

# Stamping Around

Newsletter of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club

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*Been There,  
Done That*

## Naval Aviation

By Bob Weidman



Back in 1967, when I made the decision to enlist in the Service, I picked the Navy, specifically Naval Aviation. I made that choice because I wanted to get into a branch of the service where there would be action and I would learn something that may help

later when I got out.

Naval Aviation had its start way back in 1910. On November 14 of that year, Eugene Ely flew a Curtiss Pusher aircraft off a specialty platform on the scout cruiser Birmingham, CC-2, at Old Point, Virginia.

On January 18, Ely landed the first airplane on the armored cruiser Pennsylvania, ACR-4, at the Mare Island Navy Yard in California.

In July of 1919, the Naval Appropriations Act provided for the conversion of the collier USS Jupiter to the first aircraft carrier. Her name was then changed to "USS Langley" (CV-1) and it was commissioned on the 30th of March, 1922. In September of 1922, it was ready for sea duty. Flight operations commenced on October 17. And thus, it began, US Naval Aviation.

I was assigned to Attack Squadron 94, a Douglas A-4 squadron. We made three deployments to Vietnam aboard the aircraft carrier USS Bon Home Richard (CVA-31). The "Bonnie Dick" was commissioned at the Brooklyn Navy Yard on November 27, 1944. In September of 1955, it underwent extensive modifications and the angled deck was added. After our 1970 deployment, the ship was mothballed.

Attack Squadron 94 was commissioned on August 1, 1958 and shortly afterwards, A-4 Skyhawks were introduced.

The picture of me standing by the plane I was responsible for is shown below to the left. The picture below shows one of our planes taxiing to the catapults for a launch.

The stamp shown nearby is USA Scott# 1185, issued on August 20, 1961 for the 50th Anniversary of Naval Aviation.



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## Coming Attractions

### 2019

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

Program: Club Auction

#### OCT. 2 MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting

Program: EXPO Envelope stuffing

ALSO: EXPO Planning Meeting

#### OCT. 11-12 Greater Dallas Postcard Show

Comfort Inn, 700 Central Pkwy East, Plano, Admission

#### OCT. 16 MCSC—EULESS Meeting

Program: Extended Show & Tell and philatelic discussions

#### OCT. 22 MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting

Program: James Myers: Topic is TBD

#### NOV. 6 MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting

Program: TBD

#### NOV. 8 - 9 MCSC 32nd ANNUAL EXPO

1209 S. Main St., Grapevine, Fri 10-5, Sat 9-4. Free!

#### NOV. 20 MCSC—EULESS Meeting

Program: EXPO Debrief

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

Program: TBD

## Editor's Forum

By Peter Elias

EXPO 2019 will be here soon! Are you ready? Get your want lists together and email all the dealers to let them know what you're looking for!

I'm still trying to get my new exhibits finished. Getting all 48 pages done on time will probably get down to the last minute. I was hoping to have had it almost done by now (mid-September), but life happens and other priorities took over. I've got most items scanned and am dropping images into the pages and then have to write text around it.

That's how I actually do all of my exhibits: I first scan any and all philatelic items that might potentially be in the exhibit. I then create a Microsoft Publisher file with as many pages as my intended exhibit (48 in this case). Then I drop in the scans and photos on the various pages and that will allow me to gauge how it will look visually and let me know where to place the text boxes for the write-up.

When I'm all done, I essentially have the entire exhibit in electronic format and then generally make it into a PDF file. Then I create "white boxes" to cover up the all philatelic items in the exhibit and then print those pages on paper. At that point I can mount the actual philatelic items on the exhibit pages. Everything should fit fine, since I always make sure that the scans are the exact size, so once I block out the scan on in Microsoft Publisher it leaves the exact blank space left to mount the physical item on the printed pages. Voila!

As you know, we can great deals on Polo & Button-down shirts with the club logo embroidered on them. Deals come up all the time (but I have to act quickly); the company requires a minimum order of 6 shirts (in whatever colors, sizes and styles we choose). If you have any interest in a shirt, please let me know your size and preferred color[s] and that way I can act quicker to take advantage of the sale. Generally speaking, prices (w/shipping) are around \$18 to \$22, a great price for an embroidered shirt!

