Stamping Around

Newsletter of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club

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Missing Something?

By Peter Elias



A newly updated SSK postal kiosk at the Plano 75025 post office on 8/25/2018. Sadly it was not functioning that day.

<-- You may have run across one of these at a local post office. There are about 2,500 of them installed in some of the 30,972 post offices across the USA.

There you can buy Forever stamps (generally with the flag design, except during the "holidays").



Other than the Forever stamps, the machines also sell package postage labels (4"x6") and roll labels that can be used for a variety of mail items. A typical example is the one above. I generally refer to these as "FOLD HERE" labels. Some of these can be bought for usage right now on whatever you are mailing, in which case, the example above would show the mail class below the denomination.

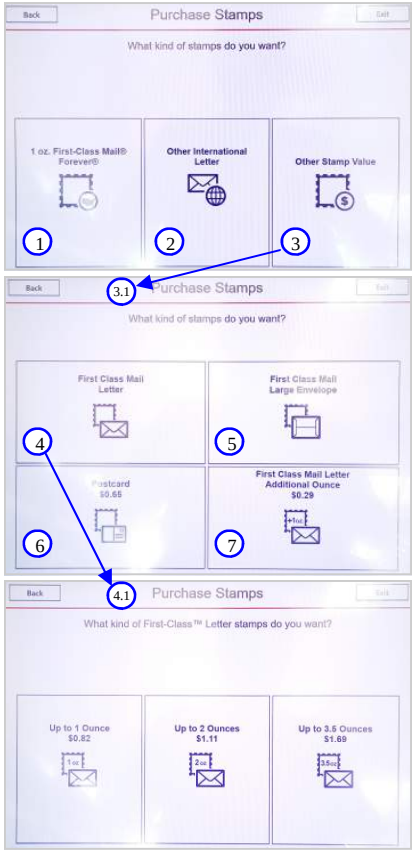


These types are available through various menu choices at the SSK, the first of which is shown on the screen shot (above right).

Choices 1 & 2 will simply ask how many you want of each.

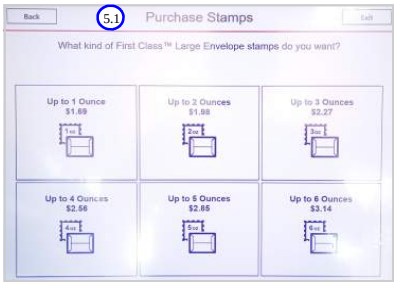
Choice 3 then gives four more choices (screen 3.1). Choices 4 & 5 I'll say more about later. Choices 6 & 7 will ask simply ask how many of each you want.

Screen 4.1 is about the kind of 1st Class Letter stamps you want. There are 3 options shown. Can you guess what's wrong? It goes straight from 2 ounces to 3.5 ounces (the maximum for a 1st class letter). What about the 3 ounce rate, which is $1.40?



Then there's screen 5.1, which is for 1st class "large envelopes" (aka "flats").

Six choices are shown, from 1 to 6 ounces. There are technically 13 choices, 1 to 13 ounces, as shown (left) from USPS Notice123.



Large Envelopes (Flats)[2]

Weight Not Over (oz.)	
1	$1.69
2	1.98
3	2.27
4	2.56
5	2.85
6	3.14
7	3.43
8	3.72
9	4.02
10	4.32
11	4.62
12	4.93
13	5.24

What are you supposed to do if mailing something weighing 7 to 13 ounces that is still classified as "large envelope" (slippery slope there: if it's "too stiff", it has to go as Ground Advantage or Priority Mail). But then you'd have to use weigh an actual mail piece and go through entering the sender & receiver addresses, etc.

The screens on the kiosk are big enough to accommodate more choices. Adding the 3 oz. rate for letters shouldn't be a problem, since screen 3.1 also has 4 choices. For large envelopes, they could either add another screen, make the choices a bit smaller or make it scroll. I honestly don't understand why they left out some of the choices. It's been this way since 2018.

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Coming Attractions

2026

SEP. 22 **MCSC — LAKE GRANBURY Meeting**
Program: Annual Granbury Auction

SEP. 26 **MCSC - EXPO Planning Meeting, 11 AM**
David's BBQ, 2224 W Park Row Dr H, Pantego, TX 76013

OCT. 7 **MCSC — ARLINGTON Meeting**
Program: "*France Libre: The Stamps of Free France, The Free French Colonies & Free French Forces*" presented by Geoff Owens

OCT. 14 **MCSC — FLOWER MOUND Meeting**
Program: Extended Show & Tell and philatelic discussions

OCT. 27 **MCSC — LAKE GRANBURY Meeting**
Program: Annual Picnic

NOV. 4 **MCSC — ARLINGTON Meeting**
Program: Annual Meeting and preview of EXPO and general philatelic discussions if time permits.

NOV. 13-14 **MCSC 39th Annual Stamp EXPO**
Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 Main St, Grapevine, TX 76051. Friday: 10 - 5, Saturday 9-4

NOV. 18 **MCSC — FLOWER MOUND Meeting**
Program: Extended Show & Tell and philatelic discussions



"Editor At Work"
LEGO™ MOC by Marcos Elias

Editor's Forum

By Peter Elias

Going through life, for the past several years, I always seem to ask myself, "*is there a stamp for that*"? And then it's down the rabbit hole as they say.

While many of us document our lives through photos & videos, I think it's kind of fun to also do that using stamps, postmarks and other philatelic items. One of my articles in this edition illustrates that.

Unless the stamp you need is already in one of your albums, more than likely, you'll have to do some googling around (or duck-duck go it…) to see if there is indeed a stamp that fits your question. And once you've confirmed that it exists, you'll probably have to buy it (which is what I do, as I only use scans of stamps that I actually own). Even buying them can be tricky. Sometimes the stamp you need just isn't being sold by anyone. Or, it is only sold as a used copy (which I do only as a last resort, such as in the article "Popol Vuh" in this newsletter, where seemingly, used copies or still on FDC's was the only thing I saw at the time). Or it is only sold as part of a much bigger (and more expensive set). I cringe at having to buy $20 set when all I need is one stamp from it that's worth 75¢. C'est la vie. But that doesn't keep me from writing these articles.

EXPO Dealers

EXPO is almost here! We have a full slate of 25 dealer tables.

If you have "want lists", or certain types of philatelic material that you are looking for, and hope that the dealers hopefully have these items, it is best to contact them well before the show and let them know (via phone or email). See the EXPO dealer list on pages 14 & 15!



