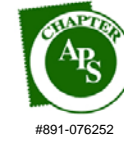


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## Newsletter of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club

**Arlington Meetings:** First Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.  
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## National Museum of the Pacific War

By Ken Aldridge



This museum is also known as the Chester W. Nimitz Museum, is located downtown Fredericksburg, TX. I recently visited the museum with my 3 brothers, 2 of which served in the military, on February 21, 2020. Admiral Nimitz was named Commander and Chief of the war in the Pacific after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. Nimitz was born and raised in Fredericksburg and part of the museum depicts his childhood, family and aspects of his growing up as well as his naval career. (This part was closed for renovation when we were there.)

Besides a large building and two smaller ones, the grounds at the museum include a Japanese Garden, memorials (portraits and/or names) to those who served and a sample battleground. The museum uses actual WWII pictures and videos to take visitors step-by-step from the beginning of the Pacific War to the signing of the peace agreement between the U.S. and Japan. Actual aircraft, submarines, a PT Boat, heavy armor, personal weapons and a tank all used during the war are all on display with detailed explanations of their history and use.

We spent most of the whole day at the museum and a ticket, \$14 for seniors, \$12 for retired military, gets you a two-day pass if you can't see it all in one day. It's one of the best, detailed museums I have ever visited.

Chester Nimitz (b. 2/24/1885, d. 2/20/1966) was honored on a US stamp (Scott 1869) issued on Feb 22, 1985 as part of The Great Americans Issue of 1980-85. Interestingly, this stamp has six varieties for differences in perms and tagging. All are reasonably priced, but maybe not that easy to find in dealer's stocks.



## Stamp Events in 2020

By Peter Elias

Sadly the current state of affairs (COVID-19) shut down the TSDA bourse on March 13-14 in Richardson (by order of the Dallas County Sherriff according to Tom Cunningham) due to rules put into effect regarding meetings & events.

What effect will shutting down all the larger national (and regional/local) stamp shows & bourses held across the USA for the rest of this spring and going into the summer months? All of these events have taken a long time to plan and many people (from event organizers to the attendees, exhibitors and visitors) have spent a lot of time, effort & money to be able to attend (especially if coming from far away). Some of the organizations may not be able to survive the financial hit of a cancelled show.

I get that one has to be diligent at this moment in time. A large majority of stamp collectors are past 60 years old and if they have underlying medical conditions, they are at a higher risk with the virus that is spreading as I'm writing this. I hope that all of this will resolve itself fairly soon and that we can get back to the "social" part of our hobby...

Even the MCSC club meetings are already affected by the city, county and/or state rules saying that we can't meet for now. In the meantime, spend some quality time with your collection! And there's lots of philatelic resources on the internet. In a pinch, we could have meetings on Skype, Zoom, GoToMeeting or similar platforms ...

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## Editor's Forum

By Peter Elias

I hope no one took my brief Been There - Done That "Salvation Army" article on last month's issue the wrong way. I have nothing against the Salvation Army, but was just totally disgusted with the way they were handling the donations for items, many of which were ruined by letting individuals simply toss items into a large container, thus ruining that item and possibly those from other people. This was my experience at the East Plano location, and may not be indicative of other locations; this was also at least 10 years ago, so conditions may have changed.... But I haven't been back; any donations we have now go to CCACC (Collin County Children's Advocacy Center) where there is an attended drop-off trailer.



### Thank You!

By Peter Elias

On behalf of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club, I'd like to thank Byron Sandfield of Park Cities Stamps for donating an entire trunk load (and partial backseat area) of various stamps, covers &

albums that I picked up at his office in late February!

This material has been passed on to Skip who will help figure out whether it will go to Beginning Collector Table or the Silent Auction (or possibly the Chance Board - I saw thousands of recent & older used US commemoratives).

### Dallas / Park Cities Meetings Cancelled

By Peter Elias

The Dallas/Park Cities Philatelic Society meetings at the Edgemere Retirement Community are now also cancelled for the time being according to Stan Bartnikowski.

