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Newsletter of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club

**Arlington Meetings:** First Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.  
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## Been There, Done That

### Split

By Pat & Bob Weidman



In picture above, Pat and I are standing in the large of sign of Split, Croatia, that is down by the waterfront. Notice the Christmas trees and the fact that we are bundled up. That's because it was December of last year, and it was cold!

Split is Croatia's second largest city. It sits about halfway down the Dalmatian coast on the Adriatic Sea. The main attraction in Split is Diocletian's Palace, built back in the 4th Century for the Roman Emperor Diocletian. Half of the old town section of Split is comprised of his palace and at one time, thousands of people lived in the old-town section.

Some of the buildings, including a cathedral built during the Roman era, are still standing. They are some of the most valuable surviving buildings of that time. The picture below shows part of the wall surrounding old town Split.



The strip of three stamps is Croatia Scott #236a-c, issued on April 20, 1995. The first stamp shows a drawing of the reconstruction of the palace of Diocletian, the second stamp is a painting of Split harbor from 1937 by Emanuel Vidovic and the third stamp is a modern view of Split.

## Topic of the Month:

### "National Something Month (Ice Cream)"

By Peter Elias



You scream, I scream, we all scream for ice cream, or so they say ...

President Reagan dedicated July to be "National Ice Cream Month" (and with the 3rd Sunday of the month being "National Ice Cream Day" as a public law on July 9, 1984 with Presidential Proclamation 5219.

Here then is the USA stamp featuring a "Hot Fudge Sundae" from a series of "Soda Fountain Favorites" stamps from a booklet issued in 2016 (which for some reason wasn't available at the local post office ...).

Hot Fudge Sundaes generally feature vanilla (or vanilla "flavored") ice cream, hot fudge (but sometimes also chocolate syrup) and a cherry on top as shown on the stamp. Of course this can all be modified to suit your needs ... whipping cream and nuts are also favorite add-ons.

The exact origin of ice cream is unknown and probably goes back to Roman days, as it was said that Emperor Nero enjoyed ice flavored with honey. Early US Presidents also had a liking for ice cream. Vanilla is the most popular flavor (although personally I tend heavily towards "Jamocho Almond Fudge" from a certain ice cream chain that has 33 flavors...).

This could be a fun topic to explore more in-depth, perhaps as part of a dairy products collection or exhibit!

Ready, set, collect!

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## Coming Attractions

### 2018

#### JUN. 26 MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting

Program: Auction by Denny Ludlow

#### JUL. 11 MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting

—> **Change in Date (July 11, NOT July 4!)**

Program: Mixture Pick & Diana Davis presentation  
“My MSCS cachet & other art”

#### JUL. 18 MCSC—EULESS Meeting

Program: Free-form discussions

#### JUL. 24 MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting

Program: Gary McNamee: Album General

#### AUG. 1 MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting

Program: Club Auction, plus a 5-10 min. presentation  
from Gene Pfretzschner

#### AUG. 11 11 AM MCSC EXPO Planning Meeting

Pizza Garden Rest, 217 Harwood, Bedford

#### AUG. 15 MCSC—EULESS Meeting

Program: Free-form discussions

#### AUG. 24 & 25 TSDA Bourse

Richardson Civic Center, Arapaho Rd & US75

## Editor's Forum

By Peter Elias

We're starting to be in the middle of summer, but don't let your philatelic activities slack off! This year's EXPO is only about 5 months away, and if you are even thinking about getting an exhibit entered at the show, now is the time to fill out the exhibitor application form and get it to Stan Christmas! At the time of writing this in mid June, only around 23 of the 60 frames are still left!

Even if you have a 1-page or 4-page exhibit (which are great ways to get started with exhibiting!), there is a limit of two of each per member.

The more I dig into my life history, the more opportunities I seem to find for “Been There - Done That” articles. Whether it's a stamp featuring a VCR to one showing Suburbia, there always seems to be an interesting anecdote or story to go with the stamp! Try it, it's fun and almost guaranteed to help bring memories to the foreground!

And to expand on last month's “National Something Day” that I wrote about, those would make for perfectly entertaining articles about a specific subject or even a collection!

## Members in the News

Peter Elias' article “Warum St. Vincent? (Teil 1)” [Why St. Vincent (Part 1)] was published in the Spring 2018 issue of *Contact* (the journal of the Great Britain & Commonwealth Philatelic Society of Switzerland) on pages 21-26. Part 2 will be published in the next issue. Peter would like to thank Dieter Niedermeyer of Germany for translating this article which published previously in (the now defunct) Global Stamp News in 2004.

