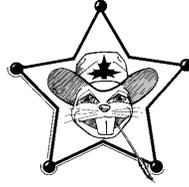


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## October 17 MEETING in College Station

at the College Station Conference Center on George Bush Drive just south of the Texas A&M Campus. Those driving up from Houston should come up Texas Ave. (Business Hwy 6) to George Bush Drive and turn left. It is past the first stop light and just before the second stop light heading west.

For those coming from Austin Hwy 21 to Hwy 47 brings you to Wellborn Road fronting campus on the west; turn south onto Wellborn (go under the railroad bridge and turn right as directed), then go to George Bush Drive and turn left at the south edge of campus. It will be just past the third light going east.

For those coming from the north utilize the Hwy 6 bypass to the University Ave. exit, head west toward campus, turn left (south) onto Texas Ave., go to the south edge of campus and turn right onto George Bush Drive. Just before the second stop light turn into the conference center.

**BNAPEX 09** – The annual BNAPS meeting was held in Kingston Ontario, which is just over the border and west of the 1000 Islands crossing in New York up I-81. The venue was adequate, and one could actually see the exhibits. The 160 frames included a fair number of 1-framers, which received from certificates to golds. A few exhibitors were outraged at silvers or vermeils for 1 frames when they expected gold, but we judges explained that excess white-space and irrelevant material caused lowered awards. 1 frames have not been common in past at BNAPS and since we do not abide by FIP but use general principles, awards vary from national shows in many cases.

The dealers had sufficient material for some of us to have to spend money, although as usual there was a dearth of good classic material. For my areas I did not find a single Admiral cover to add to my foreign destination (bought a cover to Iceland and then noticed it was too late for my period, but not expensive, fortunately. I obtained the card at left, currently the earliest date for a card to the US paying the 2¢ rate initiated July 1, 1873. I have an earlier 1¢ card treated as a letter and charged 10¢ due, the at-present earliest use of a card to the US, also. I bought the card at left privately from a collector who saw my post card exhibit last year at ORAPEX and when breaking up his own collection offered it to me. It pays to exhibit.

The BNAPS Board of Directors made some hard choices regarding the budget, given the dramatic drop in income due to lower yields on Society investments. *BNA PortraitS* has been eliminated and its content to be placed on the web, inserted with *TOPICS*, or sent as separate mailings as necessitated by US and Canada law and postal regs regarding nonprofit organizations. As editor I had mixed feelings.



Earliest recorded 2¢ post card to US after July 1, 1873, initiation of rate, dated July 11. Nice Peterboro fancy cancel

**PRAIRIE BEAVER MEETING, October 17, 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: Imperfs and Errors on Canadian Stamps by John Furlong
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 BNAPS info
2:00 - 2:30	Presentation: tba
2:30 - 3:00	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
3:00 - 3:45	Activity: Hold-em Stamp Poker
3:45 - 4:30	Virtual exhibiting: Panel discussion
4:30 - 5:00	Wrapup
5:15	Dinner at local restaurant



The cover at left illustrates the shortpaid principle in effect in the 1859-68 period. The cover is over ½ oz and under 1 oz, paid for only the 5¢ per ½ oz. prepaid. Unpaid letters could be sent at 7¢ per ½ oz., so the rating would be an additional 7¢ for this cover. It was sent from Quebec MY 30, 1867, to Kingston, receiver MY 31 on the back- Current postal services cannot match that apparently. Firby listed 12 such covers in his census, and this has to be one of the nicest. I acquired it at BNAPEX09.