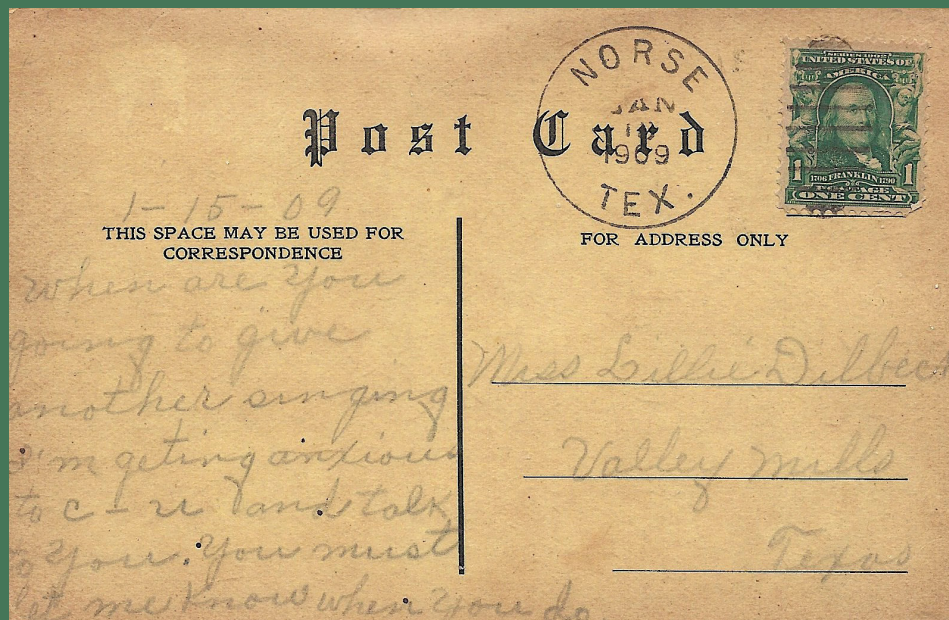


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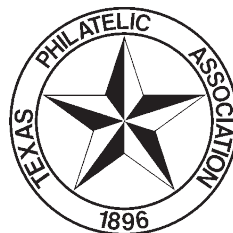
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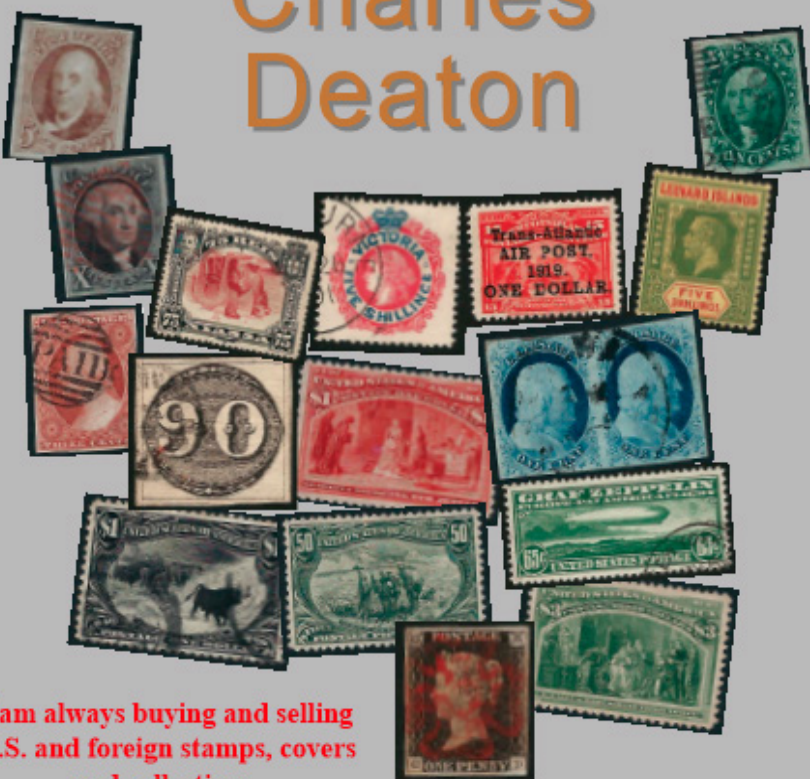


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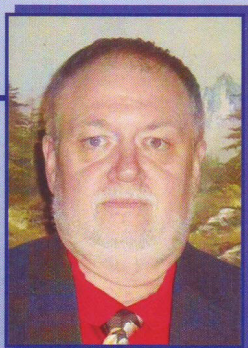
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## President's Message

Jonathan Topper

### Mid-Cities Stamp Show

The Mid-Cities Stamp Show was held over the weekend of November 11-12 at the Grapevine Convention Center. It was another successful show, with attendance picking up now that the COVID restrictions are gone. The dealer bourse was excellent and the many volunteers really made the show go smoothly again this year. The show included their annual Beginning Collectors Table, Giant Mixture Pick, Chance Board and the Silent Auction. The 60 exhibit frames were full and were reviewed by 3 APS accredited judges. Put this on your calendar for next year in November!

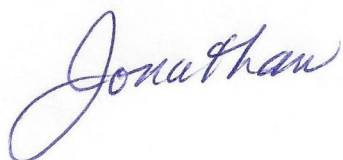
### Change in the Board of Directors

**Anne Benner Moxley** has decided to take a hiatus from stamp collecting and to pursue other interests. Therefore, she has resigned from our Board of Directors. I wish Anne well in all her new pursuits. She has volunteered for many years at the local Dallas area stamp clubs, and at the old TEXPEX Show. My earliest memories of meeting Anne were at the registration table at TEXPEX, when my wife and I, and our two children [ages 3 and 4] were signing into the show. My children are now out of college and on their own, so my best estimate is about 27 years ago! Anne: Good luck in all your new endeavors!

With Anne's resignation, there was a search for someone to serve the remainder of her term on our Board of Directors. Fortunately, a man known to many of you, **Ralph Spencer Poore** raised his hand. In accordance with our by-laws, the five remaining directors voted (unanimously and heartily) to elect Raph to the Board to serve out the remainder of Anne's term. Welcome, and thank you, Ralph for your willingness to serve. Take a look at page 29 for a little introduction to Ralph.

### Our New Website

We continue to work with the American Philatelic Society in populating and getting our new website on-line. Our plans are to have everything up and running by the time the next TPA *Journal* comes out. It should be an easy to use website, with all of the pertinent information available to TPA members. ★



## Editor's Notes

Robert Conley

Greetings! This November issue of your *Journal* is a touch late into your letter boxes – probably even too late for Christmas. The reason for that is simple – your editor waited and waited and waited and waited for someone other than **John Germann** to provide us with even a one-pager on anything. If not for John's lovely long article on some intrepid Nordic folk immigrating (legally) to Texas, we'd all *still* be waiting for this issue.

Your editor is partly to blame for the lack of articles – he's spent almost every day of the last 12 months working on the 444-page, full color, fully-illustrated, 11th Edition of the *New Mexico Territorial Postmark Catalog* – and simultaneously relocating from Maine to Michigan, all while battling "long covid" which will not desist – so writing has largely (but not entirely!) taken a back seat. It would be interesting to learn of some others' excuses...

Anyway, it is good to see **Vince King** back in the saddle, and he brings us a big "Seen at Auction," starting on page 20. That item is straddled by wrap ups of the Greater Houston Stamp Show, and the Mid-Cities Stamp Club EXPO, both of which look to have been huge successes. Congratulations to those volunteer organizers...perhaps you could head up to Phoenix and lend the beleaguered folk at ARIPEX a hand?

As always this time of year, **Greg Cain** has a big "Membership Report," thanks to the many wonderful and generous donors in our Association. He also provides us with the usual "Chapters in Action."

**Anne Benner Moxley**, as you've just read, has gone off to greener pastures after many years on the Texas philatelic scene. Your editor thanks her for her service to the TPA and wishes her well for the future. Your editor also welcomes a volunteer to complete Anne's term as a director, **Ralph Spencer Poore**. It is refreshing to see someone offering to help with such little hesitation. Ralph is already well known to many members but he gives us a little glimpse of his experience and club affiliations on page 29.

Wrapping things up, a reminder that your editor has nothing in his cupboard to print for February – not even from Mr. Germann!

