable to “Elizabethan II Study Group” to: Robin Harris, PO Box 104, Seddons Corner, MB R0E 1X0 Canada. Pricing for ESG members is C\$34.95; non-members is C\$49.95.

Please add postage/packaging: within Canada \$10; to USA \$13; International \$16.50 (surface).

For those have already ordered (and thanks to the many that included an order with their recent dues renewal), your copies will be delivered as soon as the book is off the press. Thanks for your patience.



Cover design not yet finalized — this is a mock up illustration

# Canada Post 2006 Stamp Program

Issue dates are subject to change by Canada Post. Shaded entries are changed/new from the last time we presented this list.

Issued	Description	Scott#
Jan 6	Year of the Dog <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 51¢ single</li> <li>• \$1.49 souvenir sheet</li> <li>• two Prepaid postal cards — one for each postage stamp design</li> </ul>	2140 2141
Jan 12	51¢ Queen Elizabeth II, 80th birthday (booklet of 10)	2142
Feb 3	51¢ Winter Olympics: Speed Skating and Skeleton	2143–44
Mar 8	51¢ Gardens (4 designs in booklet of 8)	2145a–d
Apr 3	51¢ Birthdays (booklet of 6)	2146
Apr 7	Art Canada (Dorothy Knowles) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 51¢ single (pane of 16)</li> <li>• \$1.40 souvenir sheet (51¢ and 89¢ stamps)</li> </ul>	[different perforation from single in souvenir sheet] 2147 2148
Apr 20	51¢ Canadian Labour Congress	2149
Apr 21	\$1.49 Queen Elizabeth II, 80th birthday (souvenir sheet of 2)	2150
Apr 26	51¢ McClelland & Stewart, 100th anniversary (booklet of 8)	2151
May 11	89¢ Canadian Museum of Civilization, 150th anniversary (booklet of 8)	2152
May 26	51¢ Canadians in Hollywood (4 designs: Fay Wray, Mary Pickford, Lorne Greene, John Candy) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• booklet of 8</li> <li>• souvenir sheet of 4</li> <li>• four Prepaid postcards — one for each postage stamp design</li> </ul>	2154a–d 2153
May 28	51¢ Champlain explores the Atlantic Coast (joint issue with USA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pane of 16</li> <li>• souvenir sheet of 2 + 2 USA * 39¢</li> </ul>	2155 2156
Jun 15	51¢ Vancouver Aquarium, 50th anniversary (booklet of 10)	2157
Jun 28	51¢ Canadian Forces Snowbirds (2 stamps) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pane of 16</li> <li>• souvenir sheet of 2</li> <li>• uncut press sheet</li> <li>• two Prepaid postal cards — one for each postage stamp design</li> </ul>	2158–59 2159b
Jun 30	51¢ Atlas of Canada, 100th anniversary	2160
Jul 6	51¢ World Lacrosse Championship (booklet of 10)	
Jul 19	51¢ Mountaineering, booklet of 8	
Jul 31	51¢ Flag over ... (5 designs in booklet of 10): reprint by Lowe-Martin	
Aug 3	51¢ Duck Decoys <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pane of 16</li> <li>• souvenir sheet of 4</li> <li>• four Prepaid postcards — one for each postage stamp design</li> </ul>	
Aug 16	51¢ Society of Graphic Designers of Canada, 50th anniversary	
Aug 23	51¢ Wine and Cheese (4 stamps) (booklet of 8)	
Sep 26	51¢ MacDonald College: 100th anniversary (booklet of 8)	
Sep 29	51¢ Endangered Species (4 stamps: Swift Fox, Blue Racer Snake, Tiger Salamander, Newfoundland Marten) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pane of 8 (self-adhesive)</li> <li>• souvenir sheet of 4 (water-activated gum)</li> </ul>	
Oct 17	51¢ Opera (5 designs: pane of 10)	
Nov 1	Christmas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 51¢ Madonna (booklet of 12)</li> <li>• 51¢ Christmas Cards (booklet of 12)</li> <li>• 89¢ Christmas Cards (booklet of 6)</li> <li>• \$1.49 Christmas Cards (booklet of 6)</li> </ul>	

