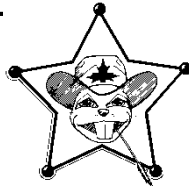


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## **April 7 MEETING IN COLLEGE STATION**

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

## **DAVE BARTLET TO ATTEND AND PRESENT AT APRIL MEETING**

David Bartlet, Vice President for Regional Groups for BNAPS, will be with our group for this coming meeting. He will make a presentation on Canada automated vending of stamps, for which he received a gold award at the 2017 BNAPEX. David has been collecting stamps since the age of 6 with a few years off during university but it has been a major activity for the last 40 years. In support of stamp collecting he has worked on the BNAPS website since 2009 and presently doing the same for his current local club in Calgary. Presently he is BNAPS VP Regional Groups and over the years he has participated in regional groups across Canada and the USA, and presently is the Calgary Regional group Chairman. Over the last few years he has worked with the organizing committee for BNAPEX 2012 and 2017 in Calgary, and has assisted with the souvenirs (stamp overprints) to raise funds for BNAPEX in 2012-14, and 2016-18. He has been exhibiting nationally across Canada for the last 11 years.

With a variety of collecting interests related primarily around booklets he has also spent time on Scouting related activities being active in the Maple Leaf Chapter of SOSSI (Scouts on Stamps) and is a SOSSI Board Director. He has worked in Camp Post Offices for two Canadian Jamborees in 2007 and 2013. At various shows over the last few years he would have been seen with his father, a dedicated Scouter who just passed away manning A SOSSI (or BNAPS) table.

Since 2003 David has worked as a Systems Analyst at WestJet Airlines in Calgary, Alberta, with his wife and two sons.

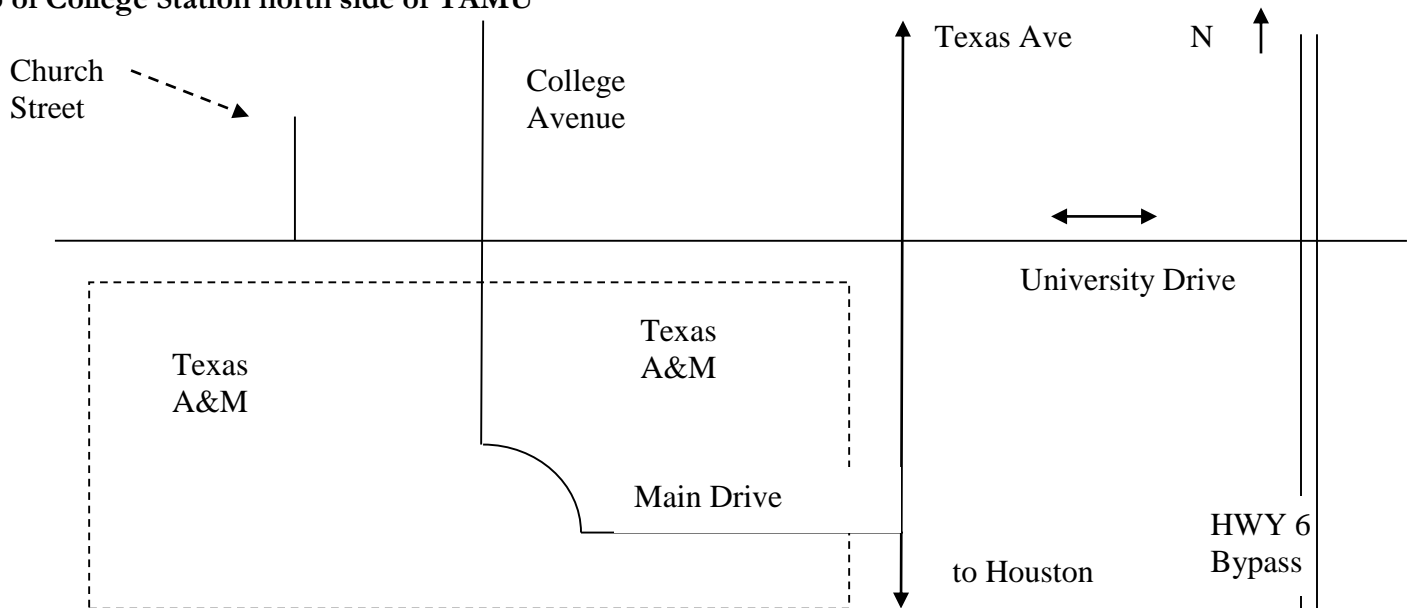


**PRAIRIE BEAVER MEETING, April 7, 2018**

**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
9:30 - 10:15	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
10:15 - 11:15	Presentation: Vended Automation of Canadian Postage: Dave Bartlet
11:15 - 12:15	Clothesline Exhibit
12:15 - 1:15	Lunch
1:15 - 1:30	Business meeting
1:30 - 2:00	Presentation: German Occupation stamps 1943-45: Allan Price
2:00 - 2:45	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
2:45 - 3:30	Presentation: Canadian airmail to Asia 1931-1941: Vic Willson
3:30 - 4:30	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade; Silent Auction (bring an item or two to benefit the treasury)
4:30 - 5:00	Wrapup
5:00	Leave for dinner at local venue

