



CANBERRA STAMPSHOW 2010
16TH BIENNIAL NATIONAL PHILATELIC CONVENTION
FRIDAY 12 TO SUNDAY 14 MARCH 2010
HELLENIC CLUB, MATILDA STREET, WODEN

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the first bulletin for Canberra Stampshow 2010, the Sixteenth Biennial National Philatelic Convention staged by the Philatelic Society of Canberra Inc. Our theme this year is the 100th anniversary of the first powered flight in Australia. In addition we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Guide movement in Australia.

In order to spread philately and exhibiting across Australia, there will be three exhibitions in 2010. The Canberra exhibition will cover all FIP classes except Postal History and the experimental Open class. We will also have all State classes but no postcards. The two missing FIP classes will be held in South Australia in August along with all other Australian non-FIP classes and postcards. Finally, in November there will be an exhibition in Mandurah (WA) that will hold the Australasian Challenge and the National One-frame class, plus coins and postcards.

Don't forget that the show is part of the annual Celebrate Canberra Festival and despite the change in date our exhibition will be a featured event, together with many other exciting events. The exhibition offers a great chance for you to get your 'philatelic fix' while your spouse has the opportunity to take in a range of great festival events.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the show.

Darryl Fuller
Chairman

IMPORTANT – Dates of the Exhibition

Following on from the forced move in 2008, and following discussions with the dealers, we have decided to continue holding the exhibition on a non-public holiday weekend. The exhibition will be held on the last weekend of the Canberra Festival from Friday through to Sunday.

100th ANNIVERSARY OF POWERED FLIGHT

Our logo for the exhibition is based on a Voisin biplane which was the first powered aircraft flown in Australia. On **March 18, 1910** whilst on a visit to Australia and in a Voisin biplane (purchased for US\$5,000 in Hamburg,

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Germany prior to the trip), Harry Houdini made the **first controlled, powered flight of an airplane in Australia**, at Digger's Rest in Victoria, Australia. Houdini was also the first aviator in Australia to record his flights on film, which occurred at Randwick racecourse in 1910.

There are claims that there were earlier flights but none have been confirmed as being controlled and the Houdini flight is generally acknowledged as the first powered flight in Australia.



Houdini's Voisin Biplane

CENTENARY OF GUIDES IN AUSTRALIA

The celebrations for Guides will be held over the period September 2009 through to February 2011. We will celebrate this centenary in the same vane as we did Scouting in 2008.

DELIVERY OF EXHIBITS

Canberra will be one of three part national exhibitions in 2010. As such there will be no formal commissioners. However, we will be looking at informal arrangements to have exhibits carried to the exhibition. We will keep all entrants informed about the use of these informal arrangements.

STATE LEVEL CLASSES

Don't forget that the exhibition includes all State Level exhibition classes except One-frame exhibits. So take this opportunity to try out a new exhibit or to simply take the plunge as an exhibitor.



VENUE

The Stampshow will be held on the first floor of the Hellenic Club of Canberra, Matilda Street, Woden, which was the venue for the last two Canberra Stampshows. There is free parking on Saturday and Sunday, air-conditioning and several cafes/restaurants in the building.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB

By becoming a Supporters' Club member, you will not only help to fund the show but also receive a range of benefits, including:

- free entry to the exhibition
- free exhibition catalogue
- \$5 discount on one Awards Dinner ticket
- direct mailing of Bulletins
- limited issue philatelic souvenirs (including WWF Dolphin Miniature Sheet overprinted)
- Replica Card Black Print
- exhibition envelope
- access to the Supporters' Lounge (including free tea and coffee)



At recent Canberra shows, some dealers were buying the philatelic souvenir for the cost of Club membership, so get in early as the Club is always a sell out.

The cost of membership is only \$75.

Check the web sites regularly for frequent updates.

DEALERS

We are expecting to have more about 24 local, national and overseas dealers at the 30 stands at the exhibition. The names of dealers will be placed on the Philatelic Society of Canberra and APF web sites when they are confirmed.

COMMITTEE

The Committee currently comprises:

Chairman	Darryl Fuller
Vice-Chairman	Ian McMahon
Secretary	Lisa Slade
Treasurer	John Vassalo
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