## Thank You

Many thanks to Jan Baker who dropped off 2 boxes of stamps and albums at the September Arlington meeting. The collection had belonged to her mother. It was handed over to Tom Turner and Skip Ely, who will disperse it amongst the EPO Silent Auction and Beginning Collector Table.

## Secretary's Report

By Skip Ely



New Members  
Reinstatements  
Andras Lacko (#339)

#### Membership Summary – September 18, 2019

Membership as of August 20, 2019	93
New Members	0
Dropped for non-payment of dues	0
Resignations	0
Deceased	0
Reinstatements	1
Membership as of September 18, 2019	94

## MCSC EXPO MINUTES Saturday, August 31, 2019

By Skip Ely

The MCSC Expo committee members met at Angelo's in Pantego at 11:00 A.M. on August 31, 2019. In attendance were Ralph Poore (Committee Chairperson), Stanley Christmas, Judy Christmas Alliene Franklin, Peter Elias, Ken Wills, Gene Pfretzschner, Anne Moxley, Bob Weidman, Ray and Janet Moyer, Tom Turner, Tom Cunningham, Diana Davis, Ray and Karen Cartier, Rick Howell, Rich Hildebrandt, Evan Islam, and Skip Ely.

Ralph referenced the minutes of the previous Expo meeting in May.

### Expo Committee Reports:

- Assistant Chairperson Stanley Christmas gave an update on the show flyer.
- Awards – Ray Cartier said there were no issues with awards.
- Awards Banquet – Rich Hildebrandt said tickets were available. Anne Moxley said she had reservations from several exhibitors.
- Beginners – Skip Ely said he had replenished the material he offered last year. Diana Davis showed a sketch of a locomotive she drew that could be used for youth coloring activities.
- Bourse – Tom Cunningham said we had reservations from 26 dealers, two of which will be new to EXPO. He outlined the new dealers' specialties. There was then a brief discussion of filing cabinet needs.
- Cachets – Diana Davis showed samples of two cachets she had prepared. The first one was accepted to be put on the awards program. Both we accepted for cachets.
- Chance Board – Karen Cartier said she was in the process of filling envelopes but could use some additional foreign stamps. Skip Ely said he should be able to provide them.
- Exhibits – Anne Moxley said she had enough exhibits to fill our 60 frames. She said she wanted to review the floor plan to decide how they should be displayed.
- Hospitality and Registration – Janet Moyer passed around the volunteer sheet and said we could use some help in a few areas.
- Judges – Peter Elias said we had commitments from three respected APS judges.
- Lunches – Judy said we were using Jason's Deli again this year.
- Mix Pick – Bob Weidman said we had several donations this year that reduced the need to purchase a lot of additional material.
- Publicity – Peter reviewed the status of publications that will advertise our show.
- Security – No issues were discussed.
- Signs – Stanley Christmas reviewed the status of some new signs.
- Silent Auction – Ken Wills said we had room for 132 lots, and that the Silent Auction Committee would be getting together in October to sort through the material to determine the lots.
- Transportation (of frames and cabinets to and from the storage unit) – Evan Islam said he will have a crew at the storage unit around 4:00 PM (on Thursday, November 7) and intends to be at the loading dock at the convention center shortly thereafter. They will unload as soon as we can have access to the room. The loading dock will then be available to the dealers.

## MCSC Board Meeting Minutes Saturday, August 31, 2019

By Skip Ely

A MCSC Board Meeting was held at Angelo's in Pantego at 12:20 PM on August 31, 2019, following a short break after an EXPO meeting.

In attendance were President Rich Hildebrandt, Treasurer Judy Christmas, First Vice President Ray Moyer, Second Vice President Gene Pfretzschner, Secretary Skip Ely, and Board Members Peter Elias, Ken Wills and Alliene Franklin. Also, attending were club members Stanley Christmas, Bob Weidman, Rick Howell, Janet Moyer, Diana Davis Ray and Karen Cartier, Tom Cunningham, Ralph Poore and Tom Turner.

