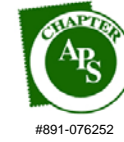


# Stamping Around

## Newsletter of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club

**Arlington Meetings:** First Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.  
*Bob Duncan Center, 2800 S. Center St.*  
**Eules Meetings:** Third Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m.  
*12750 S. Pipeline Rd, #1C (Central Station Marketing)*  
**Lake Granbury Meetings:** 4th Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.  
*Bentwater Activities Center (adjacent to Bentwater Marina)*



Volume 32, Number 11

<http://www.mid-citiesstampclub.com>

November 2019

*Been There,  
Done That*

## Croatian Independence

By Bob Weidman



In the late 1980's, Croatia and Slovenia, two of Yugoslavia's federal republics, sought political reforms that would transfer Yugoslavia into a union of independent states.

The Serbian leader, Slobodan Milošević, opposed the breakup of Yugoslavia. Croatia and Slovenia declared their independence in June of 1991. Immediately war broke out.

Serbs living in Croatia fought against the Croatian government with help from the Yugoslavian army. Within a short time, Croatia lost 30% of its territory. 40% of its industry was destroyed.

A ceasefire was agreed to in early 1992 between Croatia, the Serbians and the Montenegrins who fought alongside the Serbs. In April 1992, the two remaining federal republics, Serbia and Montenegro, formed a new Yugoslavian state, which recognized Croatian independence.

In 1995, Croatia began taking back territory lost in the war. In late 1995, the Croatian government and the Serbs living in Croatia made peace. And finally, in 1998, the remaining territory lost during the war was returned to Croatia.

During the brief war, over 10,000 people were killed, many of them civilians.

On our trip to the Balkans in December 2017, Pat and I visited the war memorial and the war museum in Dubrovnik. The memorial is located on top of the hill overlooking the city. The picture above shows the memorial dedicated to those that were killed; the picture below was taken inside the war museum and shows photos of some of these killed in the war, as well as a Croatian flag.



The stamp shown at left is Croatia Scott #104 that was issued on January 15, 1992 while the war was being fought and features the Croatian coat of arms.

## YahooGroup Newsletter Storage

By Peter Elias

YahooGroups, where we host ALL newsletters back to 1973, has announced that they will remove all "content" (i.e.: files) from groups starting in December and that they will then only be for discussions. As a result, I will be moving the newsletter storage to <https://groups.io/g/mid-citiesstampclub> in the next few weeks. All club members that are currently members of our YahooGroup will have to become a member of the new Mid-Cities Stamp Club Group at Groups.io; I will send out invitations after I've uploaded the newsletters.



Article Index	Page #
Been There - Done That (Croatian Independence)	1
Editors Forum	2
Calendar & Secretary's Report	2
Been There - Done That (Buffalo or Bison, Yummy In Either Case)	3
Comic - (Funky Winkerbean, Unloading Stamps, #2)	4
Club Meeting Minutes	4, 6
Member & Dealer Ads	4, 9, 10
Annual Christmas Party	5
From the President's Desk	5
Annual Club Picnic	5
Sales Talk	5
2020 Membership Renewal Form	7
Comic - Blondie (Dog Phobia)	8
Meet & Eat Info	9

# Stamping Around

## Newsletter of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club

Peter Elias, Editor ([news@mid-citiesstampclub.com](mailto:news@mid-citiesstampclub.com))

*Stamping Around* is published monthly by the Mid-Cities Stamp Club. Material in this [newsletter](#) may be reproduced in other philatelic publications if the source is acknowledged. Opinions expressed are those of the authors, and do not necessarily represent those of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club or its officers.