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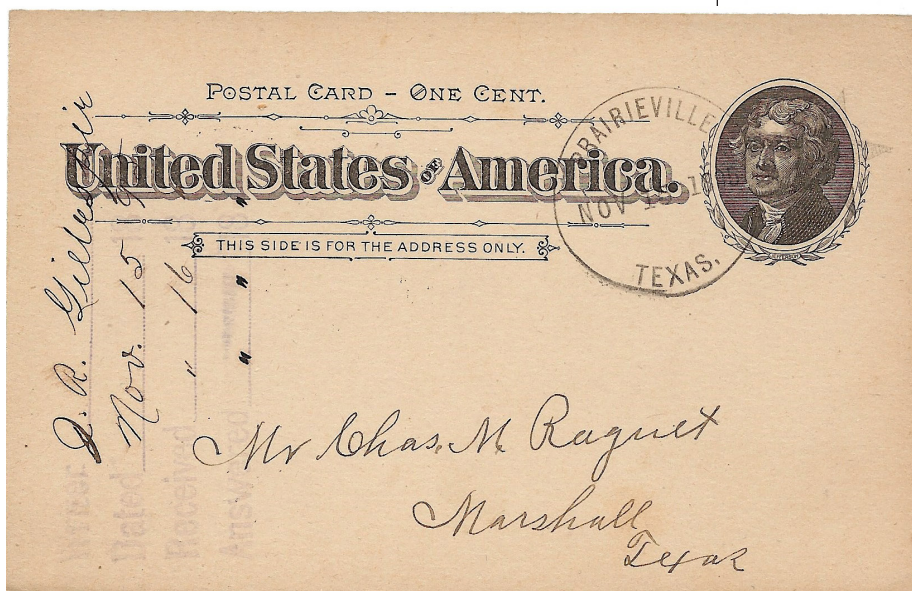
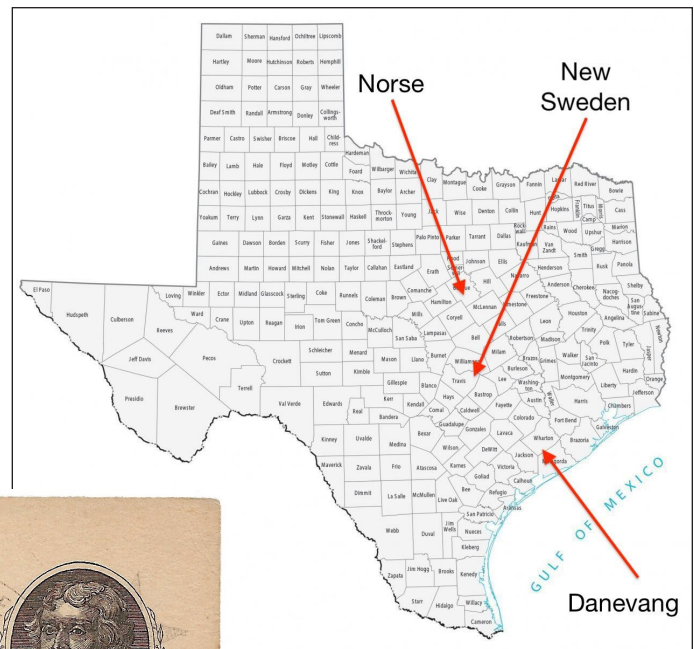
# "VIKING TEXANS" – SCANDINAVIAN IMMIGRATION TO TEXAS

By John Germann

Leif Ericson and his Vikings never made it to Texas, but his countrymen rectified that in the last half of the 19th century. They came in goodly numbers from Denmark, Norway, and Sweden and settled on available lands throughout the state. Some came individually, but many came in groups of colonizers, with the help of Lutheran churches or of charitable societies created to help the needy in their respective countries. These institutions provided help to get to Texas, or help to be able to stay there, or both. The families were largely farm families, fresh from northern Europe or from already established communities in the North or Midwest part of the United States.

To successfully wrestle with the challenges posed by Texas' alien climate and environment, the immigrants established communities to work together. They also quickly created churches to pray together and schools to learn together. Regardless of where they came from their traditional crops did not grow well in Texas, so they adapted and turned to those that did, particularly cotton. They were quite literate, so the communities quickly procured a post office, and often the names of those post offices reflected nostalgia for their homeland. That was certainly true for **Norse**, **New Sweden**, and **Danevang**.

The first to arrive *en masse* were the Norwegians. In 1845 Johan Reiersen brought a group to settle near Brownsboro in Henderson County; sentimentally, they called their new hamlet "Normandy." Some then moved to Brownsboro on the railroad, while others branched off to Four Mile Prairie in Kaufman County; there the native Norwegian storeowner Andrew H. Irbeck established the Prairieville Post Office in 1854.



An 1895 Prairieville non-standard postmark on UX12.



But the prevalence of malaria in the area caused the settlers to look for “greener pastures” elsewhere. Meanwhile what was to be the largest influx of Norwegians was in the works with the support of the aging Cleng Peerson, the famed Norwegian colonizer who had already established communities in seven different states. Norwegians from East Texas and the Dallas area, from the northern states, and from the home country began now to flock to Peerson’s land holdings in Bosque County, helping to swell the numbers of Norwegian-born Texans to 1,784 by the year 1910. Some settled near Clifton (which today boasts of being “The Norwegian Capital of Texas”) and Cranfill’s Gap. At the same time a pocket of almost exclusively Norwegian settlers developed in the southwestern part of the county, where post offices sprang up at Norman Hill (1859-1879), Norway Hills (1879-1890) and, ultimately the most successful, Norse (1880-1929).



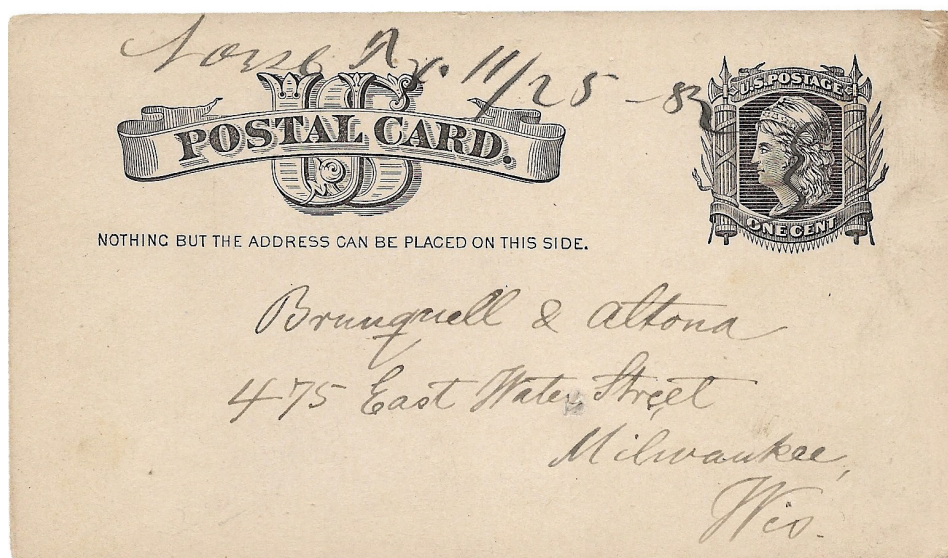
*The Norwegian Cemetery at Brownsboro.*

More than a decade later Norwegian colonists settled nine miles north of Beeville, in Bee County. The community and its post office (established by Andrew Peterson in 1894) came to be called Normanna – Norwegian for “Far North” or, to the locals, “Home of the Norsemen.” Despite several fires the community has survived to the present, with a population of 125 or so today. A little later another attempted Norwegian settlement had very little luck. Anders Mordt, a Norwegian native and land company owner, platted the community of Oslo in extreme northwestern Hansford County, in the Texas Panhandle near the Oklahoma state line. The first Norwegian settlers arrived from the Midwestern states in 1909. But the town was not to be. The anticipated railroad never came to the site, then a famine struck in 1913; even the copper bell ordered for the church went down with the *Titanic*. The colony never managed to procure a post office. Yet some of the families stayed in the area and in 1949 built a new church. Bad luck struck yet again when it burned to the ground on the eve of its dedication; the plucky settlers erected another Oslo Lutheran Church, which still graces the Panhandle landscape.

## NORSE

The Norse Post Office owed its start to the Norwegian-born Ole Knutsen Laugen/Lougen.<sup>1</sup> He had applied for the name “Norway” but the Post Office Department preferred the adjectival reference to his homeland. Born in Hov, north of Oslo, in 1840, Ole came to the US at the age of just 19, leaving his parents behind. He settled in Illinois and almost immediately became a Civil War soldier, joining an Illinois infantry regiment. Afterwards he moved to Minnesota, a stronghold of Scandinavian settlement, and then on to Bosque County, Texas. Although

1. The postmaster’s exact surname is quite elusive. On many documents, including the postal records, it is Laugen. The gravestone is inscribed Lougen. The Texas state historical plaque for Norse truly mangles it – to “Lomjen.” Even Laugen/Lougen himself provides little help; when he signed the application for the Norse post office he Americanized his last name to “Logan”!



*Early (1882) Norse manuscript postmark on UX5.*



A 4-bar Norse postmark on a 1917 cover to Bloomington, Texas.



The Norse Post Office – Early Twentieth Century.



The first postmaster's gravestone.



Ole served as postmaster for only eleven months, he made the community his permanent residence, dying and being laid to rest there in 1909. His post office, which remained in the hands of Norwegian families throughout its existence, well outlived him, continuing on until 1929. Today the community's structures and bustle are gone, but its distinctive church and cemetery continue to remind a visitor of the pride of being a Norwegian-American.



