

The Bulletin

*What Philately Teaches
.....about stamps from Persia and Egypt*



Many stamps of Persia bear the lion and the sun, the arms of the country and the insignia of its highest order of nobility. It is the lion of Iran, holding in its paw the sceptre of the Khorassan while behind it shines the sun of Darius. There is a legend concerning the latter symbol to the effect that Darius, hunting in the desert, threw his spear at a lion and missed. The beast crouched to spring, when the sun, shining on a talisman on Darius' breast, so overpowered it that it came fawning to his feet and followed him back to the city. And for this reason the sun became part of the arms of the kingdom. But I think we may look further than this and find in it a relic of the ancient fire worship and of oriental pretensions to power over heaven and earth.



How much of Egypt's myths and splendors are here depicted; the temple column called Pompey's pillar, the obelisk of Luxor, the mighty pyramids, last of all the sphynx, that fabled creature with the face of a woman, the body of a tigress and the heart of both. In fancy we can see her, crouching on a rock beside the great highway to Thebes, propounding her fatal riddle to the bewildered passersby, till Oedipus shall come.

(Taken from John N. Luff's [What Philately Teaches](#))

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Upcoming Meetings

- Saugeen Stamp Club
Tuesday Oct. 1
- Kincardine Stamp Club
Wednesday Oct. 2
- Owen Sound Stamp
Club
Wednesday Oct. 16
- Guelph Stamp Club
Wednesday Oct. 2
Wednesday Oct. 16
- KW Philatelic Society
Thursday Oct. 3

One Page Exhibits - Upcoming Topics

October –

Governors-General

November -

Remembrance

December -

Christmas

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN.....Walt Berry

The meeting of September was a deviation from our regular format as there was no auction of member material – it was scheduled as a “buy / sell and/or trade evening. Members were encouraged to bring in parts of their collection to sell and/or trade to friends rather than through the monthly auction.


Members have always been reluctant to place better material in the auction fearing low bids. Although there were no comments made, it appeared to be a good format as many brought in some of their excess / duplicate treasures for others to view.

October will see us revert back to members goods being auctioned – however everyone is encouraged to bring material to sell outside of the sales circuit. The sales circuit is a reasonable avenue to sell off material – with a small percentage withheld for club management. Our inhouse circuit books will not be available in October as Circuit manager Bill is not able to attend that meeting.

The annual December gathering will soon be upon us so NOW is a good time to pull together items to donate to the “FUNNY MONEY” auction – and begin planning your favourite treat donation for members to munch on during the social time with friends.

The club is in need of someone to represent the club at the Grand meetings at the Galtview restaurant in Cambridge – if interested please advise the President at an upcoming meeting.

Happy collecting!!



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Let us know your wants and needs!!

What's coming up:

See the Grand News for complete details for the following:

Sept 28 – Owen Sound Stamp Show, Owen Sound, Ontario

Oct 19-20 – Canpex, London, Ontario

Oct 29 – Guelphpex, Guelph, Ontario

Nov 9 GRVPA 25th Annual Club Fair, Brantford, Ontario

Another Measured Moment.....

Air Mail to Bermuda

The airline industry is still learning how to serve the public. In Britain there was great competition among those who wanted to establish a National Airline, until 31 March 1924, when British Marine Navigation, Daimler Airways, Ironstone Air Lines, and Hadley Page Transport merged to form Imperial Airways.

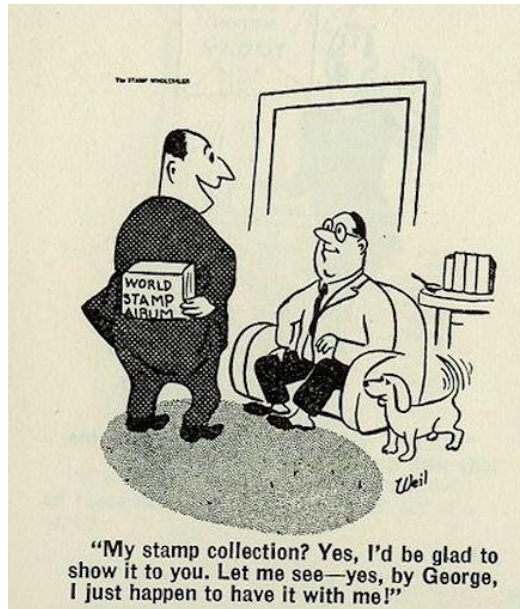
It has been said that “The British Navy has united the British Empire”. However it was Air Mail that allowed people of “The Empire” to communicate with each other. The Royal Air Force had introduced the first public air mail service between Cairo & Baghdad, but soon turned this service over to Imperial Airways, on condition that they carry The Royal Mail. Imperial grew rapidly, extending routes to Europe and around the world, to furthest outposts of Empire. The workhorses of their fleet were 10 Hadley-Page HP-42s, seen on stamps from several countries including the 34p British stamp shown.



A challenge came when Imperial Airways were asked to provide service to Bermuda, out of the range of most aircraft of the day, and without sufficient flat ground to build an airport. In 1935, Bermuda built a Seaplane base on Darnell Island and Imperial purchased a “Short Brothers S-23” Seaplane and had it assembled at Bermuda’s Darnell Island base. The Plane was Christened “Cavalier” and with Captain Cummings at the controls, flew the first passenger and Air Mail service to New York on 16 June 1937. On 5 August 1939 Imperial flew the first passengers and mail across the Atlantic. The impact on Bermuda of connections was dramatic, bringing tourists and wealth to this small outpost of The Empire. 1939 saw war break out and Imperial being re-organized and renamed British Overseas Air Service or BOAC. After the war, when new airlines were springing up like mushrooms on a spring morning, BOAC was nationalized and named British Airways.

Bermuda went on to build an airport on reclaimed land with the runway stretching out into the sea. I have landed on that runway and can tell you it seems strange to come down seeing water on both sides of the plane as we touched down. We weren’t even on a seaplane like the “Cavalier” that is seen on a Bermuda stamp issued in 1975. It is puzzling why the 1975 stamp says “50th Anniversary Air Mail service to Bermuda when the first Bermuda Air Mail flight was in 1937; only 38 years after the first flight of “Cavalier”. When, in 1970, I sent Post Cards from Bermuda to friends at home, they, like all overseas mail, went Air Mail; possibly on the same plane that I flew on.





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