### 2019 - 2020 MID-CITIES OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Richard Hildebrandt  
First Vice-President – Ray Moyer  
Second Vice-President – Gene Pfretzschner  
Secretary – Skip Ely  
Treasurer – Judy Christmas

#### Board of Directors (voting):

Peter Elias                      Alliene Franklin                      Ken Wills  
Immediate Past President: Ray Cartier

Membership in the Mid-Cities Stamp Club is available to anyone of good character interested in philately. Feel free to attend any of our 3 different meeting sites in the greater Dallas / Ft. Worth area! Dues are only \$12 per year (higher for mailed newsletters). For more information, the editor is reachable during business hours at (972) 671-0077 or : [editor@mid-citiesstampclub.com](mailto:editor@mid-citiesstampclub.com)

For a membership application write to:

**Mid-Cities Stamp Club**  
**P.O. Box 2158**  
**Arlington, TX 76004-2158**

or visit: <http://www.mid-citiesstampclub.com>

## Editor's Forum

By Peter Elias

EXPO 2019 is just around the corner (approximately 2 or 3 weeks after this newsletter is published)! If you're still working on finishing your exhibits (as I'm doing at this time...), you may want to brush up on the APS guidelines for philatelic exhibits. Unlike many years ago, the APS Judging Manual is now free of charge! It's simply a PDF file that you can download from the APS Website at:

<https://stamps.org/Events/Judging-Information>

I was told by one of our readers (but not member), that the link in the PDF files isn't properly clickable and it may not go to the exact site. In this case it was a link to a specific Wikipedia article, but it wrapped across 2 lines in the article column.

After investigating this, I found out that Microsoft Publisher (in which I create this newsletter) DOES properly create a link even if the link spans more than one line (which happens as many website links can be really long!), but when I turn the Publisher document into an Adobe Acrobat PDF file, that link is now "truncated" to each line. So, if the link <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philately> is written this way, it probably won't work, but if I keep it to one line, such as this:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philately>, it will work.

What if the link is over 2 lines to begin with, such as [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philatelic\\_literature#Stamp\\_catalogues](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philatelic_literature#Stamp_catalogues), then it won't work either, but I can simply say [click here](#) for a link to a Wikipedia page about stamp catalogs. Now, that "click here" link in the previous sentence works fine if you're reading the PDF file of the newsletter and you simply "click here", however, in a printed version, you have no clue as to what that actual webpage behind "click here" actually is!

## Coming Attractions

### 2019

#### **NOV. 6                      MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting**

Program: Giant Mix Pick

#### **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

#### **DEC. 4                      MCSC—XMAS PARTY**

Program: Eat! ... & Chinese Gift Exchange

#### **DEC. 6-7                      TSDA Stamp Show**

411 W. Arapaho Rd, Richardson Fri 10-5, Sat 9-4. Free!

—> No Eules or Granbury meetings in December!

### 2020

#### **JAN. ?                      MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting**

Program: TBD,

Note: January 1 meeting will be rescheduled.

#### **JAN. 15                      MCSC—EULESS Meeting**

Program: Extended Show & Tell and philatelic discussions

#### **JAN. 28 MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting**

## Errata

In the October issue, my article about the "Goldenes Dachl" contained a link to the Wikipedia page on the same subject, however, the link in the PDF file only took you to Wikipedia itself, not the Goldenes Dachl page. While the link was correct and worked properly in my Microsoft Publisher document, once it was turned into a PDF file, Acrobat "broke" the link (since it was spread over two lines in the article)

## Secretary's Report

By Skip Ely



### New Members

Cameron (Kim) Garlick (#620)

### Reinstatements

### Membership Summary – October 11, 2019

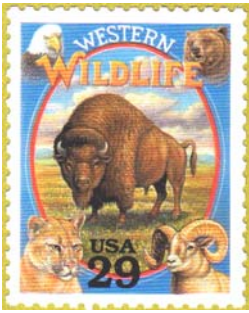
Membership as of September 18, 2019	94
New Members	1
Dropped for non-payment of dues	0
Resignations	0
Deceased	0
Reinstatements	0
Membership as of October 11, 2019	95



