



# Stamping Around

## Newsletter of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club

**Arlington Meetings:** First Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m.  
**Bob Duncan Community Center, Vandergriff Park**  
**Irving Meetings:** Third Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m.  
**Garden & Arts Center, 906 Senter**  
**Lake Granbury Meetings:** 4th Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.  
**Bentwater Activities Center (adjacent to Bentwater Marina)**



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### Been There - Done That (Athens, Greece)

By Bob & Pat Weidman



In October of 2009, Pat and I went on a cruise of the Greek Islands. We started out in Istanbul, Turkey, stopped at the islands of Mykonos, Rhodes, Crete, Santorini and Kusadasi, Turkey, before ending our cruise in Athens.

While in Athens, we went up to the Acropolis, a ten acre fortified hill which was the religious and military center of the ancient city-state of Athens. In 480 BCE, the Persians invaded Athens and destroyed many of the buildings on the Acropolis.

From 447 BCE to 432 BCE, the Athenians rebuilt the temples on the Acropolis. The Parthenon was built in honor of the virgin goddess Athena, who was the patron of the city of Athens. The construction of the Erechtheum took from 421 BCE to 406 BCE. It was built to honor the founders of Athens. The temple of Athena Nike was built around 425 BCE. It was constructed to honor Athena, goddess of victory.

There was a lot of repair work being done on several of the buildings at the Acropolis when we were there. Several of the buildings had scaffolding around them. After 2,500 years, I'm sure that some upkeep needed to be done! Shown nearby is a ticket purchased to visit the Acropolis, which was €12 at the time. A portion of the entrance fee was probably used to pay for some of these repairs.



We were there at the end of October when it was not very crowded. There were still quite a few tourists up at the Acropolis though, and more than once I had to wait for people to get out of the way so that I could take pictures. Our tour guide said that during the summer months, which is the high tourist season, there are so many people that it is hard to walk around, let alone take pictures. The weather was a typical fall day, much like you would experience here in Texas. UP at the Acropolis, a strong wind was blowing and it

### Been There - Done That (Met a Descendant?)

By Peter Elias

On I-45 near Huntsville (north of Houston) there is a statue of Sam Houston, an important statesman: President of the Republic of Texas (1836-1838, 1841-1844), US Senator (1846-1859) and Governor of Texas (1859-1861) amongst others.

I stopped by to see the statue on a recent trip back from Houston, and then I remembered something from 1990, where the company I worked for hired a high-school student to help with some data entry.

I don't remember her name off-hand, but I do remember that at one point she told me that Sam Houston was a distant relative (great-great-uncle or something like that). I remember thinking, "huh, interesting!" but didn't think more of it than that (I had just moved to Texas myself in 1990). Of course now I'd probably google it to see if it was true!



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was quite chilly. If you visit Athens in October, take a jacket or sweater; you will need it!

The stamp pictured (left) is Greece Scott #819, issue on April 30, 1965 showing one of the buildings at the Acropolis.

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## Editor's Forum

By Peter Elias

Summer is here and we should enjoy the outdoors, but we're also only less than 5 months away from the next EXPO! So it is time to start thinking about what you will be exhibiting. You will be exhibiting "something", right? It all starts with one page. That's easy enough, not much more than a "show & tell" which we do at every meeting. From there it can progress to a 4-page mini-exhibit, then on to a 1-frame and perhaps even a multi-frame exhibit (my Audi exhibited started off with just one stamp on one page and ended up as a 4-frame exhibit that won the Grand Award at MCSC and also an International Silver at Washington 2006.

Remember that there are several people in the club willing to help you out with exhibiting, so please contact Ray Cartier and Ben Termini for more information!

NY2016 is now just around the corner, less than a year away. I liken it to "Mecca" for us stamp collectors. If you've never been to a show like this, it's unreal! MCSC has 60 exhibit frames, at NY2016, there will be 4,000 frames! Not to mention 200 stamp dealers, 50 postal administrations and about 60 specialty societies (many of which are also having their annual meetings at the show). See <http://www.ny2016.org> for more details.

Yes, New York can be expensive (we're talking flight, lodging, food, etc here), but there is only a limited number of these type of shows that one can attend in one's lifetime. I'm saving up my frequent flier miles now!

