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September 8-10

BC Philatelic Society plans VANPEX 2006

This year's theme: "Three Kings for Canada"

The theme of VANPEX 2006, "Three Kings for Canada," recalls the year 1936, when three separate monarchs served as monarchs for what was then the Dominion of Canada. The national-level stamp show is scheduled for September 8-10 in Coquitlam, BC, a suburb of Vancouver. It is hoped that many of the show's 180 exhibit frames will feature collections relating to the "Three Kings" theme.

Bourse Chair Jim Miller reports that the VANPEX bourse is already sold out, and that there is a waiting list. Twenty stamp dealers have rented all 29 dealer tables. Two additional tables are reserved for Canada Post, which has been invited to attend.

Sponsored by the Vancouver-based British Columbia Philatelic Society, VANPEX will take place at the Executive Plaza Coquitlam Hotel, 405 North Road, Coquitlam, BC, within easy walking distance of the Lougheed SkyTrain Station and the Lougheed Mall Shopping Centre.

The show opens at 10:00 a.m. on each of the three days. Closing times will be 6:00 p.m. on Sept. 8, 5:00 p.m. on Sept. 9, and 4:00 p.m. on Sept. 10. A weekend pass costs \$5; youths aged 15 or younger are admitted free. VANPEX will feature several seminars and philatelic presentations, and a Saturday night awards banquet.

Exhibitors are urged to submit applications as soon as possible. Last year, organizers of VANPEX 2005 had to turn away exhibitors who waited too long. The deadline for applications is August 9, 2006. Although the VANPEX committee hopes to see many exhibits related to the theme, Exhibits Chair Bob Ingraham notes that VANPEX is an inclusive show that welcomes exhibits on any topic at either regional or national levels. Picture postcard exhibits will again be accepted on an experimental basis.

The VANPEX prospectus and application form may be downloaded from The BC Philatelic Society's VANPEX web page, at www.bcphilatelic.org/bcphilvanpex2006.html. For more information, write to Bob Ingraham, Box 40, The Grosvenor Building, 1040 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, BC V6E 4H1, Canada, or contact him at b.ingraham@shaw.ca or telephone 604-694-0014.

The "Three Kings for Canada" VANPEX theme recalls the year 1936: King George V died on January 20, and King Edward VIII was proclaimed king. Edward signed an instrument of abdication on December 10, famously declaring his love for Wallis Warfield Simpson, a twice-married and once-divorced American woman, thereby scandalizing the entire British Empire. King George VI became King on December 11.

The reigns of the three monarchs spanned the years 1910 to 1952, encompassing two world wars, the Great Depression, the first two years of the Korean War, and the rapidly escalating dismemberment of the British Empire.

The "Three Kings for Canada" theme has inspired the creation of a cacheted show cover featuring a photograph of the three kings together, contemporaneous definitive stamps picturing the monarchs, a faux "Royal Visit" VANPEX cancellation, and a period photograph which represents visits to Vancouver by each of the three monarchs during their lifetimes. The designer is Derren Carman, a member of the BC Philatelic Society. Carman was the creator of the successful VANPEX 2005 show covers, which turned a profit of \$500 for the society.

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Below is a low-res image of a draft version of the VANPEX 2006 show cover. (Feel free to download the hi-res version, suitable for printing, at www.bcphilatelic.org/vanpex06draftcover.jpg.)

Suggested cutline for cover image:

The VANPEX 2006 show cover was inspired by the show's theme, "Three Kings for Canada," which commemorates the 70th anniversary of the year 1936, when three different kings served as monarchs of the Dominion of Canada. The cover was designed by Derren Carman, a member of the British Columbia Philatelic Society. Carman was the designer of the highly successful VANPEX 2005 "Year of the Veteran" cover.

