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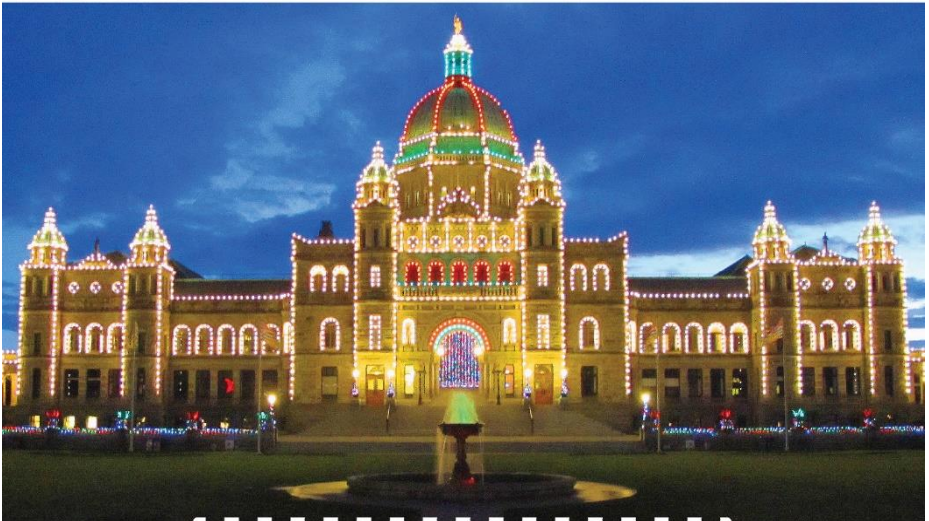
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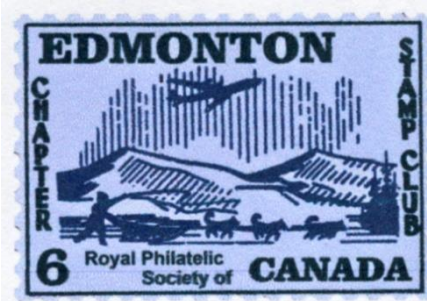
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**monthly meeting.** These may be forwarded to Fred Tauber, Edmonton Stamp Club, Box 399, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 2J6, click “contact” on our website or email to [fxtauber@shaw.ca](mailto:fxtauber@shaw.ca)

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## President's Message

The first meeting of the 2020-2021 Edmonton Stamp club will be held on 14 Sep 2020. I am writing this before the location of the meeting is known. The location and timings will be announced when we know. It is one of the most important meetings if not the most important meeting in the 108 years of its' history. Social distancing and masks are required.

The World Health Organization and the Government of Canada are expecting the present situation or "New Norm" to last another two years. The ESC must plan and adjust if we want to stay as a functioning club. We at the September 14 meeting must plan for the immediate future and the longer term.

Some organizations that I am aware of have met under the present social distancing regulations and found they can adapt and continue to meet. Other organizations have chosen not to meet again under the present social distancing regulations change. At this meeting we must decide if we want to meet again or not in the present environment. If we meet, can we hold auctions and other events? If we are not holding regular meetings with events [auctions, circuit books, programs], how do we reach out to the members? At this meeting we need ideas such as member only auctions on our web site, computer interaction perhaps ZOOM and continuation of the monthly bulletin [this requires members to submit articles], etc. Critically we need to elect a new Board to take us into this year and beyond. If you feel you can contribute, please let your name stand for as a director on the ESC Board. If you have knowledge such as computer knowledge but cannot participate as a Board member please let us know so we can call upon you for input.

Lastly but not least we will receive the General Meeting reports for the ESC 2019-2020 including the financial report. This will provide us with the information necessary for the planning of our activities in the coming year.

The circuit books will be available at this meeting. You will have to bring your own beverage.

I look forward to seeing you on 14 September. Richard Barnes

**Notice will be put on our website  
edmontonstampclub.com  
And if you have an email address,  
you will be notified by email.**

# NOTICE

## EDMONTON EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> 2020

The executive has determined that the general meeting will be held as soon as a venue is found.