Secretary's Report

By Janet Moyer

Applications Received:
Genevieve McGregor (#708) - collects USA

New Members:
Michael D. Duke (#707) - collects USA primarily

Reinstated:
n/a

Deceased:
n/a

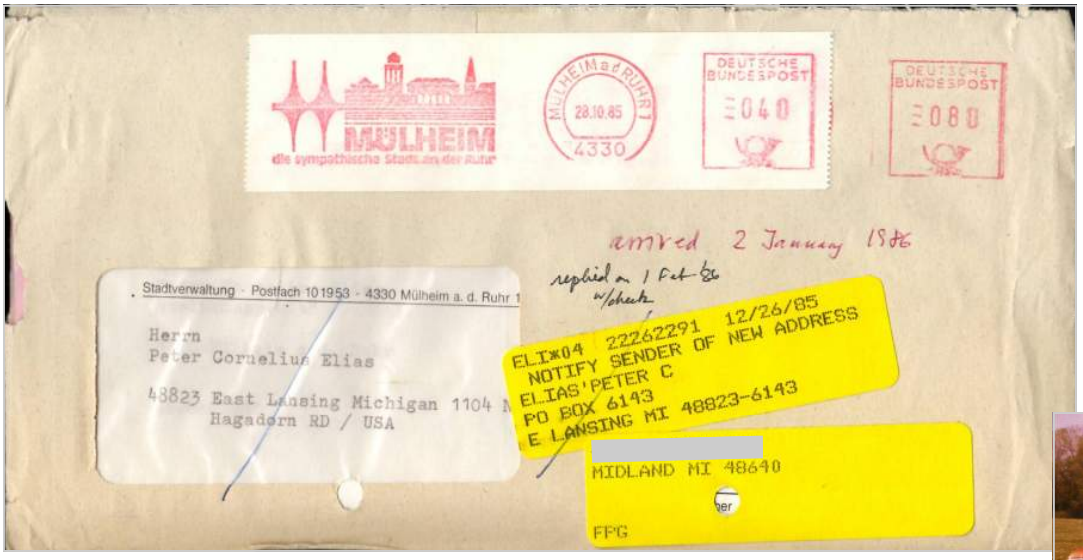
Membership Summary – September 16, 2026

Membership as of August 19, 2026	**106**
Applications Rec'd (counts as member next month)	**1**
New Members	**1**
Not Renewing for 2026	**(0)**
Resignations	**(0)**
Deceased	**(0)**
Reinstatements	**0**
Membership as of September 16, 2026	**107**

Been There, Done That

The Sympathetic City on the Ruhr

by Peter Elias



The above letter was forwarded 2 times. On the envelope, underneath the meter strip is the round circle part and the same Mülheim slogan part as on the meter tape strip.

So here's the story in brief (-> German pun: "Brief" means letter), for both the on-cover and off-covers parts:

1984 – October to December:

I lived in Mülheim a.d. Ruhr during my packaging engineering-related internship there (via Michigan State University) at the Clark Central Parts warehouse (Clark at the time was the owner of the "Bobcat" and other industrial machinery). See the article in the December 2024 issue.

1985 - all year:

I was back in Michigan finishing my B.S. degree in Packaging Engineering in March & worked the rest of the year at an Amoco gas station (no stamps for that though).

1985 – October 24:

The City of Mülheim a.d. Ruhr attempted to send me a letter regarding some money that they were due, to where I had lived between October to ~December 20, 1984, and that was subsequently returned to them (this was in the letter enclosed). They stated that the amount due from January 10, 1985 was published in the local government newspaper on February 2, 1985 (obviously I had no way seeing that as I was already back in Michigan at the time).

This aforementioned letter was dated October 24, in an envelope with 80 pfennig meter postage dated October 25 (parts of which are located behind the right side of the adhesive meter strip. This must have been returned by Deutsche Post to the city due to incorrect postage.

The letter was addressed to me at a former rental duplex at 1104 N. Hagadorn Rd, E. Lansing, MI 48823.

Don't you love how they addressed the envelope THEIR way: Postal Code first, then City / State, then weirdly followed by part of the Street Nr. & direction, then the road name, followed by USA? Makes you wonder that it got here at all!

1985 - October 28:

The city resent the envelope with the proper 40 pfennig added for the (presumably) airmail rate to a foreign destination.

1985 – October:

At that point, I did not live at 1104 N. Hagadorn Road in East Lansing any longer, I was renting a room in a "pre-manufacturing" housing unit (aka "single-wide") in south Lansing and had a PO Box in E. Lansing for my mail.

This was shortly after graduating from MSU (Spring 1985) and right around me being hired to work in Switzerland for most of 1986.

I worked midnight shifts at an Amoco gas station during the latter part of 1985 (wearing an Amoco shirt in this photo -->).



1985 – late December:

Given the upcoming career job in Switzerland starting in January 1986, I moved all my stuff from Lansing to my parent's house in Midland, Michigan in preparation for the trip to Europe (which had me be in St. Louis, MO all of January at first…).

1985 – December 26:

Since the letter apparently wasn't deliverable to 1104 N. Hagadorn in E. Lansing, the USPS saw the forwarding to my PO Box in E. Lansing and it got a NIXIE sticker. And at time, I must have also informed the USPS of my parents address in Midland, hence the 2nd yellow sticker.

1986 – January:

I was in St. Louis all month, working at a subsidiary Aluminum company, preparing for my Swiss trip that was coming up in February.

1986 – January 2:

My dad noted this envelope arrived on January 2.

1986 – February 1:

I noted that I replied on February 1. I left for Europe in February, so after my 1st month in St. Louis, I briefly returned to back to Midland to repack for my rest-of-the-year trip to Europe.

While I normally don't collect postage meters, this one I will keep because of the whole history behind it. Plus it's got a nice Mülheim slogan meter ("*The sympathetic city on the Ruhr*"). The "Ruhr" is a river in Germany.

Sadly, I have few photos of my time in Mülheim, as almost all of the ones I took were destroyed later in the "Flood of 1986" in Midland (at a time when I was working in Switzerland most of that year and my parents just happened to be in Switzerland at that time as well).

But as they say, "every stamp tells a story", and that goes for postage meters as well. And this one triggered a whole lot of memories for me!

