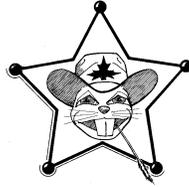


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NOV 16 MEETING IN ARLINGTON

Charlers Duer will host the next PB meeting in Arlington. The location is given below with a map to the site.

From either I35 W or I35E, get on I-30 headed toward Arlington. Exit at Cooper Street and head south (turn right if exiting from the West, right hand lane – exit to right onto Lamer if from Dallas, then turn left at first light onto Cooper and over I 30. One block at the signal light turn right onto Road to Six Flags West (street) and head west. There is a Texaco on the right, just past it is the Arlington Medical Plaza, 801 Road

to Six Flags West. Park at the southwest corner and enter there-Suite 105. See map next page Let Charles know if you are coming at cduer@comcast.net or George Dresser. Charles can be reached at 817-261-7473 at home, at his office 817-274-6537 on our meeting day or cell # 817-233-2335.

BNPEX 03 IN LONDON, ONT. A SUCCESS

The 2003 BNAPS Convention and meeting Sept. 24-26 in London ONT was a fine show. Attendance exceeded 200 with over 200 exhibit frames. PB attendees included Clint and Judy Phillips, George Dresser, and Vic and Carol Willson. George attended as Board member, while Vic served as Head of Jury for the frame competition. Several tours were positively reviewed by attendees, including a cooking tour in which the tour members, predominantly spouses of BNAPSers, formed up in three teams that cooked a three course dinner as a competition. Other tours included a walking/bus tour of the city of London and a museum tour. All registrants were bused to a winery for dinner on Thursday night.

Of interest to PBers was the election of Hank Narbonne, owner of Greenwood stamps and a PB visitor over the years, to the Order of the Beaver. Elizabeth II collector John Arn was also elected. The grand award winner for the third straight year was Warren Wilkinson with his BC pre-Confederation postal history. John Walsh took the Reserve for Newfie Royal Family stamps and covers. (*cont. on p. 3*)

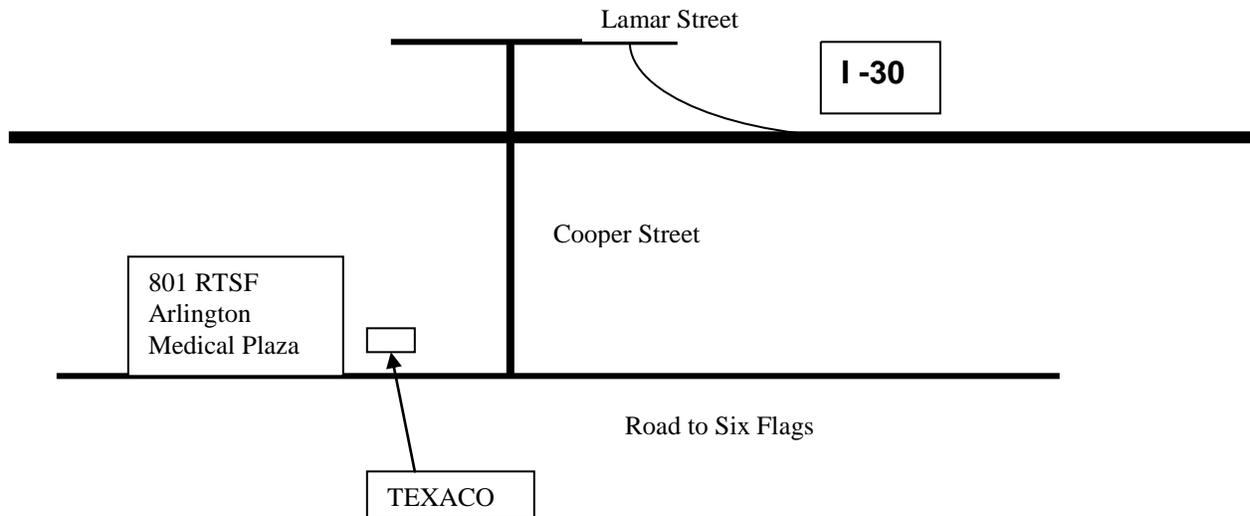
Below: Clint and Judy Phillips enjoy the Awards banquet in London, Ont., Sept. 26. Clint sports his OTB medal. The OTB members inducted new members Hank Narbonne and John Arn at the banquet.



**PRAIRIE BEAVER MEETING, NOV. 16, 2003
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

8:45 - 9:00	Coffee, donuts, informal
9:00 - 9:15	Introductions
9:15 - 9:30	Book reviews- the new BNAPS books etc.
9:30 - 9:45	Internet reviews (new sites, auctions
9:45 - 10:15	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
10:15 - 10:45	Presentation: Charles Duer: Royal Train
10:45 - 11:15	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
11:15 - 12:00	Clothesline Exhibit
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch no-host at a nearby restaurant
1:30 - 2:00	Presentation: Jeff Switt- US Special Delivery
2:00 - 2:30	BNAPS issues: projects, resources, BNAPEX future
2:45 - 3:15	Presentation: Vic Willson: Tobacco Stamps: Cigars, Cigarettes, Tiparillos?
3:15 - 4:15	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
4:15 - 5:00	Round-table on Modern BNA- bring modern material to discuss
5:15	Dinner at location to be announced

Map to PB meeting site



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DISSA'N DATTA. We saw PBer **Sandy Reisenfeld** at the GHSS with his son. Sandy noted he is "OK" but with remaining medical problems. **Ed Christman** was also there, still looking for WWII military material and finding some items. **Martin Shelton** had a table with Mary Jane. He is somewhat pessimistic about the future of stamp shows, although the GHSS had a decent flow throughout the three days. Clint and Judy Phillips left Texas about Sept. 11 and toured western Ontario by car. **Vic and Carol Willson** flew to Detroit and were picked up by **Chuck Firby**, who drove them to London about 2 hours east of Detroit. **Ann Firby** was scheduled to attend, but their son, who is quite ill, took a turn for the worse. She remained to tend to him. It is quite possible Chuck will come down to an upcoming meeting and bring some of his retail stock. PB presenter **John Burnett** and wife **Arline** attended London, and John announced a June 1, 2004, retirement date. They are planning to move to Whitby Island, Washington. It has a short ferry ride to the Bellingham area and on to Vancouver for John's philatelic delectation. John grew up in British Columbia; that was detailed in one of the first BNA PortraitS I edited. Another PB presenter, **Bill Robinson**, was scheduled to judge with me and Bill Pawluk, but had some trouble with medications and was temporarily hospitalized until it was resolved. John Keenlyside stepped in as a judge substitute and did a fine job.



Hamilton JUN 11. 1902 to Brantford. same day receiver

Shortpaid Special Delivery letter. Likely, confusion over the fairly new mailing option led the sender to assume the 10c stamp paid for all services. It should have also had a 2c stamp paying the forward letter rate from Hamilton to Brantford, thus rated 4c double deficiency shortpaid. A very scarce single usage of the first SD stamp. The only other way it can be shown is on a letter sent by a member of the Parliament in Ottawa or a minister, all of whom had franking privileges. I am aware of one such example with E1. Unfortunately it is not in my collection but in Kimber Wald's. His collection is probably superior to G H Davis's in scope and quality.

At right is an extremely rare Special Delivery postcard to the US in the Queen Victoria period (or at least pre-Edward postal material availability). The other ones I am aware of are to the same commercial address, in Wald's and Pawluk's collections. While it needs a bit of repair, it is one of perhaps ten items pre-Edward with US special delivery stamps paying the fee in the US.