# ESG Financial Statements

by: Ron Rush, Treasurer

## Elizabethan II Study Group Financial Statements for the Period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006

### OPERATING FUND

Amounts in CDN \$

Income:	Membership dues	\$1,743.29
	BNAPS Stipend	\$136.00
	Operating Fund Contributions - See Note A	\$129.35
	Back Issues	\$38.00
	Total Income	\$2,046.64
Expense:	Photocopy	\$90.89
	Postage	\$652.24
	Printing and Supplies	\$777.57
	Printer Depreciation	\$417.38
	Total Expense	\$1,938.08
	Operating Fund Balance June 30, 2006	\$108.56

### RESEARCH RESERVE FUND

Balance June 30, 2005	\$4,648.44
Additions - See Note A	\$233.87
Interest	\$82.20
White Queen Pin Certificates	-\$42.38
Publishing & Distributing Postal Rate Book	\$251.80
Balance June 30, 2006	\$5,173.93

### Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2006

Assets	Cash In Bank	\$6,587.17
	Investment - Certificate of Deposit	\$1,731.18
	Laser Printer	\$1,252.14
	Total Assets	\$9,570.49
Liabilities	Memberships paid in advance (PIA)	\$570.00
	Owing To Editor	\$373.77
	Owing to Treasurer	\$3.71
	Total Liabilities	\$947.48
Total Study Group Equity		
	Balance June 30, 2006	\$7,988.96
	Current Period Operating Income	\$108.56
	Change In Research Reserve Fund	\$525.49
	Balance June 30, 2006	\$8,623.01
Total Liabilities and Study Group Equity		\$9,570.49

### Notes to Financial Statements

Minimal interest is paid on the bank accounts in exchange for free cheque writing.

\$1731.18 CDN has been set up in a Guaranteed Investment Certificate at 2.801%.

Membership dues, established January 1, 1998, remain unchanged

#### Note A:

Donations of postage, which are always welcomed, reduced our postage expense. The Reseve Fund also continued to benefit from members' generous donations. The Study Group thanks the following members:

John Arn, Brian Cameron, Brian Cannon, Ross Christian, Carol Edholm, Bruce Elkin, Robert Haslewood, Harold Houston, Eirwyn Jones, Peter Kritz, Paul MacDonald, Bill McCann, Robert McLeish, Ronald Messenger, Myron Moleau, Del Peters, Vernon Richards, Samuel Rock, Raymond Therrien, George Yarkie, Mirko Zatka.

## Lacrosse Image is USA Player

Canada Post's *Details* magazine notes that the illustration of the lacrosse player on the World Lacrosse stamp (Sc. 2161) issued Jul 6th was inspired by a photograph that designer Tom Yakobina found on the cover of a thirty-year old book (1976) called *Lacrosse: Technique and Tradition*.

Illustrated here is the stamp, the book cover (by Robert Scott), and the back of the stamp booklet cover.

It seems that the players being illustrated are all Americans. The original photograph is of a 1974 championship game when John Hopkins University beat the University of Maryland, 17-12, in a game played at Rutgers Stadium.

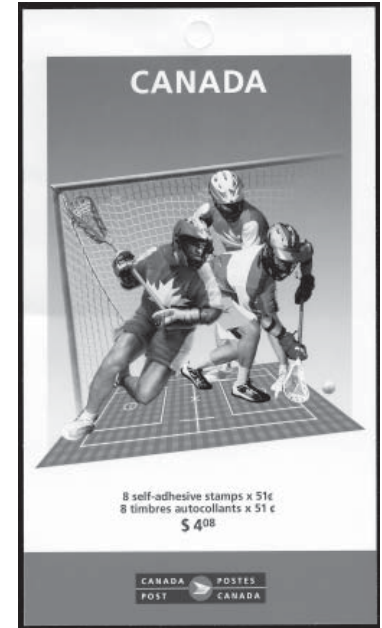
The figure on the stamp is Dino A. Mattessich of the University of Maryland.