## Coming Attractions

### 2020

**MAR. 24**                      **MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting**  
CANCELLED

**APR. 1**                      **MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting**  
CANCELLED

**APR. 4**                      **MCSC EXPO Planning Meeting, 11 AM**  
CANCELLED

**APR. 15**                      **MCSC—EULESS Meeting**  
CANCELLED

**APR. 28**                      **MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting**  
CANCELLED

—> Due to COVID-19 and city / county / state / national emergency ordinances, the following may or may not occur:

**MAY 6**                      **MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting**  
Program: Stan Christmas: How We Do EXPO

**MAY 20**                      **MCSC—EULESS Meeting**  
Program: Extended Show & Tell and philatelic discussions

**MAY 26**                      **MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting**  
Program: TBD

**JUN. 3**                      **MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting**  
Program: semi-annual Club Auction

## Secretary's Report

By Skip Ely



### New Members

n/a

### Dropped for non-payment of membership dues:

T. Galloway (#611)

### Deceased

n/a

### Reinstatements

n/a

### Membership Summary – March 16, 2020

Membership as of February 15, 2020	89
Applications Received	0
New Members	0
Dropped for non-payment of dues	( 1 )
Resignations	0
Deceased	( )
Reinstatements	0
Membership as of March 16, 2020	88



## What is wrong with this?

By Peter Elias



Above you see the front panel of a small box that I received in early March.

Other than the 30¢ being damaged, what else is wrong? It's not the postage amount, that is correct at \$5.30 (which seems like a lot to mail 8 to 12 oz a distance of around 20 miles...

There's a couple of things that struck me as odd. Not that there's anything wrong with having a "Mailer's Postmark Permit", since I have one myself (although I rarely ever use it). It's the fact that Permit date was set to March 3, but the USPS PVI strip says it was mailed on March 2!

The rules state that when using a Mailer's Postmark Permit, it has to be marked for the actual day of mailing! In this case it was pre-dated by 1 day! The USPS tracking online also shows that it was mailed on March 2 and that I actually received it on March 3.

The other odd thing is the precancelled \$1 definitive stamp; while the postmark permit as such allows you to "pre-cancel" your postage, I'm not sure whether that means you can cancel a stamp that is already pre-cancelled, and technically, I am not so sure that you can use a precancelled stamp with a Greensboro, NC pre-cancel here in Dallas.

I'm not 100% positive, but the \$1 precancel stamp didn't adhere well to the box at the top, and lifting it back, it doesn't appear to have gum on it; whether or not it was a "re-used" stamp, I don't know. In any case, the USPS clerk must not have noticed anything unusual, including the wrong date!



## Bristol 400

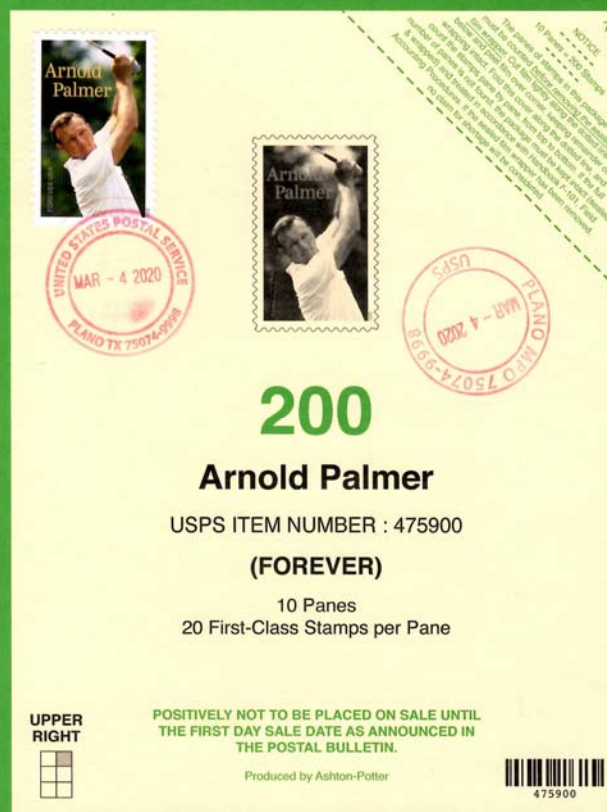
By Peter Elias

Here in the USA, it seems that we don't hear of many of the world's car makers. One of these is Bristol. The 400 model was a post-WWII British car made with a German BMW engine from 1946 to 1950. The company is still around, and revealed a car called the Bristol Bullet (also with a BMW engine) in 2016; for more information about Bristol, see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bristol\\_Cars](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bristol_Cars) or their official website at <http://www.bristolcars.co.uk>.