Been There,  
Done That

## Buffalo or Bison? Yummy in either case!

By Peter Elias

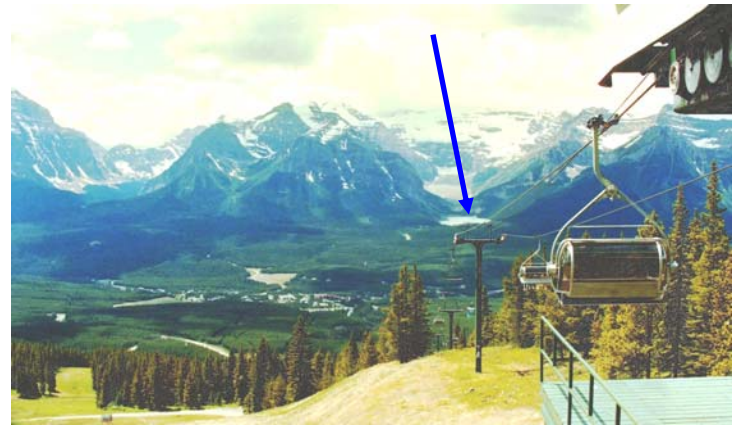


In the May 2017 issue of Stamping Around I wrote about “Beef - It’s What’s For Dinner”, but really wrote about eating buffalo (aka “bison”) meat, and that it is better for you than regular “beef” (i.e.: cows, bulls & oxen) because of it being: 1) lower in cholesterol, 2) lower in fat, 3) higher in protein and a good source of Omega-3 fats (the “good fats”).

To illustrate bison, I had shown USA #1392 (6¢ issue from 1970 ) and #3468 (21¢ definitive from 2001). But I had forgotten about the “Western Wildlife” stamp from the “Legends of the West” issue from 1994, Scott #2869p, which also featured a bison and is shown above to the left.

Now, how does all of this factor into this “Been There - Done That” article? Well, it started in July 1995, when I was on a road trip to Canada, which started with an Infinity Q45 rental car; what better way to see Idaho, with it’s unlimited highway speed limit at that time. Oh, whom am I kidding! Idaho was kind of a blur because the lack of freeway speed limits!

We then crossed into Montana, and I do remember driving through Glacier National Park via Kalispell. It’s a very beautiful scenic drive and we did stop off to walk around on some snow at Marias Pass. Then we continued north to Calgary, in Alberta, Canada. From there it was on to Banff and Lake Louise.



In the photo above, you can see the city of Lake Louise where we stayed in (what is now) the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise on the shores of Lake Louise, which is what the arrow is pointing to.

During our visit, we took one of the aerial cable lifts from the Lake Louise Ski Resort up to the top and walked around a bit. Since it was lunch time, we stopped at (what I remember to be a snack bar - looking it up on Google Maps just now, appears to be called Temple Lodge - and I had my first ever “buffalo burger” ! Ever since then, I try to have buffalo (or bison) burgers when possible!

I couldn’t find a Canadian stamp featuring Lake Louise, but did find at Stampboards.com a 1930’s promotional label (see link below).

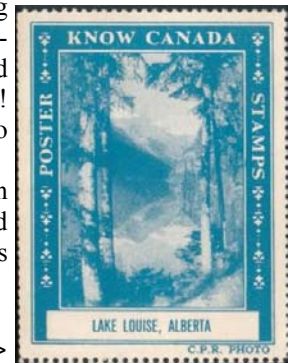


Image from <https://www.stampboards.com/viewtopic.php?f=23&t=28498> →

## Comic Strip - Funky Winkerbean (Unloading Stamps, part 2)

By Peter Elias

This Funky Winkerbean comic strip appeared on June 22, 2019 in the Dallas Morning News and was part of a multiday series. In the October 2019 issue, I showed the previous day’s (June 21) comic strip, where the postal clerk thanked the character for buying some particular stamps, that apparently the clerk was happy to “unload”. The next day, we find out what those stamps were, which is apparently the Batman stamps from 2014 (which are either Scott #4928-4931 or #4932-4935 depending which die-cut type they are).

Were these stamps really as unpopular as the comment from the June 21 alluded to? Hard to say. On the other hand, the SSK machine Spiderman stamps weren’t really popular with the postage consuming public either (and I know that as a fact from supervisors that told me that during the 2-month period in May-June 2014, that they sold less postage from the SSK machines than when basic flag design stamps were in stalled)! So, does this mean that “Super Hero” stamps are not that popular with the “general public”? Hard to say. Maybe comic book collectors might like them, but then probably mostly as a collectible, and not so much for postage use. In this case, the comic strip character himself is a comic illustrator in the Funky Winkerbean series (from what I remember).

