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DEC 15 MEETING IN COLLEGE STATION

We will meet at the St. Mary's Catholic Center, Church Avenue, College Station, Texas 77840, meeting wing on the second floor, probably Room 207, but it should be easy to find. Map p.2

TEXPEX 2013 RESURRECTION

After a year's absence TEXPEX will once again be held in Dallas at the DFW Lakes Hilton just north of the DFW airport with dates set for the next five years. **TEXPEX 2013 will be held March 1-3 2013.** The link for exhibiting is <http://www.texpex.org/TEXPEX%202013%20exhibit%20form%20and%20prospectus.pdf>

General info is at <http://www.texpex.org/>

BNAPEX 2013 in Charlottetown, PEI

The Aug. 30-Sep. 1, 2013 BNAPS annual meeting will be at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. If you have not visited the island, it is really a garden isle. Info is at <http://www.bnaps.org/bnapex2013/default.asp>

Getting there can be interesting; the easiest way is air via Toronto on daily flights via Air Canada, Westjet, or Delta. There are also daily flights from Montreal, Ottawa, and Halifax. Alternatively, fly to Halifax and rent a car, drive there in 3 hours over the bridge or use the Woods Island, PEI- Caribou, NS ferry. The fee is only one way, leaving the island, but is cheaper via the bridge. It would make a nice round trip from Halifax. Events will include a tour to Green Gables, a city tour, and a lobster dinner at Cardigan as part of the program. There will be up to 160 frames, with an 8 frame limit for multi-frames. Your editor will serve as chief of jury.

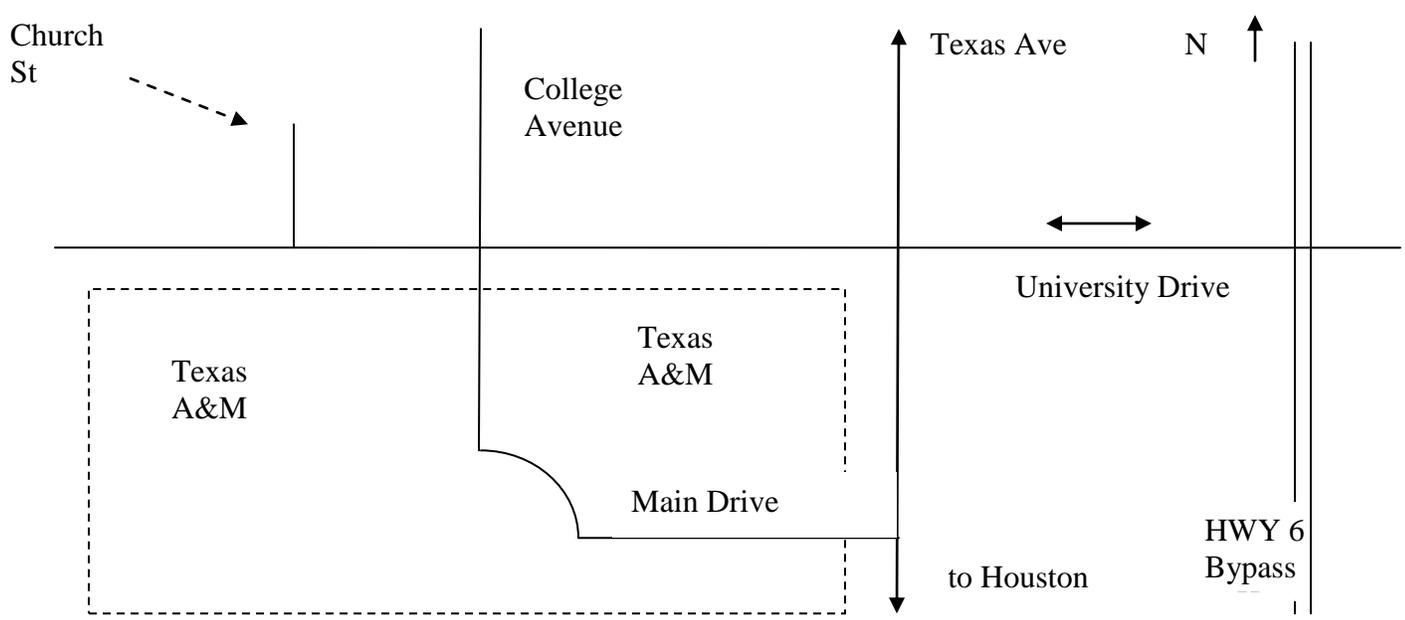
WILLSON WINS MCNAUGHT 1-FRAME AWARD AT BNAPEX 2012