### \$Dues\$ are Due for the 2020 – 2021 Season July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 (\$30 or \$40 FAMILY)

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### HACKERS TRY TO GET YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

A recent form of phishing is rampant on the internet. They use public information about the ESC board of directors and send requests for payment from these names. **Delete, do not reply.**

## DOOR PRIZE

### No Name Tag – No Prize

At the regular meetings

Dave Ellis asks members if they have any bulk stamps to donate to the club for the kiloware table? I am running low on stamps that have not been put out already. You can just bring them to any meeting.

## On Ebay



Victoria #230\_MH, (27 bids) \$172 / Victoria #B4\_MH, (9 bids) \$74

# Trading Post

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## Ebay

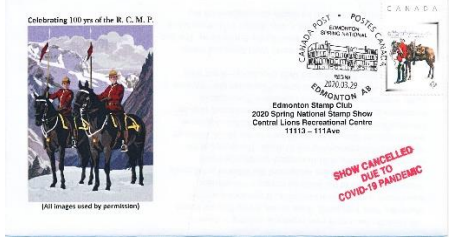
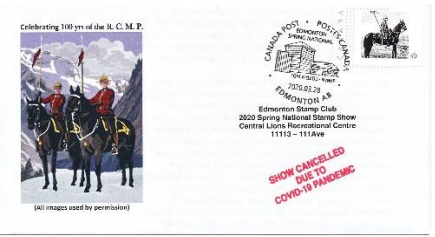
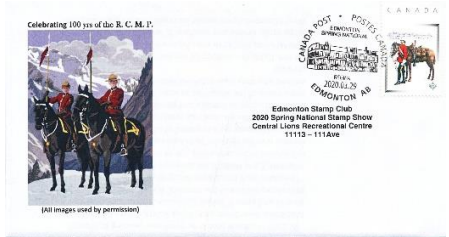
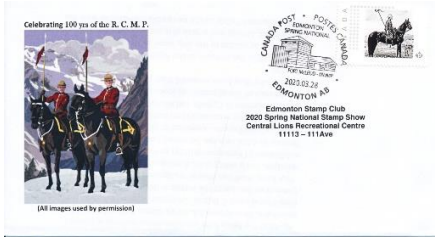


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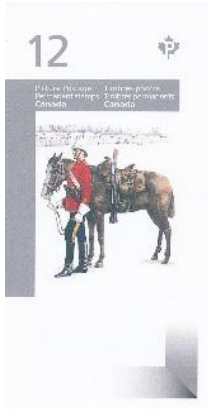
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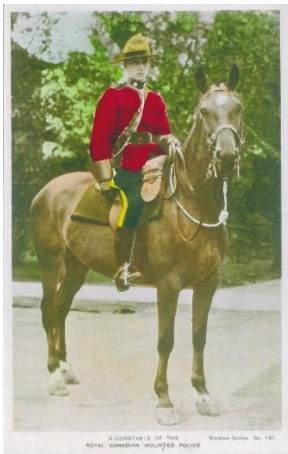


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## TWO BRIDGES FOR THE PRICE OF ONE by Barend Wissink

## STAUFFER BRIDGE DRUMHELLER #17 IN THE SERIES

I had only one post card of this bridge for quite awhile, not only did I not see any others but this card turned up a half a dozen times, must be the most common of all the Drumheller bridge cards. This post card is also the only one that is postally used, six other post cards have found their way into my hands and they are all unused.



The bridge itself is a three span Warren Open Truss across the Red Deer River on Hwy 56 that joined the village of North Drumheller to the town of Drumheller, named after Liberal Speaker of the House Joseph Stauffer (1874-1917) Alberta Legislature from 1909 until 1917 when

he was shot and killed at Vimy Ridge on April 10<sup>th</sup> 1917. His name lives on with the Village of Stauffer. It was hard to tell exactly where this bridge was at first, matter of fact the first post card I couldn't tell if it was a traffic bridge or a rail road