Peter Elias contributed several articles to the Summer 2018 issue of the *Meter Stamp Society Quarterly Bulletin*:

- “Counterfeit \$5 Stamps.com Stamps” on page 4
- “Holiday Cookies Plate Flaw” on pages 7-8

## Ray Coughlin, RIP

TSDA Dealer Ray Coughlin of Ft. Worth, TX passed away on May 15. His wife Lynda survives him and Byron Sandfield will be handling the disposition of his extensive philatelic inventory and literature.

## Secretary's Report

By Benedict Termini

### New Members

Linda Bush (#602)  
Rocquel Hogan (#603)  
Vincent Osborne (#604)

### Deceased

Albert Little

### Membership Summary – June 7, 2018

Membership as of May 2, 2018	93
New Members	3
Dropped for non-payment of dues	0
Resignations	0
Deceased	-1
Reinstatements	0
Membership as of June 7, 2018	95



**Been There,  
Done That**

**Plitvice Lakes**

By Pat & Bob Weidman

The Plitvice Lakes National Park is Croatia's most beautiful National Park. It is also the largest and one of the oldest parks in Croatia. Additionally, it is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



It covers 73,350 acres near the eastern border with Bosnia-Herzegovina. In the park are a series of waterfalls and sixteen terraced lakes as well as a dense forest. In picture one you can see some of the waterfalls and a lake. A variety of birds and animals such as the European brown bear, wolves, eagles, owls, lynx and wild cats make their home in the park.

While on our walking tour, I was glad that we didn't see any bears, wolves or lynx, since I can't run as fast as when I

was younger! We did see some ducks on one of the lakes though.

Pat and I were at the park in December 2017 on our trip to the Balkans. Picture

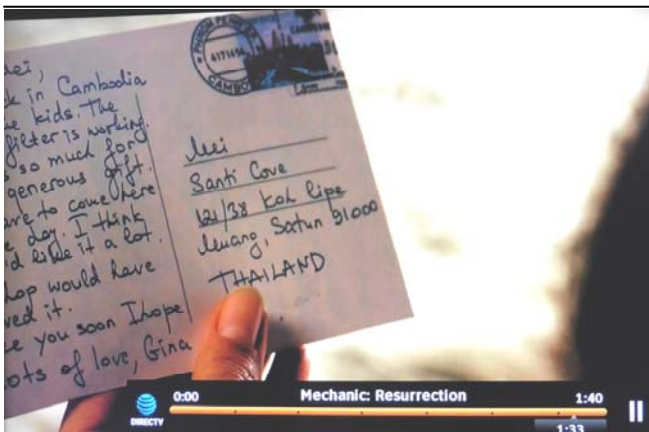
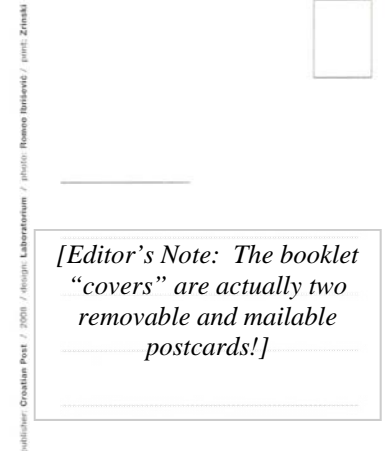


two shows the exterior of the Jezero Hotel located in the park. This is where we stayed while there. Notice the snow in the parking lot, after all it was December. Walking through the park was no problem since the paths were clear of snow. The fields and wooded areas did have snow and it was also quite chilly, but we were out in the country and again, it was Europe in December!

One of the Plitvice Lakes water falls is shown on the enclosed stamp booklet, which is Croatia #685a-j and was issued on April 25, 2008.

v iz Hrvatske

Greetings from Croatia



**TV Philately: "Mechanic: Resurrection"**

By Peter Elias

Welcome to another episode of "TV Philately", where via the miracle of the "Pause" button, we can see if they "got it right" when it comes to displaying stamps, postmarks and other philatelic elements on the big (& little) screen!

This time, it's the movie "Mechanic: Resurrection", a thriller that was released in 2016 and stars Jason Statham (as a master assassin) and Jessica Alba. Towards the end of the movie, one of the characters is in Thailand and has received a postcard from Cambodia.