### Old Business:

- Scott Catalog Purchases - The status of purchasing new Scott catalogs was reviewed. Rich Hildebrandt and librarian Janet Moyer agreed to contact Ricky Peed about ordering the U.S. Specialized and Classic Specialized catalogs for this year.

### New Business:

- Financial Documents - Treasurer Judy Christmas asked for advice on how long to keep our financial records. The consensus was seven years.
- Club History – Gene Pfretzschner said he would be willing to assume the duties of club historian. Skip Ely said he would arrange to get the club history documents to Gene.
- Request to Learn About Stamps – Ray and Karen Cartier offered to work with the American Heritage Girls group who requested information about stamp collecting.
- Christmas Dinner and Program – Stanley Christmas proposed changing our traditional Shanghai Bingo program at the December dinner meeting to a simpler Gift Exchange program. This is in response to several members citing a dislike to the confrontational nature of Shanghai Bingo.
- Budget – Judy Christmas passed around an updated budget sheet and asked program chairs to review their areas. Please let her know of any changes.
- APS Ambassador – Alliene Franklin said Gene Atkinson wished to discontinue being the APS ambassador for the club. Skip Ely said he was willing to assume the responsibility, since some of it dovetailed with the secretary duties anyway.
- Club Website – Peter Elias asked about the status of updating the look of our website. He said he felt it needed to be more user friendly for mobile devices, which more and more people are using to access the web instead of computers. Several others agreed. Rich Hildebrandt said he would check on the status of any website updates.

### Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.

- Volunteers – Skip Ely said we had an offer from the Dallas Park Cities Philatelic Society to help with volunteers. Ray Cartier said he would pass around our volunteer sheet when he presents a program there during the latter part of September.
- Action Due Dates – Ralph Poore said he would be following up on some actions scheduled for September. He suggested a final follow up Expo meeting at the Arlington picnic and envelope stuffing meeting on October 2.

### Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned about 12:00 PM.

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## What's Wrong With This Cover?

By Peter Elias

This cover was mailed in late June (26th?) from Germany and I received it on July 2. On July 1, Germany raised the basic international rate postage from €0.90 (for 20 grams) to €1.10 (with €1.70 up to 50 grams), a rather steep increase. But this letter was mailed prior to the rate increase. Yet it bears €1.60 in postage (€0.90 with an Internetstamp and €0.70 via a regular postage stamp). I don't recall the exact weight, but regardless, the postage shown is either overpaying or underpaying the required postage! ... And: "Internetmarken" (Internetstamps) are not supposed to co-mingle with regular postage stamps according to Deutsche Post regulations! There was a €0.20 make-up rate internet stamps available if needed.



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## Annual Club Christmas Party

by Judy Christmas

I know that is a little early to be talking about the annual Mid-Cities Stamp Club's Christmas Party (on December 4), but there will be a big change in this year's party.

At the Board meeting on Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, it was decided to discontinue playing Shanghai Bingo at the Christmas party.

At one time, we had had as many as 60 guests at our Annual Christmas Party, but that number has fallen to 30 or less! And we wanted to find out why. Stanley Christmas took a poll of the members who were not coming to the Christmas Party. Most members said they stopped coming because Shanghai Bingo was no longer any fun. With that being said, the BOD has decided that we will be no longer be playing Shanghai Bingo.

What has been suggested is to replace the bingo game with just a gift exchange. How this will work: Everyone who attends (guess included if they want to play) will be asked to bring some sort of philatelic gift to the party. We ask that the value be between \$5 and \$10. Make it something that someone else would like to receive, so no "junk" please.

If your item will fit in an envelope, then place it in an envelope making sure what is inside can't be seen. For larger items, please wrap or put them in a pretty Christmas bag or box.

As you place your gifts on the gift-giving table, Stanley Christmas will have a bowl full of numbers. You pull out one number for the drawing after the dinner. Keep your number secret.

After everyone has finished their dinner, we will begin drawing for gifts. This how the exchange will go:

1. The numbers will be drawn randomly from a box. The person holding the number drawn will be the first to select a gift, open it up for all to see and then place it up in front of them.
2. Then another number will be drawn, and that person can either select a gift from the table and open it up or take the gift of the person who drew first.
3. Once a gift is swapped, it is frozen and cannot be swapped again.
4. If a person's gift is taken, he/she can select another gift and open it up, placing in front of them.
5. This process will then be repeated until all gifts have been drawn.
6. If subsequent people take an unfrozen gift, the person who had the unfrozen gift swapped can either open up a new gift or swap their new gift for an unfrozen one.