Thus, Canada's National Sport is honoured by illustrating an American!

The *Baltimore Sun* ran this story in their July 8 edition.



Canada Sc. 2161



BK331 — back cover

## Elizabethan II Market Place

Classified listings in the Market Place are \$1.00 for 25 words. Additional words are 5¢ each. Camera ready display ads (preferably 300dpi, black and white tiff scans) pertaining primarily to the Elizabethan era will be accepted at the following rates: 1/8 page \$5.00; 1/4 page \$8.00; 1/2 page \$15.00 and a full page at \$30.00. 25% discount for four consecutive insertions of the same ad.

Full payment must accompany ad. Payment in Canadian funds to: Elizabethan II Study Group. Mail to Editor: Robin Harris, PO Box 104, Seddons Corner, MB R0E 1X0, Canada.

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## New LA Perfins

ESG member Larry Margetish has forwarded the following email...

"I've already forwarded the information to both the BNAPS and APS perfins study groups (see notes below).

Since my copy of Corgi Times arrived today, I noticed that you are interested in ALL aspects of Elizabethan stamps, so I'm including you.

What has happened is I purchased a perfin cover through eBay. It has FOUR UNREPORTED usages of L1 ("LA - Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario) PERFINs. This has been confirmed by Jon Johnson, keeper of "Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials". Attached are scans of front, back and enhanced copy of the postmark.

New reports are of 598, 599, 641, 643. The sender was Ontario Development Corporation, dated 24 VII 1979, with "Govt. Mail Service MGS, Toronto Ont." cancels, and registered (\$1.50 registration, 17 cents first ounce).



## 2006/2 Quarterly Pack

The 2006/2 Quarterly pack (priced at \$14.96) was released in early July. Starting with the 2006 issues, Canada Post announced that they would be including the various souvenir sheets within each each quarterly pack folder. This package has four different souvenir sheets:

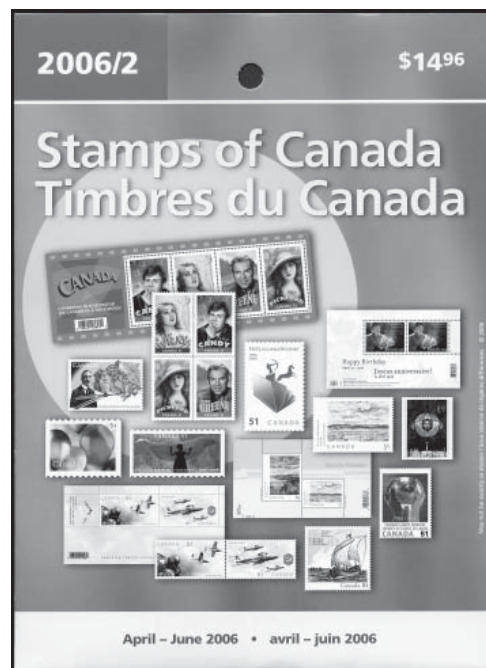
- Dorothy Knowles
- Queen Elizabeth II, 80th birthday
- Canadians in Hollywood
- Canadian Forces Snowbirds

They "forgot" to include the Champlain joint-USA souvenir sheet however.

Four self-adhesive stamp issues are die cut to shape — this is becoming practise with most self-adhesive stamps. The four stamps are:

- Birthday Greetings
- McClelland & Stewart Centenary
- Canadian Museum of Civilization
- Vancouver Aquarium

The Canadians in Hollywood set of four self-adhesive stamps is represented simply by tearing apart a full booklet of 8 into two halves.



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# Meter Replacement Program

## Overview

Canada Post and Canadian postage meter suppliers have been working for a number of years to define and develop technology that better meets customer, supplier and postal requirements. The last phase of the meter replacement program **will take effect on December 31, 2006**, at which date Canada Post will decertify postage meters that are not fully compliant with its new security, digital indicia and product data capture requirements. As of January 1, 2007, meter impressions from decertified meters will not be recognized as valid postage.

