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## Club Meetings

**January 5, 2:00 PM** at First United Methodist in Garland, room 103-105. Pat Glaser of our club will be presenting a program on linen advertising cards. Be thinking of possible locations for our annual field trip in May.

**February 9, 2:00 pm** at FUMC. Club member Cathie Foard will be presenting a program on post crossing. This is a neat and interesting way to get postcards from all over the U.S. as well as other parts of the world.

## Items of Interest

**Jan. 12 & 13, Feb. 9 & 10 – Plano Trade Days**, 1717 E Spring Creek Pkwy in Plano is the new location. It is just east of Hwy 75 Central Expwy in the old Plano Market Mall building. Buchanan Event Co. is finally back in the Dallas area with a new antique and collectable show. It will be the second weekend of each month. Website with more details is <http://www.buchananeventco.com/plano-trade-days.html>.

**New Postcard Show in Oklahoma** – Jim Taylor has a new postcard show in Oklahoma City March 9 & 10. It will be at the Expo Hall in the State Fair Park in conjunction with the OKC Land Run Antique Show. See <http://www.courthousesquare.net/showsched.htm> for info.

**It's Show Board Time** – The Greater Dallas Spring Postcard and Paper Show is going to be Match 15 & 16 in Plano. Our club co-hosts this show with Jim Taylor and provides show boards to be displayed during the show. Start planning your board now.

## Regional Show News & Calendar

**Jan. 11, 12 & 13** – New Braunfels Antique Postcard and Paper Show. In the Civic and Convention Center in conjunction with the New Braunfels Antique show that Heritage Event Co. is putting on. Jim Taylor is producing the postcard show.

For a schedule of postcard shows, a monthly newsletter as well as other things of interest to postcard collectors, check out Jim Taylor's website at <http://www.courthousesquare.net/>.

## Chute the Chutes in Lake Cliff Park

In 1906, Charles Mangold and his partners purchased 50 acres of land at Zang and Colorado, creating a park they dubbed "the Southwest's Greatest Playground". The park opened on July 4th and featured an amusement park, a giant pool and waterslides, a skating rink billed as the world's largest, and three theaters. The largest theater was the 2,500 seat Casino, which was the location of Dallas's first summer musical series.

A flood in May of 1908 collapsed all the bridges linking Oak Cliff and Dallas and submerged the streetcar tracks that brought Dallasites to the park. A new bridge was open by 1914, but money troubles forced Mangold to sell 44 acres of the park to the city of Dallas for \$55,000, with the stipulation that he could relocate buildings. The casino theater was moved to 5th and Crawford and burned to the ground in 1929.

The postcard at the page 1 of this newsletter shows one of those water rides. This card says it is in Oak Cliff. There is another card showing the same ride that is titled Chute-the-Chutes Lake Cliff, Dallas, Tex. There are no people in the scene on this card, interestingly enough. It is shown below. There are other postcards of Lake Cliff Park including a series showing different parts of the park.

Thanks to the Friends of Oak Cliff Parks website for the above info on Lake Cliff Park.



There was also a chute-the-chutes ride in Fair Park. There are several postcards of this one. More on it in the next newsletter.