

## The Canadian GBT Postage Stamp

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Shortly after the GBT became fully operational, my sister Sally, living at the time in Thornhill, Ontario, told me that the Canada Postal Service offered a program in which they would print a sheet of Canadian postal stamps using a design submitted by an individual. The design had to be approved, and the cost would be that of a standard sheet of stamps plus a modest production fee. I thought that it would be neat to have an image of the GBT on a stamp, even if not US postage, so I submitted a request including two images of the GBT and the payment. In due course I received an envelope containing a sheet of GBT stamps and the two images which I had sent.

These are legitimate stamps and can be used on normal mail. To demonstrate this, I mailed letters to several people associated with the GBT Project (such as Paul Vanden Bout and Bob Hall). I mailed them from a little post office near my sister's house where the postmistress postmarked the envelopes by hand so the cancellation marks would not spoil the image. Because it was international mail I needed to use two stamps on each letter.

When my letter arrived, my wife Carol had the inspired idea to take the envelope and the two images to a studio and have them framed. The framed picture is now kept at the Green Bank Observatory.