At a quick glance, all appears ok, but it isn't! What appears to be a Cambodian stamp on the postcard, doesn't actually exist. I checked Scott's and stampworld.com and could not find a stamp with a design that matched this.

Even the "cancel" isn't real, since it's not a cancel! It's a postage meter (evident by the inscription to the right of the circle). It wouldn't make sense to have a "stamp" on the postcard and then have it be "canceled" with a meter! At the International Postage Meter website at <https://www.wikibooks.org>, I found what appears to be the match for the movie prop.

And yet again, they failed to provide a convincing piece of on-screen philately!



2. Postalia (MV), 1964. [\$20]

Large frank with country name at top in both Cambodian and French. "POSTES & TELECOMMUNICATIONS" above meter number at bottom.

Meter number with "GAMI" prefix at bottom.

TM: DC

## Arlington Meeting Minutes June 6, 2018

By Ben Termini

### Call-To-Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Rich Hildebrandt, substituting for President Ray Cartier who was absent.

### Attendance:

There were 20 members and 1 guest (Gracie Davis) present.

### Officer / Committee Reports:

- Secretary Ben Termini reported that we had 96 members.
- Treasurer Judy Christmas discussed our various accounts, and concluded that we had over \$17,000 available to cover operational and EXPO expenses. She mentioned that some of our gift certificates had been incorrectly designated as \$25 rather than \$10, and asked anyone who had received one with the incorrect value to turn it in for correction. There was no immediate response.
- EXPO Committee chairman Ralph Poore was absent, however Stanley Christmas mentioned that the frames were going fast with only 15 left. He also mentioned that the awards had been changed so that the Grand Award winner would receive \$200, the Reserve Grand winner \$150, and the best single frame winner \$100. Rich Hildebrandt said that tickets for the awards dinner were available for the bargain price of \$20, and we would be dining on turkey this year.
- Sales Books Chairman Skip Ely said everything was going well.
- Newsletter Editor Peter Elias was not present.

### Announcements:

- Judy Christmas mentioned that member Albert P. (Al) Little passed away last week.
- Rich Hildebrandt pointed out that next month's meeting was on July 11<sup>th</sup> because of the holiday. He also mentioned that the next club auction would be in August, so members should bring auction lots to the July meeting.

### Show & Tell:

- Diana Davis showed a sheet of really nice Canadian stamps she found while dumpster diving.
- Ben Termini passed around a copy of the Journal of Texas Philately and Postal History which contained an article by club president Ray Cartier. He also showed some information about the upcoming John Lennon stamps and pointed out that since the US had previously issued a stamp honoring Groucho Marx, we could now make covers with stamps honoring Lennon & Marx.

### Door Prizes:

Gift Certificates (\$10) were won by Bob Weidman, Jeff Jessop, Howard Savage and Janet Moyer.

### Program:

Stanley Christmas gave an interesting presentation about the Excel spreadsheet he has constructed to keep track of his stamps. Several other members discussed their experiences with philatelic spreadsheets.

### Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

## Eules Meeting Minutes June 20, 2018

By Skip Ely

### Attendance:

There were 11 members present.

### Officer Reports:

Judy Christmas gave the treasury amount.

### Committee Reports:

- Skip Ely said sales were covering expenses.
- Peter Elias said the next newsletter was almost completed, pending these minutes.
- Ralph Poore said there were no pending EXPO items. He said he did confirm with the hotel the same rate we've had for the past several years.
- Stanley Christmas said exhibits were filling up.

### Announcements:

- Mike Smith mentioned the TSDA Bourse this Friday and Saturday in Richardson. He also noted the Granbury auction scheduled for Tuesday the 26th to benefit Al Hull.

### Show & Tell:

- Skip Ely passed around a Lighthouse Norwegian album filled with 580 stamps totaling almost \$500 catalog he said will be offered at this year's EXPO Silent Auction.
- Ken Wills showed a postcard from 1898.
- Stanley Christmas had three items to show, two of which involved his exhibit of the Presidential four and half cent white house stamp.
- Peter Elias passed around several examples of "cinderella stamps" produced by a German company called YourStamps.

### Discussions:

- Peter Elias wondered if there would be any interest in a Plano area chapter like the one in Granbury. A short discussion ensued.
- The group also discussed various and sundry other items, some actually relating to philately.

### Door Prizes:

Gift Certificates were awarded to Judy Christmas and Mike Smith.

### Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.