MCSC Arlington Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2026

by Janet Moyer

Call-To-Order:

- President Richard Howell called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Attendance:

- 22 members and 2 guests: Chris Tye & Genevieve McGregor.

Announcements:

- He announced the meeting would be brief due to the auction.

Reports:

- Treasurer - Tom Cunningham announced we have 25 committed dealers for the EXPO and all but two have paid completely.
- Library – Richard Hildebrandt has a number of the new Scott Catalogues. If you know you want one, he will bring it to the meeting – just let him know.
- Newsletter - Peter Elias says it is in the works and asks for articles if you have any.
- EXPO Chairman – Ralph Poore:
  - Showed the new outdoor EXPO signs.
  - Announced that the next EXPO planning meeting will be on September 26th at David's barbecue in Pantego.
  - EXPO set-up is on November 12th.
  - Dinner prior to EXPO set-up will be at Flip's at 3:00ish.
- We are looking at another meeting location for Arlington which would hopefully include space for storage of the club's library

Show & Tell:

- Was not held due to the auction.

Door Prize Drawing:

- Gift certificates were awarded to David Stockbridge and Larry Sweeney.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned and the auction was held.

MCSC Flower Mound Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2026

by Skip Ely, filling in for Janet Moyer

Call-To-Order:

- President Rick Howell called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Attendance:

- There were 10 members at the September meeting in Flower Mound.

Announcements & Reports:

- Secretary - Skip Ely introduced our newest member who joined at Arlington 2 weeks ago.
- Sales - Skip said the APS and club books were available.
- EXPO - The next planning meeting will be Saturday, September 26, 11:00 A.M. at David's BBQ in Pantego.
- Newsletter - Peter said it was almost done.

Show & Tell:

- Lester Edwards had number of items to show, including some interesting covers from the U.S., Great Britain, and Australia. Another cover was from the Roosevelt collection. He also had an unused Great Britain booklet, and some other interesting items.
- Tim Sasser showed an album of the Banknote 3¢ Washington "greens" he recently purchased.
- Robert Martin passed around a certified U.S. #6. He also showed a book by S.B. Ashbrook on the 1¢ stamp of 1851 - 1857.
- Peter Elias had a number of items, some of which will be subjects in future newsletters.
- Skip Ely talked about an article about cancelled stamps in an old Scott Stamp Monthly from 1970.
- Dan Golden showed an uncancelled block of the 29¢ Space Achievements stamp from 1992. He also talked about a USPS NIXIE sticker on a returned envelope and a "Refused" (by recipient) rubber handstamp from the USPS.

Door Prize Drawing:

- A club gift certificate was awarded to new member Genevieve McGregor.

Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned about 8:30 PM.

Brazil Stamps

By Peter Elias

Going through some stamps that I had soaked off, I found the 2 shown immediately to the right, both issued in 1997 as part of a longer set featuring fruits.

The R$0,05 stamp is Scott #2633 featuring a papaya fruit, and the R$1,00 (#2636G) issue next to it shows strawberries. Both are listed with "serpentine" die-cuts; I've enlarged the scan on the left to better show what that looks like.

My first thought was these serpentine die-cuts look like the result you get when using certain "arts & crafts" scissors that have that pattern. These legit stamps from Brazil don't look very legit though, yet they are. And they match the illustrations in my Scott catalog.



Rather lousy printing quality on these...



So then at far right (actual size), is what appears to be #763 (1953) for the 50th Anniversary of the Treaty of Petrolis, and that features similar serpentine die-cuts. Scott's shows this stamp as having traditional perforations (holes). This one is a Chinese fake though (bought as "stickers" from aliexpress.com)!

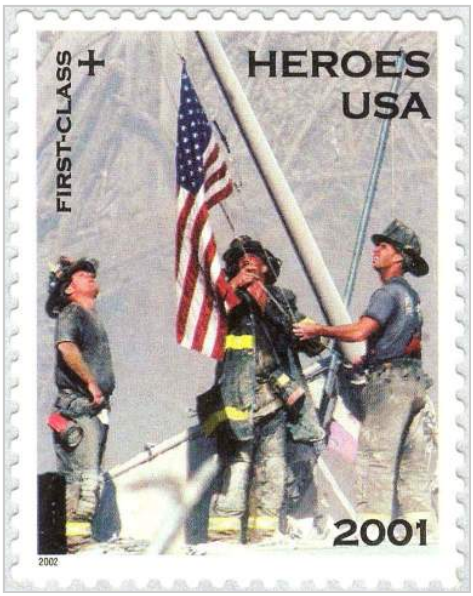


Together in Tragedy

By Dan Golden

It's hard to believe that the infamous attacks of September 11, 2001 occurred 25 years ago today. I was a little over six and a half years old at the time, so the memories of that day are a little hazy. But one image that stands out is US #B2, a semi-postal stamp issued in 2002 titled "Heroes of 2001". I saw it on several pieces of mail my parents received when I was in elementary school.

Based on a photo titled *Raising the Flag* at Ground Zero, it features 3 firefighters among the wreckage and debris of the World Trade Center in New York City, doing exactly what the photograph's title says: raising the American flag. Photographed on the evening of September 11, it appeared on the front page of newspapers across the country on September 12, rallying the American public in the wake of disaster and showing that we as a country still stood strong. It was a pivotal moment in history that changed the world forever, and its memory was burned into the minds of everyone old enough to remember it.



Being that I was only a 1st grader at the time of the attacks, I have noticed as I've gotten older that I represent a certain line in our country's collective memory. By that, I mean that people older than me generally remember that day very clearly, while those who are younger largely have no memory of the day at all. There are exceptions, of course; several of my peers remember nothing, and even my sister, who is a year older than me, remembers extremely little. It's a strange thing to be on the edge of the population that has clear memories of that day.

What I remember from 9/11 is this: I was a 1st grader at St. Louise de Marillac School, sitting in my classroom, which was taught by Mrs. Krajniak. It was the morning, and since I grew up in the Chicago area in the Central Time Zone, most of us were still settling in for the school day that had just begun. Suddenly Mrs. Nichol, the science teacher whose classroom was next door, stepped inside our class and, with a sense of urgency in her voice, asked Mrs. Krajniak to speak privately with her in the hall for a brief moment. Mrs. Krajniak acquiesced and stepped into the hallway.