The exchange ends when everyone with a number has had an opportunity to select a gift. We are hoping this change in gift giving will bring many members back to attending the annual Christmas Party.



## MCSC Annual Picnic!

By Judy Christmas

The October's Arlington meeting is the Club's annual Fall Picnic. We will gather at the same spot as in the past - the patio at the Bob Duncan Community Center. The Center will have tables and chairs placed there for us to dine at.

The picnic date is October 2, 2019. This will be a pot luck dinner. A sign-up sheet will have been passed around at the September meetings. But if you were not able to attend a September meeting and or did not sign up but would like to attend let me know via phone, 817-656-2925 or e-mail, [judy66@swbell.net](mailto:judy66@swbell.net).

The Club will provide hot dogs, cooked by our own personal chef David Stockbridge & his able body assistant Ray Moyer. The club will also provide hot dog buns, condiments, drinks and utensils.

For those who will be attending, we ask that you bring a covered dish. Some dishes that have been brought in the past are salads (tossed, Jell-O, fruit), beans, casserole dishes of all kinds, fruit plates, deviled eggs (which always go fast so make plenty) chips & dip and all sorts of desserts.

This event has been such a big success in year's past, so please come and join us. It is a good time for members to get to visit with each other. We will begin gathering around 5:00 PM and start eating around 5:30 PM.

If you have any question, please contact either Judy Christmas at (817) 656-2925 or David Stockbridge at (817) 573-7168.

## Postal Card Puzzler

By Peter Elias

So this card is a "puzzler". It is a "special first flight from Leipzig to Vienna" cover mailed during the Leipzig Spring Convention (East Germany - "DDR"). It was postmarked with a special Leipzig cancel at 3 AM on 3/13/66 and received in Vienna, Austria at 15 hours on the same day (a final Vienna receiving postmark 5 days later on 3/18/66 at 9 AM; plus another indistinct postmark from 3/16/66).

What puzzles me though, is the postage. Since this Austrian postal card was mailed from East Germany, it only bears a 5 pfennig DDR stamp, attached to an Austrian Postal Stationery card (with an Austrian 1.80 Shilling value), which surely would not have paid the full postage fee from Leipzig to Vienna.

The address was a "poste retante" address in Vienna (which was crossed out), but the sender/receiver were the same person, and the full address is on the back.

Any comments about this card are welcomed!



## Arlington Meeting Minutes September 4, 2019

By Skip Ely

### Attendance:

- We had 20 members and 2 visitors, a retired couple wondering what to do with a relative's old stamp collection.

### Officer Reports:

- Secretary – Skip Ely said we had 94 members, with the addition of 1 new member and 1 reinstatement.
- Treasury – Judy Christmas gave the treasury amount.

### Committee Reports:

- EXPO:
  - Peter Elias showed some mock-ups of the cachets that will be offered at EXPO.
  - Stanley Christmas said show flyers were available for distribution (contact him for copies).
  - Rich Hildebrandt said he had award banquet tickets available for \$20.
  - Tom Turner made a pitch for Silent Auction donations.
- Sales – Skip Ely said he wouldn't be closing any 2018 books until after the October meeting due to being busy with other club and EXPO committee chores.
- Newsletter – Peter gave a short update on the newsletter status.

### Announcements:

- Judy Christmas highlighted our annual picnic preceding the October meeting (details elsewhere in the newsletter).
- Dave Stockbridge mentioned the auction at the Granbury meeting location to be held on September 24.

### Show & Tell:

- Peter Elias showed a USPS deck card for the newly issued T. Rex stamps.

### Program:

- Was the semi-annual auction. There were approximately 80 lots, many from the cancelled May meeting. About half were sold, mostly for the minimum bid.

### Gift Certificates:

- Were awarded to Jim Case, Judy Christmas, Gene Pfretzschner and Jeff Jessop. Mint stamp packets donated by Stanley Christmas (from the Bob Werry estate) were won by Dave Stockbridge, Wimberly Mills, Janet Moyer, Bobby Mills and Rick Howell.

### Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned about 8:30 PM.



## Eules Meeting Minutes September 18, 2019

By Skip Ely

### Attendance:

- There were 8 members and 1 guest present. The guest applied for membership before the end of the meeting.

### Officer Reports:

- Secretary – Skip Ely said with a reinstatement (see the Secretaries Report elsewhere in the newsletter) our membership stood at 94.
- Treasurer – Judy Christmas said the treasury was prepared for EXPO.

### Committee Reports:

- EXPO – Stanley Christmas said he visited the new Grapevine Postmaster in preparation for EXPO. He said there would be no USPS Kiosk this year at EXPO. Otherwise, all went well. He also mentioned that our exhibit frames are full, and that Rich Hildebrandt had tickets for the Awards Banquet.
- Ken Wills said the Silent Auction committee would meet October 24 to sort out donations.
- Sales - Skip Ely said sales were good. He also noted he was in the process of doing inventory of club books in order to reimburse the sellers, and closing books submitted in 2018.

### Announcements:

- Tom Turner said he had talked to past President Susan Baker recently and all was well with her.
- Stanley Christmas mentioned the upcoming auction in Granbury September 24.
- Judy Christmas talked about the club picnic preceding the Arlington meeting October 2.

### Show & Tell:

- Ken Wills showed a cover he had mailed and personally postmarked that was then further defaced by an overzealous owner of a magic marker. He also passed around an address label that had been on an envelope of stamps that had been somehow submerged such that only the return address on the label survived. He also showed a copy of a "Philatelic Handbook of Indian Railways" that he had purchased while on a recent trip to India.

### Other:

- Skip Ely talked briefly about the accounting procedure he uses for items sold from APS books.

### Door Prizes:

- Gift Certificates were awarded to Stanley Christmas and Skip Ely. Janet Moyer won a package of previous EXPO cached envelopes.

### Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned about 8:20 PM.

← A mock-up of the EXPO 2019 Cachet Envelope is shown to the left. We will actually have two varieties: blue & red locomotives to match the colors on the locomotives shown on this year's stamps. Club Member Diana Davis created the cachet designs and Peter Elias printed the cachet envelopes.

## Goldenes Dachl

By Peter Elias

## From The President's Desk

by Richard Hildebrandt



On September 5, 2000 (wow, 19 years ago!), Annie & I were visiting Innsbruck, and I took the picture shown below (1).

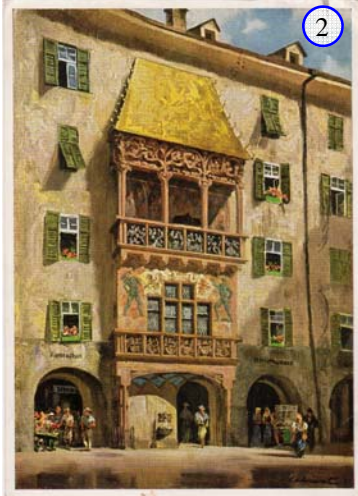
As part of my on-going "Been There - Done That" series of philatelic articles, I've gone through many of my old travel photos from various countries and then perusing my collection and the Scott catalogs to see if there are any matches! After all, there are too many stamps out there and I have no clue if a stamp has been issued commemorating a place, person or thing that has intersected my life at one point. Then I check to see if I have that stamp (or postal stationery item, postmark or cover) in my collection. If not, then I'll have to procure the item, and if that isn't possible, I have to see if I can find a decent image of it on the internet somewhere, along with due credit of course.

Now back to the "Goldenes Dachl". That essentially means "little golden roof" in German. I took the picture in Innsbruck since it looks really interesting, but knew nothing about. So now, 19 years later, I decided to look it up and even managed to get some philatelic items to go with it!

According to Wikipedia, the Goldenes Dachl is a structure in "old town Innsbruck". It was completed in the year 1500 and the roof was decorated with 2,657 fire-gilded copper tiles for Emperor Maximilian I to mark his wedding to Bianca Maria Sforza. The couple used the balcony to observe various events (such as festivals and tournaments) that took place in the square below. You can read more about it at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goldenes\\_Dachl](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goldenes_Dachl).