## Been There, Done That

## Golfing

By Peter Elias



March 4, 2020 saw the release of the Arnold Palmer commemorative stamp, and I was lucky enough to be able to get a hold of the deck card and have it postmarked on the first day of sale!

Notice anything unusual? Well, other than the fact that there are two different Plano postmarks on the card...? No? Usually, most "decks" of stamp issues have 1,000 stamps (i.e.: 100 panes of 20 stamps each). This deck only had 10 panes of stamps in it! Since stamps are "accountable paper" by the USPS, it likes to send sealed decks of stamps to post offices when possible, but just 10 panes (200 stamps) is the lowest that I have ever seen, so I'm guessing that the USPS isn't planning to sell a lot of the Arnold Palmer stamps.

While this a "Been There - Done That" article, I'm not really into golf, nor do I watch it on TV, nor have I ever played a game of golf, lest I want to go for a par 500 game or something like that ...

I do however, on occasion play mini-golf (or putt-putt golf as it is called by some); the last time was in Houston during spring break about 3 years ago. Back in 1986, I lived in an apartment in Switzerland on Lake Constance and next to the building was a mini-golf course. I also remember playing it during summer camp in 1973 in Crans-Montana, Switzerland. I honestly don't remember whether that picture below from the summer camp was of me or the other kid I was playing with (but it was taken with my camera!).



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## Lemon Stamp responses

By Peter Elias

Last month I showed an Israeli stamp featuring lemons and asked "When life hands you a lemon stamp you ..." I received the following responses:

- 1) "Wash your hands so you don't get any lemon stamp juice on your fingers" (by David Stockbridge).
  - 2) "Scratch & smell it" (by John Barrett).
- And the winner is: John Barrett.

## Members In The News

Ben Termini's excellent article "Joe & Maurine - A Lost American Dream", about World War II correspondence, was published in the February 2020 issue of the "Journal of Texas Philately & Postal History".

Peter Elias had several articles in the Winter 2019 issue of the "Meter Stamp Society Quarterly Bulletin" entitled "NetStamps Can't Be Used on International Mail, Media Mail Nor Priority Mail (Or Can They?)", "German Rate Change", and "Unusual SSK PME Label".

Each issue of the ATA's Topical Time lists a synopsis of club meeting minutes in the "Chapter Chatter" column by Ann Byerly, listing various club members.



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## [Are you a member of the APS?](#)

By Ray Cartier

The APS is the largest society of stamp collectors and philatelists in the USA and is offering our club a free membership if we can add at least one new member to the APS. You've seen copies of their magazine, THE AMERICAN PHILATELIST on our entry giveaway table, but why not get your own membership subscription and obtain some of the APS benefits for yourself while helping our club?

- 1) They publicize our club shows, at no cost to us, through their Show Calendar Listing. This not only brings us revenue for our club and some really interesting exhibits at our show, but it helps non MCSC members in the DFW area to learn about our club and our meetings. That means that the APS helps us build our membership, keeping our dues low. The APS makes available the names and addresses of APS members residing in the locale served by our Chapter.
- 2) Their American Philatelist magazine includes regular features which include new discoveries, specialty columns, "how-to-do-it" articles, original research monographs and featured stories by outstanding philatelic writer. As members you can view "The AP Online".)
- 3) The APS furnishes Sales Circuit Books to our club to help each of us locate items for our collections
- 4) APS slide programs are one of their most popular Chapter services. More than 140 programs are available for rent and several are being converted to a DVD format, with a running time varying from 20 minutes to 1 hour. A list of current slide programs with instructions on how we may participate is available online.
- 5) The APS has officially selected Hugh Wood, Inc. as its official member insurance carrier. Rates are very reasonable to APS Members, and cover a variety of options. For more information, you can dial toll-free in the US: 1-888-277-6494. Full details are at <http://www.hughwood.com/>.
- 6) APS has an established exhibition judging program. Nearly 125 accredited judges are available to serve at our MCSC EXPO. We like to use APS-accredited judges for our EXPO as they can give exhibitors strong information on how to enhance their exhibits and their enjoyment of collecting.
- 7) Our club and all its members are encouraged to utilize the vast resources of the APS Research Library. A nominal fee is charged to cover the costs of book loans and photocopies of short articles. The Library publishes a quarterly journal, Philatelic Literature Review, to which the MCSC Chapter may subscribe. Any requests for book loans by non-APS members must be through an APS member in good standing who will be responsible for return of the borrowed materials.
- 8) Chapter Exhibition Medals are available to the MCSC to award as we wish at our EXPO.
- 9) Club Sparkplug Awards recognize members who provide the energy that keeps our club moving!
- 10) Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Recognition Award - The ultimate award for a local club volunteer is the Carter Volunteer Recognition Award for local promotion/service, named for the former APS President.. Nominations are accepted throughout the year and are retained for up to three years.