## Being Internet Savvy

By Peter Elias

If you study your stamps, one of the must-have tools is a UV lamp. Actually "lamps", as there are both shortwave and long wave UV lamps out there as various stamps react to one or the other. While the "Lighthouse" (Leuchturn) sells some of these from \$29 to \$69 each; they invariably come from China these days and I have been able to buy some via [www.aliexpress.com](http://www.aliexpress.com) (a marketplace of different sellers in China). Many offer free shipping!

You'll find lots of UV lamps for sale there, but to find them you'll need to search for UV lamps and many of these will be described as aiding in currency / banknote checking and urine detection and watermark detectors. You can easily find many of these for well under \$10, you'll just have to wait 10 to 30 days to get it in the mail.



## Meghdoot Post Cards of India

By Ray E. Cartier

Meghdoot means “Cloud-Messenger” and these postal cards were introduced by the Indian Post Office on September 2, 2002. While normal postal cards cost 50 paise (about 37c) to mail, these cards cost users only half that due to the address side being so ld by the Indian Post for advertising.

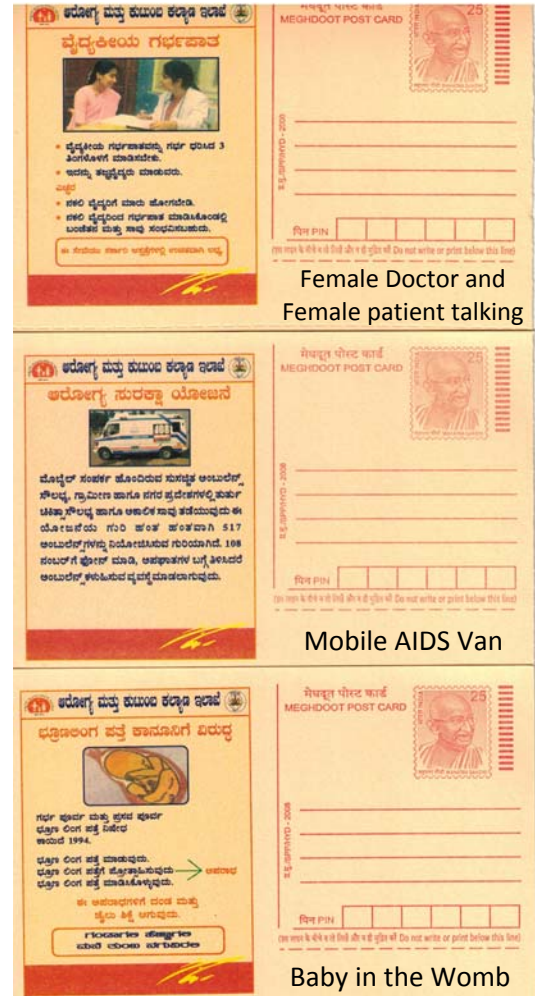
Looking in the Internet under “Meghdoot Post Cards” I found such diverse advertising as “Plastic Paper Pollution”; Private Toilets Sanitation; Panchayat Raj Celebration; Reserve Bank of India; Noorul Islam University, Coffee Plantations and Petroleum Conservation Research Association.

The users must order a minimum of 100,000 cards of each type of advertisement and I found that they could target their addressees by the various dialects found in India. Examples found: Tamil; Oriya; English, Hindi Meitei, Bhabha and a dozen or so others. The cost of the ads are 0.2 Reals each, or about ¾ cent each. The cards are printed in sheets of 8 cards, although some have been supplied to post offices in sheets of 4 and pairs of just 2 cards. The advertisers determine the areas of distribution as well as the design and text. In addition to the post offices in the area of its distribution, the Meghdoot is also made available in limited quantity of 2,000 cards at 8 selected philatelic bureaus that handle postal stationery.

Each of India Post’s 23 Postal Circles (possibly something like minor postal headquarters) can place their orders directly to the press to decentralize the efforts. However, all other postal stationery with advertisements, such as the regular Post Cards, Inland Letter Cards, Aerogrammes and Envelopes are printed only by the national Postal Directorate in New Delhi.

Meghdoot Post Cards are available as either single cards or paid reply post cards for use within India only. One collector in India boasts of having a collection of 604 Meghdoot postcards in 15 different national languages.

Shown are three of the 12 varieties of Meghdoots which were printed in 2008 for the State AIDS Control of Karnataka on November 1, 2008. These were printed in the Kannada language.



