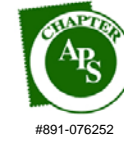


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Arlington Meetings: First Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.
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Been There, Done That

Year of the Rat

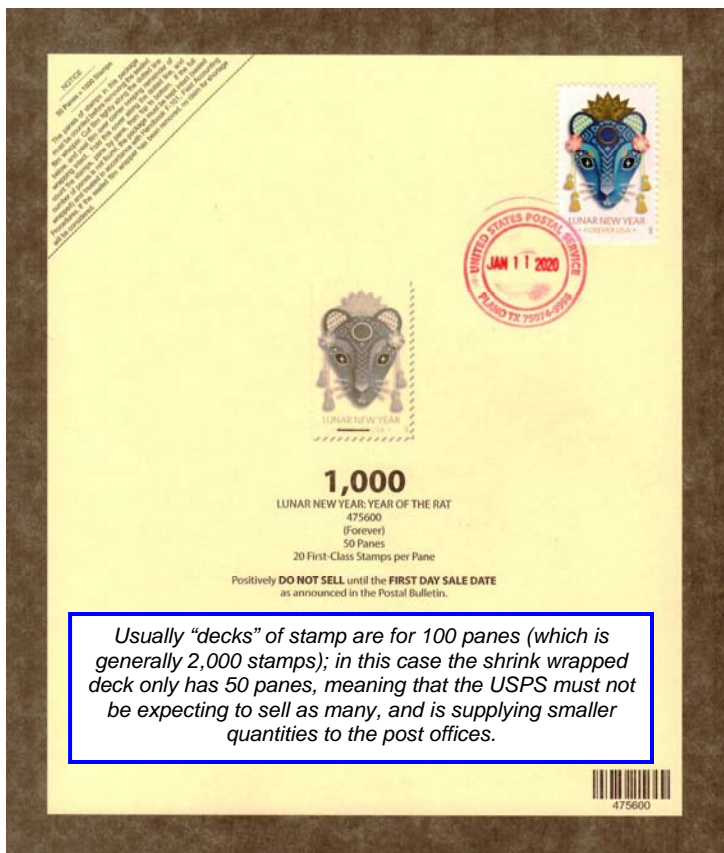
By Peter Elias

I suppose that in this case, one could say "I resemble that remark...". But seriously, I was born in one of the years designated as "Year of the Rat", which have been 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, 2020 & 2032 amongst others in a 12-year rotation; I'll let you guess which one!

The "Year of the Rat" is the first in a series of 12 Chinese Zodiac signs; people born in that sign are thought to be "industrious, thrifty, diligent & positive", while some weaknesses include being "stubborn and being picky about others' shortcomings". Let's just say I sort of agree with some of those... If you want to read more into this (& other) Zodiac signs, there's plenty on the internet to peruse such as on the Wikipedia website at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rat_\(zodiac\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rat_(zodiac)).

For what it's worth, I share the Rat Zodiac sign with George Washington, TS Elliott and William Shakespeare amongst others...

The USPS started 2020 with the "Year of the Rat" stamp on January 11, and for which I was able to procure a deck card and first day of sale cancel!



When Is A Billion Not A Billion?

By Peter Elias



In the rampant inflation era in 1920's Germany, postage rates quickly went into the Millions of Marks and beyond.

Shown above are the 5 Milliarden and 50 Milliarden stamps issued in 1923 (Scott #296 & #299 respectively). But what exactly is a "Milliarde" (known as "Milliard" in English)? It is 1,000 Million, or a "Billion" in our terms:

English		German	
Million	(mega or 10 ⁶)	Million	(mega or 10 ⁶)
Billion	(giga or 10 ⁹)	Milliard	(giga or 10 ⁹)
Trillion	(tera or 10 ¹²)	Billion	(tera or 10 ¹²)
Quadrillion	(peta or 10 ¹⁵)	Billiard	(peta or 10 ¹⁵)

This all gets fairly complicated, especially when the "short scale" (above) and the "long scale" are referred to, so I defer further discussion to Wikipedia at