## Member Info needed

By Peter Elias

Ray Cartier was requesting that members report to him which philatelic societies that they are a member of, especially if they are exhibiting at EXPO so that the appropriate society awards can be ordered. Also be sure to mention what the abbreviations of the society mean (i.e.: CZSG = Canal Zone Study Group), APS, ATA, TPA are ones that many of us know, but not others such as MEPSI, SRS, ARA, BCPSG, MSS and so on.

You may also want to let our secretary, Ben Termini, know any updated info on your philatelic society memberships (in some cases, such as with the APS, the club receives a free membership if a certain percentage of members are also APS members).

## Coming Attractions

### 2015

#### JUN. 23 MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting

Program: "EZStamps & Album General" by Gary McNamee

#### JUN. 26-27 TSDA Dealers Bourse

Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd, Fri 11-5, Sat 9-4

#### JUL. 1 MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting

Program: "Jules Verne" by Ray Cartier

#### JUL. 15 MCSC—IRVING Meeting

Program: TBD

#### JUL. 28 MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting

Program: Club Auction

#### AUG. 5 MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting

Program: Clean Out Your (Philatelic) Closet

#### AUG. 19 MCSC—IRVING Meeting

Program: TBD

#### AUG. 25 MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting

Program: "Genealogical Philately" by Alliene Franklin

#### AUG. 28-29 TSDA Dealers Bourse

Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd, Fri 11-5, Sat 9-4

#### SEP. 2 MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting

## Secretary's Report

By Benedict Termini



### New Members

#### Membership Summary – June 7, 2015

Membership as of May 9, 2015	110
New Members	
Dropped for non-payment of dues	( )
Resignations	( )
Deceased	( )
Reinstatements	
Membership as of June 7, 2015	110

## Arlington Meeting Minutes June 3, 2015

By Ray Cartier

## Irving Meeting Minutes June 17, 2015

By Skip Ely

### Call-To-Order:

President Mike Smith opened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

### Attendance:

27 members and 2 guests were present. With Secretary Ben Termini unable to be present, Ray Cartier filled in to record the meeting minutes.

### Officer & Committee Reports:

- ◆ Mike reported that it appeared that we still had 110 members.
- ◆ The Treasurer's report showed that we are in a solid financial position.
- ◆ Expo Chairman Stanley Christmas was not there but we were reminded that there will be an Expo Budget meeting in September.
- ◆ Sales Books Chairman Skip Ely reported that sales were still going very good.
- ◆ Club newsletter Chairman Peter Elias asked that members send anything they wanted to see in the next newsletter as soon as they could.

### Announcements:

- ◆ President Smith announced that OKPEX in Oklahoma City would be coming up in just two weeks. We have at least one club exhibit entry at that show. He also reminded us that the next TSDA Bourse will take place on September 26 & 27.
- ◆ Ray Cartier gave a report on the upcoming Waxahachie Chautauqua. He will be meeting with the VP and two Board Members of that group on June 9th. We will have two tables there near the philatelic exhibit to showcase the MCSC, the TPA, our two annual shows, and the ATA which has given us some mini stamp albums for youth. We will distribute free glassines of stamps to youth and will have door prizes there.

### Show & Tell:

- ◆ Ray Cartier passed around two covers. One was flown in a Russian Ballistic Missile, launched from a submarine. The other was flown aboard a Chinese test flight of their manned spaceship that was unmanned for the test.
- ◆ Ray Moyer had some old US Postal Service individual post office boxes that had been refurbished for displaying by individuals.
- ◆ Alliene Franklin passed around a blank "get well" card that she had obtained from Judy Christmas.
- ◆ Paul Ashley announced that this would be his last meeting as he was moving to Florida. He brought some items to sell at highly discounted prices along with some freebies. He will retain his membership. Good luck to him!
- ◆ Peter Elias advised us that the USPS Tracking on 1st Class Parcels and Media Mail would be dropping their \$1.05 tracking fee and do that at no cost as of now. He also showed a European cover with two meters showing that the costs of sending a letter to the USA from Europe is now the equivalent of 99c (US) while we pay \$1.20 to

### Call-To-Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Smith at 7:30 PM at the Garden and Arts Center in Irving.

### Attendance:

There were 9 members present.

### Officer Reports:

- ◆ Secretary – Mike Smith said the membership stood at around 110.
- ◆ Treasurer – Mike also said the treasury was in good shape.

### Committee Reports:

- ◆ EXPO – There were no new EXPO items.
- ◆ Sales – Skip Ely said sales were going well.
- ◆ Web Site – Jim Myers said there were no issues with the Web site.

