

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

(Celebrating 50 years in October 2019)

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Saturday 21st September 2019

This was going to be a big day in the history of the East Anglian Card Collectors Club. Several important decisions needed to be made and actioned for our unique meeting coming up in October.

It was a lovely drive this month, just me and Tony Blackburn and the music he plays for our generation. The boys were set up and John Shaw was busy setting up his enormous stock of cartophilic wonders. As I was early I had a good opportunity to chat with Barry and Ken about how we plan to set up next month and 'of course, golf'. We really appreciate the hard work the boys do on behalf of the club, setting up the hall so early in the morning is a very physical task.

The dealers slowly drifted in and set up, Peter and Neville in their usual spot, Charlie and Brian in a corner window slot for a change and John Haddon Silver facing the wrong way. This threw him for a while and when he had adjusted to the different view he decided he liked looking out of the windows. Nice to welcome Derek Golson and his good lady to the dealers tables, he has some excellent cards he is selling on behalf of a American friend.

By 9.00 o'clock there was panic beginning to set in – no caterers (!), where were they (?), we all needed our caffeine input. After a few telephone calls we discovered they had a puncture and had to change their tyre. It was about twenty to ten when I got the whisper they had arrived. Phew panic over. You could soon smell the coffee and bacon.

Members drifted in rather slowly this month, one or two regulars missing, but many early birds looking at the stock for that one elusive card. I don't have a definitive attendance number but it was around 50 and there was just the one visitor, a collector from County Durham on his holidays. I had a long list of cards to find from a Ebay customer of mine from Hull, who has no club to go to but a long list of odds he needs to complete sets. I spent an hour on John Haddon Silver stall and with Alan's help, we completed 26 sets for him.

When Les and Ann arrived it was time to sit down and decide on next month. For those who may have forgotten, we are able to celebrate in October our 50th Anniversary. Not many clubs reach that milestone so we can enjoy the opportunity.

In many ways it will be a normal club meet, with wheeling and dealing and an auction but we plan to have a free buffet (about 12.00) with special celebration cakes. Bring your own doggie bags! The buffet will be free to members. Non members are welcome, they will have to sign in and pay the £2 visitors fee.

There will not be a raffle. We need to clear the back room at 11.30am to allow time for the caterers to set up everything for us, so get any drinks you need before then, Les will say a few words before the bun fight. There will be lots of photos to be taken so prepare your poses. The auction will follow some time after 1.30, when we have cleared up.

We have a plethora of dealers booked in and it will be a full house and a squeeze, but there will be plenty of cards for you to look at. Full list of dealers below. There will be no club table next month but albums and pages will be available by request (from the cupboard). Please remember to check in when you arrive at the hall and collect your commemorative free gift.

At 1.00pm we were ready for the auction, a couple of high value lots were the highlights surrounded by many common sets. As usual these proved difficult to sell as we have all been collecting for many years. Off we went and Alan was soon in full flow, ably assisted as always by Ann and Albert. We hoped that the top spot this month was going to be a very rare set of A&BC Mars Attacks, with a Murray's catalogue of nearly £1700. Unfortunately there were no bids at half catalogue and the lot will be returned to the vendor.

The full facts and figures were, total sales £2347, there were 251 lots of which 100 remained unsold. There were 17 successful in-house bidders spending £1222 and a further 14 postal bidders who spent £1125, Five vendors shared the sales. Top spot eventually was lot 6 an unlisted set of 32 Ruben Bleu Famous Aviators selling for £140.

Next month is a special event and we will meet on **Saturday 19th October** at Roydon Village Hall usual time.

Dealers booked in are Peter Beer, Derek Golson (on stage), John Haddon Silver, Mike Heard, Geoff McMillan, Ken Sandeman, John Taylor, Peter Workman, with Ken Courtney and Brian/Charlie in back room (until 11.30am).

We are expecting a very large turnout of members, past and present, along with many visitors so come along and enjoy the day.

Doors open 8.30 until finish 3.30/4.00pm

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