## Been There, Done That

## Personal Computers

By Peter Elias



In college in the early 1980’s, I took a couple of computer programming courses (Fortran, Advanced Fortran and Assembly Language) and eventually decided that “programming” wasn’t really “it” (ha, ha) for me. Ok, back then “IT” (“information technology”) as a term had not been coined yet.

At the time, programming meant putting each line of the program on a “punch card”, done on a machine the size of a large desk, then taking it to another machine to read the program, then wait a while for the results to spit out on a line printer. Running a simple program would cost several dollars on the mainframe!

Jump forward to 1987 or so. After college, I spent a year (1986) in Switzerland, learning the ropes on my new job. Once I returned to the USA (in our company’s new facility in Shelbyville, Kentucky [home of “Col. Sanders” of KFC fame...]), I was told to learn how to use a “PC”. Back then, I didn’t know a floppy from a hole in my head! I basically had to teach myself about word processing, spreadsheets and databases. There was no Microsoft Word or Excel at that time (that I remember), the big software applications at the time were “Framework”, “Enable”, “Lotus123” and “WordPerfect” and “Geoworks Ensemble”.

The machines we got to use were either IBM PS2 model 30’s (similar to what’s pictured on the “Celebrate-the-Century”



stamp above) or a clone; these machines had either one or two floppy drives (5.25” and/or 3.5”), a “monochrome” 12” monitor and if you were lucky, a 20 MB (yes “megabyte”, not “gigabyte”) hard drive. The machines were running DOS and you had to know how to maneuver around with the use of a mouse or even menu (batch files came in handy, and so did remember a slew of keyboard shortcuts)! I managed to buy my own PC for use at home at that time; it was a Packard Bell, had a color “CGA” monitor, dual floppy drives and a whopping 30 MB hard drive (50% bigger than what I had at work!), and I think it cost a whopping \$1,700 at the time. Oh yeah, and a screeching dot matrix printer to go with it...

The picture above shows me at my PC in 1988 at Aluisse Flexible Packaging in the QC lab at that I worked in as a Quality Engineer (utilizing my Packaging Engineering degree).

## Flea Market Stamps

By Peter Elias

Not too long ago there was an article in Linn's about bargains that could be had at flea markets. In my experience, that has generally NOT been the case! Below is a picture I took at a flea market in Plano. This box had extremely common used definitives (3c Prexie Jefferson's and 4c Lincoln's) priced at ONLY \$1.50 each mounted in coin holders! Sheesh... Maybe the Linn's reviewer had better luck, but as they say, "your mileage may vary"... Oh, and attempting to set any of these sellers straight as their stamp's real values is usually a pointless exercise in frustration; in their mind, they have valuable 60+ year old stamps!



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## Kotor, Montenegro

By Bob & Pat Weidman

## From the President's Desk

by Ray Cartier

In the picture below, Pat & I are standing outside the main gate to the old walled town of Kotor, Montenegro. We went there on a one-day outing from Dubrovnik, Croatia in December 2017 while visiting the Balkan nations.



Kotor is a UNESCO World Heritage Site dubbed the natural and cultural-historic region of Montenegro. It is a coastal town on the Adriatic Sea, situated at one of the most indented parts of the Adriatic. It is considered the southern most fjord in Europe, however, it is referred to as a “via”, which is a submerged river canyon.

The surrounding fortifications date from the Venetian period. In 1389, the Ottoman Turks defeated the Serbs at the battle of Kosovo Polje. Local nobles then ruled Montenegro on behalf of the Ottomans until 1516. At that time, Serbian Orthodox bishops began ruling parts of Montenegro until the late 1700's. At that time, they took control of all of Montenegro. Finally in 1852, a ruler took the title of prince. The Congress of Berlin recognized an independent Montenegro in 1878. Prince Nicholas, who took the throne in 1860 became king in 1910. Montenegro remained independent until December 12, 1918 when it joined the other Balkan states and formed the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, which then became Yugoslavia.

In 1992, after Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Macedonia declared their independence, Montenegro join with Serbia to a smaller Yugoslavia. In 2003, a new constitution changed the name to Serbia and Montenegro. Finally in 2006, Montenegro and Serbia separated into independent nations.



The picture above is of me outside of the post office in Kotor.