- 11) Articles of Distinction for Chapters to honor their authors by hosting an annual "best article" competition and submitting the winning article for all to enjoy.
- 12) Special pricing is available to clubs to purchase mailing lists to promote membership or invite local APS members to your next show.
- 13) The APS encourages collectors to showcase their exhibits and allow others the opportunity to view, and learn from them. You can view their current listing of online exhibits at their website.
- 14) A comprehensive APS recruiting package is available to our Chapter for use at our EXPO. APS promotional business reply cards also are available for distribution at meetings, at the MCSC EXPO, or in our club mailings.

*Been There,  
Done That*

## [Women Veterans](#)

By Pat & Bob Weidman



The two ladies in the picture are Erin McFatrige, standing on the left and Sharon Hines, seated on the right. Both are veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

Sharon is a retired US Air Force Major, having served eighteen and a half years. Her assignments included security police, an EEO officer, services commander, and morale welfare, recreation and services commander at various bases in the US and Germany.

Erin is a United States Army veteran who achieved the rank of Sergeant First Class. She served two tours in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom and one tour in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

The picture was taken in the Voluntary Services office at the Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Ft. Worth where both ladies are volunteers still serving by helping fellow veterans.

The stamps shown are United States Scott#1013 issued on September 11, 1952 and #3174 issued on October 18, 1997.



## Arlington Meeting Minutes March 4, 2020

By Skip Ely

### Attendance:

- In spite of another rainy, unpleasant night, 25 members attended the meeting.

### Officer Reports:

- **President** - Rich Hildebrandt said we needed programs for July and August. Please see him if you are interested in a short presentation.
- **Secretary** – Skip Ely said our final tally of renewed members for 2020 stood at 88.
- **Treasury** – Judy Christmas gave the treasury amount.

### Committee Reports:

- **EXPO** – Ralph Poore announced that the theme for this year's EXPO would be "Orchids". Ray Cartier passed around a pamphlet on starting an exhibit.
- **Sales** – Skip Ely said he had club boxes of stamps for sale for selected countries (Canada, Germany, Norway, Denmark, Ceylon, and U.S. Commemoratives to 1945) at 10-20 percent of catalog. He mentioned all stamps were sorted and identified, with the catalog price included, so you don't need a current catalog to determine your cost. He said they are compiled as substitutes for club books, with the advantage you can inspect more than one of the same issue, picking those that might be of better quality than you have currently, or with a special postmark. Like the club books, they can be checked out for a month. Let him know if you are interested in looking at any.

### Announcements:

- Rich Hildebrandt said that auction lots needed to be turned in at the next meeting in preparation for the May auction.

### Show & Tell:

- Ben Termini mentioned an article he authored in the latest (February 2020) edition of the Journal of Texas Philately & Postal History titled "Joe & Maurine - A Lost American Dream", summarizing the story of two people's correspondence during WWII. If you don't have the publication, let him know and he will arrange to get you a copy.
- Ray Cartier passed around a signed cover about the Comet Kohoutek. Ray also mentioned an email he received from member John Withers in Connecticut who is interested in trading for covers.

### Program:

- Ray Cartier presented a program on the history of the USS Hornet(s). One of the final duties of the second vessel by this name was serving as a recovery ship for the Apollo 11 and 12 moon missions.

### Gift Certificates:

- Were awarded to Jim Case, Charles Deur, Bob Thompson, and Rob Hathaway.

### Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned about 8:20 PM.

## From The President's Desk

by Richard Hildebrandt

Greetings from your isolated president. No, I have not contracted the virus, but all of my other social activities (softball, volleyball, toy train clubs, social groups etc.) have been cancelled, so here I sit. Can't even go to a restaurant for a meal, have to live with my own cooking.

Hopefully by now you are aware that the April Arlington meeting has been cancelled. The program for that night will be presented in May, if we are able to meet then.