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Long_and_short_scales

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2020

JAN. 28	MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting
Program:	TBD
FEB. 5	MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting
Program:	Stan Christmas: "Collecting Precancels"
FEB. 19	MCSC—EULESS Meeting
Program:	Extended Show & Tell and philatelic discussions
FEB. 25	MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting
Program:	TBD
MAR. 4	MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting
Program:	TBD
MAR. 13-14	Greater Dallas Postcard Show
Comfort Inn, 700 Central Pkwy East, Plano, Admission	
MAR. 13-14	TSDA Stamp Dealer Bourse
411 W. Arapaho Rd, Richardson (at US75), Fri 10-5, Sat 9-4	
MAR. 18	MCSC—EULESS Meeting
Program:	Extended Show & Tell and philatelic discussions
MAR. 24	MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting
Program:	TBD
APR. 1	MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting

Editor's Forum

By Peter Elias

Last call for 2020 membership dues! Skip Ely will be removing members from the membership rolls this month! Make his job easier by renewing your dues using the handy membership renewal form on page 7 in this issue of the newsletter!

Please note that I deleted the MCSC "YahooGroup" on January 10, 2020. Instead, we now have an MCSC group at "Groups.io". I have sent an invitation to join this group to all club members.

Members in the News

Member Rick Howell was mentioned in a recent issue of Linn's Stamp News as having won the best non-philatelic caption in John Hotchner's "Cartoon Caption" contest.

Errata

The "Been There - Done That" article about Big Bend National Park in the January 2020 issue referred to as being the only National Park in Texas. It was pointed out by member Art von Reyn that there is another National Park in Texas, the Guadeloupe Mountain National Park, which also extends into New Mexico. I sort of forgot about that park (I thought it was a state park, not a national park); but for what it's worth, I did drive through it once in 1992 while enroute to Los Angeles.

Secretary's Report

By Skip Ely



Applications Received:

Robert G. Thompson (#627)
Collecting interests: U.S.
Other memberships: APS, TPA, USSS

Marty Conner (#628)
Collecting interests: Nebraska pre-cancels
Other memberships: Texas Precancel Club,
Precancel Stamp Society

New Members:

Fred H. Ekenstam, Granbury, TX (#626)
Raymond C. Mikeska, Jr., Salado, TX (#625)

Reinstatements:

Roy Douglass, Fort Myers, FL (#585)

Deceased:

Herman Dallof (1/11/2020) (#262)

Dropped Members

Anne Frazor (Resigned) (#582)

Membership Summary – January 15, 2020

Membership as of December 4, 2019	100
Applications Received	2
New Members	2
Resignations	1
Dropped for non-payment of dues	0
Deceased	1
Reinstatements	1
Membership as of January 15, 2020	101
2020 Dues Paid as of 1/12/2020	71

Blackland Prairie

By Peter Elias

Last Autumn, my wife and I were taking a walk in the [Arbor Hills Nature Preserve](#) in Plano (off Parker Rd, less than a mile west of the Dallas North Tollway).

It's a nice 200 acre park for walking or biking. At one point on the trail, we came across this sign:



The sign talks about this park being in the Blackland Prairie eco-region, which stretches from here to Manitoba, Canada, and that today, less than 1% of the Blackland Prairie remains scattered around the region.

Looking at the sign, I somehow felt that I had seen that illustration on the lower left side of the sign before ... When I got back home, I looked through my US stamp album and found the Great Plains Prairie sheetlet of 34¢ stamps that was issued in 2001 (Scott # 3506), the 3rd in a series of "Nature of America" sheetlets that started in 1999 and went through at least 9 sheetlets by 2007 (when I stopped buying new US issues...). The illustration is similar but not quite the same.

Even the black & white drawing on the sign that identifies what you see on the color view seems to match the style of illustration used in the stamp sheetlet; it makes me wonder if it was the same illustrator that did both!