FUNKY WINKERBEAN

By Tom Batiuk



# stampsuniversal.com

Visit us at area Stamp Shows



- \* TSDA
- \* TEXPEX
- \* HOUPEX
- \* EXPO

US/WW Classics, Modern, SONS

Visit our new online store

@ <http://www.stampsuniversal.com>

James D. Myers  
P. O. Box 2047  
Coppell, TX 75019  
(972) 304-1671



Exp. 12/19

## Meeting Minutes for Granbury September 24, 2019

By Eugene Atkinson

14 members & guests gathered at the Bentwater Activities Center, 1800 W. Emerald Bend Court, in Granbury, for the Lake Granbury Branch, Mid-Cities Stamp Club auction.

Dispensing with the usual club business, except for awarding gift certificate door prizes to Jim Myers, Denny Ludlow and Gene Atkinson, host David Stockbridge began a sale of 79 lots, half of which were single stamps or small sets.

At close, auctioneer Denny Ludlow had sold 69 of the 79 lots, with a total realized of \$658.00. The best results came on an accumulation of retired club sales circuit books and a large box of hundreds of stamps and covers. Many single stamps only realized the minimum bids as attention focused on albums and small collections. Surprisingly, a recalled "Legends of the West" souvenir sheet brought just \$55.00, possibly the bargain of the night.

The club usually hosts about two auctions per year, with the next sometime in the spring of 2020. Regular meetings, open to the public, begin at 7:00 PM on the 4th Tuesday of each month, except in December.



Be sure to visit the Club website on the **Internet:**

← <http://www.mid-citiesstampclub.com>

For online newsletters see <http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/mid-citiesstampclub/files>  
or <http://mid-citiesstampclub.webs.com/newsletter.htm> →



Specializing in United States Stamps  
Member APS, ASDA, NSDA

Kirk McKenzie  
[kirkmckenzie@cox.net](mailto:kirkmckenzie@cox.net)

1001 North Fulton  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74115  
918-836-1681

Exp. 12/19

[cunninghamstamps@aol.com](mailto:cunninghamstamps@aol.com)

(214) 546-1179

*Cunningham Philatelics*

Philatelic Consultants

Elusive Items  
Stamps and Covers

Collections  
Appraisals

THOMAS L. CUNNINGHAM  
APS # 082424, TSDA

P.O. Box 863237  
Plano, TX 75086-3237

Exp. 12/19

## GEORGE WATKINS STAMPS

Philatelic Dealer - Worldwide & Latin America  
14810 Tuttle Lane  
Iola, Texas 77861-3834  
(936) 394-2146 Fax (936) 394-2147  
[gwkeller@aol.com](mailto:gwkeller@aol.com)

George H. Watkins, Jr.  
Proprietor



Exp. 12/19

Estate Appraisals



Topper Stamps & Postal History

[jonathan@topperstamps.com](mailto:jonathan@topperstamps.com)  
[www.topperstamps.com](http://www.topperstamps.com)

Jonathan Topper  
10480 Grant Road  
Suite 117  
Houston, TX 77070  
832.518.6558

Exp. 12/19





## Annual Club Christmas Party

By Judy Christmas



As I stated in the last newsletter, we are doing away with playing Shanghai Bingo. The rules I mentioned last month have changed to what we feel are even better rules. We have come with the throwing of a dice. Whatever your dice throw, shows you will follow the instructions for that symbol.

There will be six ways to pick gifts that have been brought by Club members. We will have a sign made up with six different choice so everyone will know just what they are to do. We hope this will make for a more enjoyable gift exchange. Everyone who attends (guests are 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 someone else would like to receive, no junk please. If your item will fit in an envelope, then place it in envelope making sure what is inside can't be seen. For larger items please wrap or put 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 each gift you and/or your guests have brought. After the dinner we will start with the person who drew number one and go on from there. You may keep your number secret or let others know what it is. It is your choice.

