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TEXPEX 2003 TO WELCOME
CUBAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA
SHOW DATES EXTENDED TO 2006

DALLAS – TEXPEX, the annual national philatelic exhibition in Texas, will welcome the Cuban Philatelic Society of America (CPSA) as a visiting society to this year's show set for the Renaissance Dallas North Hotel, LBJ Freeway and Midway Road, April 11-13, 2003.

The show offers free admission and free parking to everyone. Included is a Youth Fun Center open to all youngsters, a bourse of 40 national and regional dealers, informative seminars by philatelic specialty groups, a three-day U.S. Postal Service substation with special show cancellation and philatelic items, and an awards banquet.

The major stamp show is presented by the Southwest Philatelic Foundation with support from the Collectors Club of Dallas, the Wineburgh Philatelic Research Library at the University of Texas at Dallas, the Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society, the Mid-Cities Stamp Club and the American First Day Cover Society Chapter 56.

The CPSA was founded in 1971 by a group of Miami area collectors to promote Cuban philately. The CPSA has since grown to several hundred members around the world, issues a bi-lingual journal and holds annual conventions such as the one at TEXPEX this year.

"TEXPEX is interested in bringing national groups of diverse interests to Dallas each year," said Tom Koch, TEXPEX chairman. "We already have many exhibit entries from the Cuban society that provide everyone a better understanding of that area of philately."

National societies who have committed to the April 2-4, 2004 TEXPEX are the Scouts on Stamps Society International (SOSSI) and the Columbia/Panama Philatelic Study Group (COPAPHIL).

TEXPEX is a prestigious "World Series of Philately" show, sanctioned by the American Philatelic Society (APS). Exhibitors compete in the 188-frame TEXPEX exhibition that is judged by

APS certified officials from across the United States. The Grand award winner qualifies for the APS Champion of Champions Philatelic exhibition at Columbus, Ohio in August.

The hotel's show rate is \$89 single/double. Reservations must be made by March 11, 2003. Call 1-800-468-3571 for national reservations. The local number is 972-385-9000.

TEXPEX officials announced that the group has signed an agreement with the Renaissance Dallas North Hotel to extend the show to April of 2005 and 2006. "The Renaissance has worked with us in making TEXPEX a tradition at this location," Koch said. "The dealers like it, we like it and the patrons like it. In the past two years we have sold all of our dealer tables and have been at the maximum amount of exhibit space. The Youth Fun Center has also been a flurry of activity. The size of this venue is just right for our market so we have extended the agreement and want everyone to know that TEXPEX is on solid footing and we expect to be around for several years."

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