We all have our own reasons for collecting postage stamps, covers or postcards (which can now be entered in stamp exhibits or as a ‘stand alone’ exhibit. We could have collected coins, or matchbooks covers, or feathers, or any of a thousand items to collect. But why did YOU decide to collect stamps and why? Could you write a paragraph or two for this newsletter to explain what the prompt was that got you into this great hobby of ours? It could be interesting whether it was a parent, uncle, grandparent, or childhood friend that got you started. Maybe you were catching and mounting butterflies or collecting baseball trading cards that for some reason triggered the interest in our fantastic hobby.

In my case my boyhood interest in collecting stamps from ages 8 to 17 tied together my interest in science fiction, primarily the Flash Gordon serials that were on TV in the early 1950's – along with the Jules Verne novel, “From the Earth to the Moon”, that lit up my mind when I discovered space covers 50 years ago. That led to my getting involved with more carefully and thoughtfully following the space program and buying and reading books by astronauts and scientists.

My wife's maternal instincts flourished during her first pregnancy and the discovery that there were postage stamps which showed fairy tales kindled her interest in collecting stamps featuring fairytales, folk tales, legends and island mythology. But when she discovered the wealth of stories from around the world that she had never heard before, it struck another chord in wanting to know why stories like these were important enough that foreign governments honored them with postage stamps. That prompted her gene that guided her to do the kind of research she has done.

Share your thoughts on paper with Peter Elias. If you don't think that you can write, he can help put your thoughts down on paper. This could make many articles that would help us all get to know each other and our collecting interests. Once people know about what you collect, it would not be surprising that others will find items of interest to you that they will give to you or will offer to sell to you. I have benefitted many times by having others point me to items that would enhance my collections and have often found items that I picked up and gave to collectors I knew who collected these items. This is why the collectors who share their information are able to create exhibits to share with others. Let's hear from some of you on this topic of what you collect and how you got started. I know that I'm not the only member of the MCSC who would look forward to seeing several items like this in our upcoming newsletters.



The stamp on the left is Montenegro Scott #57 and was issued on July 12, 1902 and features Prince Nicholas I; the stamp on the right is #123,



issued on December 15, 2005 and shows a map of Montenegro.

## National Something Day: June 12 - Forklift Truck Safety Day

By Peter Elias

## Granbury Meeting Minutes May 22, 2018

By Eugene Atkinson

A forklift truck is useful tool used in all sorts of industries, especially in warehouses. Imagine having to cart pallets of products around a warehouse or construction site or loading/unloading a semi-trailer without one!



But given that you are hauling around a lot of weight (easily a ton in many cases), safety is an important concern! Thus, the ITA (Industrial Truck Association) has deemed June 12, 2018 the “Forklift Truck Safety Day”. This year is the 5th anniversary of this event and it included a special event (educational sessions) and talks in Washington DC.

The stamp that illustrates this is Hungary #1525 issued in 1964 and shows a forklift truck loading mail into a rail-car. Being able to handle a forklift truck safely does require training, something that I got at a previous job in Kentucky (see photo below).

Also important are safety features of the forklift truck itself, and the lack of one key safety feature is shown on the Hungarian stamp: there is no safety cage, leaving the lift operator very vulnerable and with no protection!



Of course, the aluminum foil “antlers” on the forklift truck that I am driving don’t really provide any safety features either ...

David Stockbridge welcomed fourteen members and guests to the May 22 meeting of the Lake Granbury Branch, Mid-Cities Stamp Club. The group meets at the Bentwater Activities Center, 1800 West Emerald Bend Court, at 7 pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month except December.

In the portion of the meeting dubbed “**Show & Tell**”:

- Stockbridge discussed possible ways of removing self-adhesive stamps from paper.
- Alliene Franklin showed a letter writing “kit” for prisoners.
- Denny Ludlow had several interesting covers from around the world.
- Stanley Christmas asked comments on a faded or color change stamp on cover.
- Stockbridge also noted that member Brian Smith was doing very well following surgery.

For “**Announcements**”:

Dave Stockbridge and Stanley Christmas discussed the upcoming EXPO, set for November 9-10. A few frames are still available for exhibitors, with cash prizes this year rather than trophies. The Lake Granbury club will participate with a single frame exhibit titled “Going Rogue,” leaving the subjects up to each member. Denny Ludlow commented on last month’s auction and noted that more lots would be put up for sale at the June meeting.

For “**Where In The World**”, Gary McNamee led the group through clues to identify the tiny enclave of San Marino and the African nation of Nigeria.

