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THE LATEST FLUTTERINGS

Our quarterly meeting was held Thursday, 8 April 1999, 7:00 p.m. at Ted Kaye's residence. Present were Ted and Mason Kaye, Donald Klett, John Hood, Michael Hale and Harry Oswald. Ted displayed a portion of his flag book library and his flag collection of the many countries and states he has visited. Mason read the paper he is going to present at the 18th International Congress of Vexillology. ICV 18 will be held in Victoria, BC, 28 July - 2 August 1999. Anyone who wants any additional information on ICV 18, please contact Harry at 234-2961. Mike brought several copies of a new DK flag book that replaces and updates Ultimate Pocket Flags of the World. It appears to be the most up to date flag book. There are canton, provincial and some state flags of many countries that, to my knowledge, have not been shown in one book before. Elmer's Flag and Banner, on NE Broadway and 14th Ave., sells the book. Harry displayed new flags for the prefectures of Nagasaki and Tokyo. Both flags were a different design than that shown in Whitney Smith's book, Flags. The flags were produced by Tanaka Flag in Osaka, Japan. They will be flown in Victoria. Also shown was the flag of Nunavut, the new Canadian Inuit Territory. All those present said they are going to attend ICV 18.

All our many thanks to Debbie Kaye for the delicious refreshments.

For those of you who don't know or have forgotten, our group is composed of local members of the North American Vexillological Association. We have no connection with or support from NAVA. We have no formal structure, officers, rules or dues. Our common interest is in the collection, display, and research of flags. There are now thirteen members of NAVA from the Portland area. In addition, three people have contacted John Hood and shown interest in attending our meetings: Marshall Goldberg, Stewart Cameron and Dan Patterson. It is not necessary to be a member of NAVA to attend the meetings. Anyone with more than a casual interest in flags is urged to join.

If anyone has any questions about flags, flag books, NAVA, ICV 18 or FIAV (the French acronym for the International Federation of Vexillological Associations), give me a call. I have some extra copies of Whitney Smith's article on the origins of NAVA, if anyone is interested.

Question of the day: What is the difference between vexillology and vexillophilia?

Answer: The first is the scientific study and/or research of flags; the second is the love of, or special interest in flags.

Hoping to see some new faces at Don's,
Harry Oswald 234-2961, Keeper of the List
John Hood 238-7666, Newsletter Editor



NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., 8 July 1999, at Don Klett's house: 704 NE 106th Place in Portland. It is just a short distance North of Glisan. Please put the date on your calendar. Don has an extensive collection of 4" x 6" flags. Hope to see you all there, especially those of you that most of us have not met. Come and meet new people, develop friendships, and discuss different aspects of vexillophilia. Bring something flag related to display and discuss or questions to ask. We are always looking for volunteers to host future meetings, but don't let that keep you away.

Proposed agenda for next meeting: Better group name, discussion of the Victoria trip. Bring your ideas.

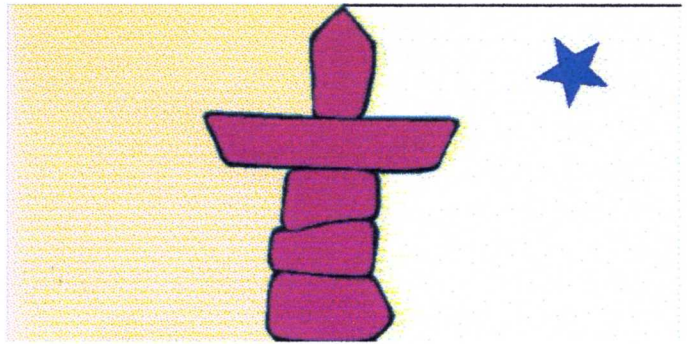
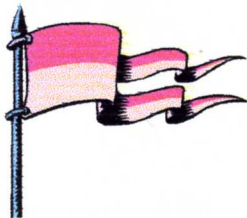




For the amazement of the people who have recently discovered our vexillological organization, in October 1994, the annual NAVA conference was held here in Portland. (The year before it was in Portland, Maine!) Each year there is a contest to design a flag for the occasion and ours is shown above. It was designed by Don Healy, a long time member and past president of NAVA. The symbolism is quite apparent in that it is a direct adaptation of the NAVA flag, with the red changed to green to exemplify the Northwest and the beaver (from Oregon's flag) to further identify Oregon. Harry Oswald was the host of the conference and certainly must have some horror stories he could relate!



This year the annual NAVA conference will be in Victoria, BC at the end of July, and this is the flag that has been adopted. The conference will be a little different this time because it will coincide with the International Congress of Vexillology which is held every two years. The ICV draws people from all over the world and many lectures, seminars and displays will be held. Harry has been to several ICV's so ask him what they are like.



Here is the flag of the newest, recognized territory that I know of. It is for Nunavut, in Canada, established April 1, 1999. It was created out of the eastern part of The Northwest Territories. The object in the middle is an Inuksuk which is a pile of flat rocks formed in the shape of a human used landmark on the tundra where there are no trees. Quite often it sits on two stacks of rocks for legs to more simulate the human shape and possibly control the caribou.



Here are some flag related web sites:

North American Vexillological Association
<http://www.nava.org>

Flag Institute (Great Britain)
<http://www.flaginst.demon.co.uk>

Canadian Flag Association (CFA)
<http://pages.infinit.net/avosco/acv-cfa>

Southern African Vexillological Association (SAVA)
<http://www.netads.co.za/sava/>

Flag Society of Australia
<http://www.ozramp.net.au/~triplux/flagmain.htm>

Vexillolinks
<http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/8987/>

Flags of the World (FOTW)
<http://fotw.digibel.be/flags/index.html>

Name That Flag
<http://www.futcher.com/nameflag>

Elmer's Flag & Banner
<http://www.elmersflag.com>