For context, both towers had already been hit by the time the morning bell rang at 8:15 AM, and it's debatable how aware our teachers were of the situation as they welcomed their students for the day. However, the Pentagon was hit a little over 20 minutes into the school day, which, as I think back, is probably around the time that Mrs. Nichol and Mrs. Krajniak had their private conversation in the hallway. In any case, Mrs. Krajniak came back into the room a few moments later, visibly shaken and holding back tears. Like a true professional, she carried on with her teaching duties, even though we as her students could tell that something was off, though that "something" went unacknowledged throughout the day.

Every once in a while another teacher, or even the principal, would come to our classroom, call Mrs. Krajniak over to the doorway, and speak in hushed tones for a minute or two before departing. I can only presume they were exchanging information or sharing whatever updates they had on the situation. I know those who were adults in my life at that time told me years later, that no one knew how extensive the attacks were and, with us living so close to downtown Chicago, people feared that one of our own iconic skyscrapers, like the Sears Tower, might be hit next.

Several of us kids had parents who worked downtown, my mom among them, and I'm sure that the teachers were terrified of any of us losing a parent in such an unexpected and terrible tragedy, like so many kids in New York were bound to. All of that was hidden from us as best as the teachers were capable of hiding it. Unfortunately for them, kids are very good observers and can recognize when something is not right, despite how much they are reassured to the contrary.

When my sister and I got home from school, my parents were watching TV, their eyes glued to the screen. I stepped into the living room to see what they were watching, and I saw footage of people in suits and ties, carrying briefcases, and running from something unseen. I know somebody told me that an airplane had flown into a building, but in my childlike point of view, I could not fathom why people were so distraught over that. I specifically remember thinking, "Did the plane run over somebody inside the building? Is that why everyone is so sad?", I asked my parents that exact question, and I remember my mom specifically telling me: "Being run over by the plane was probably the least of their concerns."

The gravity of the situation was lost on me, but again, I was six. The entire worldview of a six-year-old does not expand much further than their immediate family and their school friends. For whatever reason, I do not remember seeing footage of the towers collapsing or the Pentagon burning until later, perhaps even days later.

What I do remember seeing was that our church, St. Louise de Marillac, had a message on their sign outside that read "SPECIAL MASS TONIGHT 7:00PM". I have no memory of my family going to said Mass, but the reason for an impromptu Tuesday night Mass was clear to everyone. The world was in a panic, and people needed something like faith to cling to and get them through this, to pray for the victims of disaster and the country as a whole. The nation was under attack, and we needed the grace of God now more than ever.

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Tangible memories of that day were not the only things burned into my mind. I remember the way the world shifted on September 12th, how the generally positive atmosphere was altered into something more tense that, despite the adults in my life trying to hide it, my six-year-old self could tell that people were afraid.

The Bush administration took a left turn away from their domestic policies, and our country's eyes turned outward and overseas. I remember hearing that we were going to war, that we would find whoever did this and bring them to justice, destroying their country and replacing their leadership if we had to. Much of the rest of my elementary school years were dominated by the headlines of bombing terrorist cells in the exotic-sounding "Middle East" and invading some far-off country called "Iraq," that everyone pronounced as "eye-rack".

Saddam Hussein became the most hated man in my friend group. With our limited exposure and understanding of the news, we believed he was personally responsible for every bad thing in our country, from rising gas prices to bad grades at school to the potential bombing of Chicago next. Again, we were six and didn't really understand the ways the world worked.

I remember that airport security was suddenly a lot stricter, and that on a trip to visit family in Texas, it took us a lot longer than it had before to get through the security checkpoints. Something that particularly stood out to me was that the TSA agents seemed a lot less friendly than they had once been. It was a brand new world that no one asked for, but that we found ourselves living in anyway. It was the cost of maintaining our secure life, the cost of winning the war we now found ourselves in, and the cost of ensuring that another attack like this would never occur again.



But amidst all of the confusion, the tense atmosphere of mourning and anger, and the anxiety of what tomorrow would bring, the image of three firefighters raising the flag, literally putting country above self, stuck with everyone.

The semi-postal stamp that was issued a few months later in 2002 served as a constant reminder to everyone who opened their mailbox that we, as a country, would stand tall and get through this together. We would not forget. Instead, we would fight.

That was 25 years ago. A full generation, in the traditional sense of the word, has passed. The kids growing up today have no idea what the world was like before 9/11, nor will they ever know the state of fear that gripped the nation or the way that people rallied together to step up and fight back. It reminds me of how those same kids today play first-person-shooter video games and enthusiastically talk about how we should go to war with China, Russia, or Iran because "we'd just nuke 'em and win". They are growing up in a world that is largely devoid of the veterans who fought in WWII or Korea, the same veterans I grew up hearing stories from, who witnessed the horrors of war and passed on the wisdom of using diplomacy to achieve and maintain peace.

The kids today have no idea of the destruction that war can bring, nor the loss that inevitably comes with it. It is truly sad and in my opinion, one of the reasons that aggressive behavior, both in person and online, has increased over the last couple of decades.

Twenty-five years is a long time. As I reflect back on that day, there are so many things from my childhood that no longer exist, so many things that changed since I was a first grader, that it really emphasizes the idea of the world in 2001 fading into history. St. Louise de Marillac School closed a few years ago, right around the time of the Pandemic, after a years-long decline in the number of enrolled students. Even the church that had supported the school has seen itself dissolved, merging with another local Catholic church and rebranding as Holy Guardian Angels, a new parish with two church sites.

We're also now at a point in time where large numbers of first responders who were at Ground Zero during the attacks and subsequent recovery efforts are retiring, with all three men pictured on the stamp among the retirees. Many other first responders from that fateful day have passed away. Even Mrs. Krajniak, my first-grade teacher who I saw holding back tears that day and bravely carrying on with her educational duties for the sake of protecting the innocence of her students, passed away earlier this year. It's a strange thing seeing how that world is gone. We really are left only with the memories.

But the image of three firefighters raising the flag lives on. A symbol of a country having been kicked in the dirt, punched in the face, but rising back up to meet the challenge anyway. A triumphant image showing us all that, even in the wake of such tragedy, we would stand tall, we would overcome, and we would prevail!

The image from 9/11 is often compared to the famous photo of U.S. Marines raising the American flag on Iwo Jima. But there is one key difference between the two. The photo of the Marines calls to mind the victory that was gained on the field of battle, whereas the photo of the firefighters standing among the wreckage arouses hope in everyone who looks upon it.