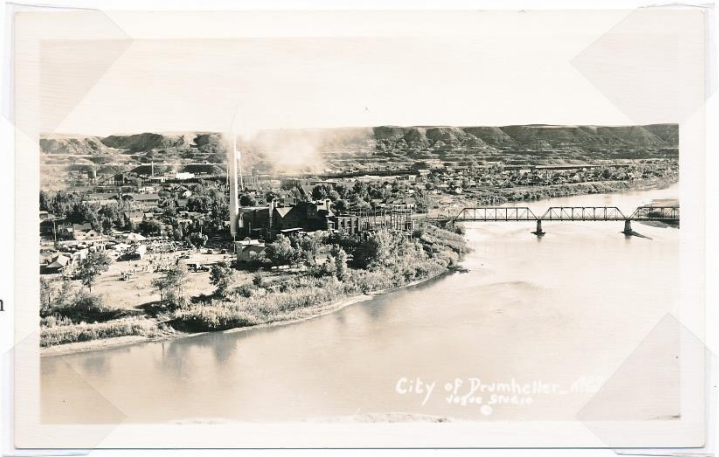
bridge. This second post card makes it all clear, it is a traffic bridge. Looking from the North bank to the East you can see the smoke stack of the Canadian Utilities Ltd.

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which was east of the present bridge with the honking big T Rex next to it.

The Stauffer Bridge was built in 1916 and demolished in 1959.

The view from the east looking west from the top of the valley rim down to the bridge



Which leads us to the replacement

THE GORDON E. TAYLOR BRIDGE #18 IN THE BRIDGE SERIES



Gordon Taylor Bridge is the replacement bridge for the Stauffer bridge built in 1959 from concrete and steel

Named after Gordon Taylor (1910-2003) Alberta Legislative Assembly Minister of Highways

All post cards are by Vogue Studios Drumheller  
First post card mailed Drumheller May 4, 1952  
Last post card with small T Rex

Largest T Rex seen from Bridge  
Height 86ft, weight 146,000 lbs.



Barend Wissink

# Meeting Dates

The Edmonton Stamp Club meets Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of St. Joseph High School, 10830 - 109 Street. Park to the north of the school and use the main entrance at the south-east corner of the school. For information about the club call 780-488-5288 or 780-437-1787.

## Date and Venue

### To be announced

Updates will be announced  
on our club website –  
[edmontonstampclub.com](http://edmontonstampclub.com)

**? 2020 ?**

**September 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Rescheduled Show/Bourse**  
**(CANCELLED)**  
**October 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**December 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**(All dates are tentative)**

### Edmonton BNAPS

(British North America Philatelic Society) will meet on the last Sunday of the month. All BNAPSers welcome. For information contact David Piercey at 780-437-2771 [dpiercey@telus.net](mailto:dpiercey@telus.net) or Steven Friedenthal at 780-721-3669 [sfriedenthal@shaw.ca](mailto:sfriedenthal@shaw.ca)

## Ebay



USA\_CZ #4\_MH, (7 bids) \$16 / USA\_CZ #8\_MH, (5 bids) \$41



USA\_CZ #94\_MH, (20 bids) \$67 / USA #524\_MH, (24 bids) \$159



# TOPICAL COCONUTS

by Ed Pitts

In this month's exciting episode of *Astronomers On Stamps*, we have the historical equivalent of what I would consider the (eventually) irresistible force of science (Heliocentrism, the idea of the Earth going around the Sun) meeting what at that time was an immovable object (the Roman Catholic Church), namely the life and times of **Galileo Galilei**. We know who won that battle, but we also know who eventually won the war in the end.

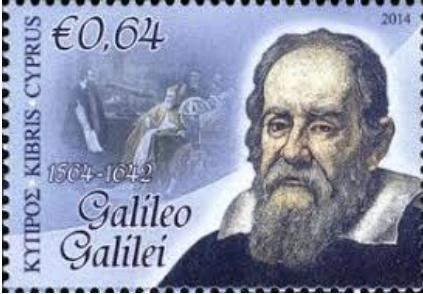


Many of the astronomers that have been the subjects of my astronomy-themed columns are unknown to a lot of people, and there is little historical information about them. Galileo, on the other hand, brings a wealth of material; one might even call it an embarrassment of riches, as far as historical information goes. For the sake of brevity, and the opportunity to showcase more stamps in lieu of my long-winded blathering's,



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I will skim over some of his life and encourage the reader to pursue their own reading concerning this iconic scientific figure.