As you can see, the Goldenes Dachl has been featured on at least one stamp (1), numerous picture postcards (2) and one postal stationery card (3). The blue stamp at top is Scott #629A issued in 1960. A postal stationery card was issued in 2008 as shown to the right, with a nice pictorial postmark. The card is courtesy of Austrian stamp collector Heinz Lokaj who sent it to me!



Googling around I found 3 more stamps and an aerogramme featuring the iconic structure, which are shown above (the postal card).

As the summer heat drags on, I hope you have kept cool indoors working on your stamp collection. As we approach our annual EXPO on November 8 & 9, it is good to have an idea of what you need to round out your holdings.

Preparations are moving along nicely for the EXPO and there will be numerous opportunities for you to acquire those items.

On the subject of EXPO, we are always in need of help to man the various positions at the show. Reception desk, mix pick, beginners table and silent auction are only some of the areas that volunteering a few hours will lighten someone else's burden.

There are still tickets available for the awards dinner on that Friday night. \$20 per includes a full meal of salad, vegetables, main entrée and dessert. Can't beat that at a regular restaurant and we include good fellowship with other collectors. As an added bonus, one of the exhibit judges will present a short talk on a philatelic topic. Please contact me if you need further info or to make a reservation.

Lastly for this column, if you don't usually attend the Arlington meeting you should definitely consider coming in Oct. It is the annual club picnic. Club supplies the hot dogs and drinks. Dave Stockbridge and Ray Moyer do an excellent job on the grill. They will custom cook your dog and bun to your exacting specifications, as long as you want charred. Just kidding, Dave. It is a great time to socialize with other members and learn what they do outside of the philatelic realm. We have folks with many interests in addition to their philatelic acumen.

Happy stamping!



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(an Austrian classified ads website)

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Scott#2462 from 2013

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From [Austria-forum.org](http://Austria-forum.org)



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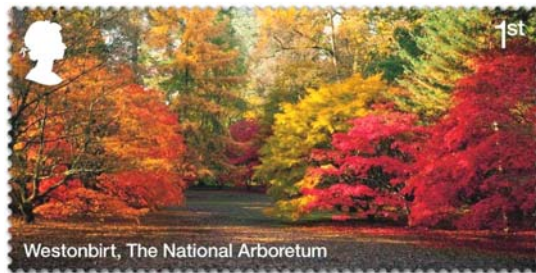
## Philately – A Sentimental Journey

by Rick Howell

I guess a lot of people don't understand philatelists. What could someone see in collecting bits of paper which are used to record payment for the transmission of information around the planet? What many people don't realize is that those of us who have lived a long time take a great amount of comfort in seeing things that remind us of our past, or remind us of familiar stories that have entertained us in our lives. We fondly remember our conquests of trying to find a stamp to complete a particular portion of our collection or fill in a long-unoccupied empty spot in that musty-smelling album that has become the object of our interests for so many years. I, for one, remember trading stamps with a childhood friend whose name and face have long faded, and the great feeling of camaraderie we had when we could help each other by swapping our duplicate stamps. The jealousy I experienced when he had stamps that I was having difficulty obtaining, and my pride when the shoe was on the other foot.

Certain stamps in my collection trigger these recollections as I thumb through pages of neatly-arranged memories. I see the U.S. Cape Hatteras set (Scott #1448-1451) and remember the days of my youth spent on the beaches of Hatteras. The U.S. Bicentennial stamps of 1976 remind me of the tremendous amount of history that surrounded me in my home state of Virginia and growing up just thirty miles from the spot where Cornwallis surrendered to George Washington. I find pictures of Pelicans that remind me of deep-sea fishing trips when I lived in Florida. I find pictures of castles in the United Kingdom that remind me of tales of Ivanhoe in the classics by Sir Walter Scott, when I dreamed of donning my suit of armor and setting out on my trusty war horse to conquer dragons in my vivid imagination as a child.