To encourage the development and introduction of this new technology and to ensure a smooth transition, the following actions were taken:

- In February 2002, Francotyp-Postalia Canada Inc., Neopost Canada and Pitney Bowes Canada sent a joint letter with Canada Post to current meter customers providing information on the postage meter replacement program, including the changes required and withdrawal dates for then current meter models.
- On March 31, 2003, Canada Post withdrew approval of mechanical postage meters.
- On March 12, 2004, Canada Post withdrew approval of electro-mechanical meters.
- In December 2005, Canada Post sent a letter to current meter customers to remind them, that effective December 31, 2006, Canada Post will decertify all postage meters that are not fully compliant with its new security, digital indicia and usage reporting requirements.

## Next Steps

Most of the current digital meter models will require software and/or software and hardware upgrades to become fully compliant while other digital and all electronic models will need to be replaced with a new line of meters. This means that by December 31, 2006, customers must convert to fully compliant digital postage meters.

Francotyp-Postalia, Neopost and Pitney Bowes are developing a complete new product line of digital postage meters that are fully compliant with Canada Post's requirements.

Customers should contact their current postage meter supplier to discuss the status of their current postage meter and discuss availability and features of new postage meter models.

## Benefits of Fully Compliant Meters

Data integrity and security are paramount with today's electronic transactions. Canada Post has an obligation to its customers to ensure data integrity and security are key postal requirements.

While technology evolution has exposed some security issues that reveal the importance of data security, fully compliant meters are in keeping with today's technology in mailing solutions and will ensure secure electronic transactions. More convenient and time-efficient, these meters offer intelligent tracking and reporting capabilities, which will provide better service. Evolving to digital technology also presents new possibilities moving forward which translates into added value for mailers.

### *Adds convenience:*

- The internal modem dials out and downloads postage and rates from the EPSS Account
- Self-diagnostic maintenance, fewer moving parts and user maintenance capability minimizes the need for service calls while increasing productivity
- User-friendly, menu-driven, and more powerful
- Ink cartridges have replaced messy ink bottles
- Clear and clean meter impressions and a higher tolerance to envelope imperfections results in a more professional look
- Date changes automatically reducing the chance of returned mail
- Customers can be "top of mind" with their own customers with Canada Post approved promotional slogans on their envelopes through the meter

### *Saves valuable time with more advanced tracking and reporting:*

- Prices are automatically calculated, reducing manual intensive price chart look-up
- Built-in cost expenditure tracking allowing customers to track expenses internally, keeping information such as number of mail items or postage value readily accessible, and providing ability to set up multiple user accounts by meter

### *Increases security:*

- Customers do not have to be concerned about meter tampering with the Postal Security Device (PSD) found in all new meters. The PSD maintains purchased financial values
- All new meters have security access protection providing greater user control

Source: Canada Post website ([http://www.canadapost.ca/business/offerings/supplementary\\_services\\_bus/can/postage2-e.asp](http://www.canadapost.ca/business/offerings/supplementary_services_bus/can/postage2-e.asp))



# 51¢ Flag Over ...

## Stamp placement errors

In the last issue of the Corgi Times (May–June 2006, page 86) we illustrated a pane of the 51¢ Flag Over ... stamps with the centre of column of stamps misplaced resulting in a tete-beche pair placed under another stamp.

I have found the illustration of another booklet exhibiting a similar problem (I knew it was around). This particular booklet has two columns of stamps affected.