After everyone has finished their dinner, we will begin drawing for gifts. The exchange ends when everyone with a number has a gift in front of them. Gifts will be opened as they are chosen. We are hoping this change in gift giving will bring many members back to attending the annual Christmas Party.

A sign up sheet will be passed around at all meetings.

**Hoping to see at the Party!**



## MCSC Annual Picnic

By Judy Christmas

The weather was perfect again this year for the annual MCSC picnic. Not much wind and the temperature was great. There were 24 members in attendance, half had signed up and that half showed with their delicious dishes.

I am so glad that Dave brings plenty of hot dogs to feed those who don't let me know they are coming. Again this year, Dave Stockbridge and his helper Ray Moyer cooked the dogs, with no burnt ones that I know of. My thanks to all who brought food and those who helped with clean up. And thank you all for coming. This is the social event of the year for our Club. I hope to see everyone again next year and maybe even a few new faces.

**Thank you!**

## From The President's Desk

by Richard Hildebrandt

**IT'S SHOW TIME!! ALL HANDS ON DECK!**

Our long awaited and highly anticipated Annual Mid-Cities Stamp Club Exposition is ready to open on November 8! I hope that all of our members are able to attend and enjoy the festivities. Avail yourself of the many opportunities to enhance your collection by patronizing the dealers, bidding at the silent auction or looking through the club mix-pick table. If you have the good fortune to find something worthwhile at a dealer's table thank them for coming as we need to encourage their continued participation for our show to be successful.

I also encourage everyone to help out by giving an hour or two of their time to support this event. With the unfortunate demise of TEXPEX, our show is the only game in town. Help us to put on a good show for the public and keep our great hobby alive and growing.

Looking forward to next year, we are always in need of programs for our meetings. I especially need help with programs for the Arlington meeting. If you have something you think would be of interest to the members and you wish to present it, please speak to me. All ideas are welcome as I am easily entertained.

Hope to see all of you participating at EXPO !

## Sales Talk

By Skip Ely

It's time to decide what countries or topics we want in our APS circuits for next year. A few of you have already given me some – Scandinavia, Canada, South America, Turkey, Russia, Israel and Moldavia. I'll also include U.S. revenues and covers, since they accounted for the bulk of our sales last year.

Keep in mind the APS has announced increased fees for circuits next year, essentially requiring us to pay postage both ways unless we have sales totaling over \$150 per month. So please consider purchasing something from the books that you requested.

## Topic of the Month: "Hairdo"

By Peter Elias



If you are in search of a topic for a collection or an exhibit: how about "hairdo"? Shown is a stamp from Cameroun that shows an interesting hairdo! Since there are lots of people shown on stamps from around the world, I'm sure that there are lots of hairdo's shown along with them. A study of hairdo's as a sign of status, social standing, and other information might be interesting to research!

—> Ready, Set, Collect!

## Arlington Meeting Minutes October 2, 2019

By Skip Ely

### Call-to-Order:

- President Rich Hildebrandt brought the meeting to order at 6:55 PM.

### Attendance:

- We had 25 members and 2 guests.

### Officer Reports:

- Secretary – Skip Ely said we had a new member join at Euless last month, bringing our membership total to 95.
- Treasury – Judy Christmas gave the treasury amount.

### Committee Reports:

- EXPO – Ralph Poore said everything was on track. Peter Elias passed around a copy of the show cancel. Rich Hildebrandt said he still had award banquet tickets available for \$20. Stanley Christmas said we had three exhibit frames available, along with some mini-exhibit space. Judy Christmas said she had Friday-Saturday lunch reservation forms from Jason's Deli available. Stanley said the set-up team will meet at 3:00 P.M. at Jason's Deli on Thursday, November 7.
- Sales – Skip Ely said he was in the process of closing 2018 sales books and inventorying the rest to pay to sellers. He mentioned that APS will be essentially making us pay postage both ways for circuits next year.
- Newsletter – Peter gave a short update on the newsletter status.