Following a five-minutes **refreshment break**, Gene Atkinson discussed his odd collection of packaged stamp hinges. Interested in the different types of hinges seen in old collections, he has assembled nearly 150 different packs, boxes, dispensers, and tins representing collector use over a century. His interest has paralleled the American Philatelic Society sponsored study of the chemical properties of Dennison and other commercial hinges.

Beyond the nostalgia of the older products, the collection may in time help complete the analysis the APS has begun.

In “**Closing**”, gift certificates were claimed by Gary McNamee, Stanley Christmas, and David Stockbridge.

### Comic Strip - Zits (Postcard in the Mail)

By Peter Elias

It must really be tough for modern youth to grasp the idea behind sending a postcard by mail (as opposed to “posting” a photo online somewhere). This “Zits” comic strip from April 29, 2018 seems to make that clear. I like reading this particular comic strip, as I have a teenager of my own and just getting him to remember his own address and zip code is a challenge, but then, he doesn’t send any postcards or letters either (other than obligatory “thank you” notes after receiving a present...).

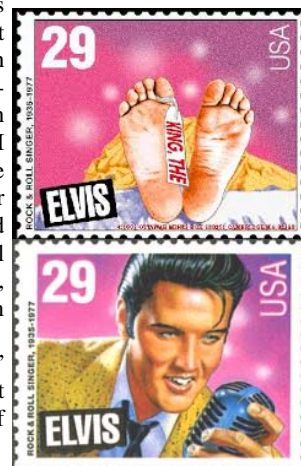


### Parody Elvis Stamp

By Peter Elias

It’s always amusing to see what people come up with as far as stamp parodies go; here’s an Elvis parody stamp I saw online somewhere (I don’t remember where, otherwise I’d give credit). The real Elvis stamp, Scott#2721 is shown to the right.

Just “google” around and see what kind of wacky stuff you can find!





# CLASSIFIED BOURSE

## Announcements

All club members that are current with their dues payments are entitled to FREE ads in this space! Please send ad to: Peter Elias, P.O. Box 940427, Plano, TX 75094-0427, give it to me at a meeting, or e-mail me at: [peter@pcelias.com](mailto:peter@pcelias.com)

## For Sale

**US POSTAGE – from our huge surplus: 1c – 20c : 70% of FV; 21c – 50c : 80% of FV.** Send any amount (min \$10), specify group (70%, 80%), and receive mix of values back in FV as indicated above. Clean, F/VF only. Plate or Zip block included for every \$10 remitted. Remit (check or MO) to: J. Myers, P. O. Box 2047, Coppell, TX 75019. TX orders, add 8% sales tax. We cover return postage, S/H charges. Can also take PayPal (same terms). [jasdmyers@earthlink.net](mailto:jasdmyers@earthlink.net) 5/15

**Recalled Legends of the West** (Scott 2870), pane of twenty inside original mailing envelope, Scott 2017 value \$220 with note that panes in original envelope (blue bordered) "sell for somewhat more." I will sell for \$100 plus any mailing costs. Ken Aldridge, [KAldridge@aol.com](mailto:KAldridge@aol.com) 4/18

## Comic Strip - Argyle Sweater (Mayflies)

By Peter Elias

*The Argyle Sweater* is one of my favorite comic strips. This one, from August 1, 2012 pokes fun at how slow the postal service can be; in this case, instead of "snail mail" being the subject, there are Mayflies dying on the post office floor, presumably because of the "speedy" service ... [but of course they do that anyway after just a day or so, judging by the many dead ones that I find on my front doorstep and backyard patio every day... ]. Nevertheless, postal humor!

### THE ARGYLE SWEATER By Scott Hilburn



## For Sale

Do you collect **used USA Plate Number Coils**? Select what you want from my [extensive](#) inventory at 1/3 of Scott catalog value. They are listed on my website at <http://web2.iadfw.net/wills/> and from there you will find links to other countries too. Also interested in trading. Ken Wills 9/11

**Philatelic Reference CD's.** The following self-running, philatelic reference CD's, each containing hundreds of scans, are now available:

- **APC Conversions 2012-2014 (NY2016 Vermeil Award!)**
- **Usage of British Empire War Tax Issues** (exhibit)
- **Airport Philately** (800+ scans of Airports on Stamps)
- **4 Rings—The History of Audi (Great for any car lover!)**
- **My Life on Wheels** (autobiography via USA personalized postage)
- **St. Vincent Philatelic Reference Scans (1,700 items!!)**
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- **Vintage Swiss Postcards 1898-1959 (900+ postcards !!)**

