

BEAVER**CHATTER**

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MAY 25 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

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 on the jury.

TEXPEX 2013

After a year's absence TEXPEX was held in Dallas at the DFW Lakes Hilton just north of the DFW airport. The show had excellent attendance, superior exhibits, and a nice venue. We hope this can continue as it was very well done.

PBer RON STRAWSER AWARDED DISTINGUISHED PHILATELIC TEXAN AT TEXPEX

Ron was awarded the highest honor of the Texas Philatelic Society on March 2 at the TEXPEX awards banquet. He joins Jay and Denise Stotts from our group as a member of this honored group.

CANADIAN PHILATELIC NEWS:

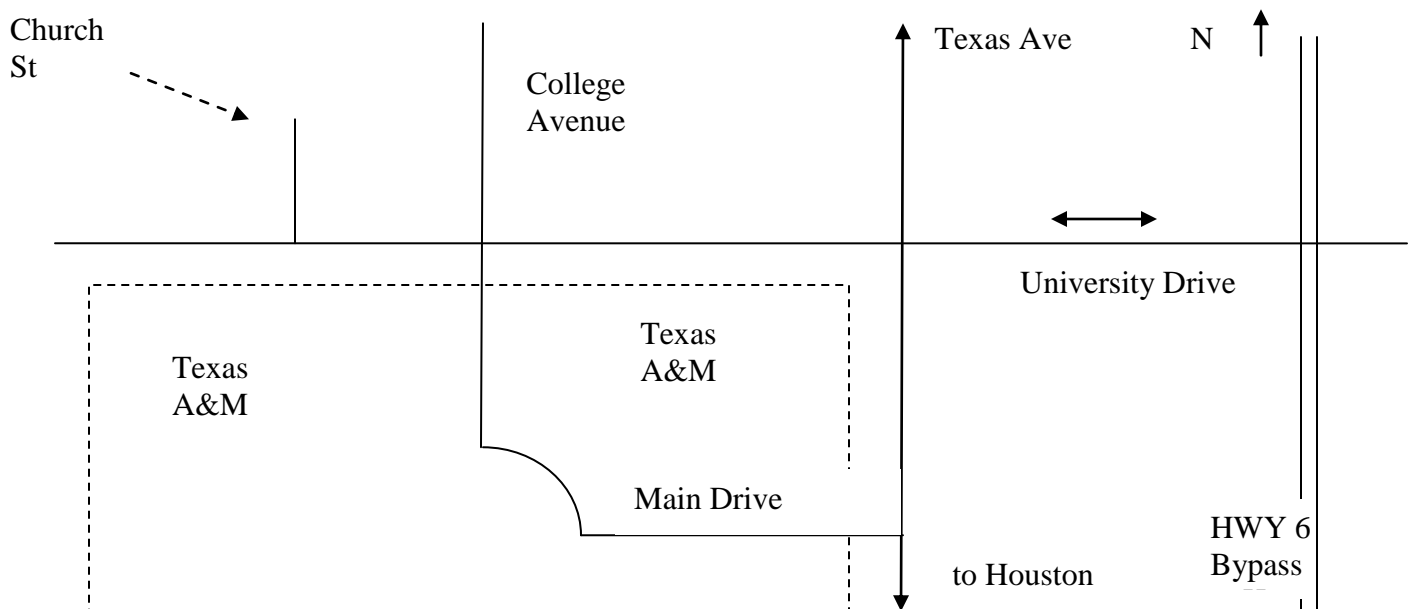
- Ron Brigham plans to begin selling his international large gold exhibits and collections through his own auction venue, Brigham Auctions, beginning perhaps Fall 2013. Ones we have seen include Pence, Decimal, Large Queen, Small Queen, and Edward stamps and covers
- Vic Willson's nonletter mail exhibit will be sold through Eastern Auctions in October
- The ORAPEX show in Ottawa, one of Canada's four WSP shows, was the focus for some of the best current classic material of Canada collectors, who met at Guillaume Vadeboncouer's apartment downtown Saturday night. Fabulous material was available for inspection, although the focus was mostly Large and Small Queen material. What is particularly heartening is that most of these collectors are in their 30s-50s, which bodes well for the future of serious Canadian collecting.