### Announcements:

- Tom Cunningham mentioned that effective October first, eBay was charging sales tax. Peter Elias told a related story about a recent experience.
- Peter Elias mentioned that the Dallas Postcard Show will be on October 11 & 12.

### Show & Tell:

- Ray Cartier had a registered letter to offer.
- Peter Elias showed an eBay lot he sent that mysteriously got damaged in transit, ruining the lot.
- Ben Termini showed a registered cover with \$20 in stamps, with all the cancels on the back of the envelope.
- Stanley Christmas showed an envelope he received from Australia with none of the stamps cancelled.
- Tom Cunningham noted that New Zealand has announced they will no longer cancel stamps (the assumption being that they are too hard to remove to be able to be reused).

### Program:

- This was our annual EXPO mail-out envelope stuffing. An extra \$5 gift certificate was awarded to ten lucky participants.

### Gift Certificates:

- Regular gift certificates were awarded to Howard Savage, Gene Pfretzschner, Judy Christmas, and Chuck Snow. Mint stamp packets donated by Stanley Christmas (from the Bob Werry estate) were won by Ray Cartier, Ralph Poore, and Ben Termini.

### Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned about 8:05 PM.

## Euless Meeting Minutes October 16, 2019

By Skip Ely

### Attendance:

- There were 9 members present.

### Officer Reports:

- Secretary – Skip Ely said with we had 95 members. He also said he was collecting dues for next year (several paid before the end of the meeting).
- Treasurer – Judy Christmas said the treasury was prepared for EXPO.

### Committee Reports:

- EXPO:
  - Evan Islam said he had confirmed the truck and personnel for EXPO and would do so again the end of the month.
  - Ken Wills said the Silent Auction Committee would meet next Thursday to put lots together.
  - Stanley Christmas said the EXPO meeting announcements had been mailed, and most members in attendance said they had received their letter.
- Sales - Skip Ely said he had finished inventory of club book sales and would be giving the sellers their checks at upcoming meetings or EXPO. It was noted that club officers had so far endorsed continuing APS circuit books next year, even with increased costs.

### Announcements:

- Stanley Christmas said he was getting close to end of disposing the mint plate blocks from the Bob Werry estate.

### Show & Tell:

- Stanley Christmas showed three covers – one from Australia, one from Sweden, and one from the U.S. – all without cancels.
- Ken Wills showed a cover from a friend in England who had addressed it with Ken's name and street address, but just TX7 and some other numbers, and it had gotten here anyway. He also talked about the U.S. "Art of Magic" Souvenir sheet, and how he had mailed it to get the postmark on it. Finally, he showed a book titled "The Stamp Atlas" and talked about how much interesting information it contained. This led to an extensive discussion about Pitcairn Island and their stamp issues.

### Discussions:

- New member Kim Garlick said he was looking at some of the stamps in a beginner packet and couldn't help but wonder why they were issued. This led to a discussion about the stories behind the stamps.
- Stanley Christmas talked a little about an exhibit he was working on about APO mail to Thailand and Viet Nam.

### Door Prizes:

- Gift Certificates were awarded to Ken Wills and Ray Moyer. Mint stamp packets were won by Judy Christmas, Rick Howell, and Evan Islam.

### Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned about 8:40 PM.

Been There,  
Done That

## Cats Museum

By Pat & Bob Weidman



On our trip to Kotor, Montenegro last year (2017), our group took a walking tour of the old walled city. In the picture shown nearby, the local tour guide is on the left with members of our group on the right side. The white hat in the foreground on the right is Pat. Notice the red & yellow sign “Cats Museum” on the building. This is an actual museum in Kotor that is dedicated to the furry felines. This small, but interesting museum has all types of memorabilia related to cats, including artwork. We did not have time to go into the museum as time did not allow for that. We were only in Kotor for several hours on a daytrip from Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Everywhere we went on our walking tour of the old walled city, we saw cats! They were everywhere. They were on top of and under cars, on benches sleeping, in doorways, and just walking around. Needless to say, you had to watch where you were walking so that you didn't trip over one of them or worse yet, step in something.

Since Montenegro has no stamps of its' own featuring the museum ors, I am including USA Scott #3670, which was

issued on September 20, 2012, encouraging people to spay or neuter their pets.



