

PICTURES FROM APRIL PRESENTATION

April 25, 2024 at The Knights Hall
Charlie Livermore presenting

Club member Charlie Livermore returned for the April 25th presentation. This time he gave three short presentations before 14 members, including new member Ed Williams.

The first talk was “Anatomy of a Mail Fraud” which centered on get rich schemes in Canada which were preying on unsuspecting people during the Great Depression. Charlie showed examples of advertisements promising easy money if you enrolled in courses. The Canada Post would refuse to handle mail that they considered to be of a fraudulent nature and returned the mail to senders with markings. Charlie also showed different covers.

Charlie’s second talk was “Advanced Posting Service”. The Canadian Post Office offered this service between 1926 and 1949 and involved the delivery of Christmas cards on Christmas Day at the third-class rate. Charlie explained how the system worked and showed examples of covers.

The last talk was “Thanks for the Smokes” and centered on the delivery of cigarettes and tobacco to Canadian soldiers during World War I and World War II. This is the subject of a ten-frame exhibit Charlie has put together and shown.

Charlie wrote articles on all three subjects which has appeared in *BNAPS Topics* published by the British North America Philatelic Society which go into more detail. Thank you, Charlie!

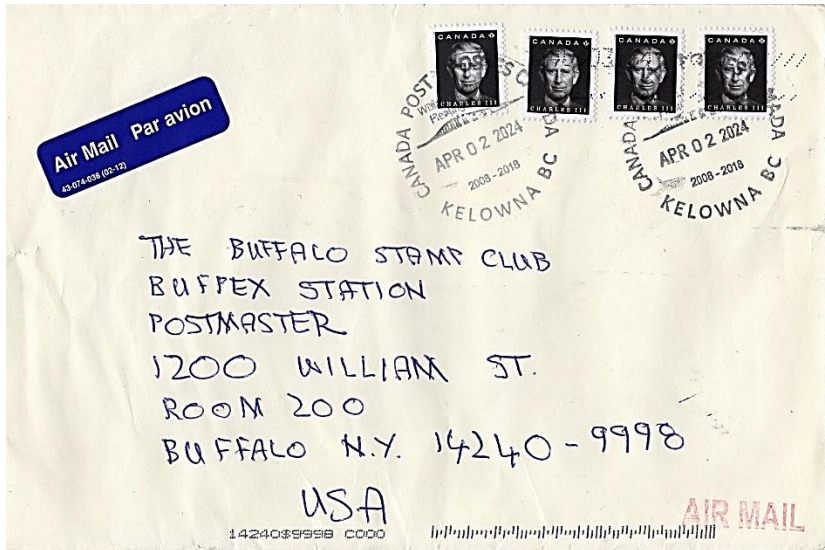
Charlie brought up an interesting comment. He loves giving presentations and says talking about your collection brings rewards. Hopefully, other Club members will be encouraged to talk about their collecting specialties for future presentations.



A COUPLE INTERESTING REQUESTS FOR THE BUFPEX ECLIPSE CANCELS –

As Al Carroccia alluded to in “Eclipse Covers” on page 2, I spent a couple afternoons cancelling mail-in requests for the Bufpex Eclipse cancel. It was a very interesting experience – one that Bob Meegan has typically fulfilled in the past. But the number of requests, the variety of covers, postcards, stamp combinations along with the locations geographically that were received was amazing – literally from all over the world.

I wanted to share a couple examples. Here’s one from Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada:



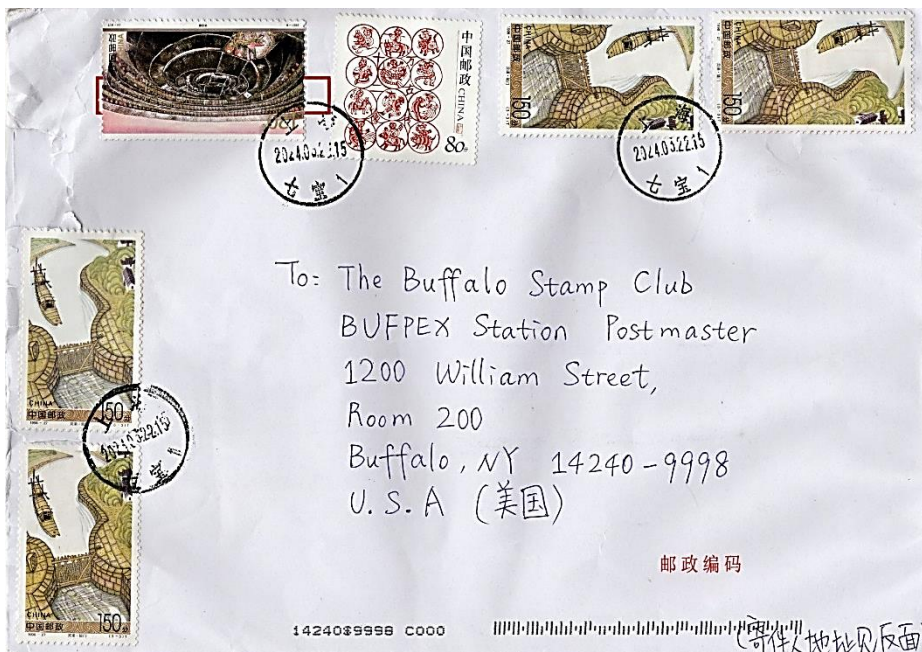
Franked with 4 King Charles III definitives, SC 3381, which cost \$1.07 each or \$0.92 each for a booklet of 10.

In case you didn’t know where Kelowna is, it’s a city in the south of Canada’s British Columbia province about a 4-hour drive (243 miles) east of Vancouver. It’s in the Okanagan Valley, on the eastern shore of Okanagan Lake, surrounded by provincial parks, pine forest, vineyards, orchards, and mountains.



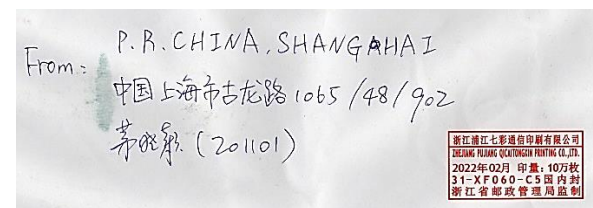
Its downtown area incorporates waterfront City Park and a lakeside cultural district. It certainly looks like a nice area, albeit in the middle of nowhere. The William R. Bennett bridge completed in 2008 crosses the lake as part of Rt. 97

Here's another interesting request from the People’s Republic of China, Shanghai:



It has several stamps – Four from 1998, one from 2021 that is upside down & looks like a stadium, and the 80-yuan stamp with no date identifier.

Here is the address on the back:



It proves that there are stamp enthusiasts everywhere – even for Bufpex cancels!