Special MCSC Member price is only \$ 9.95 each. Non-member price is \$19.95 (+ \$3.45 domestic or \$6.00 international postage) each. PayPal to [peter@pcelias.com](mailto:peter@pcelias.com) are accepted. Peter Elias, PO Box 940427, Plano, TX 75094 6/16

**MOVED, BUT SALE CONTINUES!** Special discounts to MCSC members for Swiss, Austria, Liechtenstein issues, @ 1/3 and LESS of catalog values. Also will accept US postage (any values) @ 50% of catalog. All orders postpaid! I also accept PayPal if you wish! John Barrett, Ph.D. Contact info: [jstrubelboy@aol.com](mailto:jstrubelboy@aol.com) 12/14

## Wanted to Buy

**Interesting "stuff"**, such as:

- ◆ Worldwide Revenue stamps on document.
- ◆ Worldwide ATM stamps, such as those from Frama, Klüssendorf, Epelsa, Mobba Postage Vending machines and other "on-demand" printed postage (but NOT "ATM Booklet stamps") from around the world, preferably on cover, postcards or parcel cards.
- ◆ CVP and custom order stamps, such as the "PhotoStamps" from Zazzle, Stamps.com, Endicia, etc.

Contact me at [peter@pcelias.com](mailto:peter@pcelias.com) with scans. 4/14

**Postally used "ATM" stamps** (i.e.: machine vended), such as Framas, from around the world; would prefer on cover or postcard if possible. Peter Elias, [info@stvincentstamps.com](mailto:info@stvincentstamps.com) 8/14

## Wanted to Trade

I have general (unsorted) worldwide & used USA stamps (mostly beginning collector material) available to trade for your items such as worldwide revenue stamps & Framas. Contact Peter Elias at [peter@pcelias.com](mailto:peter@pcelias.com) 9/16

Wanting to trade stamps from Trucial States: Yemen, Aden or Equatorial Guiana. Brian Smith, [donnasmithphoto@gmail.com](mailto:donnasmithphoto@gmail.com) 3/18

## MEET & EAT for July & August 2018

by Judy & Stanley Christmas

“Meet and Eats” are held before our club meetings. All club members and their guests are welcome. We will gather at 5:00 PM start ordering at that time. However, late-comers can order when they arrive or just come by for a visit. Meals should be over around 6:15 PM to 6:30PM with the new meeting start time now being at 7:00PM rather than 7:30PM.

Meet and Eat locations will be included the club's broadcast messages. NOTE: All locations are subject to change.

### ARLINGTON

July 11 Angelo's Steak & Spaghetti  
2590 W. Pioneer Pkwy

Aug. 1 Jay Jay Café  
1001 S. Bowen Rd.

### EULESS

*No meet & eat for Euleless meetings at this time.*

### GRANBURY

July 24 Grumps  
3503 E. Highway 377, Granbury, 76049

August 28 Palio's Pizza Café  
3710 E. Highway 377, Granbury, 76049

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**Don't Forget:  
July Arlington Mtg. is on July 11!**

## Wanted to Buy

Wanted to buy or trade for: **Worldwide unusual EFOs, postal counterfeits**, Odd US 20th century auxiliary markings, US 1934 and 1935 Christmas Seals on and off cover and publicity material, Korean War postal history from US and other UN contingents, and any other US philatelic material with an interesting story. John Hotchner, PO Box 1125, Falls Church, VA 22041, or [jmhstamp@verizon.net](mailto:jmhstamp@verizon.net) 2 /15

## For Sale

**PhotoStamps, ZazzleStamps & PictureItPostage** in a variety of different designs. For a listing of available designs and to purchase, go to <http://photostamps.webs.com> and use your credit card to purchase them (via PayPal). 12/15

I have over **10,000 auctions** on delcampe.com @ 35% of Scott or less. Worldwide & US stamps, covers and FDCs. For more info contact Denny Ludlow @ (713) 898-1872 10/15

**FREE 111-page or 26-page album** of Spanish ATM stamps (provided as a PDF file) with purchase of at least \$3.00 in Spanish ATM stamps! Contact Peter Elias at [peter@pcelias.com](mailto:peter@pcelias.com) 6/17

**Bugs Bunny Special Die Cut pane of 10** (Scott 3138, CV \$175, will sell for \$100 plus any mailing costs. Ken Aldridge, [KAldridge@aol.com](mailto:KAldridge@aol.com) 4/18