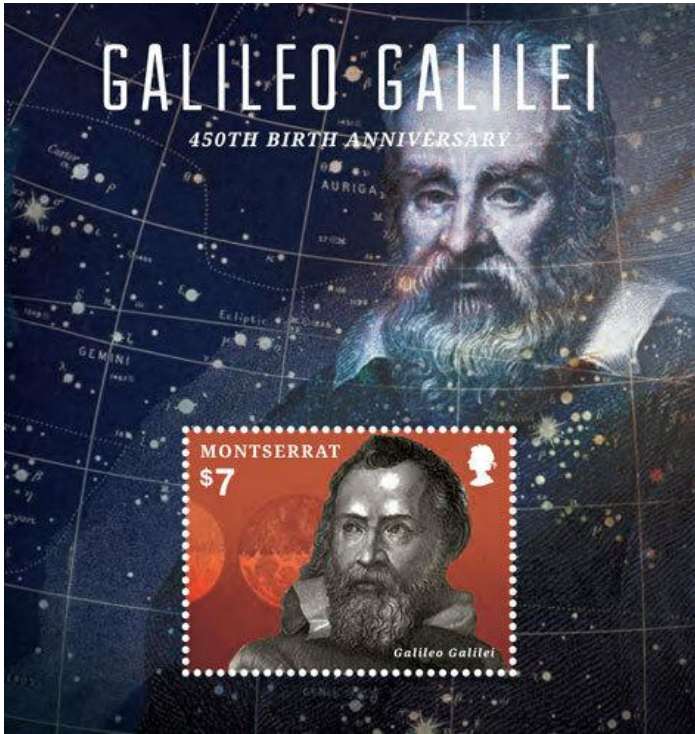
Galileo di Vincenzo Bonauti de Galilei, commonly known to us simply as Galileo, was born on February 15, 1564 in Pisa, in what was then the Duchy of Florence, Italy, and died on January 8, 1642 at the age of 77 in Arcetri, in what was then the

Grand Duchy of Tuscany, Italy. Regarded as a polymath, besides being an astronomer, physicist and engineer, Galileo has been referred to, by various people at various times, as the father of visual astronomy, modern physics, the scientific method, and even of modern science. Wow, those are some seriously heavyweight credentials!!!

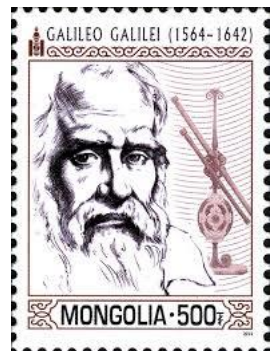
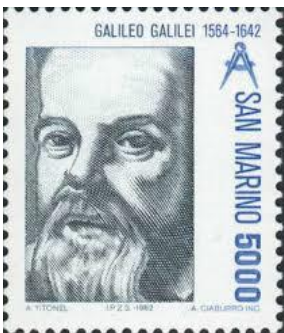
One of six children born to Vincenzo Galilei, a musician, and Giulia (née Ammannati), Galileo became was a talented accomplished lutenist and all well rounded musician himself. His father also passed on his demanding requirement for experimentation, testing and taking nothing for granted in all his fields of study. A prime example was his experiment that saw him drop spheres of different weights of the Tower of Pisa and determining that they fell at the same rate, a conclusion that flew in the face of Aristotelian thought.



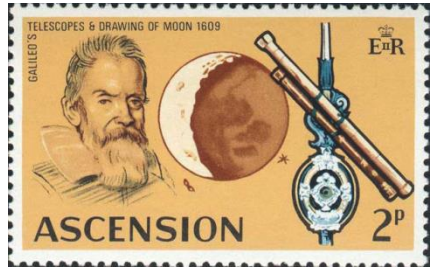
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At first, Galileo’s father wanted to his son to follow in the family business, but soon enough it was obvious that Galileo was meant for higher learning. Originally enrolled at the University of Pisa in 1583 to study medicine, soon became sidetracked by mathematics and physics. It was here at Pisa that Galileo was exposed to the Aristotelian view of the world, which was the only scientific view approved by the Roman Catholic Church.