*A cemetery monument to Cleng Pearson at Norse, Texas.*



*Our Savior's Lutheran Church and Cemetery at Norse.*



*A cemetery monument to the pioneer Norwegians in Bosque County – Norse, Texas.*



Swedish emigrants began arriving in Texas in consequential numbers in 1848, only a few years after the Norwegians. And they kept coming, ultimately becoming the most numerous of the Scandinavians in Texas. In 1910 there were 4,703 native Swedes documented in the state. The move to Texas started with a dedicated colonizer, in this instance Swante (Swen) Magnus Swenson. He brought twenty-five Swedish colonists to his plantation in Fort Bend County southwest of Houston; from there the growing number of Swedes moved on to the first of Swenson's many cattle and sheep ranches in the state, this being the one east of Austin.

Eventually several Swedish communities blossomed there, including Kimbro, Lund, Manda, and New Sweden. Some of those colonists in turn strayed a short distance north to join other settlers at Hutto in Williamson County. Others headed much farther north – to Swenson's massive ranch lands on the north central Texas plains. Here they founded the community of Swedonia in Fisher County, and contributed importantly to the growth of Stamford (Jones County) in its fledgling days. There were other settlements too, like East Sweden near Brady in McCulloch County, although they never produced post offices.

The Swedes were very adaptive. They were farmers by inclination and/or experience, and that certainly served many of them well. Others, and certainly those who ventured to the Texas plains, often found themselves doing ranch work, and doing it quite well. Many Swedes also settled comfortably in and close by Texas cities. These urban Swedes created two institutions of higher education in the state – Trinity Lutheran College in Round Rock and Texas Wesleyan College in Austin. The former merged into Texas Lutheran University in Seguin. The latter sold its assets to the University of Texas and used some of the proceeds to provide college scholarships to Texas students of Swedish parentage.

### NEW SWEDEN



*A New Sweden postmark on an 1899 cover from the Secretary of the Order of the Sons of Hermann Lodge in Manor, Texas.*

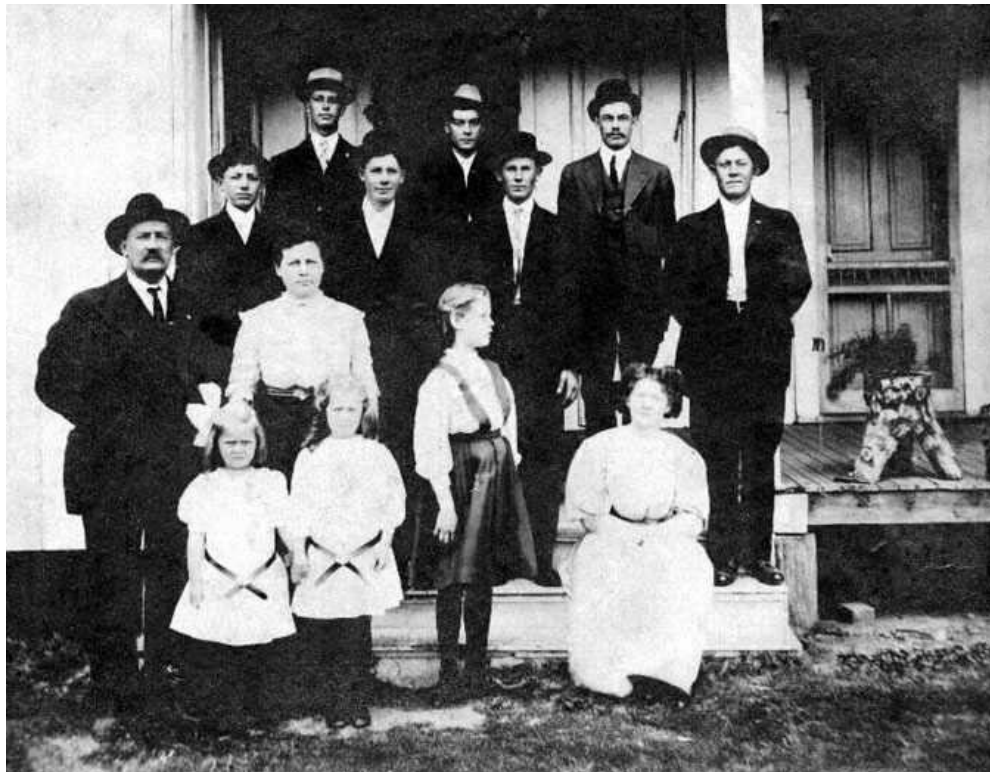
Four Swedish communities in far northeast Travis County secured post offices. New Sweden, originally known as "Knight's Ranch," was the first of the four to acquire an office, in 1887, and that office had the longest tenure - fifteen years. Its founding postmaster was a native Swede, Axel O. Sjöholm (Seaholm). He was born in 1861 in Bosarp, a little over twenty miles north of Malmö in western Sweden. He arrived in the USA and Texas at the age of 22. Like most of his fellow townsmen he was a farmer and, undoubtedly, like most of them he quickly turned to growing something never produced in Sweden – cotton. In fact, the little community had acquired a cotton gin five years before the post office came into being. Axel was a Freemason and he took the lead in establishing a local school. He abandoned his postmastership in less than six months. Then, in 1896, he moved to a new home near Eagle Lake in Colorado County to give rice farming a try. He never returned. He stayed there until he passed away in 1933 and he is buried in the Eagle Lake Masonic Cemetery.



Meanwhile New Sweden and two of the other three neighboring hamlets had long since lost their post offices – all in 1902. The fourth, Lund, managed to stay alive only four more years. But New Sweden's families remain, as do its church, school house, and cemetery – all in testimony to the achievements of the original Swedish pioneers.



*The New Sweden Store – possibly the home of the Post Office in earlier days. Note the spelling as "New Sweeden." During the post office's first six years of operation this was the spelling used by the Post Office Department as well.*



*New Sweden's founding postmaster, Axel Sjöholm (far L) and family*





*The gravestone for the first postmaster and his wife, Eagle Lake Masonic Cemetery.*



*The New Sweden schoolhouse, built in 1916.*



*The New Sweden Evangelical Lutheran Church, built in 1922.*



Last on the scene were the Danes. They were also the smallest group of the three Scandinavian immigrant groups, numbering 1,287 foreign-born in 1920. A small group arrived in the late 1860s, settling at Liberty ("Little Denmark") northwest of Lexington in Lee County. The peak years of Danish immigration, however, were the decade of 1885-1895, thanks in large part to the scarcity of land/employment/opportunity at home in those years. Some who left joined the Swedes at Hutto in the 1880s while others settled down near Stonewall in Gillespie County a little later. The biggest push, however, came in 1894.

This push had a lot of benevolent assistance. The Danish Folk Society of America, established in the Midwestern states, had as its mission the preservation of Danish culture, language, and religion. It purchased 25,000 acres of Texas ranch land for Danish settlement. Additionally, the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church provided funds to support the forging of a community there. As a result, in 1893 ninety-three families, from northern and Midwestern states and from Denmark itself, migrated to a rather remote site in the southeast corner of Wharton County, southwest of Houston. There, for \$9/acre, they purchased land formerly belonging to the Texas Land & Cattle Company. This was the beginning of the first full-fledged and the largest Danish community in Texas – Danevang ("Danish Field").

The farmers at Danevang found the combination of soil and climate unsuitable for their traditional grain crops, so they quickly turned to farming cotton; the first gin appeared in 1897. Many others turned to raising cattle. They were quite isolated and they struggled. Several destructive hurricanes added to their woes. Some left for California but those who stayed made it work and the community survives to this day. For good reason it proudly refers to itself as the "Danish Capital of Texas."

### DANEVANG



*A Danevang 4-bar postmark on a 1956 Cover.*

The post office arrived in Danevang in 1895, a year after the first settlers. Its founding postmaster, Herman Peter Hermansen, was a native Dane, born in 1846 at Gredsted, about seven miles due north of Ribe in west central Denmark. He arrived in the US in 1881 at the age of 35. He farmed in Nebraska and apparently dabbled with one of his sons in Wyoming gold mining investments before joining the trek of the Danevang pioneers. At Danevang he continued farming, but he took his postmaster duties quite seriously, identifying that as his occupation in several consecutive censuses. In fact, he was a life-long postmaster, serving his town in that capacity for thirty-three years until his death in 1928. He is buried in the Danevang cemetery, along with his wife, Johanne, and four of their seven children.





The Danevang community's monument to their pioneers.



The First Postmaster Herman Peter Hermansen (center, with beard).



Herman & Johanne Hermansen's gravestone, Danevang Lutheran Church Cemetery.



The Danevang Lutheran Church Cemetery is replete with surnames ending in "sen" – Larsen, Rasmussen, Christensen, Petersen, etc. This massive rock is the most unusual cemetery monument I have ever seen. It honors Alvin Jensen, a "major player" in the growth of the Danevang community.