Your editor received a gold and the top 1-frame award at Calgary for his 1-frame Canada Postal History to France 1859-1901. This award was endowed by the Herb McNaught family in honor of their father, an indefatigable collector and exhibitor of Canadian stamps and covers. The trophy does not travel, but has each award winner's name inscribed. A plaque is given, to be shown at our meeting. The exhibit was intended as an exemplary of the possibility for 1-frame postal history exhibits and was intended to show the basic mail rates available from the start of decimal postage through the end of Victoria's reign. It was a good fit since there is very limited pre-UPU mail available, and all basic rates known at that time were shown. As is often the case, right afterward a somewhat ratty but unique cover came up for auction with a new rate, the first pre-UPU stamp-franked registered cover. Paid with 6 3¢'s, 2 1¢'s, and 2 6¢'s paying 16¢ postage and 16¢ registration (reg. equal to postage pre-UPU), and incorrectly discussed by unknowledgeable lotterers at the Maresch auction of Oct. 25-27, lot 1842. In any case the 1-frame was intended to spark interest in putting together interesting postal history that could be shown in a frame. Some other similar possibilities are Germany 1851 (or 1859) to 1901, ditto Switzerland or Belgium. A 1-frame to Japan could be put together between 1870 and 1921 or 28, given the much less available material that would start with UPU 19th century covers. Cover is at <http://www.637363.com/scans/public/837/038959.jpg>

PRAIRIE BEAVER MEETING, June 30, 2012
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

8:45 - 9:00	Coffee, donuts, informal
9:00 - 9:15	Introductions
9:15 - 9:30	Book reviews- new BNAPS books
9:30 - 9:45	Internet review (new sites, Auctions, including Cantor etc.)
9:45 - 10:15	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
10:15 - 10:45	Presentation: <i>Centennial Issue Private Postal Stationery</i> - Denise Stotts
10:45 - 11:15	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
11:15 - 12:00	Clothesline Exhibit
12:00 - 1:15	Lunch
1:15 - 1:45	Swap. Sell, Buy, Trade
1:45 - 2:00	Business meeting
2:00 - 2:45	Presentation: <i>Cinderellas</i> - Charles Deur
2:45 - 3:30	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
3:30 - 4:00	Presentation: <i>Canada Short Paid Mail During the Edward Period</i> - George Dresser
4:00 - 5:00	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
Wrapup 5:20	Dinner at Willson's, 1200 Todd Trail, College Station

Map of College Station north side of TAMU



Canada – Argentina to 1901 (Don't cry, but there isn't much material)
Victor Willson

I recently purchased the cover below on ebay:



The back has a Buenos Aires AB (April) 5, (18)93 receiver. As I have only recorded a few UPU covers to Argentina heretofore, I thought it a good item for my 5¢ Small Queen accumulation on cover. Having long followed mails from Canada to South America, some rates I have listed to Argentina:

21 CENT PRE-UPU RATE: 15¢ + 6¢ Large Queens

25 CENT 4x UPU RATE TO ARGENTINA + 5 CENT REGISTRATION 15¢ Large Queen + 10¢ Small Queen

UPU

Buenos Aires 1882-1883 via Halifax, 5¢, 15¢ surtax rate (overpaid the 10¢ rate, apparently)

Buenos Aires 1887 onward via UK. 5¢, 10¢

Buenos Aires or other Argentina city, 5¢, 10¢, 15¢ triple rate post-1890

Other than the 5¢ UPU post-1890 rate (of which I can list perhaps 3 or 4) all the others are single cover examples. Even this is a large number compared to almost all the other countries. Only Brazil has a somewhat similar list, but a bit smaller. Most other countries are represented by at most a few 5 and 10 cent UPU rate covers. I have seen none to French or Dutch Guiana (although a post card is known to Dutch Guiana).

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