A copy of the firefighters' photograph itself hung on the wall in my dad's home office for years, and maybe even still does! Perhaps he hung it there to remind himself never to forget September 11th. Or maybe he hung it there for the same added reason I found myself looking at it too: as inspiration to remember the way that our country found unity in the midst of tragedy.

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The country post-9/11 was united in a way that we had not seen since the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, and we have not seen that level of unity in the 25 years since the attack. This image has always given me hope that we as Americans can find common ground in times of trouble, pulling the rope in the same direction and pushing back against our enemies and those that threaten our way of life, both foreign and domestic. That unity was on full display when the towers fell, but has dissipated in the years since.

And so, with today being the 25th anniversary of the September 11 attack, it is my prayer that it will not take another attack of this kind or magnitude to force us into unity again. Just as we should always remember 9/11, let us never forget how united we can be.

[NOTE: Stamp images in this article were provided by Peter Elias (from his collection)]

Granbury Meeting Minutes August 25, 2026

By Joe McFarland

Call to order:

- Vice President Dave Stockbridge called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM.

Attendance:

- 11 members and 1 guest were present.

Show &and Tell:

- John Blackmon showed a fake Pony Express stamp, identified by misspellings.
- Les Barton showed a stamp made of cork.
- Rick Howell showed the latest Durland Catalog of Plate Blocks.
- Cynthia Delanoy showed several old postcards.
- Dave Stockbridge showed two old United Nations Aerogrammes (text page folded up to become the cover).

Announcements:

- Rick Howell announced a change in policy for the club circuit books. The dollar limit is now $1000, and the club is not responsible for damage or loss.

Where in the World:

- Les Barton stumped the club members whose guesses were mostly a continent off of the location of Luxembourg. Most thought the country was a colony.

Program:

- Craig & Kelly Kellogg were to give the program on the Boston Stamp Show, but had to return home to prepare to evacuate dogs and valuables due to a close wild fire. Rick Howell filled in very nicely with a discussion on replacement of EXPO exhibits. These are discontinued primarily based on cost and ageing of the frames. Virtual exhibits and menu-driven choices of PowerPoint presentation choices are two possibilities for a replacement of member collection highlights.

Door Prize:

- Rick Howell was the recipient of the $20 certificate.

Adjournment:

- Dave Stockbridge adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.



From The President's Cluttered Desk

By Rick Howell

Well, the Arlington Chapter club auction is behind us now as I am writing this article in advance of the Flower Mound meeting for September. Trinity United Methodist Church provided a larger room for us to have the auction and I am hoping they will continue to allow us to use this room as it allowed us to turn around without hitting somebody. Thanks to Ken Aldridge for his work in securing this room for our use.

EXPO is rapidly approaching and our next EXPO Committee meeting will be on September 26th at David's Barbecue in Arlington at 11:00 AM. This is our last official committee meeting prior to EXPO and I would like to encourage you to come on out and help us with preparations for EXPO.

There are still a few volunteer slots that need to be filled and we can't put on an EXPO without our volunteers. Please come out to the meeting and help us out. We'll even provide the barbecue for our members.

Many thanks go out to our members who have been working so diligently to take care of all the early preparations that have to be made far in advance for EXPO, including Geoff Owens, Stanley Christmas, Tom Cunningham, Ralph Poore, Kathryn Storey, Tom Turner, Skip Ely, Patty Poore, Ken Wills, Janet Moyer, Peter Elias and others whom I have unwittingly overlooked here. You know who you are and thanks so much for your efforts.

Elections are coming up and Ralph Poore has volunteered as our elections committee chairperson. If you are interested in serving as an officer or board member, please contact Ralph.

It's hard to believe it is so late in the year, and these 104 degree days make it hard to believe that fall is rapidly approaching. We only have three more meetings for all of our locations until next year.

We do not have December meetings for Granbury and Flower Mound due to the Christmas and New Years holidays, and our December meeting for Arlington is usually a Christmas party. With the church providing our meals prior to the Arlington meetings, we don't really have to cater for the Arlington Christmas Party meeting any more. We will have to discuss how we are going to handle the December meeting in Arlington.

We will be looking for programs for all three meeting locations next year, so if you have something of interest you would like to share with your brothers and sisters in philately, please volunteer to make a presentation. Remember, sharing is caring!

See y'all at the meeting. Rick

Antique Store Finds

By Peter Elias



Saw this US Mail "collection" bag while visiting an antique store in downtown Denison a year ago. Appeared to be made of canvas. Price tag said it was $95. Would you have bought it?

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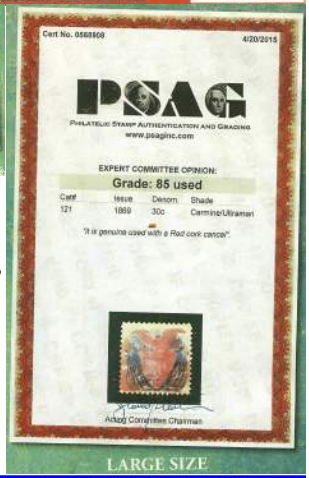


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DEALER

Been There, Done That

Popol Vuh

By Peter Elias

Have you ever heard those words before? I have. Back in my college days (1979-1985), I was into listening to ambient & synthesizer music from (mostly German) artists such as Kraftwerk, Klaus Schulze, Tangerine Dream, Peter Baumann, Vangelis and others.

Amongst the "others" was "Popol Vuh". All I remember is that the name had something to do with Central or South America. But I did (& still do) like their music a lot, especially since I associate it with various German movies made director Werner Herzog.



I've seen the Fitzcarraldo, Aguirre and Nosferatu movies named above. All of which happen to star Klaus Kinski. Fitzcarraldo and Aguirre both take place in South America. Nosferatu is a modern remake of the 1922 German classic by the same name.

So that's what I have known for the past 45 years and associated with "Popol Vuh" (the band).

On one of our Saturday outings, Annie suggested that we go to the Irving Arts Center and check out some exhibitions, one of which was about "Popol Vuh". Turns out, it was NOT about the band.



Reproduction of painting by Jaime Arredondo, as seen at the Irving Arts Center exhibition on 8/15/26

The exhibition was about the actual document "Popol Vuh", which is a text that recounts the mythology & history of the K'iche' people of Guatemala. They were the one of Maya people that inhabited what are now various states in Mexico, including Yucatan and Quintana Roo (Cancun area), along with areas of Belize, Honduras and El Salvador.