*The Danevang Post Office, 1978.*



*The Danevang Post Office, 2020.*

The United States is a "nation of immigrants." And Texas always has been and continues to be a state of immigrants. The Scandinavians who made their way to Texas, whether it be from northern states or the upper Great Plains, and especially those who came straight from the frosty climes of Northern Europe, sought mightily to find a new home and create a better life for themselves in an alien environment. They did, and they stayed. In so doing they have added significantly to the welfare of the state's "melting pot." Their descendants here, all native-born Texans now, can proudly say "Nicely done!" or, perhaps more to the point, "Bra gjort!" or "Snyggt gjort!" or "Godt gjort!" if their ancestry happens to be Norwegian or Swedish or Danish.





*Danevang's Ansgar Lutheran Church and congregation, c.1908.*



*Danevang farmers shipping cottonseed at a railroad depot.*





*Two Danish women hoeing cotton at Danevang.*

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# GHSS 2022 – Another Great Success

Jay Stotts

The Greater Houston Stamp Show experienced a very successful weekend at the Humble Civic Center on September 16 - 18. A wonderful group of Houston Philatelic Society volunteers contributed time from Thursday afternoon through Sunday late afternoon for the set-up, show support and tear-down. Our volunteers are the heart and-soul of a successful show, so thanks to all those who participated.

We hosted 29 stamp and cover dealers from across the country which constituted one of the strongest shopping opportunities in the southcentral U.S. Former HPS member **Bryant Korn** returned from Florida and won the GHSS 2022 Grand Award in the competition with an exhibit titled *Liberia's Postal Stationery of 1881-1920*. **Marvin Gorley** won the coveted Yellow Single-Frame competition. The list of award winners is shown below, along with a shot of **Ron Strawser's** exhibit, and the busy bourse. The chief judge was **Patrick Walters**, and former Houston resident **Bill Fort** and **Mark Banchik** of California also served as judges. **Denise Stotts** (former GHSS Show Chairperson for more than 20 years served as 2022 Co-Chair with Ron Strawser for this year's show. The two will continue as co-chairs for GHSS 2023.

**Grand Award** - Bryant Korn - *Liberia's Postal Stationery of 1881-1920*. Also Gold Medal and United Postal Stationery Marcus White Award for best postal stationery exhibit.

**Reserve Grand Award** - Dr. Tommy Sim - *The Philippine Revolution 1898-1901*. Also Gold Medal.

**Single Frame Grand Award** - Marvin Gorley - *U.S. Special Delivery Yellow & Green Envelope and Label Design*. Also Single Frame Gold Medal and Best Single Frame Yellow Exhibit.

**Single Frame Reserve Grand Award** - Elizabeth Hisey - *An Overnight Stay in Yellowstone National Park 1920s*. Also Single Frame Gold Medal.

**Brad Horton Award**, best exhibit by a Houston philatelic Society member - Ronald Strawser - *The Postal Stationery of British Zanzibar 1895-1964*. Also Gold Medal and Texas Philatelic Association President's Award for best exhibit by a TPA member.

**American Philatelic Society Award** - Kamel Kafati - *First issues of Honduras 1865-1889*. Also Gold Medal.

**Most Imaginative Single Frame Yellow Exhibit** - Jay Stotts - *Classifying Big Yellow Earthmoving Machinery by ISO Standard 6165*. Also Single Frame Gold Medal and American Topical Association Single Frame Award.

**American Air Mail Society Award**, best air mail exhibit - Mauricio Mejia - *First and Special Flights from and to Honduras*. Also Vermeil Medal.

**United States Stamp Society President's Award**, best exhibit of U.S. material - William Drummond - *Commercial Flights of Pan American World Airways Over Foreign Air Mail Route 14 1935-1941*. Also Vermeil Medal.

**Texas Stamp Dealers' Association Most Popular Exhibit** - John Beall - *The Story of the Panama Railroad and Canal - Two Countries United by Blood and History*. Also Vermeil Medal and American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Novice Award.

**American Topical Association Multi-Frame Award** - Karen Cartier - *The Real Ugly Duckling - Hans Christian Andersen*. Also Silver Medal.

**Women Exhibitors Sterling Achievement Award** - Jay Stotts - *Steven M. Brainerd, Cachet Maker*. Also Silver Medal.

**American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Silver Award of Honor Pin** - Tiberio - *The Dream of Flying*. Also Silver Medal.

**American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Silver Award of Honor Pin** - Michael Miklovic and Tomas Griebing - *From Fields of Gold - Sunflowers*. Also Single Frame Silver Medal.

## **Additional Multi-Frame Award Winners:**

**Gold Medal:** Robert Hisey - *The 1d Ship Stamp of South Africa*.

**Silver Medal:** Ray E. Cartier - *Mars 1 Soviet Stamp Club Rubber Stamp Cachets*

## **Additional Single Frame Award Winners:**

**Vermeil Medal:** Denise Stotts - *A Trip Down the Yellow Brick Road*.

**Silver Medal:** Tomas Griebing - *The Tour de France and the Yellow Jersey*.

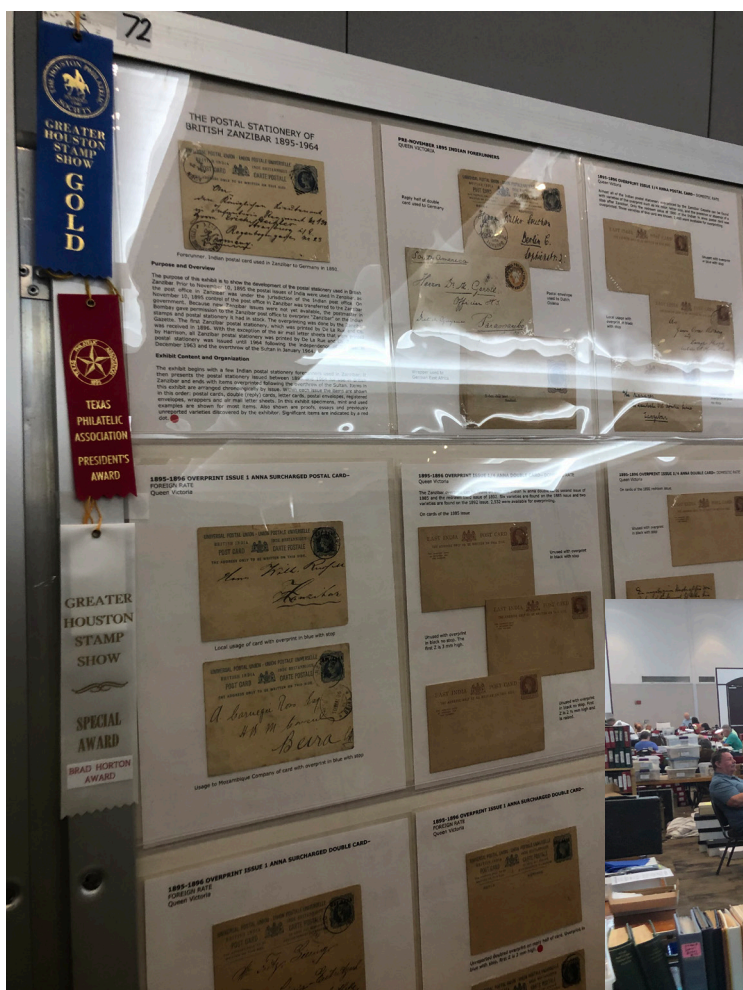
Ray E. Cartier - *Comic Strips: They All Started With the Yellow Kid*.

Steve Stewart - *Yellow Fever: A Thematic History of the Virus 1824-2019*.

**Bronze Medal:** William Drummond - *Is that Your National Geographic Subscription Invoice*.

**Non-Competitive Exhibit:** Allen Klein - *U.S. Frigate Constitution at Texas Ports*





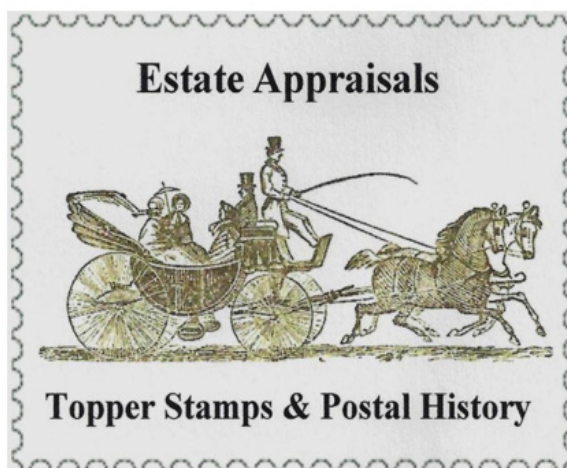
A group of our Beginners' Booth volunteers offered a series of teaching seminars on the Saturday on philatelic Basics and Beyond. This will be expanded for GHSS 2023 as the show continues to add more focus on one of our charter goals, educating the public and new collectors about philately. ★

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## Seen at Auction

Vince King

### Modern Postal History and First Day Covers Highlight Sales

Hand-painted Texas-related First Day Covers continue to bring VERY strong prices. Over 40 Texas First Day Covers sold on eBay between September and November with prices ranging from \$110-\$425. These covers attracted well over 100 bids total indicating a very dynamic and active market. Additionally, modern 20th Century Texas postal history showed increased activity and in some respects is beginning to out-pace mundane 19th century items.

