

Stamps & Tongs

The E-mail Newsletter of the
Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society



Mark Solomon Wins Big in City Council Election



On May 9 Mark Solomon won the city of Richardson City Council Place 2 seat with 53.75% of the vote (3,762 votes). Mark is a long time member of the DPCPS, who also serves on the DPCPS Board of Directors. Mark is also a member of the Texas Philatelic Association. Mark was not afraid to let everyone know he is a philatelist, listing the DPCPS and the TPA as two of the many organizations he is a member of in the voting guide found on the Dallas Morning News website. Rumor has it that Mark will push for pro-philatelic policies in City Hall in Richardson. Congratulations to Mark on his big election win!

Upcoming Events at the DPCPS

There are some exciting things happening at the Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society the rest of 2009. On September 9, **Steven Crippe** of Heritage Auction Galleries will give a presentation on the subject of "Errors, Freaks and Oddities." This is a very public event and all members of DPCPS should mark their calendar to be in attendance. Invite any stamp collectors you know. Even invite your spouse! We need to have a big crowd that night like we did last year when **Charles Shreve** spoke to us on the William H. Gross collection. This is the second year that we have invited an outside speaker from the business side of philately to speak to our society. This could turn into an annual event that will give the society some good publicity.

There are two more quarterly auctions scheduled for July 22 and October 28. Mark your calendars and get your best items for auction ready for those two dates. The auctions usually top 60 lots, so get ready to spend some of that stimulus money on stamps.

The presentation schedule is full with the exception of July 8. Take that step and volunteer to give that presentation about something in your collection you know better than anyone else in the world. **Jack Urish** will continue his lecture on Hungary philately with part three May 13. **Perry Denton** will present all he knows about "Danish Christmas Seals" on June 10. On August 12, **Paul Witthoeft** will lead the charge with a presentation on "Flag Stamps." **Dr. Fernando Torres** has agreed to give a presentation on October 14 on a subject which will be announced soon. On Veteran's Day, November 11, **Doug Moss** will talk about his collection of "Marine Corps Covers." We will end the year on December 9 with our **Fourth Annual Holiday Dinner**. So mark your calendars accordingly and try to make as many meetings as possible. Before you know it, it will be 2010.

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Notes from the Editor



Good news about the programs for the rest of the year. We have all but one slot filled as of last week. We are still in need of a speaker for the July 8th program. So look in your album and put together a presentation. Talk to Harry Pedersen at the next meeting or e-mail him.

Sorry to have such an abbreviated version of the newsletter this month. May has really snuck up on me, as it does each year around this time. Soccer season is ending with a big bang (I am coaching my five-year old's team, the Falcons), I celebrate the birthdays of my boys this month, and school is about to let out for the summer.

I will continue the series on the basics of collecting next time, and have an article by Dr. Boyd on his travels and stamp collecting. I am still looking for articles, do not be shy on sending me something, anything to put in our, OUR, newsletter. If you cannot write an article for the June newsletter, make a commitment to do something in two or three months. See you at the Edgemere! **-DM.**

May-July 2009 Philatelic Calendar

May 13 Program: "Hungary Part III" speaker Jack Urish.

May 27 Mini-Auction and Philatelic Spotlight.

June 10 Program: "Denmark Christmas seals" speaker Perry Denton.

June 24 Mini-Auction and Philatelic Spotlight.

July 6 Board meeting at the Edgemere.

July 8 Program TBA.

July 10-11 TSDA Bourse Richardson Civic Ctr.

July 22 Quarterly Auction.

To volunteer for a presentation or Philatelic Spotlight, contact Harry Pedersen.

Bring a friend to the next meeting! Encourage them to join the DPCPS!

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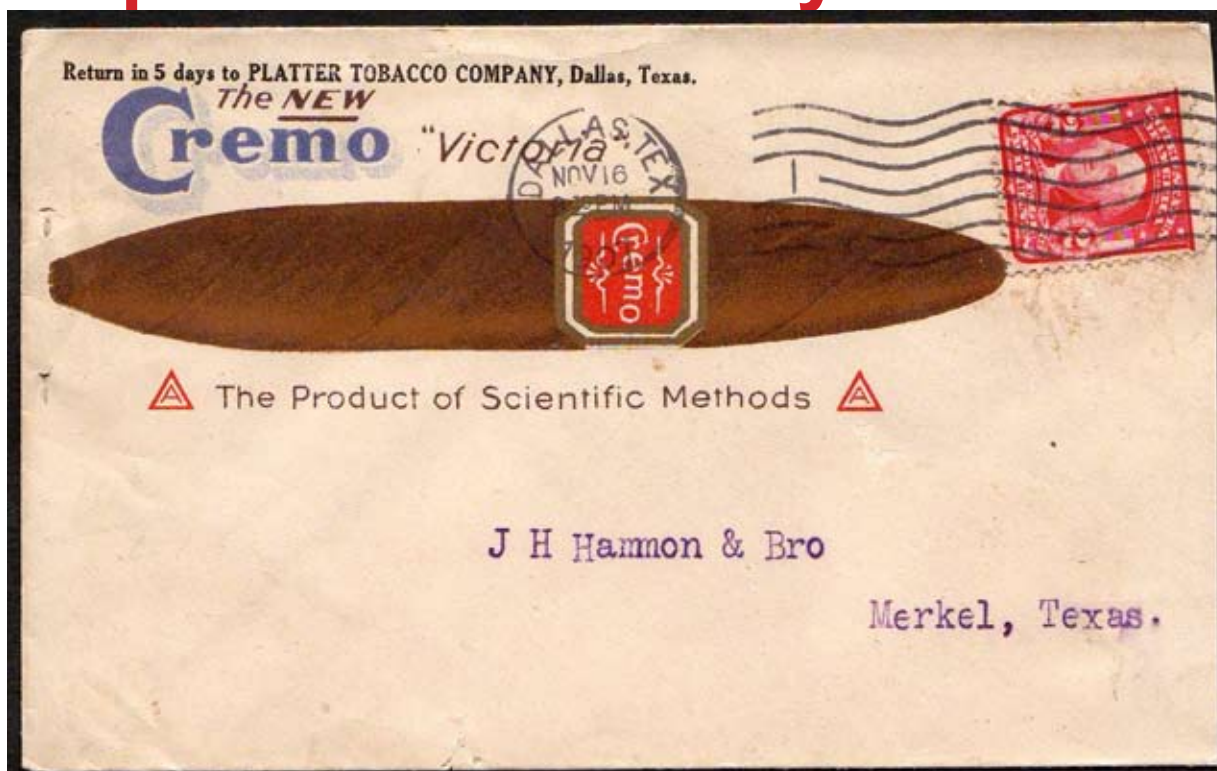
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Metroplex Postal History of the Month



This month's cover is a beautiful advertising cover. It is postmarked November 16, 1907 from Dallas to Merkel, Texas. Merkel, known as the "Windmill City," is located 16 miles west of Abilene. The sender of the letter is the Platter Tobacco Company of Dallas. Unfortunately, I could find nothing about the company on the Internet. The cover is franked with a two-cent carmine Scott 319. Anyone have any ideas where to begin my research on this cover? The cover is missing less than a quarter inch on its left side from when it was opened.-DM.

Tell a friend about the DPCPS! Invite them to a meeting!