In effect, compared to western cultures, Popol Vuh is similar to the *Book of Genesis* (for creationism), *Greek mythology* (for heroic quests & monster battles) and ancient epics like *The Odyssey* or *BeoWulff* (for tales of brave underworld journeys).

At the Irving Arts Center the exhibition (ran through October 17), was called *Popol Vuh: The Sacred Book of the Quiché through Illustration*".

The 65 artworks were done by Jaime Arredondo and are on large hard panels in one of the entry areas to the performance hall, and which appeared to have originated as paintings.

While I don't have a wide-angle view of the entire display area, I did take photos of some of the panels, as shown below.

Right - Panel 01: "*In the beginning there was nothing*".
Below - Panel 59: "*The world is filled with crazy people*".





Who is Jaime Arredondo? He was born in Dallas, Texas to Mexican American Tejano parents.

His mother was a direct descendant of the original land granted to Spanish families in Texas dating back to the 1600's, while his father was Otomi, a large Native American nation that originated from Central Mexico.

When he was growing up, his parents filled his imagination with stories of the borderlands and Mexico, about land, conquest, love, betrayal, spirit and soul.

He received his BA at the University of Dallas and graduated from Yale with a Master of Fine Arts in Painting. His presently out of New York.

Oh... the philatelic part of this article? In 2009 several of his paintings (of flowers) were issued as stamps by the UN NY, Scott # 971-973, as 1¢, 9¢ & 10¢ values.



I always ask myself - "is there a stamp for that?" - and in this case, three! And you learn something in the process!

Been There, Done That

Ate That

By Peter Elias



At the end of January 2001, when Annie & I were married, this was our wedding cake. A philatelic one at that! What a surprise! Annie had borrowed my copy of St. Vincent Scott #614a (1980) which featured the $2 value from the "St. Vincent On The Map" set on a souvenir sheet.

She took the sheet to a bakery where they scanned the souvenir sheet and then printed the image with edible inks on top of the cake. How cool was that!

That said, our honeymoon was on St. Kitts, not St. Vincent. That's ok, because 6¼ years later, in May 2007, we did go to St. Vincent as part of an annual meeting of the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group, which chose St. Vincent as the island to have their meeting on. That trip also rounded out me having visited all 3 of the British "Saints" in the Caribbean, as our fist stop was in St. Lucia for a couple of days, then on to St. Vincent for the rest of the week. Furthest I ever went for a philatelic meeting!

I suppose that this was one of those times when I had my cake and did get to eat it!

ASNP

By Peter Elias

If you want to read up on Netherlands stamps & philately, the ASNP (American Society for Netherlands Philately) has about 50 years worth of journals (1975 to 2025) available for downloading (as PDF files) from their website at: http://asnp1975.com/ASNP.Vols.Index.Link.htm. The PDF files can also open up inside your browser if supported (which means you don't have to download the actual file). The main site is at http://asnp1975.com/index.html. It's easy to join, and actually FREE if you only want a "digital" membership!

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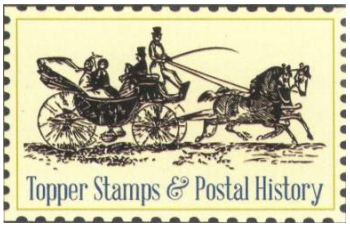
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WASPs & Disney During World War II

by Peter Elias



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COCHRAN VISITS BRAIN CHILD

"I've got lots to tell you-and its good news too.But right now there are some final details which must be worked out before I can announce it." That's Jacqueline Cochran's answer to the Army plans to use pilots of the 319th.

"You can say,though",Miss Cochran added,"that those who meet the standards will go directly in the Ferry Command. And they'll be qualified to fly AT 6's and AT 17's, not just liaison and ordinary trainers."

"In the Ferry Command",Miss Cochran continued, "they'll go to one of the six ferry bases in the United States.It takes 50 pilots to make up a squadron,which is ledby a squadron commander.

A.E. PLANS EXPANSION

Hammering and sawing won't stop with completion of ready rooms now taking shape around Aviation Enterprises' hangars,according to Henry E. Kriegel, vice-president.

Fourteen buildings have been approved by the F.T.C. at Ft.Worth. Administration,Operations, Classroom,Mess Hall, Hospital and Link Buildings, and eight domitories will be built on the Cubstuff parking lot when CAA, owners of the land,grants approval.

Aviation Enterprises started three years ago with six employes.Today over 380 (30% women) work in the plane overhaul and flight programs.

Miss Cochran selected A.E. for the 319th



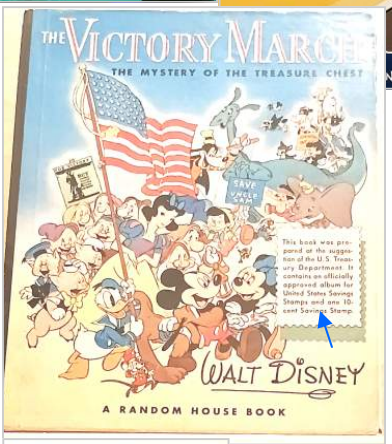
Dr. Landdeck signing her books after the presentation.



On September 9, I attended a talk about "WASPs & Fifinella", given by Katherine Landdeck, PhD, at the DHHRM (Dallas Holocaust & Human Rights Museum).

While I had heard of the WASPs (Woman Airforce Service Pilots) before, I wasn't really familiar with the subject, so this was a great educational opportunity. Dr. Landdeck is a professor at TWU (Texas Women's University) in Denton and this is her favorite subject! She is a pilot herself as well.

On a hunch, prior to going, I briefly searched for "*WASPs WWII on postage stamps*" and found that USA #3066 (above, issued in 1996) commemorated Jacqueline Cochran, who was instrumental in the WASPs! Finding a spare copy of the stamp, I gave it to Dr. Landdeck; she is shown in the photo above (bottom center), with a PowerPoint slide above her that was about "Fifinella" (the adopted insignia of the WASPs), which was a "female gremlin"; it was designed by Walt Disney Productions.



Random House (United States, 1927–1998)
The Victory March
The Mystery of the Treasure Chest, 1942

After the presentation (she's a great speaker!), we were invited to visit the "*Walt Disney and WWII*" exhibit.

By the time you read this, the exhibit had closed after September 10, but I'm glad I got to see it just in time!