GREAT PLAINS PRAIRIE



N A T U R E O F A M E R I C A

Smithsonian National Postal Museum

By Rick Howell

Although I have never had the opportunity to visit the Smithsonian National Postal Museum (Washington DC), it is definitely a place that is on my bucket list. Their website continually promotes philately by providing a huge variety of articles and reference work on all aspects of our hobby. Just last week, I was roaming around the internet, searching for items of interest, and I just happened upon the National Postal Museum's section on "Virtual Exhibitions". Below is a listing of their "virtual exhibitions". These are all hyperlinks, so if you are reading your newsletter online, you can do a CTRL-Click over any of these titles and your phone or computer should take you right to the linked title.

Virtual Exhibitions:

[The Art of Christmas Stamps](#)

[About U.S. Stamps](#)

[About Postal Operations](#)

[About Philately](#)

[Canal Zone Stamps](#)

[Confederate States of America](#)

[One Giant Leap for Mankind](#)

[Glorious Flight](#)

[Lunar New Year Postage Stamps](#)

[America's Mailing Industry](#)

[Indians at the Post Office](#)

[Fad to Fundamental: Airmail in America](#)

[Lincoln from Postmaster to President](#)

[Roberto Clemente Walker](#)

[Women on Stamps: Part 1](#)

[Women on Stamps: Part 2](#)

[Women on Stamps: Part 3](#)

[Women on Stamps: Part 4](#)

[Playing to Win](#)

[The Pichs Collection](#)

[People and Places of the Pacific](#)

[Mexico via Airmail](#)

[Russian Zemstvos](#)

[Collecting Ancestral Homelands](#)

[Celebrating Hispanic Heritage](#)

[The Genesis of Dr. Carter Woodson's Negro History](#)

[Week](#)

[Bringing the World Home](#)

[The Black Experience](#)

[Awesome things to See at the National Postal Museum](#)

[The American Indian in Postage Stamps](#)

[American Art on Postage Stamps](#)

All of the above are available for viewing at:

<https://postalmuseum.si.edu/virtual-exhibitions>

Be sure to browse around the museum website. It is constantly being updated and changed and everyone should be able to find something of interest. See y'all at the meeting.

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Philatelic Firsts

By Ken Aldridge



Beginning in 1978, the US Postal Service issued its first stamp commemorating a person under their "Black Heritage" series. It was for Harriet Tubman, Scott #1744, issued February 1, 1978. Ever since the Tubman issue, usually in the month of January, USPS has honored another black American.

Tubman, an American abolitionist born into slavery in Maryland, circa 1820, escaped and set out to rescue other black slaves. She made 13 rescue missions, rescuing approximately 70 enslaved people using a network of other activists and safe houses known as the Underground Railroad. She died on March 10, 1913.

Shown below is the Booker T. Washington stamp, Scott #873, the very first black person to appear on a US postage stamp. His stamp was honoring American Educators as part of the Famous Americans Issues of 1940.



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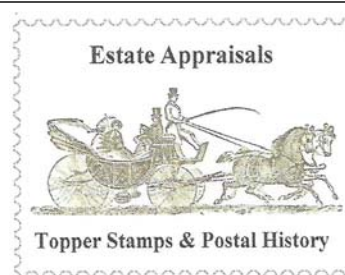
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Mailing A Scott Catalog via Media Mail

By Peter Elias

There are several ways to mail Philatelic Books and Stamp Catalogs, ranging from First Class Parcel, Ground Parcel, Priority Mail, Express Mail & Media Mail (and technically Library Mail if returning a borrowed copy to a library).

But, is actually allowed to mail a Scott catalog via Media Mail? One would think that one could do so, since it is a "book" after all. But is it really? According to the USPS DMM (Domestic Mail Manual), of the various items that can be classified as "Media Mail", their definition of media mail can be found at this link:

<https://pe.usps.com/text/dmm300/173.htm> and I've excerpted their definition of a book as follows:

Only these items may be mailed at the Media Mail prices:

- *Books, including books issued to supplement other books, of at least eight printed pages, consisting wholly of reading matter or scholarly bibliography, or reading matter with incidental blank spaces for notations and **containing no advertising matter other than incidental announcements of books. Advertising includes paid advertising and the publishers' own advertising in display, classified, or editorial style.***

The key here is the statement about "advertising" matter (as defined in the last sentence above). While Scott's doesn't sell stamps, they do have stamp dealer advertisement pages in the back of the catalog, as well as various dealer ads sprinkled throughout the catalog pages.