## Miscut stamps

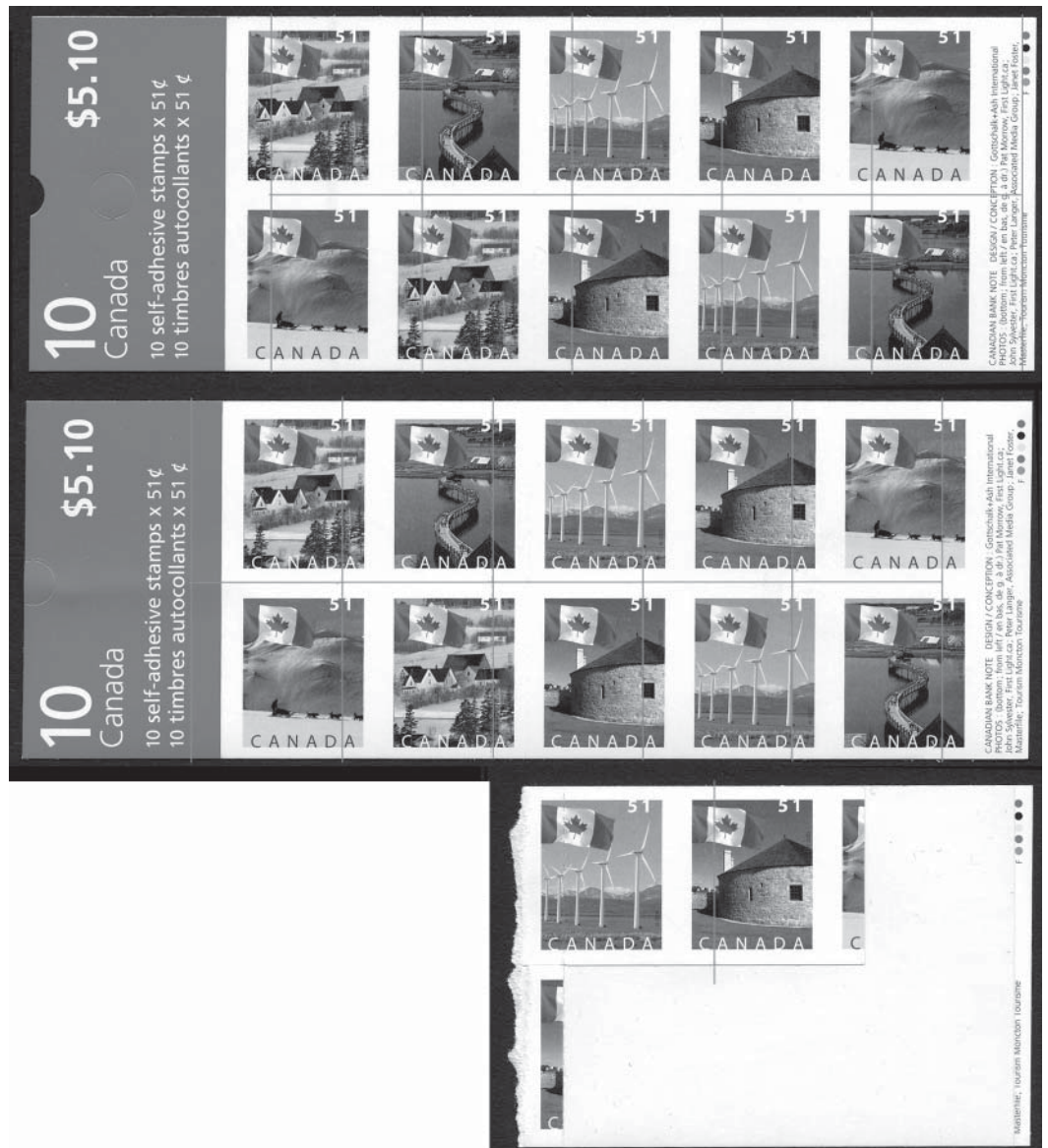
Miscut stamps on the Flag designs are not common, but they do occur.

Here are some examples that show some significant shifts.

The top pane has the die cutting shifted to the right while the middle image has the die cutting shifted to the left (location of die cutting has been overlaid with a grey line).

The bottom illustration shows the remains of a pane “recovered” from a postal drawer before it was fully used!

The four-sided tagging falls between the stamps. Since only the die cutting has shifted, this results in 3-bar tagged stamps.



# Special Envelopes For ORAPEX 2006

by: Joseph Monteiro

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## Introduction

In keeping with the tradition of the past, two special envelopes were issued for ORAPEX 2006. ORAPEX 2006 was the 45th Exhibition sponsored by the RA Club in Ottawa. The Club paid tribute this year's to C. R. (Ron) McGuire a distinguished Ottawa postal historian, researcher, writer, exhibitor and collector.