**#776 Texas Centennial 1936 FDC - Hand-Painted Planty #219 ACE Artist Webb #59**  
2 bids sold for \$260.55



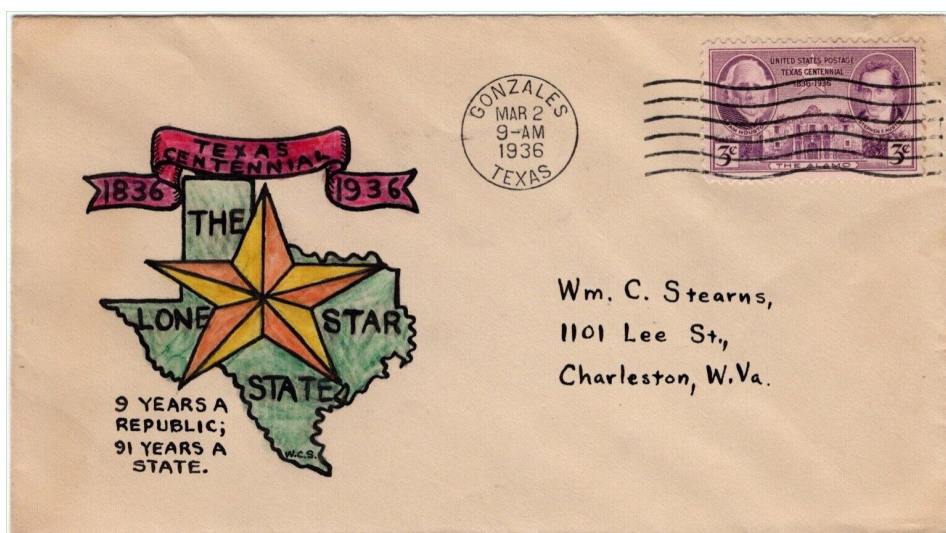
**#776 Texas Centennial 1936 FDC - Hand-Painted Cover by Artist George Harrod**  
2 bids sold for \$306.00



**#776 Texas Centennial 1936 FDC - Silliman Hand-Painted Fidelity Stamp Company** Richard Silliman was the founder/owner Fidelity Stamp Co. and produced hand-painted FDCs which were pre-cursors to his printed cachets.  
5 bids sold for \$310.55







**#776 Texas Centennial 1936 FDC**  
- William Stearns Hand-Painted  
Unlisted  
2 bids sold for \$350.00



**#776 Texas Centennial 1936 FDC**  
- Hand-drawn ACE #68 Marshall  
Hall Only 10 Produced  
5 bids sold for \$425.00

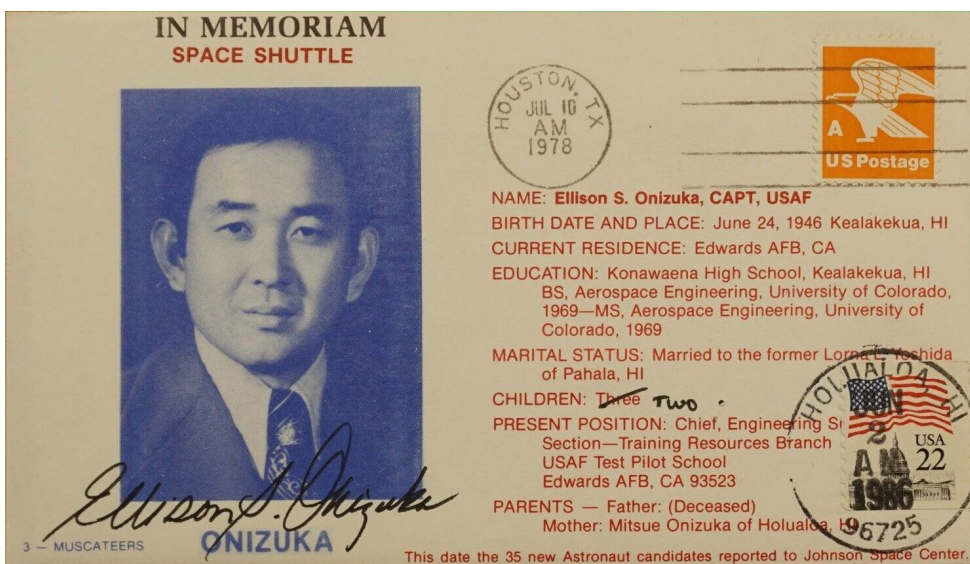


**#938 Texas First Day Cover with Burros, Kate Hayden Cachet Art**  
This unique [originally devoid of design] 1945 FDC was updated with a newly designed, signed, hand drawn pastel cachet by Kathryn Hayden which complimented the theme of its stamp.  
9 bids sold for \$37.00



**1978 Astronaut Ellison Onizuka Signed Cover originally post-marked from Houston, TX on 10 July 1978 then remailed as a Challenger Memorial Cover from Holualoa, HI on 2 June 1986.**

**27 bids sold for \$147.06**



**1942 El Paso TX Airport Dedication Postcard** What became today's El Paso International Airport was built as Standard Airport by Standard Airlines in 1929 for transcontinental air mail service. Standard Airlines became a division of American Airlines in the 1930s. In 1936 American Airlines "swapped" airports with the City of El Paso and El Paso International Airport was born. This postcard commemorates the dedication of the new Terminal at the Airport on 15 November 1942. 19 bids sold for \$22.00





## IN MEMORIAM



Astronauts Francis Scobee, Michael Smith, Ronald McNair, Ellison Onizuka, Judith Resnik, Gregory Jarvis and Christa McAuliffe.



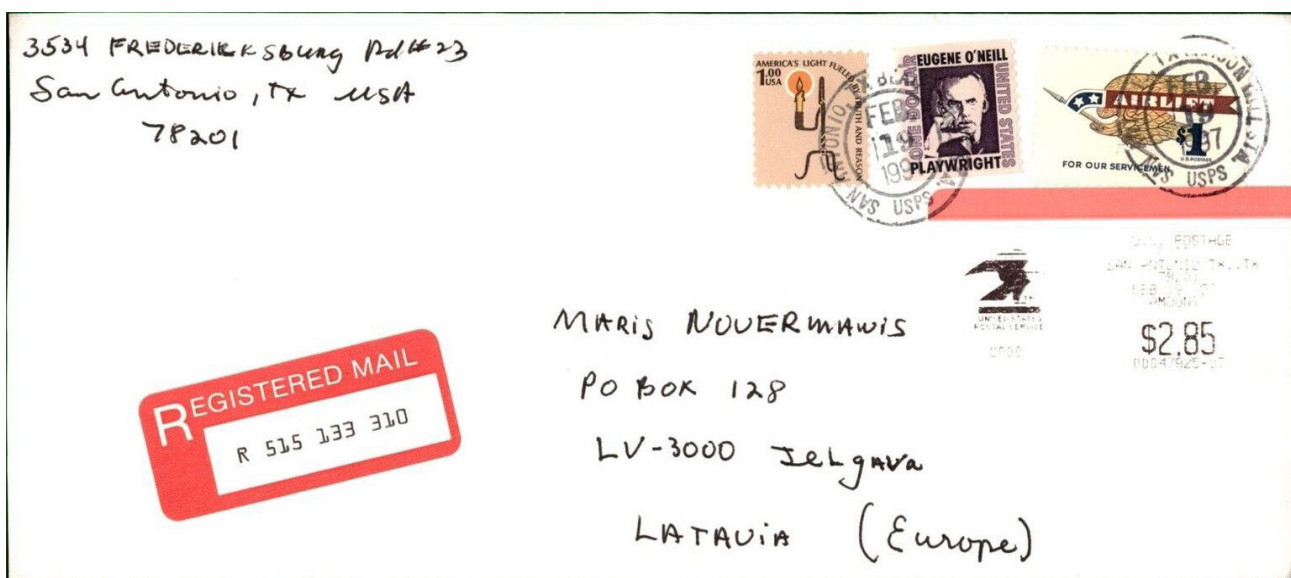
*Challenger STS-51L Crew Members Memoriam Card posted in Houston, Texas on 28 January 1986, the day of the disaster which was the first fatal accident involving an American spacecraft in flight.*

*18 bids sold for \$21.79*



*1943 Corpus Christi Texas Special Delivery Postal Card Postage Due Sheriff Returned to Sender A desirable and scarce special delivery use on a US postal card.*

*9 bids sold for \$74.01*



*1997 Texas San Antonio Registered to Jelgava, Latvia*

*Three different \$1.00 US postage stamps are used to make-up the international registration fee to Latvia.*

*23 bids sold for \$26.00*





# MID-CITIES STAMP CLUB 2022 EXPO

BY PETER ELIAS

A FEW WEEKS AGO WE FINISHED OUR 35TH ANNUAL EXPO. WITH THE HELP OF THE VARIOUS VOLUNTEERS, WE MADE IT HAPPEN AGAIN!