Also, the auction will be in June so you can get your lots in then and Skip will have time to process them. The groups that meet in Granbury and Euless have cancelled their March meetings and we all await further information to see if they can resume activities later in April.

I know that Dave and Skip will monitor the situation and let us all know the status of their meetings.

Look on the bright side of this situation. We have a wonderful hobby that allows, even requires, us to spend solitary time to enjoy it. Put this time, where we are limited in our in-person social contacts, to good use and get caught up on all the philatelic things that have been placed on the back burner for lack of time.

For those so inclined, you can still do your buying, selling and research on the internet. Sort through your accumulations and see if there are some items that you might want to try to sell at one of the club auctions or donate to the EXPO silent auction.

Until we are able to meet again in person, I wish for all of you to stay well and enjoy our hobby.

Philatelic trivia answer for the March question: George Washington officially created the Post Office on Feb 20, 1792.

New question: Which Middle East country, in the 1960's, had a space program & one of its rocket launches, the CEDAR IV, is commemorated on a stamp?

## MCSC 2020 Donors List

By Skip Ely

The following members paid at least \$25 instead of the usual membership dues for 2020:

Ken Aldridge	Eugene Atkinson
Dr. James Camak	Steve Carpenter
Judy & Stanley Christmas	Tom Cunningham
Jack Dykhouse	Peter Elias
Beverly & Gifford Ely	Alliene Franklin
James L. Higgins	Evan Islam
Albert Little	Janet & Ray Moyer
Penni Phelps	Michael Smith
David Stockbridge	Dr. Ben Termini
Kenneth Wills	John Withers

Many thanks to the aforementioned for supporting the Mid-Cities Stamp Club!

## Granbury Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2020

By Gene Atkinson

### ATTENDANCE:

- Twelve members gathered for the February 25 meeting of the Lake Granbury Branch, Mid-Cities Stamp Club. The group meets at 7 pm on the fourth Tuesday of every month except December in the Bentwater Activities Center, 1800 West Emerald Bend Court, in Granbury, Texas.

### The meeting opened with a quick version of SHOW & TELL:

- Denny Ludlow exhibited a 1985 World Series souvenir of the St. Louis and Kansas City showdown.
- Jim Case had a Black History cover of an 1895 Canadian hockey team.
- Rick Howell discussed Herman Herst's book he first mentioned last month.
- Bob Coleman recounted his experience attempting to complete a "hand back" cancellation service at a local post office. A collector sometimes needs to have a copy of Postal Operations Manual paragraph 231.3 at hand.
- Judy Christmas delivered door prizes from the January meeting, and David Stockbridge invited members to inspect the free items on the periodicals table, urged them to donate to the "mystery box" for the November EXPO, and asked for photos of the meeting which might be used for publication and publicity.
- In the segment dubbed "WHERE IN THE WORLD," Gary McNamee described a country which first issued stamps in 1860, for years pictured Queen Victoria, gained independence in 1962, featured fruits on several stamp issues and hosted the Commonwealth Games. He stumped the group this month with Jamaica.

David Stockbridge made several **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The TSDA quarterly show would be March 13-14 in Richardson.
- The program schedule for the year was almost complete.

After a **BREAK** of fruit, vegetables and dip supplied by Bob Coleman, the **PROGRAM** consisted of an **expanded Show and Tell:**

- Fred Ekenstam described his collection of U. S. newspaper wrappers, in use from 1886 to 1899.
- Julie Rimmer explained her topical collection of animals on stamps.
- Jim Case detailed the topic of sports on stamps, his collection of more than 90 different sports now filling over twenty albums.
- Denny Ludlow favored U. S. miniature sheets.
- Gene Atkinson explained his strange fascination with over 160 different packs, boxes, tins, and spring-loaded dispensers of commercially-produced stamp hinges. Gary McNamee recounted the story of HMS Bounty.
- Dave Stockbridge closed with a discussion of the hyper-inflation issues of Germany in the 1920s.

In **CLOSING:**

- Gift certificate door prizes went to Dave Stockbridge, Gary McNamee, and Stanley Christmas.
- Matched sets of U. S. plate blocks were handed to Linda Ekenstam, Fred Ekenstam, and Jim Case.
- A commemorative montage went to Bob Coleman.

The **March meeting** will feature a program from the American Philatelic Society on postal aspects of the early Civil War titled "The Division of the Union."