## ORAPEX 2006 Special Envelopes and Cancellation

*Special Envelopes:* The special ORAPEX 2006 envelopes pay tribute to C. R. (Ron) McGuire who first distinguished himself as a guest speaker at the RA Stamp Club in 1973. Ron was born in Ottawa in 1943. While in high school Ron worked as an usher, assistant head usher, relief theatre night watchman at the Somerset and later Capitol Theatres and in other part time jobs including service in the militia with the 30th Field Artillery. Ron joined the Bank of Montreal in July 1962 and then moved to the Government of Canada in 1963 where he worked in areas of administration, finance and personnel management at the Canadian Commercial Corporation, the Department of Defence Production, Defence Construction Limited and the Department of External Affairs, before joining the Canada Post Office Department in 1973 where he was the Head, Research and Administration. In May 1982, Ron became the Museum's Senior Postal Historian and with the closure of the museum assumed several other posts. After 1984, he earned a number of diplomas or degrees: a certificate in public administration, diplomas in museum studies, and museum technology, and a bachelor of arts. He has won numerous awards for his contribution to philately and for his best articles.

The special envelopes for ORAPEX 2006 show the picture of Mr. C. R. McGuire on the left. The inscription printed on the right side of the picture reads: "ORAPEX 2006 / May 6-7 mai, 2006 / Ottawa, Canada / C. R. (Ron) McGuire, FRSC / (1943- ) / Canadian Military Postal Historian/ Historien de la poste, militaire canadienne".

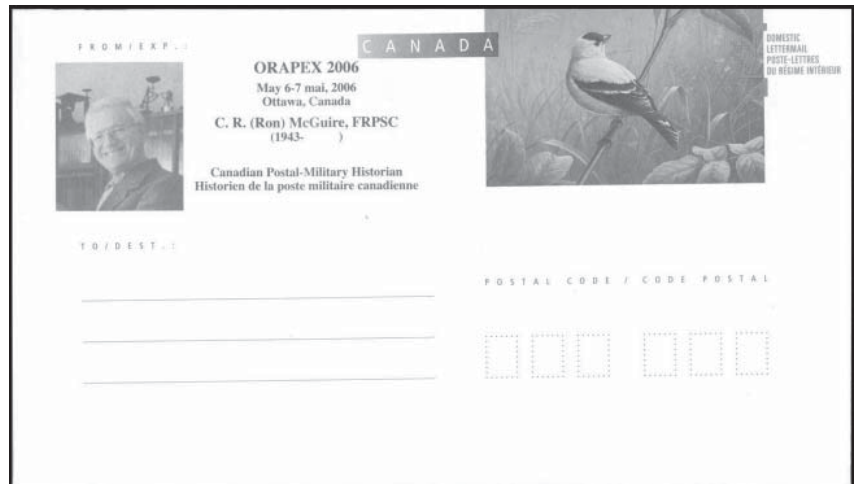
Two special envelopes were issued for this occasion. The No. 8 American Goldfinch and the No. 10 Scarlet Tanager. These two envelopes were sold at ORAPEX 2006 either mint or cancelled for \$2.50 each. The two covers were sold with two different cancellations one for each cover. If one pays close attention to these covers, the No. 8 and the No. 10 envelopes have different dates at the back of the envelope. Listed below in Table 1 are the statistics on the above covers with different dates that were overprinted which were painstakingly put together by Doug Lingard President of the Organizing Committee for ORAPEX.

So in reality there are seven No. 8 envelopes and seven No. 10 envelopes. Some of these covers can be obtained from Mr. Steve Mulvey.

Table 1

No 8 Total Quantity Overprinted		No 10 Total Quantity Overprinted	
Date		Date	
April 2002	80	2003-11-17	5
2002-04-04	5	2003-03-15	14
2002-11-01	3	2004-12-29	3
2002-07-02	2	2005-03-11	34
2003-02-03	180	2005-08-05	44
2004-12-02	12	2005-10-01	127
2005-4-22	18	2006-01-13	78
Total	300		305

Joseph Monteiro



In addition to the above prints, there were twenty covers printed with the overprint image upside down. These were given as a token for people who were involved in organizing ORAPEX 2006.