Map of College Station north side of TAMU



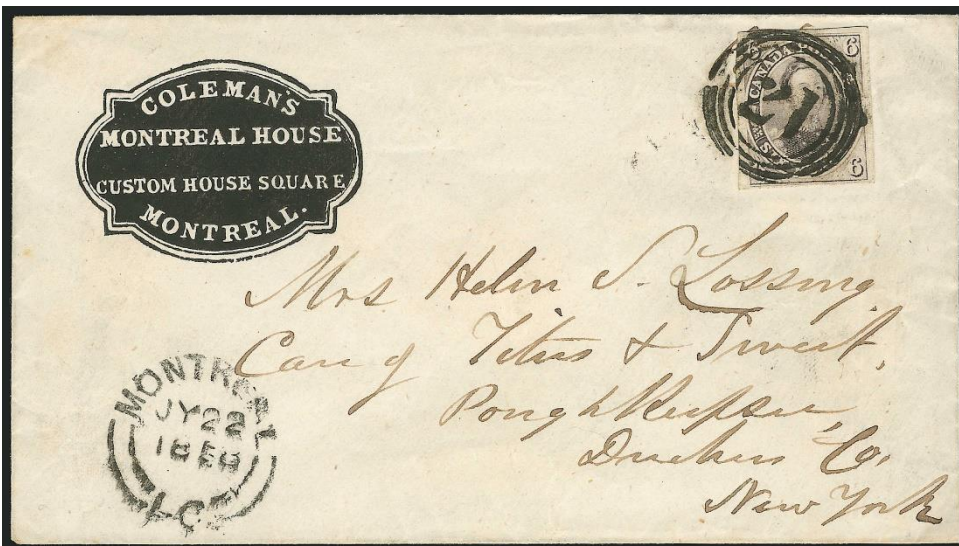
**ILLUSTRATED MAIL IN THE PENCE ERA – Vic Willson**

“Illustrations on a company’s outgoing mail were a popular form of advertising in the later part of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.” (*George Dresser, July 2015 Beaver Chatter*) Illustrations began, however, in the late 1840s on Canadian mail. Some was simple wording composed by printers on envelopes, just coming into extensive use, while a few companies paid for copper plate engravings, many of which were quite elaborate. The example below is a label that was glued over the back flap.



1858 (March 8) James Crombie, Galt Millwrights, Founders, Blacksmiths cameo label advertising (on back) of orange envelope mailed from Galt, U.C. prepaid to Havana, Cuba, showing manuscript rates "2/9stg", "3/5cy" and "charge Box 72".

Another example is shown below. There are a number of illustrated covers to the US paid with 6d stamps, many part of the Prosser correspondence. I estimate I have seen 15 or so such covers. Domestic covers are more common paid with 3d, but still scarce enough to command significant premiums. The cover below is particularly choice, paid with a Scott #10, one of the best such examples. It was sold in the Feb. 2003 Siegel sale for \$5750 plus commission, and I have not seen it for sale since.



The cover below is special. Paid with the 10d Cunard rate from New York, notation here indicating it was picked up at the stop at Halifax, it is one of about 100 such covers recorded by Firby, but from my exhaustive review of auctions over the last 60 years (plus major earlier sales I could access), it is the only illustrated cover in the Pence period going overseas, either franked or stampless. I was quite surprised when I dug into this, as I knew it was rare. I acquired it in the recent February 21 Cavendish auction in England. It had last been auctioned by Sissons in 1970, per my investigation. At this time I have not yet received it from them.



Canada to Siam- Vic Willson

The cover shown was recently acquired by me as part of my Admiral rate collection. It was registered from Montreal in 1919, paid with the plum 10¢ Admiral paying 5¢ first ½ oz. plus 5¢ registration. A bit rough, but with a Thailand officially sealed stamp is a rarity. I have only seen 3 or 4 covers to Thailand in the Admiral period, no others registered, and only have one 5¢ rate cover in my collection.





Fifth Class to the US- Vic Willson

Fifth class mail was established in 1883 as matter that could be sent at a rate of 1¢ per oz. open for inspection. This was cheaper than the 6¢ per 4 oz. parcel post rate for objects or material not mailable under 3<sup>rd</sup> class printed matter. The rate was available to the US, since Canada parcel post could be closed but the US required open for inspection. The tag below was sent to Massachusetts in 1892 with a nice receiver on the face. It paid for a 20 oz. package, probably related to the listing of weaving materials.



Triple Rate Registered in the Decimal Period- Vic Willson

Domestic registration in the 1859 – 1868 period was 2¢ per piece for letter mail. It could be paid with stamps or by cash, the latter much more common in existing material. The item below is a triple weight 1-1½ oz letter paid with three 5¢ decimal stamps from Brantford to Woodstock in 1867. This is a surprisingly scarce franking with only 2 examples recorded, and a few more paid with 5¢ 10¢ decimals. There are a couple of triple rate covers paid including the 2¢ decimal to pay the registration. I also have a unique single 17¢ decimal paying the rate paid with stamp.



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