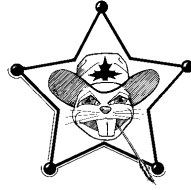


BEAVER**CHATTER**

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JUNE 27 MEETING in Houston at the Northwest Branch Library,

11355 Regency Green Dr., Cypress, TX 77429. This is a branch of the Harris County Public Library. The best way is probably for people to MapQuest, or something similar, but here are some directions: Coming from Hwy 290 from the west, get off at the Telge Rd exit and turn left onto Telge. Then turn right on Cypress-North Houston (there is a traffic light). You will travel several miles until Jones Rd. (Also a light here). Turn left. You will then turn left onto Regency Green Dr. (also a traffic light and the street does not go through on the right). The library is the first building you will see on the left. Drive around to the side and I will have a sign posted on the door. If you are coming in on 290 from the east, exit Jones Rd., go north (only way you can), and follow the previous directions. If anyone gets lost, they can call me on my cell - 281-923-1601.

ORAPEX 09 – This Ottawa show has consistently been one of the best in Canada each year. One of 4 national shows, it qualifies for reciprocity with U.S. judging regarding international showing. The grand award went to David Hobden for his “Defending the Border” exhibit of military-related mail from 1793 through 1900. It raises interesting issues as to what is philatelic, as many early pieces were messenger-sent and have no postal connection except as post mail was interrupted or terminated during conflicts. Nevertheless, the historical content is high. In regard to the material available, many of us decried the lack of good early material, even though we managed to spend a lot of money. While driving up from Philadelphia, I managed to enrich the coffers of Hammond, NY, to the tune of \$185 for speeding on a 55mph highway (thought it was 65), also held up at Canada Customs for being honest and saying I brought up some stamps to trade.



CORINPHILA JUNE 9-12 LOT 1311: This is another previously unrecorded cover appearing in Europe. Paying the 5c per half oz. rate to Italy in 1882, it is the only such franking for a post-UPU cover and the largest recorded use of the half cent Large Queen. The next largest included 5x as part of a rate. At the time of writing, I do not know if I have acquired it, but I am trying.

**PRAIRIE BEAVER MEETING, June 27, 2009
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, action)
9:45 - 10:15	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
10:15 - 10:45	Presentation: Canadian airmails via the US FAMS 1926-1939 - Vic Willson
10:45 - 11:15	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
11:15 - 12:00	Clothesline Exhibit (BNA stuff, anything else of philatelic interest)
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch
1:30 - 2:00	Business meeting and BNAPEX09
2:00 - 2:30	Presentation: Edward VII material to U.S. and possessions - George Dresser
2:30 - 3:00	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
3:00 - 3:30	Commercial U.S. FDCs- Jeff Switt
3:30 - 4:00	
4:00 - 5:00	Wrapup
5:15	Dinner at local restaurant

Here is an interesting cover I acquired at ORAPEX sent in 1872 to England paid with 4x 2¢ Large Queens (2 or 3 examples recorded). 3rd from left stamp has an unreported plate scratch below the right 2. Also, it matches another cover I have, same correspondence, sent 1 week later with 3x 2¢ that appear to right below the three here in the sheet column or from the same column of the sheet.