*Cancellations:* This year the show's theme was the 35th Anniversary of the Snowbirds designed by Sara Deschamps. The Snowbirds were introduced to Canada in 1971 and with it came a very highly trained team of world-renowned aerobatics pilots. These pilots have thrilled audiences since the Snowbirds came to Canada with their spectacular performances

every year on Canada Day. One of aerobatics manoeuvres that has always thrilled me is the Russian roulette - i.e., when the planes go in a circle in opposite direction and appear as if they are going to crash into each other as they approach but in the last second they slightly miss colliding.

The cancellation for May 6, 2006 shows "CANADA POST . POSTES CANADA . OTTAWA, ONTARIO" in the outer circle. Inside is a logo of the snowbirds in a hexagon with its name written in two segments of the hexagon at the bottom. Below it is the name 'ORAPEX 2006' highlighted followed by the date '2006-05-06'. The cancellation for May 7 is the same in the outer circle as the above. However, the inside shows nine snowbirds in the form of a rectangle consisting of three snowbirds on each sides. The two cancellations can be seen in the illustration.

*Quantity printed:* The statistics on the quantity printed were as follows: 300 size #8 and 305 size #10 for 2006 and a breakdown of the total statistics is shown in the table above. The entire set with permutations and combinations consists of the following: one set with one of the two cancellations on the cover (i.e., 28 or 14 envelopes x 2 cancellations); one set with both cancellations on the cover (i.e., 14); and one set with no cancellations on the cover (i.e., 14) So you will need a total of fifty-six covers. But if you count placement of the two cancels one before the other as different where there are two cancels, then there are seventy different covers in total. Given the printing statistics, it is impossible for any one to have the entire set as in some cases only two or three covers with a particular date were overprinted and each set requires a minimum of four or five.

### Concluding Remarks

The proceeds from the sale of these covers goes to support the philatelic activities of the RA Stamp Club in Ottawa. The first ORAPEX was held in 1961 though the R A Stamp Club is known to have hosted its first exhibition as early as the 1950s in the Chateau Laurier. Philatelists are encouraged to buy these covers to support this worthwhile hobby.

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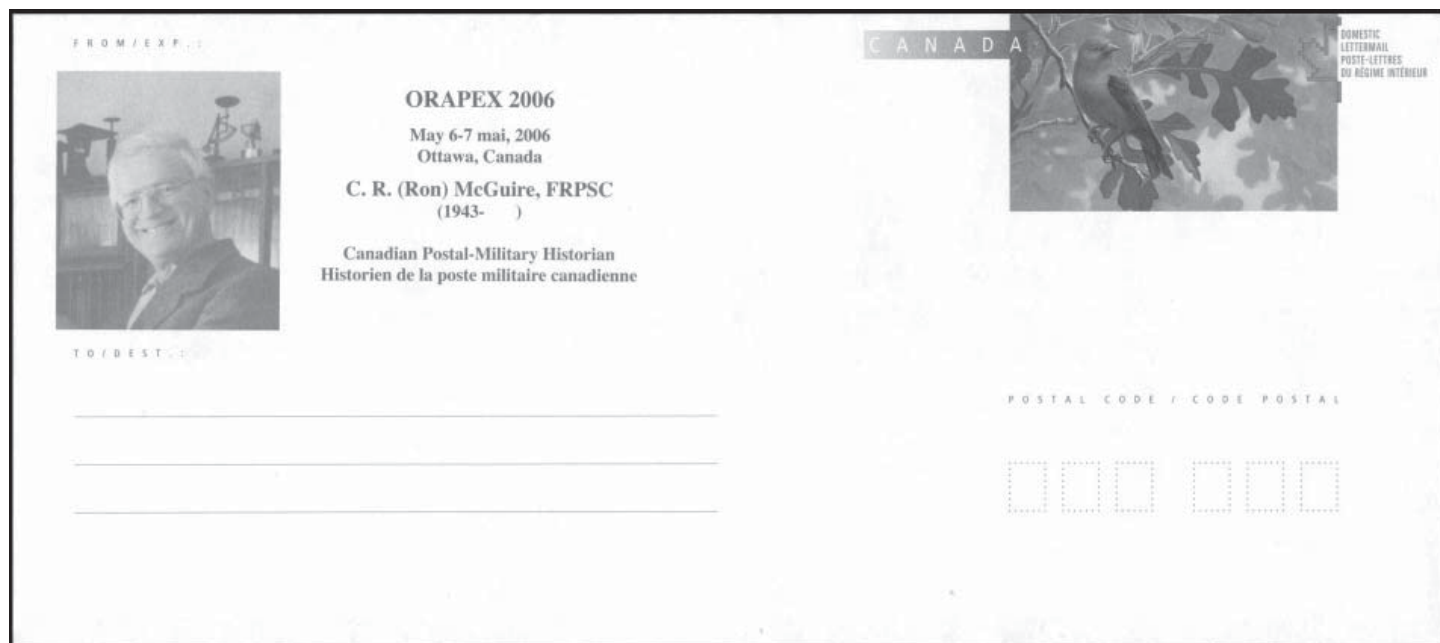
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# ORAPEX 2006 - Four Macdonald Overprints Issued For The Event