[Editor comment: ... but apparently cats did not like hanging out in front of the Cats Museum!]

The USA also issued a series of 10 stamps in a booklet format, featuring 5 dogs & 5 cats, on the theme of Animal Rescue - Adopt A Shelter cat, including this one, #4453, featuring a Calico cat. ]



## 2020 Mid-Cities Stamp Club Membership Renewal

# \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
(First) (M.I.) (Last) (Complete if under 18)

**Check here if information is unchanged from 2019 and skip to signature line below.**

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Collecting Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Stamp Organizations with membership numbers (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

APS # \_\_\_\_\_ ATA # \_\_\_\_\_ TPA # \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Permission is granted to make the information above available to other club members. Indicate anything you do NOT want shared: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

### Membership Level:

\_\_\_\_ \$12 Regular Adult (emailed or online newsletter)

\_\_\_\_ \$22 Regular Adult (with mailed newsletters)

\_\_\_\_ **\$25 Sponsor Membership**

\_\_\_\_ \$35 Sponsor (with mailed newsletters)

\_\_\_\_ \$6 Additional Adult (only 1 newsletter copy)

\_\_\_\_ \$4 Youth (under 18; add \$10 if printed newsletter is desired.)

**Make check out to 'Mid-Cities Stamp Club' and mail this form with payment to:**

**Skip Ely, MCSC Secretary, 5512 Shady Meadow, N. Richland Hills, TX 76180-6616**



# 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 \$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

## 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

## Wanted

**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

## For Sale

I now have a new website in which I have listed all my used **duplicates (many thousands)**. They are arranged in Scott number sequence within country. Do take a look, and select any that you want. I charge 1/3 catalogue value, post paid. The URL is [www.kenwills.net](http://www.kenwills.net) Contact me at [wills@airmail.net](mailto:wills@airmail.net). Happy hunting! 3/19

**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!!)
- [St. Vincent Postcards](#) (300+ postcards from 1900 to 2007)
- [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

**Canadian Collection housed in Scott Specialty Single Country Album.** Starts with Scott#18 through 1970. Mostly mint, some used. 2013 Scott catalog value is \$4,100, asking \$875 OBO. Will accept US postage at face value as part payment. Contact Dave Linn, (903) 785-7864 or [dklgonefishing@yahoo.com](mailto:dklgonefishing@yahoo.com) 8/19

## Comic Strip - Blondie (Dog Phobia)

By Peter Elias

This September 17, 2019 "Blondie" comic strip makes fun of mailmen getting bit by dogs. Based on some "googling", a USPS website (see this link: [dog attacks](#)) states that the number of postal employees that were attacked by dogs fell to only 5,714 in 2018, which was about 500 less than in 2017 and more than 1,000 less than in 2016 due to various safety initiatives and tips for pet owners. Supposedly, the mobile scanners for delivery confirmation include a feature to indicate a presence of a dog at that address.

The worst ranking city of dog attacks in 2018: Houston with 18 attacks, Dallas is at #5 with 49 attacks; San Antonio is #6 and Ft. Worth is #10.

BLONDIE

By Dean Young



The USPS also advises customers to have their dogs in a separate room if answering to door for accepting a package.

So while the comic strip is, well, "comical", the real-life situation is not!





## MEET & EAT for November & December 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

November 6 **Jay Jay’s**, 1001 S. Bowen

December 4 Club Christmas at Bob Duncan Center

### EULESS

November 20 **Jason’s Deli**, 220 Airport Freeway, Bedford

December 18 —> NO MEETING! See you in 2019 !

### GRANBURY

November 26 **Grump’s**, 3503 E. US Hwy 377

December 24 —> NO MEETING! See you in 2019 !

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

**Don't Forget:  
MCSC Stamp EXPO on Nov. 8 & 9**

## Wanted to Buy

**Texas Precancel Stamps.** Contact Rick Howell at  
[Rick.howell1@tx.rr.com](mailto: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](mailto:jmhstamp@verizon.net)

2 /15

## For Sale

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