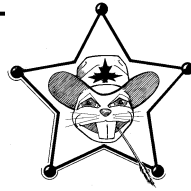


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October 20 MEETING IN COLLEGE STATION

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

DENISE STOTTS RECEIVES LUFF AWARD

Prairie Beaver member Denise Stotts received the 2018 Luff Award from the American Philatelic Society for her meritorious contributions to philately. It is awarded for one or more of three categories: distinguished philatelic research, exceptional contributions to philately (the category Denise was selected for), or outstanding service to the APS. Denise was one of three honorees this year, along with Wayne Youngblood, and John Barwis. She was honored at the 2018 Stampshow Banquet in Columbus, OH in August. Way to go, Denise!



OCTOBER 20 Meeting of Prairie Beavers

The Prairie Beavers will convene on Oct. 20 in College Station, meeting at St. Mary's Catholic Church just north of the Texas A&M campus. Details are on page 2.

BNAPEX 2018 Quebec City

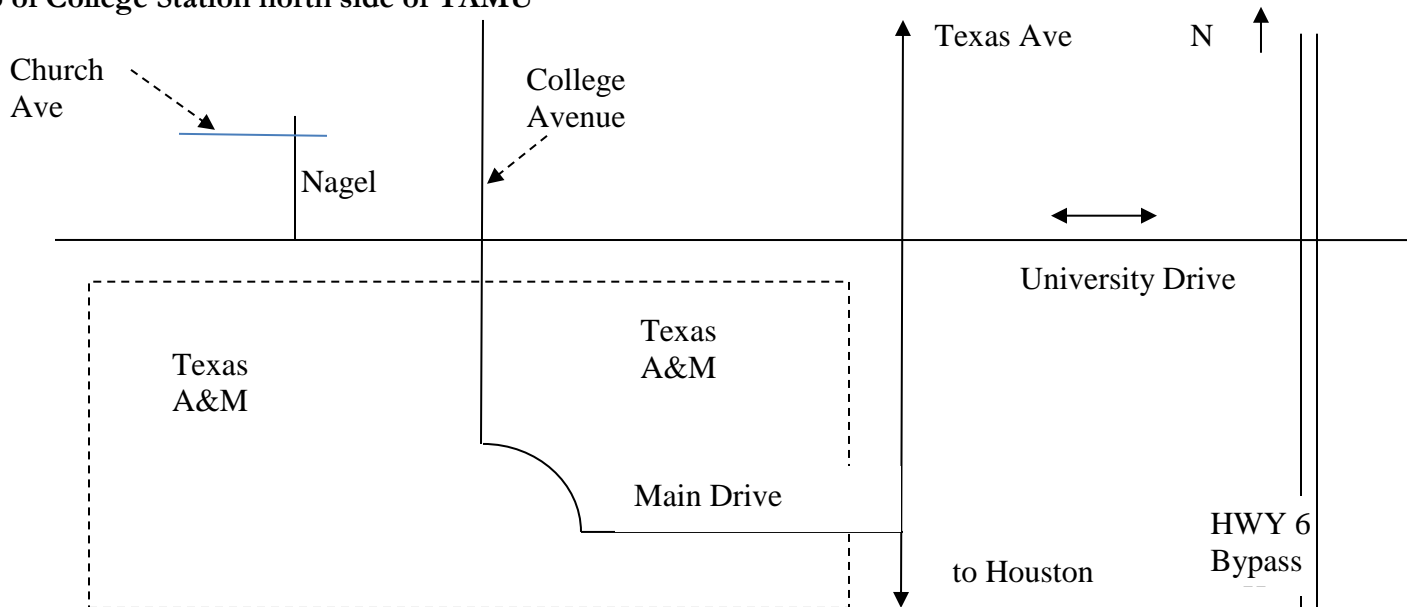
Your chairman George and editor Vic along with wives Mary-Elizabeth and Carol attended the BNAPS annual meeting and exhibition in Quebec City over the weekend of Sept. 20-23. BNAPS last met there in 1979. The Postal History Society of Quebec hosted the event. Of significance was the opportunity to see exhibits by Quebec philatelists that ordinarily are not seen at BNAPEX meetings, with some exceptional early exhibits of Quebec postal history, some beginning in the 17th century. The language barrier was not too extreme, although my few utterances were less understood there than in Paris when we were there a couple years ago.