I was surprised to see a couple of "philatelic" tidbits at the exhibit, such as the "Victory March" book (above), which also doubled as an album for saving "War Savings" stamps. My only copy (right) of #WS7 apparently didn't get "saved" but did postal duty instead, judging by the machine cancel marks (they weren't actually valid as postage...).



Wonder what the "Cochran Control" was actually about that Donald Duck is pointing out to Goofy in the poster above (the illustration didn't say anything about it). Some insignia stickers (cinderellas) were also shown

In any case, seek philately, and you shall find it!



Is Donald Duck on a stamp relating to World War II? Yes: Sierra Leone #663A (1984), where he is "gets drafted"

Been There, Done That

License Plates on Stamps

Peter Elias

License plates are another collecting hobby that can intersect with philately. In last month's issue, I did write briefly about combining hobbies and where I showed a PhotoStamp of a car I had in college along with the actual 1983 license plate from that car.

In the November 2024 issue, I wrote about German license plates (since they had a stamp about that subject and I had owned a car in Germany in 1984 and for which I also still have the license plates).

Now, "license plates on stamps" as such could be an interesting topic to collect. While only a few stamps seem to show license plates as the main subject, most are going to be incidental as the major design element will probably be the vehicle itself.

In my case, all of this will only relate to the license plates the relate to my own vehicles. And the only way THOSE plates can be on a postage stamp was between 2004 to 2020, when the US Postal Service had their "personalized postage" program. For this program, they licensed several companies to produce "postage". Note that I did not say "stamps"; apparently the USPS wanted to reserve that word for items it produces itself. They treated these akin to "meters", although they sure look like "stamps", so I'll keep calling them that...





The Texas "GRUEZI" plate shown on the two stamps at left and below have been on various cars of mine probably back to the early to mid-1990's.

At the time, I did have to explain to the Texas DMV what exactly "GRUEZI" meant. And that is really only one thing: "*Hello*" in Swiss (more specifically, *Grüezi* is a Swiss way of saying the German word "Grüsse Sie", meaning "greetings to you", just shortened a bit. Gruezi really means that one thing, that's it! I've had other Swiss people here in Dallas, that have been in Texas far longer than me, complain that they couldn't get it. I guess you just had to explain it to the DMV...



As you can see at bottom of the 1st column, I've had a GRUEZI plate back when I lived in Kentucky.

You'll notice that on the 2 stamps, that the word GRUEZI is embossed, as it was on the Kentucky license plate. And TEXAS was actually in a different color.



Sadly, the plates are now monochrome, all in black and no longer embossed. Rather boring if you ask me.

Yes, it is possibly to order a plate like this and have various colors available, but that would requiring going to a state authorized company that makes these, and last time I checked, they charge more than the $40 a year that the State of Texas tacks on to my car registration fees; so I'll guess I'll stick with black.



But even regular plates that you get for your cars are also plain black (left). Sigh.

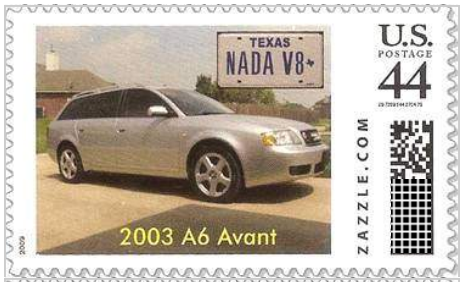
Whatever happened being a bit more "colorful?



The plate at left was a temporary plate from many years ago. Raised letters AND the Texas flag in color!



Or how about this one with a few extra design elements added, such as the Space Shuttle, a "big sky", a horse with a cowboy and oil derricks?



A few years back, I did have "NADA V8" plate. And while that didn't have embossed letters, at least in was in blue, not black. While I don't have that Audi A6 Avant any longer, that plate is now on a 1990 Audi Coupe Quattro.



And "NADA V8", means "**Not a V8**" … 'cause my car had a V6, and now just an I5 (inline 5 cylinder).

Dennison or Dennisen?

By Peter Elias

Hinges are one of those things that most of us collectors have to work with (well, unless you exclusively only use mounts or stockbook pages..).



Recently I ran across this pink package of "Dennisen" stamp hinges (left). It was in a larger package that I associate with modern hinges (you know, the ones that do NOT peel off easily?).

The package stated that it was "*the original hinge*". Yet it is spelled "Dennis**e**n", not "Dennis**o**n", as in the blue & red package that I associate with the "original" Dennison hinges (below).

If you look a the back of the pink package, it states "Unitrade Associates" and M6L 2C4, which decodes to North York, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. In contrast the blue & red package was made by Dennison Manufacturing in Framingham, Massachusetts. Hmm…



Additionally, the "original" Dennison hinges also came in a green package as shown at the bottom, as well as other variations over the years.

The scans here show (at 50% of actual size), the relative size differences in the packages.

Why Dennis**e**n called themselves the "original" hinge, I haven't been able to find out yet. Unitrade is a Canadian company that sells/sold various stamp supplies, and their hinges were supposedly made in Germany (and are considered a "knock-off) brand); these hinges supposedly do not have the same "peelability" as the Dennis**o**n hinges.



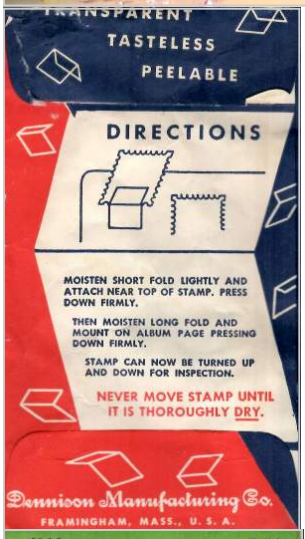
That said, Skip Ely stated that he tried some of the Dennis**e**n hinges and that they do seem to peel ok without any major issues. Guess I'll have to open my package and try it for myself the next time that I create a club sales book.



Of course, there are various hinge brands out there. Subway Stamp Company in Pennsylvania made "Dennis" hinges for a while, as they had acquired the hinge manufacturing equipment from the original Dennison company. But, it's not just the equipment, it's the gum that makes the difference. Who knows what the exact ingredients for the peelable gum was? These ingredients may not be available any longer.