So, by USPS definition, if you're mailing a current or recent Scott catalog, they could in deny you using Media Mail to mail the catalog. In fact, they could open your package to verify that the item does indeed meet their definitions of Media Mail. This is also clearly stated in the Domestic Mail Manual as follows:

Media Mail and Library Mail are not sealed against postal inspection. Regardless of physical closure, the mailing of articles at Media Mail or Library Mail prices constitutes consent by the mailer to postal inspection of the contents.

So, no matter how nicely & securely you package up your Scott catalog, they can open your package.

Certainly mailing the rather heavy Scott catalogs at the less expensive media mail rates would be preferential, since Priority Mail and Ground Parcel are the only other viable options.

But what about if you're mailing a fairly old Scott catalog, say 20 or more years old? Sure, the advertising is still there, but it's a "vintage" catalog and more than likely, the advertisers may not even be in business any longer. What if you're mailing a early 1900's Sears Catalog? That would definitely be "publishers' advertising" as described in the DMM. And it would definitely be a collectible book, not an active catalog.

It would seem to me, that for items like Scott's (or any other stamp catalog), that they should provide an exclusion to the effect of "if the catalog / reference book is over XX years old, that it is considered a "vintage or collectible" reference book and thus eligible for media mail. Wouldn't that be nice?

I'm sure that when asked by a USPS clerk about what they're mailing, most people simply state that it is a book and hope that they won't open the package.

In the meantime, don't bother asking your local USPS clerk for clarification as to the issue of Scott catalogs containing ad's, they'll simply say that it isn't eligible for media mail. But who at USPS Headquarters does one inquire about this issue? If anyone wants to take this issue to task and get a definitive ruling from the USPS, I'd love to hear about it!



Long Time Club Member Passes

Away

By Judy Christmas

The Club lost the last of the long-time active members that were in the Club when Stan and I joined back in 1995.

Herman "Bud" Dallof went to meet his beloved wife Donna on the 11th of January 2020. Herman "Bud" was born on the 25th of February 1928 in Logan, Utah. He was 91.

Bud went to LDS Business School in Salt Lake City, UT and served his country in the Marines and the Army National Guard for a total of 11 years in both World War II and the Korean War.

After the war, Bud was a salesman that took him all over the state of Texas. During the summer months he would take one or two of his six children with him on these trips. He was an excellent salesman and earned many awards and trips because of it.

The last few years of his life he worked for his church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Saginaw.

For most of his life Bud collected stamps and coins. Bud and his wife Donna were very active members of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club and he was of the members of the Panther City Stamp Club. Bud ran the Club Sales Books until 2001 when Skip Ely took over. Both he and Donna were always active with the annual Expo. Bud was a loving, sweet, honest individual who always set a good example for his family and friends. He will be dearly missed.



Herman Dallof with Macie (September 2006)

Internment at Saginaw Municipal Cemetery (January 18, 2020)

Arlington Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2020

By Skip Ely

Attendance:

- We had 16 members and two visitors. The visitors submitted applications for membership at the end of the meeting.

Officer Reports:

- President - Second Vice President Gene Pfretzschner conducted the meeting in the absence of Rich Hildebrandt.
- Secretary – Skip Ely said we had 67 members so far who had renewed their membership for 2020.
- Treasurer – Judy Christmas was absent.

Committee Reports:

- EXPO – Ralph Poore said there would be an Expo planning meeting Saturday, January 18 at David's BBQ in Pantego. He said we had some open chair-person positions, and invited all who were interested to attend.
- Sales – Skip Ely said we have had no new club sales book since September, but he had been putting together some "shoe box" collections culled from personal and club duplicates for a select number of countries, available for between 10-20% of catalog. He mentioned that Gene Pfretzschner had developed some blank prototype sales books for covers that would be available soon.
- Newsletter – Peter was absent.