BY ALL ACCOUNTS, IT WAS A SUCCESSFUL SHOW WITH 298 ATTENDEES + 50 VOLUNTEERS, FOR A TOTAL OF 348 PEOPLE.

WHILE I ONLY SPOKE WITH A COUPLE OF DEALERS, THEY SEEMED TO BE HAPPY, AND ONE MENTIONED THAT IT WAS HIS BEST SHOW OF HIS ENTIRE YEAR! AFTER ALL, WITHOUT THE STAMP DEALERS UNDERWRITING THE COST OF THE SHOW VIA THEIR TABLE FEES, THERE WOULDN'T BE AN EXPO.

WE HAD ALL 60 EXHIBIT FRAMES FULL AND 3 APS-ACCREDITED JUDGES. THE ATTENDANCE AT THE AWARDS DINNER WAS A BIT LESS THIS YEAR THOUGH THAN USUAL. JOHN HOTCHNER GAVE A NICE SPEECH. THE GRAND AWARD WENT TO DR. BENEDICT TERMINI WITH HIS "PROSTITUTE REVENUE STAMPS OF ROSARIO DE SANTA FE" (SEE PICTURE BELOW).

WE HAD A FEW MINOR SNAGS WITH THE NEW SCREWS PURCHASED FOR OUR EXHIBIT FRAMES. THEY WERE DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH AND WHEN TORQUED DOWN TOO TIGHTLY, WERE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO REMOVE. THAT'S AN ISSUE TO BE ADDRESS FOR NEXT YEAR'S EXPO.

THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS ALL SEEMED TO DO WELL (BEGINNING COLLECTORS TABLE, GIANT MIXTURE PICK, CHANCE BOARD AND THE SILENT AUCTION).

AS MY OWN COLLECTING NEEDS ARE A BIT ECLECTIC, I USUALLY DON'T FIND MUCH MATERIAL WITH THE DEALERS, HOWEVER JEFF SWITT OF POSTAL HYSTERIA HAD A COUPLE OF \$1 COVER BOXES OF FOREIGN MATERIAL FROM WHICH I BOUGHT SEVERAL. THEY'LL GO INTO A PILE TO BE PERUSED LATER, AND HOPEFULLY SOME I'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO RESEARCH AND WRITE UP. I'VE BEEN SAYING THAT TO MYSELF FOR YEARS AND THE PILE JUST SEEMS TO KEEP GROWING! ★



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## Chapters in Action

Greg Cain

**Members are encouraged to report recent Chapter activities. Send an email to me at [greg.cain@comcast.net](mailto:greg.cain@comcast.net) or regular mail to 1926 Brimberry Street, Houston, TX 77018-1730. Photos are very welcome!**

**American First Day Cover Society, Fred C. Sawyer North TX Chapter 56 ([afdcscchap56.org](https://afdcscchap56.org))** – The American First Day Cover Society, also known as AFDCS, is a nonprofit organization devoted to the advancement and collecting of first day covers. When we do hold meetings, it is always held at the Wineburgh Philatelic Research Library (WPRL) at the University of Texas at Dallas. At the September 10, 2022, meeting of the Fred C. Sawyer North Texas Chapter 56 of the American First Day Cover Society. Chapter President, **D.A. Lux**, gave a presentation on “The \$1.00 Seaplane Transportation Coil.” With the assistance of **Rick Howell** of Mid-Cities Stamp Club and **Cassandra Gaulus** of the Wineburgh Philatelic Research Library, we were able to broadcast this meeting via Zoom. Included in the presentation were a short history/overview of the transportation series, a selection of First Day Covers featuring the stamp and an example of postal usage. The actual FDCs featured in the presentation were available for hands-on examination by those who were able to attend in person. For those interested, a copy of the presentation is available at the chapter's website (<https://afdcscchap56.org/Files/Seaplane.pdf>). For the October 8 meeting, the chapter attended **Don Wolman's** excellent lecture, sponsored by the Wineburgh Philatelic Research Library, “Little Windows on a Big World.” The annual fund raising auction occurred at the November 12 meeting, the online portion of the auction ended the day before. Between the two, the chapter was able to raise over \$300 to enable us to support donations to the Wineburgh Library, the Texas Philatelic Association and the AFDCS. The chapter only produced two chapter covers this year, both occurring in this quarter. The Women Cryptologists of World War II and Holiday Elves are available for purchase on the chapter website, [afdcscchap56.org](https://afdcscchap56.org). – submitted by **D.A. Lux**

**Austin Texas Stamp Club ([www.stamps.org/austin-texas-stamp-club](http://www.stamps.org/austin-texas-stamp-club))** – The club's first meeting of each month is held on the first Tuesday at the Lakewood HOA clubhouse, 7317 Lakewood Drive, Austin. The host location for the second monthly meeting is no longer available to the club. The second meeting is held via Zoom on the third Tuesday of each month. The auctions have been shifted to the first meeting of each month, although September's was cancelled due to COVID and other issues. Instead, club President, **Lisa Nicks** hosted a game night for the club. The September 20 Zoom meeting featured a presentation by **Marcus Medler** about Dead Country stamps. October's Zoom meeting on the 18th showcased an interesting philatelic aspect of WWII when **Gregg Philipson** presented on V-Mail. Please see the photo on the next page. October's issue of the club newsletter, *Stampede*, carried the news of the passing of member **Jack Solka**, a retired architect who had been an active member since joining in 2012. Also noted was a tip from club board member **Marvin Lehr** about using a 3% hydrogen peroxide solution to reverse the effects of exposure to light and air pollution and return a stamp to its original color. He offered the 4-cent Running Buffalo stamp from the 1898 Trans-Mississippi issue (Sc. 287) as a before (brown) and after (the original orange) example. Interesting! But maybe try it first on a damaged duplicate. November's *Stampede* carried the welcome news of three new members joining the club. They are **Charles Svoboda** and **Nick Crissy**, both of whom are retired, and **Scott English** who, as executive director of the American Philatelic Society, is far from retirement. Welcome! November's Zoom session on November 15 will feature a showing of an APS film on detecting counterfeit USPS Forever stamps. Editor **Boardman** points out that this is timely, given that new U.S. postage stamps continue to be offered at a discount on eBay, suggesting questionable provenance. Caveat emptor! The December issue of club newsletter *Stampede* reported the welcome news of another new member joining the club. **Lydia Hewitt**, who works for the State Comptroller's office in Austin, collects U.S. and France. Lyle, I'll bet she'd be interested in joining the TPA, as well. There was also an update by **Lisa Nicks** on British philately following the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Among the nuggets shared was the **King Charles III's** image will begin appearing on new issues as soon as existing stocks with the Queen's image are exhausted. So no more Machins, a durable profile that seems to have been around forever (but in fact only since 1967!). Without question, however, it is a classic design that does honor to the Queen's legacy. – submitted by **Lyle Boardman**.

**Collectors Club of Dallas** – The CCOD meetings are now scheduled for the 3rd or 4th Saturday of the month. However, with the uncertainty of Covid-19 and the Omicron variant, we have had no meetings recently, either in person or online. But we remain confident that we will come out of this with good spirits and fellowship and be able to meet





again sometime soon. When we do gather, presentations are welcome by any of the club members on their particular interest or field of expertise. It's an added bonus when material to pass around is included, along with new findings from stamp shows. We can always count on a great discussion. – submitted by **Anne Moxley**.

**Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society (<http://stamps.org/Dallas>)** – Meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday of each month (except December) at 7:30PM at the Edgemere Retirement Center, 8523 Thackery, Dallas, TX. Membership is open to anyone of good character interested in philately and in learning more about stamps and related collectibles. Annual dues are \$12.00. The club encourages stamp collectors at all levels and ages to be its guest at a scheduled meeting. At every meeting, members may borrow club stamp albums in order to inspect and purchase stamps they need. Albums are also auctioned to club members. The Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society is a great way to learn more about collecting, socialize with fellow collectors and provide more opportunities to acquire new material. See [dallasstamp.org](http://dallasstamp.org) for more details and info. Our formal meeting activities include: (1) presentations by members and guest speakers; (2) show-and-tell; (3) door prize drawings; (4) annual member bourse; (5) quarterly auctions of members' material; (6) club collections containing tens of thousands of mint and used foreign stamps sold individually at 20% to 25% of catalogue value; (7) quality U.S. stamps and covers available; and (8) buying, selling and trading opportunities with fellow members. The DPCPS has had a busy fall, with an auction held (November 9) and a number of presentations given. **Geoffrey Owens** presented on September 14 on "Colonial France Librè Issues" and **Rick Hosler** on October 12 on "Philippines Postal History." **Ray Cartier** of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club was scheduled to present on October 26 his award-winning "Bomber Warbirds of AF Plant #4." Owing to an unexpected mix-up, however, the talk was not given but will hopefully be rescheduled soon. The club will close the year with a December holiday dinner at the Edgemere. – submitted by **Bill Laupus**.