The central city, encompassed by its western walls, is really not very large, and while very hilly, can be walked about in a few hours. Food was excellent, and a walking foodie tour one night was a lot of fun, except not so much for those less used to hoofing it up and down. A river tour on Saturday gave great views of Chateau Frontenac, the city, Levis, and Montmorency Falls- all subjects of stamps and advertising or CPR covers and cards. (*continued on p. 3*)

PRAIRIE BEAVER MEETING, October 20, 2018
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

8:45 - 9:00	Coffee, donuts, informal
9:00 - 9:15	Introductions
9:15 - 9:45	Book reviews- new BNAPS books, auctions
9:45 - 10:15	Swap, Sell, Swap
10:15 - 11:00	Presentation: Uses of the Leaf Stamps: Vic Willson
11:15 - 12:00	Clothesline Exhibit
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 1:15	Business meeting
1:15 - 2:00	Presentation: Having Fun Collecting a Modern Commemorative Stamp: Larry Ballantyne
2:00 - 2:45	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
2:45 - 3:15	Presentation: The \$8 Griz: Vic Willson
3:15 - 4:00	Canada Stamp Quiz: Ron Strawser
4:00 - 4:30	Swap, sell, buy, trade
4:30	Wrapup Leave for dinner at local venue

Map of College Station north side of TAMU



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The BNAPEX convention was very well attended. A number of Brits came over to both visit and exhibit, and the show as well supported by Quebec folks, Dealers included the usual suspects along with a few those of us not attending shows in Quebec don't normally see. BNAPS officials are hopeful that the well-attended and received show will spur Quebec philatelists to attend future shows, including Ottawa next Labor Day and Halifax the following year, since both are reasonably drivable from Quebec.

The Harrison grand award was won by Mike Powell for his Great War Internment Camps of Canada, an 8 frame comprehensive presentation of material to and from the camps. The Steinhart reserve was awarded to Gregoire Tessier for Steamboat Mail of Quebec City to 1859, which included all the rarities of Quebec steamboat cancels. My Canada Foreign Airmails received a vermeil, alas, and remained in Canada to be auctioned- no new material of significance in several years spelled its demise from my collecting. A Quebec collector had a wonderful exhibit of cross-border mail utilizing Lake Champlain, beginning in the 17th century to 1867. While written in French, its maps and diagrams were easily understood. A modern postal history exhibit by John Hill of Nova Scotia of the usages of the Art stamps of Canada (those gold bordered stamps they have produced for the last 20 years or so) did a very nice job showing domestic and foreign uses, material not that easy to find properly used. I looked at my modern Canada foreign mail collection and found five covers with Art stamps, two paying a single weight rate to Thailand and Australia (90c and 88c) and the others part of registration rates to Germany, Denmark, and India. It is extraordinarily difficult to find most modern commemoratives intended for international mail on cover from Canada, much available mail now from collectors to ebay sellers with lots of older stamps not really collectible. I do not keep them but either cut off the stamps or recycle the covers when I get them in lots or from sellers in Canada.

Multiple weight letters in the late 19th century- Vic Willson

In adding to my usages of 19th century Canadian stamps I have been on the lookout for multiweight frankings, especially foreign mail. I assumed these would be easier to find in the late 1890s than for earlier periods, which are scarce to rare and costly. I have been surprised to find that even though rates came down for many destinations, especially the British Empire, on Dec. 25, 1898, from 5¢ to 2¢ per half oz., it is difficult to locate it. The UPU double rates of the period remain expensive, and triple rates mostly cost in four figures. Shown below are some recent acquisitions in pursuit of multiple weight items



Double weight printed matter to Costa Rica (no it is not missing a 3¢ at the left, and the back flap is free for inspection) 2x1¢ Numeral, St. Lambert, Que. Dec. 7, 1899 to San Jose



5x2¢ Numeral paying double UPU ½ oz. rate to France from Glencoe, Ont. May 3, 1901 to Calais



Pair of Map stamps paying double domestic 2¢ per oz. rate post-Mar. 31, 1989, from Galt, Ont. Mar. 8, 1899, to Hamilton



Double 2¢ per ½ oz.
Commonwealth letter
rate post Dec. 25
1898 to India, from
Wolfville, NB Feb. 1?,
1901 to Madras



Double county 2¢ per
oz. plus registration
5¢ from Hawkshaw
(York Cty) NB to
Fredricton (York Cty)
Aug. 28, 1897
(yes, could be 1¢
overpayment of
single 3¢ rate, but NB
and NS continued the
old provincial county
rate throughout the
19th century contrary
to regulations, with
many examples
known)

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