Announcements:

- There were no announcements.

Show & Tell:

- Ken Aldridge passed around a plastic bag containing an envelope that had been almost torn in two with a note from the USPS saying "We Care".

Program:

- Rob Hathaway presented the program "Is it Possible to Collect the World?" He outlined his stamp collecting activities from the time of his youth to the present, and made a pitch for people to join the International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors (www.iswsc.org).

Gift Certificates:

- Were awarded to Ralph Poore, Ken Aldridge, Jeff Jessop, and Rob Hathaway. Wimberly Mills and Dave Stockbridge received stamp boards donated by Jonathon Topper (at Expo).

Adjournment::

- The meeting adjourned about 8:10 PM.

Eules Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2020

By Skip Ely

Attendance:

- There were 7 members present.

Officer Reports:

- Secretary – Skip Ely said with we had 71 renewals so far.
- Treasurer – Judy Christmas gave the treasury amount.

Committee Reports:

- EXPO – Stanley Christmas reminded everyone of the Expo meeting coming up this Saturday.
- Sales - Skip Ely said we had no new club books since September, but that he had prepared shoe-type boxes of a select number of countries for 10-20% of catalog. Six of the nine boxes had been checked out at the Arlington meeting.

Announcements:

- Stanley Christmas showed the club purchased Scott 2020 Classic Specialized catalog.

Show & Tell:

- Stanley Christmas showed a non profit cover with only five cents in postage.
- Ken Wills showed an envelope he had received from a Canadian friend covered front and back with low denomination Canadian stamps. He also had a \$10 St Vincent stamp that he was trying to identify. He also told the story of an envelope he mailed from Ireland to his old school in England. Finally, he passed around a stock book of Papua New Guinea stamps he purchased when he lived in San Francisco.
- Rick Howell showed a copy of a downloaded TPA Journal with Stanley's presentation on the four and half cent Prexie.
- Skip Ely talked about a guide he made to help identify the 1913-37 definitive stamps of Japan.
- Tom Turner showed a Christmas card he received in a USPS envelope, apparently because it had been addressed to Dallas instead of Arlington, even though the zip code was correct.

Door Prizes:

- Gift Certificates were awarded to Tom Turner and Stanley Christmas. Everyone else received either a package of mint stamps courtesy of Stanley Christmas, or a large cover collection donated by Jonathon Topper.

Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned about 8:15 PM.

BLONDIE

By Dean Young



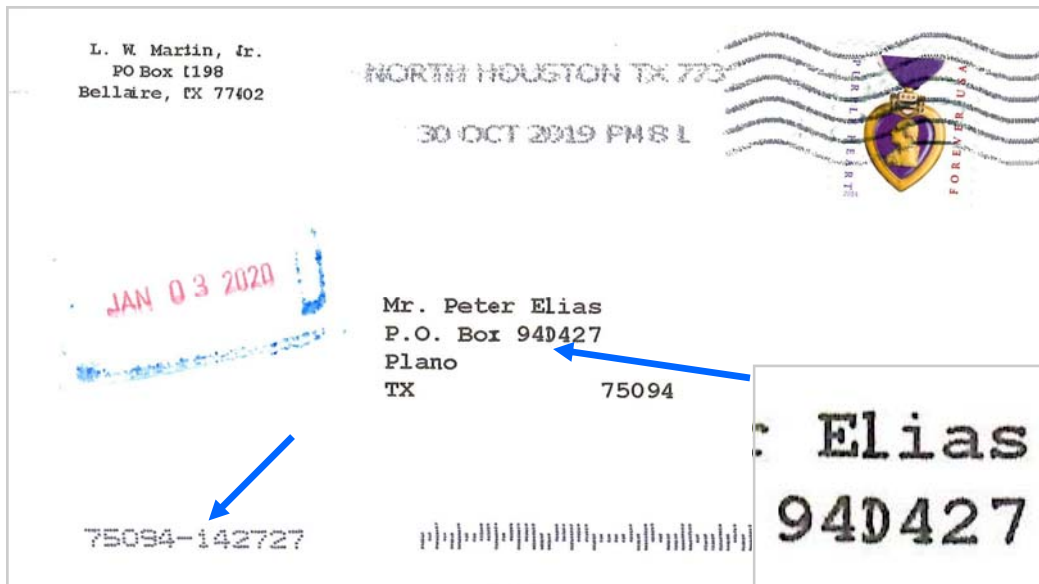
Comic - Blondie (Late Catalog)