**Heart of Texas Stamp Club** – Club meetings presently in hiatus.

**Houston Philatelic Society ([www.houstonstampclub.org](http://www.houstonstampclub.org))** – The Houston Philatelic Society meets the first and third Monday of every month in the Drummet Room (around back) of West University United Methodist Church, 3611 University Blvd, Houston, TX 77005. The club has resumed in-person meetings at the regular first and third Monday and has decided to meet via Zoom on the last Monday of each month. The highlight for the club this fall was the annual Greater Houston Stamp Show, held September 16-18, at the Humble Civic Center. Please see the article elsewhere in this issue about the Show. On October 17, 16 members gathered to hear **Rick Barrett** present "A Canadian Christmas", which featured that wonderful 1898 Canadian issue (Sc. 85) showing the world in Mercator projection with members of the British Empire highlighted in red. Widely regarded as the first Christmas stamp ("Xmas 1898" is printed below the map), this issue appeared in a number of varieties, which Rick shared with us. (At the November 7 meeting, Rick updated the story by showing an advertising cover he'd found from **I.J. Schults**, the gentleman who had produced the Xmas Cinderella stamp for the 1901 Buffalo exposition. Please see p. A-3, Appendix A, of Rick's book *Buffalo Cinderellas*



– *The Gentleman, The Huckster, and the Pan American Exposition*). On October 24, we enjoyed a return Zoom visit from **Charles DiComo, PhD**, who shared the story of the T. Kensett & Co. food packing company of Baltimore, MD, and the U.S. private die proprietary canned fruit stamp of 1867. Please see the photo below. A fascinating story that weaves together strands of commerce, local history and philately, you can see for yourself this little beauty in the *Scott Specialized Catalogue*, as Sc. RP1a. As Dr. Charlie tells it, this stamp “has been one of the more popular U.S. Private Die Proprietary Revenue stamps due to its design, the limited quantity issued (528,000) and its narrow use over a two month period in early 1867 before the tax on meats, shell-fish, fruits and vegetables was repealed on March 1, 1867.” After residing in a collection overseas for more than a century, Charlie acquired and brought home the finest example of the stamp among the few that are known to exist. It is a little gem. An active philatelic researcher, writer and exhibitor, Charlie also serves as president of the Philatelic Society of Lancaster [PA] County, on whose website his presentation should be posted soon for everyone to enjoy. The census for this stamp currently stands at 41 but Charlie encourages everyone to check their own collections and, if one is discovered, to please share this with him. A special auction was held at the November 21 meeting of the collection of the late **Jerry Klingbeil**, a beloved member of the club who, we discovered, collected just about everything. Bidders were most generous and snagged some really interesting material. **Jay Stotts** also shared that the new publication, *The United States Fourth Bureau Issue – 1922-1938*, edited by **Gary Griffith** (Part 1) and Jay (Part 2), recently won a gold medal in the philatelic literature competition at Chicagopex 2022. Congratulations! The club will close out the year with its annual potluck holiday dinner on December 5.



The October-December 2022 issue of the club newsletter, *The Perforator* (Jay Stotts, ed.), focused on the GHSS and exhibit winners. The complete list of winners is printed elsewhere in this issue but mention must be made of the Grand Award winner, **Bryant Korn**, member of the Houston Philatelic Society, for his exhibit, *Liberia's Postal Stationery of 1881-1920*, which also won a gold medal and the United Postal Stationery Marcus White Award for best postal stationery exhibit. Club member **Ron Strawser's** exhibit, *The Postal Stationery of British Zanzibar 1895-1964*, won the award for the best exhibit by a member of the Texas Philatelic Association. The single-frame color competition (yellow) was won by Jay Stotts with his exhibit, *Classifying Big Yellow Earthmoving Machinery by ISO Standard 6165*. The color pink was selected for next year's color competition at the show's banquet on Saturday night, so begin thinking about flamingos, Pepto Bismol, pink elephants and whatever else pink catches your fancy for next year's show. — submitted by **Greg Cain**.

**Longview Stamp Club** – the club meets from 7:00 to 8:00PM, the second Tuesday of every other month, starting with January, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 906 Padon Street, Longview, TX 75601. Club contact is **Keith Parris** (parrisrk@gmail.com; 972-989-7992 [cell]) and he suggests that anyone planning to attend a club meeting contact him first. — submitted by **Keith Parris**.



**Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center (JSC) Stamp Club** – Meetings are held at 144 Park Avenue (Blue Building) in League City on the second and fourth Monday of each month, except for December. Meetings nominally start at 7:00PM but many members come early. The first meeting of the month will normally include some sort of program plus a silent auction and the second meeting of the month will include a regular auction. Pursuant to those guidelines, the club held a vigorous auction on September 26, with 14 members and one guest present. Fourteen members also attended the auction held at the October 24 meeting. Bill Malloy presented at the November 14 meeting on the history and stamps of the Mozambique Company. The club closed the year with its annual holiday gathering (desserts only) on December 12. In a mid-November e-mail, Club secretary **Adriana Babiak-Vazquez** shared several items with members, including conversation with **Nora DeGeorge** of the membership department of the American Philatelic Society. Although the club fell short of the requirement of one-third of the members belonging to the APS in order to qualify for free APS club membership, Nora, in a true gesture of “philatelic friendship”, extended membership to the club as well as a discount price for those who want to either reinstate or initiate APS membership. (If you like stamps, it’s a great community to be a part of.) – submitted by **Bob Osman**.

**Mid-Cities Stamp Club ([www.mid-citiesstampclub.com](http://www.mid-citiesstampclub.com)) - Euless Branch** – This branch of the club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM at the Central Station Marketing offices, 12750 S. Pipeline Road, Ste. 1C, Euless. Eleven members gathered on September 21, and nine on October 19, where the substantive discussion at both branch meetings mainly focused on the November 11 and 12 EXPO club show, while the November 16 meeting (with eight members present) was dedicated to a recap of the show. However, meeting host **Evan Islam** announced he was discontinuing his office space where the meetings have been held, so the search is on for a new venue. – submitted by **Skip Ely**.

**Mid-Cities Stamp Club - Lake Granbury Branch** – This branch of the club meets at 7PM on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except December) at the Bentwater Activities Center, 1800 W. Emerald Bend Court, Granbury. On September 27, twelve members and three guests met for an auction. Of the 114 lots offered (which were detailed in the Mid-Cities’ October issue of club newsletter *Stamping Around* [**Peter Elias**, ed.]), 87 sold, bringing \$502 to the sellers. The October 25 meeting began early with the annual club picnic, with host **David Stockbridge** welcoming members and guests. The evening’s discussion centered around the following month’s annual EXPO show. **Gary McNamee’s** “Where in the World?” took the gathering to Haiti and the evening’s program, brought by **Jim Myers** explored Bhutan, its history and its novel philatelic issues.. – submitted by **Eugene Atkinson**.

**Mid-Cities Stamp Club - Arlington Branch** – This branch of the club meets at 7PM on the first Wednesday of each month at the Bob Duncan Center, 2800 S. Center Street, Arlington. Arlington’s Fall meetings (September 7 and October 5) were largely dedicated to updates and preparation for EXPO, with about 20 members attending each session. October’s meeting also included the branch’s semi-annual auction, with 32 lots sold out of 56 offered, for \$131.25 in receipts. Among the announcements shared at the Arlington November 2 meeting was the date of this year’s holiday party (December 7), along with some traditional ground rules regarding the gift exchange and suggestions for food to be brought. What a nice time of the year, isn’t it? – submitted by **Skip Ely**.

In the December issue of the club’s award-winning newsletter, *Stamping Around*, **Rich Hildebrandt** wrote his final letter as club president, after four years of service. He thanked everyone in a leadership position for their time and dedication to the task, especially given that COVID threw us all a monkey wrench. The gavel will pass to **Ken Aldridge**, who assumes his duties as club president on January 1.

**The San Antonio Philatelic Association <http://www.sastamps.org/>** - SAPA meets every Friday evening at 7:30PM at MacArthur Park Lutheran Church, 2903 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, in building #1 (facing the road). On September 23, member **Rick Cross** shared a stamp management system that he likes in a presentation titled, “Stamp Management Tutorial.” As further detailed and illustrated in the November-December 2022 issue of club newsletter *The Philatex*, the program is from Liberty Street software and, although highly versatile and powerful, it might be a bit of a learning curve for newcomers. Other recent club meetings have included show and tell, auctions, and buying, selling and trading among those present (“Bourse & Bags”). The September-October issue of *The Philatex* carried a message from new club president **Chip Sweeney**, that included news of four new members recently joining – **Mark Brill**, **John Brock**, **Jose Rivera** and **Michael Voglesang**. Congratulations! Perhaps they would consider TPA membership! The club ended the year with a bang, holding its annual Blue Chip auction on December 2 and the holiday dinner on December 9.