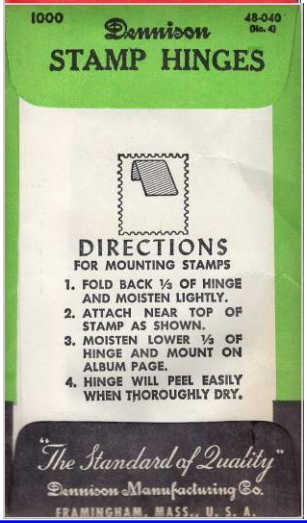
The Dennison hinges used some sort of proprietary mixture of plant-based gums. By layering





the gum mixture on non-porous glassine paper, at some very specific temperatures, they were able to produce a gum that would hold firmly when wetted, but would peel away easily after it had dried. Seems the gum magic has faded into history….

Many years ago at the 2015 EXPO's, there was a table-top exhibit, on what is now the magazine freebie table (see photo at top), that showcased various hinge packets, as well as refer to an "American Philatelist" (APS) article about hinges (but my digital photo is not high enough in resolution to discern what issue that was).



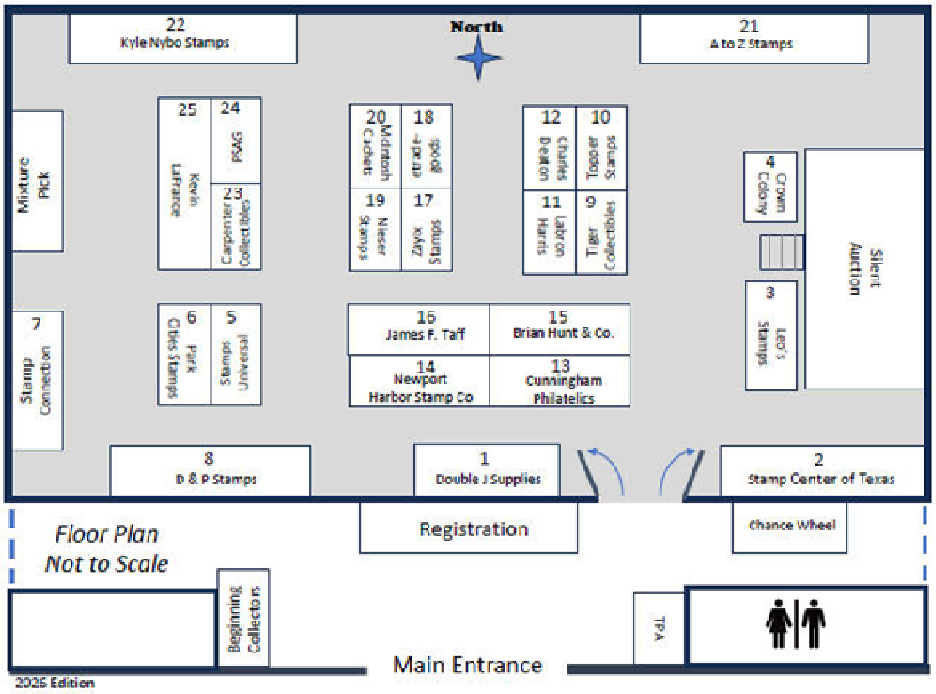
It was a very interesting exhibit, and I've not seen it again, nor do I know who put this hinge exhibit together. Above is a reduced resolution picture; if you want the original digital photo I took, I can email it to you.

I have been trying to save old hinge packets as I find them, perhaps this exhibit can be recreated!

Ready, set, collect!

MCSC 2026 EXPO Floor Plan

By Stan Christmas



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10. Topper Stamps & Postal History (Jonathan Topper, Cielo Topper) (832) 518-6558
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11. Labron Harris Postal History (Labron Harris, Craig Eggleston) (240) 447-3769
Worldwide Postal History
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12. Charles Deaton (Charles Deaton) (713) 927-9948
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13. Cunningham Philatelics (Tom Cunningham, Sam Phillippi (214) 546-1179
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14. Newport Harbor Stamp Co. (David Cobb) (949) 701-3392
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15. Brian Hunt & Co. (Brian Hunt, Lori Hunt) (512) 837-9997
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16. James F. Taff (Jim Taff) (916) 709-0412
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17. Zayix Stamps & Collectibles (Steve & Theresa & Austin Stewart) (832) 225-6074
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18. etradegoods (Alejandro Jaime, Elena Rodriguez) (956) 905-2586
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19. Nieser Stamps & Coins (Ken & Ana Maria Neiser) (832) 212-1285
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20. McIntosh Cachets (Tricia & Darcy Richmond) www.mcintoshcachets.com (214) 476-7358
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21. A to Z Stamps (Michael & Cecelia Ball) (248) 709-8939 or (480) 844-9878 (off.)
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24. PSAG (Jimmy & Tommie Tomchesson, Mike Mathis) (832) 278-5268
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25. Kevin LaFrance (Kevin LaFrance) (504) 723-6890
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MEET & EAT for October 2026

by Judy & Stanley Christmas

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

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

ARLINGTON

October 7 — Trinity United Methodist Church (5 PM)
1200 W. Green Oaks Blvd, Arlington

FLOWER MOUND

October 21 — Alforno's Italian Kitchen,
2260 Morriss Rd., Flower Mound
(972) 355-1709

GRANBURY

October 27 — Club Picnic. Dave Stockbridge will supply Hot Dogs, Buns, and Soft Drinks and Water. Attending members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share

Mid-Cities Stamp Club "Stamping Around" Newsletter
c/o Peter Elias
PO Box 940427
Plano, TX 75094-0427

Don't Forget:
EXPO Planning Mtg - Sept. 26
Granbury - Club Picnic - Oct. 27

Wanted to Buy

Texas Precancel Stamps. Contact Rick Howell at: Rick.howell1@tx.rr.com 5/19

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** 2/15

Various USA **Scott #C2 & C3 on covers & cards** are needed for my U.S Air Mail collection. Please forward scans of the covers / cards along with asking price(s) to Don Jones at **adjaams@aol.com** Thank you. 2/21

For Sale

FREE 111-page (all varieties) or 26-page album (basic version) of Spanish ATM stamps (provided as a PDF file) with purchase of at least $3.00 in Spanish ATM stamps (which are only 10¢ each)! Contact Peter Elias at peter@pcelias.com 9/26

Large accumulation of stamps from many countries both mint & used. This includes full dealer boxes, bulging glassines, binders with album and Vario pages, and old albums with collections. All stamps are no more than 20% of catalog price. Request stamps by country and I will determine the best way to get them to you for examination. You select what you want, write down catalog price, adjust for condition, and pay me when you return the material. What do you want, need, or desire to look at? Dave Stockbridge; stockdave44@yahoo.com 2/26