PRAIRIE BEAVER MEETING, December 15, 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>Texas Express Mails</i> - Larry Ballantyne
10:45 - 11:15	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
11:15 - 12:00	Clothesline Exhibit
12:00 - 1:15	Lunch
1:15 - 1:35	A Canadian Soldier's Story- John Furlong
1:35 - 1:45	Business meeting
1:45 - 2:30	Presentation: <i>US First Revenue Issue</i> - Gary Giroux
2:45 - 3:30	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
3:30 - 4:00	Presentation: Illustrated Advertising on Private Postcards of Canada- George Dresser
4:00 - 5:00	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
Wrapup 5:00	Dinner at local venue

Map of College Station north side of TAMU



A New Census of Canadian P4 Cards- Vic Willson

With the purchase of a large lot of P4 cards (only authorized card for international post cards 1879- 1889), I am able to put together both a comprehensive listing of the recorded destinations but early dates of use for most, shown below. This will be published in the Postal Stationery Notes newsletter of the Postal Stationery Study Group of BNAPS in the future, so Pbers have a one-up on the rest of the world for now.

Country year ERD

? Indicates seen but not dated

Algeria 1897 AP 7

Antigua 1895 MR 18

Argentina 1885 JY 2

AUSTRALIAN STATES

New South Wales 1884

Queensland 1892 DE 30

South Australia

Victoria 1893 OC 16

Tasmania 1894

Western Aus 1898 AP 18

Austria 1879

Bohemia

Czech 1886 AP 16

Hungary 1893 MY 28

Barbados 1887 JY 5

Belgium 1880 NO 3

Bermuda 1885 ?

Bolivia 1893 JY 4

Brazil 1883 OC 2

Br. Central African Rep. ?

Br. Guiana 1886 JY 24

Br. Honduras 1892 FE 8

British Treaty Ports in China

Canton 1896 AU 24

Chefoo 1888 JY 6

Foochow 1896 SP 9

Bulgaria 1886 MR 22

Ceylon 1893 NO 21

Chile 1893 NO 6

China 1889

Colombia 1886 JY 26

Congo Free State

Cuba 1894 DE 18

Curacao 1886 JA 18

Cyprus 1889**Country year ERD****Danish West Indies**

St Croix 1895 MR 7

St Thomas 1893 ?

Denmark 1891 JY 23

Dominican Rep 1889 JY 22

Dutch E. Indies 1882 MR 6

Egypt 1888 FE 11

Finland 1889 JY 20

France 1879

Germany 1880

Gibraltar 1889

Great Britain 1880 AP 20

Greece 1890 ?

Guatemala 1885 MR 12

Hawaii 1894

Holland/Netherlands 1881 MR 9

Honduras 1892

Hong Kong 1885 MY 1

Iceland 1898 FE 18

India 1891 FE 2

Ireland 1892 MR 16

Italy 1892 JA 23

Jamaica 1880 MR 15

Japan 1891 JY 25

Latvia 1896

Luxemburg 1882

Macao 1893

Madagascar 1894 OC 12

Malta 1892 JA 28

Mexico 1881 JU 24

Newfoundland 1880

New Zealand 1895 MY 27

Norway 1885 SP 27

Paraguay 1895 JA 15

Persia 1894 NO 19

Peru 1883 OC 17

Philippines 1893 JA 3

Portugal 1890 OC 21

Puerto Rico 1883 OC 17

Country year ERD

Romania 1881 DE 16
 Russia 1892 NO 1
 Salvador 1886 JA 6
Siam 1893 MR 16?
 South Africa 1886 AP 9
 Spain 1885 JU 2
 St. Kitts 1887 NO 13
 St. Pierre & Miquelon 1888 FE 10

Country year ERD

St. Vincent 1894 NO 8
 Straits Settlement 1887 AP 28
 Sweden 1881 OC 10
 Switzerland 1883 JU 20
 Trinidad 1882 JU 22
 Tunisia 1893 JY 25
 Turkey 1888 OC 5
 Uruguay 1887 OC 12
 Venezuela 189? MR 26
 Zanzibar 1891 MR 27

Note: countries in red not in VW collection



Only recorded P4 to San (El) Salvador, from Quebec City, Jan. 6, 1886

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