The SAPA-affiliated San Antonio and South Texas Postcard Club meets at 7 PM on the third Monday of each month at the Dwyer Center of the San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society, 903 Melissa Drive in San Antonio. Interested persons can contact Nancy Mabie. The club will “go topical” at its November 21 meeting, where the topic will be – turkey! Attendees are invited to bring their best postcard illustrating this theme. – submitted by **Lea Senghaas** and **Dora Roberts**.

**Prairie Beavers Regional Group** – This regional group of the British North America Philatelic Society, Ltd., (BNAPS) usually meets twice each year (March and October) in College Station, TX, at St. Mary’s Catholic Center, 603 Church Avenue. All who are interested in the stamps and/or postal history of British North America are welcome and invited to attend. – **George Dresser** is the club contact; details available from **Greg Cain**. – submitted by **George Dresser**.

**South Plains Stamp Club –South Plains Stamp Club** – in Lubbock, TX meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM. Meetings are held at the Garden and Arts Center, 4215 University Avenue, Lubbock. As far as we know, we are the Philatelic Club for the Texas Panhandle. Meetings are informal and small, but full of conversation on stamps and philately as well as members sharing collections from time to time. We are always glad to see new faces! Contact: **Keith Young** on (806) 441-5809. – **Barbara (“Babs”) Noah**.

**Texas Precancel Club** – (from its *Texas Precancels* newsletter of July 2022) – The club maintains a Facebook page. – submitted by **Greg Cain**. ★

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## A Brief Introduction to Our New Director, Ralph Spencer Poore

While a young lad, I collected stamps. Like many, I drifted away until later in my life, when my father (“Woody” Poore) reintroduced me to postal history and to postcard collecting. While I specialize in postal history on postcards, my curiosity and life-long love of learning has me casting a wide net, some of which can be seen in the list of organisations I belong to:

- American Philatelic Society (APS)
- British North American Philatelic Society (BNAPS)
- Texas Philatelic Association (TPA) [Life Member]
- Texas Postal History Society
- Mobile Post Office Society (MPOS)
- Military Postal History Society
- Postmark Collectors Club (PMCC)
- The Perfins Club
- The Christmas Seal and Charity Stamp Society

And the following chapter/club organizations:

- Mid-Cities Stamp Club (MCSC)
- General Chairman, MCSC Expo
- Member of BOD
- Dallas Metroplex Postcard Club
- BNAPS Prairie Beavers Chapter

I appreciate the opportunity to serve.





## Membership Report

Greg Cain

### MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

#### New Members

5214 Thompson, Russell – Grand Prairie, TX  
5215 Meadors, Onwarin – Glendale, CA

#### Resigned

5104 Scruggs, Wesley

#### Deceased

L-149 Dunnigan, David

#### Sponsor

4655 Bagley, Madison  
4005 Boardman, Lyle  
4848 Cervantes, Ruben C.  
4331 Dougherty, Jim  
4890 Dunnigan, David R.  
4069 Eggleston, Craig  
5027 Elrod, Henry  
4347 Groth, Fred  
5194 Laster, Richard  
4691 McDermott, Robert L.  
5166 Noah, Barbara  
4914 Ogburn, MD, Jim R.  
4849 Olver, John R.  
5159 Parker, John M., MD  
4499 Petitto, Joe S.  
4905 Price, MD, Allan E.  
5125 Ramsey, John R.  
4498 Stotts, Denise  
4291 Stotts, Jay  
4271 Topper, Jonathan

#### Patron

3774 Collura, Frank J.  
5028 Baker, Roy  
5021 Barnes, Larry D.  
5036 Barnes, Sandra L.  
3902 Beisser, Stephen M.  
4565 Bohannon, Melvin  
5084 Broussard, David N.  
4993 Cain, Gregory L.  
4275 Cowper, Ann M.  
5126 Crain, James P.  
5099 Ekenstam, Fred  
4804 Ely, Gifford  
4194 Evans, Tom

5010 Germann, John  
5109 Grote, Naomi A.  
4561 Harding, Kurt  
5056 Leonard, Robert  
4409 Moss, Douglas  
4407 Neville, Richard F.  
5211 Okhuysen, Pablo  
4803 Paetzold, Gary  
5204 Potter, James  
5100 Prokop, Michael  
4942 Sixta, James E.  
4438 Solomon, Mark J.  
4702 Valdez, Jr., Fred  
5163 Walston, Gary H.  
4364 Willig, David  
3693 Witthoeft, Paul M.

#### Sustaining

4809 Aljoe, Ron R.  
4470 Arceneaux, Linton L.  
4090 Belvin, Herbie  
5206 Cahill, Robert  
4002 Collyer, David C.  
5018 Jefferson, Charles  
5169 Kaufmann, Patricia  
5022 Laughlin, Jerry N.  
4837 Swann, David S.  
5046 Tompsett, David E.  
3610 Wegner, Thomas

#### Publication Fund - Gold

5201 Arndt, Jon  
4005 Boardman, Lyle  
4848 Cervantes, Ruben C.  
L-099 Fitzsimmons, Gerald L.  
5123 Matthews, James Evan  
4499 Petitto, Joe S.  
3996 Strauss, Bill  
4733 Thompson, Robert G.  
4271 Topper, Jonathan

#### Publication Fund - Vermeil

4655 Bagley, Madison  
4890 Dunnigan, David R.  
3765 Dworkin, PhD, Anthony  
5027 Elrod, Henry  
5010 Germann, John  
4968 Law, Leonard G.



5166 Noah, Barbara  
 4914 Ogburn, MD, Jim R.  
 4849 Olver, John R.  
 5159 Parker, John M., MD  
 5125 Ramsey, John R.  
 4741 Wieting, Amy E.

#### Publication Fund - Silver

4740 Arnold, Robert  
 5021 Barnes, Larry D.  
 4565 Bohannon, Melvin  
 4194 Evans, Tom  
 4561 Harding, Kurt  
 2936 JSC Stamp Club,  
 4739 Kincy, Ray  
 4645 Myers, James  
 4803 Paetzold, Gary  
 5204 Potter, James  
 4438 Solomon, Mark J.  
 L-157 Strawser, Ron  
 4905 Price, MD, Allan E.  
 4515 Sutton, Eugene E.  
 4702 Valdez, Jr., Fred  
 4364 Willig, David

#### Publication Fund - Silver-Bronze

4809 Aljoe, Ron R.  
 5036 Barnes, Sandra L.  
 3902 Beisser, Stephen M.  
 4090 Belvin, Herbie  
 4895 Bradford, Gary  
 5084 Broussard, David N.  
 5035 Byerly, Lois  
 5206 Cahill, Robert  
 4993 Cain, Gregory L.  
 5212 Collins, Robert  
 4002 Collyer, David C.  
 4275 Cowper, Ann M.  
 5126 Crain, James P.  
 5099 Ekenstam, Fred  
 4804 Ely, Gifford  
 4181 Gilmore, Robert  
 5109 Grote, Naomi A.  
 5056 Leonard, Robert  
 4691 McDermott, Robert L.  
 4409 Moss, Douglas  
 4407 Neville, Richard F.  
 5100 Prokop, Michael  
 4389 Sellers, Dianna M.  
 5163 Walston, Gary H.  
 5155 Walston, Royce  
 4754 Will, John  
 5200 Wills, Kenneth

3693 Witthoeft, Paul M.

#### Publication Fund - Bronze


4470 Arceneaux, Linton L.  
 5028 Baker, Roy  
 4965 Jones, Gary  
 5161 Sanford, Michael  
 4942 Sixta, James E.  
 4875 Stewart, Myron L.  
 4837 Swann, David S.  
 4767 Tomei, Charles F.  
 5046 Tompsett, David E.  
 3610 Wegner, Thomas

#### MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

Membership as of May 14, 2022	284
New Members	2
Reinstated	0
Dropped for Non-Renewal	0
Resigned	-1
Deceased	-1
<b>Membership as of December 12, 2022</b>	<b>284</b>
Comprised of:	
Life Chapters	10
Life Members	70
Regular Chapters/Units	8
Regular Members	<u>196</u>
	<b>284</b>

#### A Note from Your Secretary-Treasurer

We are in the midst of the annual membership renewal for those who are not life members. I'm happy to report that many of you have promptly returned your payments extending your membership through 2023 or beyond. Thank you! Many of you have also made donations to the TPA Foundation, the Journal Publication Fund, or both. I am humbled by your generosity and vote of confidence in our organization's future. Donations received as of the cutoff date for this issue are listed in the membership report. Again, thank you so much!

As noted elsewhere, with Anne Moxley's resignation from the board of directors, we thank Anne for her years of service and welcome her successor, Ralph Poore. 

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