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Newsletter from the Lethbridge Philatelic Society

March is Time for St. Patrick of Ireland



Saint Patrick, or “La Fheile Padraig”, in Irish, has been honored around the World with more than 100 postage stamps. Ireland brought out a set of three stamps in 1961 to commemorate the death of the Saint 1500 years ago.

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“Father of the People”. At age 16 Irish slave traders kidnapped him and he was a herder of sheep for six years, before escaping to the Euro-

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The Lethbridge Philatelic Society

The Lethbridge Philatelic Society meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 P.M. (except July and August). Meetings at **Insight**



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Next Meeting: **March 14, 2024**, in the downstairs conference room.

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IN MY OPINION

BY WALTER KERBER

As most of you know, my topical stamps include airships, Zeppelin, trains, as well as aircraft. Most of us have heard the stories of bush pilots and their exploits in the north. My interest in aircraft comes from my earlier education in aeronautics.

In the late sixties and early seventies my work as a photographer for the Lethbridge Herald, took me into the air to photograph parts of the province for various reasons. As a result, I got to know



Stubb Ross, who founded Time Air. Originally he acquired some Short passenger planes for the Lethbridge – Calgary commute. After a while, with the size and problems, he acquired a few DeHaveland Twin Otter aircraft.



I knew the development of these planes for their short takeoff and landing, STOL, from the past. It never occurred to me until recently, that this seemingly common Canadian creation would be a feature on many of the international Postage Stamps around the world.

In the magazine from Germany, I was reading, there is a section with articles on polar exploration and has featured explorers and stories from Antarctica. The recent one was the Concordia Antarctic station 1000 km from the nearest coastal



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Celebrating “Year of the Dragon”

Chinese New Year has passed and many countries celebrated this year with Year of the Dragon.







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port, at high elevation to carry on with various scientists and astronomers observing the sky from the South Pole. The station is supplied once a year by a convoy across the ice, but also by air with the Twin Otter aircraft during the southern summer, Temperatures dip to -60 degrees in winter.



France produced a souvenir sheet with two stamps in 2020, featuring a stamp of the station with the aircraft as well as a stamp of the astronomy site, with the sheet showing a DH6 Twin Otter coming in for a landing above the site.



Set of stamps brought out in 1937 in honor of St. Patrick.

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pean continent and studying in Auxerre and Tours in France, to become a priest in 432. Figures range from 452 to 480, depending on other writings by scholars.

Patricius returned to Ireland as a missionary, bringing many to Christianity. The Clover Leaf becoming the symbol for the saint, signifying the Trinity of Christianity. Western and northern communities have great



reminders of the patron saint. As legend has it, Saint Patrick died on March Seventeenth. The year of his death was questioned between 457 and 492.

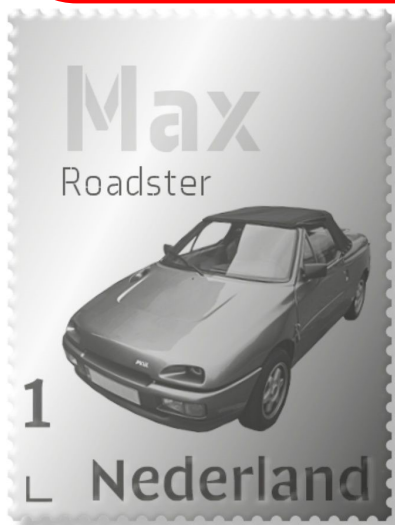
The dominant Irish stamps issued for St. Patrick were issued on September 8, 1937. These were high value stamps in 2 ½, 5 and 10 shillings, being in circulation till 1968.

Announcements

• Next meetings :

• March 14, 2024

• April 11, 2024



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