## EXPO Planning Meeting Minutes

February 29, 2020

By Skip Ely

- The MCSC Expo committee members met at David's BBQ in Pantego at 11:00 A.M. on January 29, 2020.
- In attendance were Ralph Poore (Committee Chairperson), Stanley Christmas, Judy Christmas, Tom Cunningham, Alliene Franklin, Peter Elias, Ken Wills, Gene Pfretzschner, Ray Cartier, Rick Howell, Ken Aldridge, Debbie and Rob Hathaway, and Skip Ely.
- Ralph Poore opened the meeting at 11:05 A.M. Alliene Franklin provided a copy of the minutes from the last meeting, in which Ralph summarized saying the most important issue left over from the last meeting was selecting a theme.
- Debbie Hathaway suggested "Orchids", as there are a least of couple of orchid clubs in the Metroplex. Judy Christmas suggested the 19th Amendment - "Women Vote" stamp. After a brief discussion, a vote was held, and the majority selected Wild "Orchids".
- The next item of discussion was the revised layout for the Expo Hall, allowed by moving the Exhibits area to a separate room, just to the left of the entrance (and behind the Beginners Area). The purpose was to allow some dealers to have more room for their offers. A lengthy discussion followed. In the end, it was decided to reverse the center part of the layout, putting two groupings in front and three in back, instead of visa-versa. It was also noted that with this arrangement, the Mix Pick area would move to the front lobby, caddy-corner from the Beginners area, and in front of the Exhibit room.
- Another item was the availability of the banquet room for philatelic seminars if so desired. It was agreed to do a survey of members to see if there was any interest, and if so, what topics might be presented.
- The last item of discussion had to do with cachets. Rob Hathaway agreed to chair that committee, as he has a strong interest in the topic.
- Ken Aldridge asked about vacant committee chairs. It was announced that Debbie Hathaway had offered to chair the Awards Committee, and so all committee chairs were filled (applause).
- The next meeting was scheduled for Saturday, April 4, at David's BBQ.
- The meeting was adjourned about 12:05 P.M.

### Adhesive intact

By Ken Wills

Rick Howell last month described Dave Stockbridge's method of removing self-adhesive stamps from paper. As he pointed out, the result leaves the stamp with its adhesive intact.

My method of dealing with this is to dip the stamp in corn starch! An extremely thin layer of the corn starch adheres to the adhesive, and the rest can easily be shaken or brushed from the stamp. When this is done, it's virtually impossible to tell, as rubbing the back of the stamp doesn't remove any of the new layer, and it looks and feels just like paper but very much thinner. Some people apparently use talcum powder the same way, but I believe that talcum powder is often scented.

Time will tell if the corn starch will eventually deteriorate (assuming it's kept away from humidity), and even if it does it can be removed in the same way as the stamp was first separated from the paper.



# 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!!)**
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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

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**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 - Mother Goose & Grimm (P.E.)

By Peter Elias

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

By Mike Peters



Ah, another comic that makes fun of a mailman getting chased by a dog...

But seriously, dogs can be a problem for mail carriers. According to the USPS, there were 5,714 dog attacks on carriers in 2018. The good news is

that this is down 500 compared to 2017 and down 1,000 since 2016. The worst offending city with dog attacks on carriers was Houston; 5th on the list is Dallas. Ft. Worth & San Antonio were also on the top 10 list in 2018. Although, by State, California was the worst with 794 dog attacks, with Texas in 2nd place with 464.

The comic strip above was published on February 29, 2020 in the Dallas Morning News.





## MEET & EAT for April & May, 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

April 1           Cancelled (no club meeting either)  
May 6            Spring Creek BBQ - 3608 S. Cooper St,  
(817) 465-0553 (tentative)

### EULESS

April 15         Cancelled (no club meeting either)  
May 20         Chili's, 2101 Airport Freeway, Bedford,  
(817-545-0012) (tentative)

### GRANBURY

April 28         Cancelled (no club meeting either)  
May 26         Grumps, 3503 E. Hwy 377 (tentative)

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c/o Peter Elias  
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**Don't Forget:  
All MCSC April meetings are cancelled!  
EXPO Planning Mtg Apr.4 - cancelled!**

## 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

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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

**Used Canada thru 2000 all on album pages** in large binder. CV \$1830, will sell for \$325 (17%). Ken Aldridge, [KAldridge@aol.com](mailto:KAldridge@aol.com) 3/20

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