By Peter Elias

It seems that many years ago, I used to get mail order catalogs all the time (and not just for philatelic products). Even stamp auction catalogs hardly land in my PO Box these days; it just costs too much to print and mail them, so here's a humorous take on not getting a catalog delivered in a timely manner. This Blondie strip was published on December 27, 2019 in the Dallas Morning News.

Late Delivery

By Peter Elias



On January 3, 2020, I received this invitation to the 2019 MCSC EXPO in the mail; it was postmarked in North Houston on October 30, 2019.

The envelope itself was in good condition, but why did it take over 2 months to make the 250 mile journey from the Houston area to the Dallas area?

It took me a minute to figure out the problem area:

The "0" in my PO Box number of 940427 looks like a "D", not a zero! And, if you look at the "L" in my name above the "D" in the PO Box line, you'll see that the lower left serif of the L is also shorter (see the serif of the "i" after the "L", so it looks like the

printer had a slight hiccup at that point and crunched the characters, which made the zero look like a D but it was interpreted as a "1", causing the USPS processing equipment to assign the "ZIP+4+2" as 75094-142727 instead of 75094-042727 and then who knows where the USPS sent it after that before it was put into my PO Box on January 3. Good thing I knew about the show already!

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)

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\$25 Sponsor Membership

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\$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

EXPO Planning Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2020

By Skip Ely

The MCSC Expo committee members met at David's BBQ in Pantego at 11:00 A.M. on January 18, 2020. In attendance were Ralph Poore (Committee Chairperson), Stanley Christmas, Judy Christmas Alliene Franklin, Peter Elias, Ken Wills, Gene Pfretzschner, Bob Weidman, Ray Moyer, Tom Turner, Ray & Karen Cartier, Rick Howell, Ken Aldridge, Debbie and Rob Hathaway and Skip Ely.

Ralph Poore opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees. He referenced the minutes of the previous Expo meeting on August 31, 2019. He then summarized the 2019 Expo by saying we made our financial goals and that most areas seemed to run smoothly. He cited the need for new people to help out, with at least one chairperson needing replacement due to resignations.

Expo Committee Reports (for 2019 EXPO):

- **Assistant Chairperson** - Stanley Christmas said he had no issues.
- **Awards** – Ray Cartier said he discovered printers were available to use in the nearby Grapevine library.
- **Beginners** – Skip Ely said we were able to give out more than we received in donation material, but in the intervening months we had received three rather generous donations. When gone through, they will be offered to Silent Auction, Mix Pick, and Beginners. Other material may be made available to club members at meetings.
- **Budget** - Judy passed around a budget sheet proposal for 2020 (with 2018 and 2019 amounts for each category). She said she was still waiting on a few vouchers for 2019. The budget will be gone over in more detail at the next meeting near the end of February.
- **Bourse** – Ralph said Tom Cunningham told him we may lose a dealer or two, but others were waiting in the wings.
- **Cachets** – Rob Hathaway said he thought they were important and might be done differently. After a lengthy discussion, Gene Pfretzschner said he might be able to help coordinate efforts for next year.
- **Chance Board** – Karen Cartier said she liked her new location and had good sales.
- **Exhibits** – Anne Moxley told Ralph she won't be able to chair exhibits next year. Ray Cartier said he would do it if someone else would take over awards. The issue was tabled until we can find someone to volunteer in either area.
- **Frame Set Up and Repair** - Ray Moyer suggested we establish a committee for this, as it required outside help. He was willing to chair this committee.
- **Judges** – Peter Elias said he hasn't started work in this area yet.
- **Lunches** – Judy said it went well. The only issue brought up was drinks; some people wanted more of

certain types. After a short discussion, it was decided we would try and get a better handle on which kind and how many ahead of time and set those drinks aside for lunch use only.