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## Introduction

ORAPEX 2006 sponsored by the R.A. Stamp Club of Ottawa was held on May 6 and May 7, 2006. It was the 45th Exhibition sponsored by this Club in Ottawa. ORAPEX 2006 paid tribute to Ron McGuire a distinguished Ottawa postal historian, researcher, writer, exhibitor and collector. The exhibition consisted of one basic event: stamp exhibits.

## ORAPEX 2006 Overprint

The organizers for ORAPEX 2006 overprinted the precancelled 1-cent Sir John A. Macdonald stamp for the 45th Exhibition. Two types of overprints were issued for each day of the exhibition. For May 6: 1) the overprint on the stamps is 'ORAPEX 2006/Ottawa, ON/2006-05-06' in three lines; and 2) The same overprint but printed upside down. For May 7: 1) the overprint on the stamps is 'ORAPEX 2006/Ottawa, ON/2006-05-07' in three lines; and 2) The same overprint but printed upside down. Each overprint was sold for \$2.50.

The Chairman of the ORAPEX committee indicated that the following quantities were overprinted: 1) May 6, normal overprint 100; 2) May 6, inverted overprint 100; 3) May 7, normal overprint 100; and, 4) May 7, inverted overprint 100. The illustrations show these four overprints.

## Varieties of Unauthorized Overprints

*ORAPEX 2006:* It should be pointed out that the varieties described hereafter are based on an examination of a very small sample (6 percent of the total) of the overprints of May 6 and all overprints for May 7 and six percent of the inverted overprints on May 7. Therefore, if one finds other varieties it should not be a surprise to anyone. For the first type of overprint (May 6) for the normally printed overprint there are no noticeable varieties. For the first type of overprint (May 6) for the overprint printed upside down one specific variety was noted: 1) 'ORAPEX 2006' is printed higher and the precancelled lines fall across the 'Ottawa, ON'.

For the second type of overprint (May 7) for the normally printed overprint, the only known variety is: 1) 'Ottawa, ON' is printed touching the second set of precancelled lines found on the 1st row of the pane in the first few columns. For the second type of overprint (May 7) for the overprint printed upside down there are no noticeable varieties.

It appears that the organizers are becoming much better in printing the overprints which accounts for the very few varieties.

## Concluding Remarks

In sum, ORAPEX 2006 was an interesting philatelic event for Ottawa stamp collectors. There were stamp 41 dealers who participated at the exhibition together with Canada Post. There was the usual stamp auction, the Wine and Cheese party and the awards ceremony at which the awards were given for the exhibits thereafter. It seemed somewhat subdued due to the rainy weather on the first day and one of my friends who accompanied me to the show on the first day indicated that both the exhibits, the number of people attending and Wine and Cheese party were not as good as it was in 2005. Hopefully, it will become better as time passes.

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