So, what inspired this article you might ask. It seems the British have once again reached into my head and sparked a flame with



their new set of stamps called "Forests". This set of six stamps commemorates six beautiful sites in the U.K. which include national parks and woodlands overseen by their Forestry Commission. One stamp showing Westonbirt (see above), the National Arboretum, actually reminds me of Autumn camping trips in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia with the trees celebrating the colors of the season. The other stamp in this series that brought back memories was the stamp portraying Sherwood Forest. Any boy



who ever read tales of Robin Hood and his merry men would have to take a second

## Meeting Minutes for Granbury

August 27, 2019

By Eugene Atkinson

Dave Stockbridge hosted 12 members of the Lake Granbury branch, Mid-Cities Stamp Club, meeting at 7 PM on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Bentwater Activities Center, 1800 West Emerald Bend Court in Granbury.

### Show & Tell:

- Gary McNamee showed the corrected Legends of the West sheet and discussed the recalled error.
- Cyndie Spurlock noted the new Golden Spike commemorative.
- Denny Ludlow circulated a baseball statistics calculator-disc.
- Jim Case bragged about his upcoming cruise to Scandinavia.
- Alliene Franklin passed around the bulletin from Joe Jeter's funeral.
- David Stockbridge had a copy of Fernando Gonzalez's stamp illustrated History of German Reunification.

### Announcements:

- David Stockbridge reminded members that the September meeting will be a club auction of eighty lots, details of which will be emailed to all Mid-Cities members, and he invited anyone interested to ride with him to the Arlington meeting in September. He mentioned items on the "free for the taking" table. After a discussion, the club decided not to enter a one-frame exhibit in EXPO this year.

### Break:

- Judy Christmas provided a large selection of cookies and fruit for the meeting refreshment break.

### Program:

- Alliene Franklin discussed the ration books and stamps of World War II. Initiated early in 1942 and supervised by the Office of Price Administration (OPA), ration stamps preserved essential foods and materials for the war effort overseas by limiting availability in the states. Local boards promoted conservation and provided suggestions for substitute commodities, canning, and leftovers. Sugar, gasoline, automobile tires and foods that could withstand a long ocean voyage were high on the list of rationed items. Americans were reminded that "You Also Serve" throughout the war, with rationing ending in stages, beginning in August, 1945.

### Closing:

- As the meeting concluded, Dave Stockbridge, Bob Coleman, and Judy Christmas won gift certificate door prizes.

look at this stamp to try to spot a glimpse of Robin Hood sparring with Little John on the bridge. Memories of Errol Flynn playing Robin Hood in the 1938 movie also come to mind.

So, when people look at me with curiosity when I tell them I am a philatelist, I know they just don't understand how a person's youth, fantasies and great memories can be triggered by these little bits of paper. See y'all at the meeting if I can get around this big guy who is blocking the bridge.



# CLASSIFIED BOURSE

## Announcements

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**Recalled Legends of the West** (Scott 2870), pane of twenty inside original mailing envelope, Scott 2017 value \$125 with note that panes in original envelope (blue bordered) "sell for somewhat more." I will sell for \$80 plus any mailing costs. Ken Aldridge, [KAldridge@aol.com](mailto:KAldridge@aol.com) 12/18

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## Comic Strip - Funky Winkerbean (Unloading Stamps, part 1)

FUNKY WINKERBEAN

By Tom Batiuk By Peter Elias



thankful for unloading. Of course many times, clerks don't push commemoratives on customers, they simply sell a booklet with (usually) flag stamps, with many customers not even knowing the wide variety of commemoratives that are available! In this case, it turns out we get to know what stamps are being talked about, since the next day's strip on June 22 tells us that! Tune in next month!

This Funky Winkerbean comic strip appeared on June 21, 2019 in the Dallas Morning News.

It does make you wonder what stamps that the postal clerk is



## MEET & EAT for October & November 2019

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 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 PM to 6:30 PM with the Arlington new meeting start time now being at 7:00 PM rather than 7:30 PM.

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

### ARLINGTON

October 2  
November 4

Club Picnic  
China Harbor Super Buffet  
3512 S. Cooper St.

### EULESS

October 16  
November 20

Chili’s, 2101 Airport Freeway, Bedford  
Jason’s Deli, 220 Airport Freeway, Bedford

### GRANBURY

October 22  
November 26

Club Picnic  
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