- **Mix Pick** – Bob Weidman said we had several donations this year that reduced the need to purchase a lot of additional material.
- **Program** - Stanley Christmas said he intended to print fewer this year, and we would go back to folding and stapling the program ourselves, as the cost for the printing company to do it is high.
- **Publicity** – Peter Elias said there were some mix-ups in two of the publications we typically advertise in last year, but these will be resolved next year. Stanley Christmas offered that it didn't seem to have affected attendance, which was similar to previous years. Ralph Poore said there were still some issues with the Convention Center regarding publicity, but he would continue to work getting them resolved.
- **Registration** – Ray Moyer said it went smoothly.
- **Security** – No issues were discussed.
- **Silent Auction** – Ken Wills said we made our financial goal. He said he will talk to Tom Cunningham about including a pitch for some donations in the upcoming letter that will be sent to dealers in the spring.
- **Transportation** (of frames and cabinets to and from the storage unit) – This went fairly smoothly.
- **Theme for 2020** - This was tabled until the next meeting.
- **Separate Space for Exhibits** - Ralph Poore opened a discussion about moving the exhibits into a separate room to allow more space for dealers in the main room. Discussion centered on logistics, security, and feasibility. Eventually, a motion was made and seconded. The motion passed, and Ralph will pursue it with the convention center.

The next meeting was scheduled for **Saturday, February 29**, at David's BBQ.

The meeting was adjourned about 12:00 PM.

*Been There,
Done That*

Nutella

By Peter Elias

The origins of Nutella go back to 1946 (see the Wikipedia article at <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nutella>). The product we know today started production in Italy in 1964, which is probably when I had my first taste of it while growing up in Switzerland as a kid. We put it on Swiss "Brötchen" and ate it for lunch during day-hikes in the hills & mountains (and unfortunately I have no photos of me doing that!).

The stamp is Italy #3234, issued for Nutella's 50th anniversary (too bad that they couldn't have made it as a "scratch 'n sniff" version!).

The Nutella jar to the right was a special "holiday" labeled jar that was available about a year ago.



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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

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 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 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 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 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 Contact me at 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 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: jstrubel-boy@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 8/19

Inks for Printing Stamps?

By Peter Elias

While I don't use an inkjet printer much, I did see the cartridges shown below at OfficeMax the other day, they were for Epson 215 inkjet cartridges. What caught my eye was that both the color & black/white cartridge boxes illustrate postage stamps. The "215" series inks are the only ones that they seem to do that for.



They are not illustrating US stamps though, instead, all of them seem to be CTO stamps from Hungary. Why those stamps? Who knows ... They could have at least used a variety of country's stamps, but instead chose cheap packet material stamps.

But if it gets stamps in front of people, then I'm all for it! The more that people are reminded about the stamps, the better!



MEET & EAT for February & March, 2020

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

February 5 Spring Creek BBQ, 3608 S. Cooper St.
March 14 Jay Jays Café, 1001 South Bowen Rd
ph (817) 861-1060

EULESS

February 19 Chili's, 2101 Airport Fwy, Bedford
March 18 Jason's Deli, 2200 Airport Freeway, Bedford
ph. (817)-354-1511

GRANBURY

February 25 TBD (see monthly emails from club secretary)
March 24 TBD (see monthly emails from club secretary)

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

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 6/17

NOTICES:

—> Information needed future 2020 newsletters:

- 1) Meet & Eat Info for Granbury
- 2) Program Info for Arlington
- 3) Program Info for Euless
- 4) Program Info for Granbury

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Don't Forget:
Dallas Postcard Show - March 13-14
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