During his time at Pisa, he heard about a remarkable new invention, the telescope. He obtained one, made improvements on it, started a program of observation and was, as they say “off to the races”. Finding craters and mountains on the Moon, phases in the orbits of Venus and four moons around Jupiter (eventually named the Galilean moons) led him to conclude that the Heliocentric view of the cosmos was right, and Aristotle was wrong. That set the stage for a conflict with the Roman Catholic Church that saw him accused and eventually convicted by the Inquisition in 1633, which found him "vehemently suspect of heresy". He was forced to recant his beliefs and spent the rest of his life under house arrest for his pains. To its credit the Catholic Church admitted its error in 1993 and Pope John Paul II issued an official apology. It only took 359 years.



I will leave with one last Galilean tidbit: At some later stage of his life, after his trial and humiliation, Galileo supposedly uttered "And yet it moves" or "Albeit it does move" (in Italian: “E pur si muove: or “Eppur si muove si”), to mean that the Earth indeed does revolve around the Sun, despite what the powers that be may wish. This phrase has become, in some circles, representative of the eternal fight against ignorance and intellectual oppression.



Well that is it for this edition of Topical Coconuts. See you next time.

# Valle Bormida Stamps

**Richard Barnes**



fig 1

I was asked if I knew what this stamp was [Fig.1]. I did not remember seeing this stamp before. I could not find anything in the Italian sections of any of my catalogues. My Sassne catalogue only lists the government postal services stamps. Luckily, I quickly found this stamp on a dealer's site. It is a stamp issued by an Italian Anti-Fascist group based in the Bormida Valley, Italy in 1945 [Fig.2].



The date on the stamp is 1943-1945. In September 1943 most of the multiplicity of Italian anti-fascist groups came together to form the National Liberation Committee, or CLN to oppose the German/Italian Fascists Occupation of Italy resulting from the surrender of the Royal Italian Government to the Allies. The CLN's immediate reason to be was to maximize the Italian Resistance to the occupation. When looking at the Italian Resistance stamps remember these stamps were produced in different regions, different cities and groups who had very divergent political philosophies. My observations while researching the Valle Bormida stamps is that there are many different sets of CLN resistance stamps [Fig.3-4-5-6-7].

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fig 3

If my count is correct there are 20 different issuers of Italian Resistance stamps. Most of the CLN overprinted stamps are on Italian Socialist Republic stamps. Old left-over Post Italiane stamps found in the Post Offices were overprinted.



When looking for Italian Resistance Stamps the Bormida Valley locally printed stamps are the most often found stamps. This set of eleven stamps

[Fig.8] was produced in larger numbers [few thousands] than the overprinted stamps [a couple of hundred or less]. In addition, the resistance in the Bormida Valley issued a small run of different overprinted Italian Social Republic stamps.



Fig 4/5

The CLN Prefect of Alessandria issued a note on 2 May 1945, authorizing the Bormida Valley stamps to be valid for postage. They were used for postage on local mail. Numerous philatelic covers were made. The Allied Military Government [GMA] on 5 May 1945 decreed that CLN stamps could not be used as postage. No other CLN stamps except the Bormida Valley stamps were used on to pay local postal charges. The use of Bormida Valley stamps ceased on 20 May 1945.

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Fig 6/7

These stamps demand a good price in the dealer catalogues. All the CLN stamps were produced in very small numbers, some as few as 10 known stamps. Mint Italian stamps that were used by the Italian Resistance to be overprinted were numerous then and still are. Circumstances necessitated the 11 stamps of the statue Bormida Valley set were likely printed in small production runs creating differences between runs. This may explain the cause of the variety of color intensity/shade and papers between stamps of the same design and value. Another possibility is forgeries. All these Italian Resistance stamps and CLN stamps are forged.



Fig 8

I have just scratched the surface of the intriguing and fantastically complex history of CLN stamps and other Italian Resistance stamps. Please let me know if you have any additional information to share.

Richard Barnes

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