### Announcements:

- ◆ Mike Smith mentioned OPEX this weekend (June 19-20), and the TSDA Bourse next weekend (June 26-27).

### Show & Tell:

- ◆ Jack Urish had three items to pass around.
- ◆ Peter Elias spoke on a number of items.
- ◆ Keith Parris had an envelope to his Plano address with a return address in Rockwall county and an Atlanta post-mark.

### Door Prizes:

Jim Myers and Tom Turner received club gift certificates. Keith Parris received a package of inverted Jennies.

### Program:

The program was presented by Mike Smith, titled "Strange Stamps from Bhutan, 1967-1975."

### Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned around 8:45 P.M.

send mail to Europe. He showed a color copy of about two dozen fake stamps picturing a wide range of automobiles from the non-existent country of the "People's Republic of Tongo". There is "Tonga" (an island in the Pacific) and "Togo" (a African nation), but no such entity as "Tongo"!

### Door Prizes:

- ◆ Two sheets of the Inverted Jenny stamps went to Pat Weidman and Alliene Franklin.
- ◆ \$10 gift certificates were won by Jerry Potter and Bob Tallon. (Tom Cunningham had been selected but declined to take the sheet so that someone else could get it). The prizes will be given at the next meeting or mailed to the winners thereafter if they are not present.

### Short Break:

During the break, 5 of the 10 1-page exhibits that won the club the award of the "Most Fun" exhibit at the TPA "Texas Shootout" were on display for members to see.

### Program:

The Mixture Pick program completed the evening.

# 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)

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## Philatelic Item of the Month

By Ray Cartier



*The first airmail letters sent were during the Siege of Paris by the Prussian (German) Army from September 19, 1870 through January 14, 1871. This letter was carried by the balloon **La Duquesne** on January 14, 1871. The balloon landed in occupied territory, but the passengers with the letters escaped to Bordeaux.*

For space guys there has been a very successful idea that has generated a "Space Cover of the Week" for the past 316 weeks. Only 5 collectors added items for the first 299 of them and I was asked to join in with item 300. If we could get just 6 people to participate, each one would have to submit only 2 per year. So, attached is one from me. If you decide to try it our, this would be Philatelic Item of the Month #1 or PIOTM 1. Your decision. Best, Ray

## What comes after "H"-rate?

By Peter Elias

In the 1970's, as postage rates were being increased, the USPS issued non-denominated stamps since they didn't always know the exact rate before-hand, starting with the "A"-rate (15¢) in 1978 and finishing with the "H"-rate (33¢) 20 years later in 1998.

I think it goes without saying that they probably really didn't want to have an "I"-rate !



The "H"-rate make-up stamp has a 1¢ face value and paid for the difference between the previous 32¢ rate and the new 33¢ rate.

The stamp is found in two varieties, Scott #3257 (black 1998 date) & #3258 (blue 1998 date).

## Granbury Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2015

By Gene Atkinson

With storm clouds gathering, so did 15 members and guests at the Lake Granbury Branch, Mid-Cities Stamp Club the evening of May 24. Host David Stockbridge welcomed all to the Bentwater Activities Center, 1800 W. Emerald Bend Road, in Granbury.

In **ANNOUNCEMENTS**, David reported that member Alliene Franklin was out of surgery and doing well. There were a number of philatelic periodicals for members to browse as well as U. S. postage for sale at fifty percent, an offering that has raised about \$2,000 for the Mid-Cities treasury in the last year. And there were one-pound bags of U. S. and foreign stamps for sale at \$5, again to benefit the club treasury.

### For **SHOW & TELL**

- ◆ Gene Atkinson had some 1st class envelopes that received very different treatments from the USPS.
- ◆ Denny Ludlow showed some German maximum cards of the American Bicentennial issues.
- ◆ Daniel Kennedy shared a recipe for soaking and cleaning stamps with baking soda.
- ◆ Gary McNamee offered a "shameless promotion" for his upcoming program.
- ◆ Bob Patterson had a World War II censored cover from Nagoya.

Brian Smith provided the **WHAT'S MY NAME** segment with a discussion of Namibia's origins.

During the **BREAK**, members feasted on Al Hull's coconut crème and chocolate zucchini cakes.

For the **PROGRAM**, Gene Atkinson discussed the wide array of stamp hinges formerly and currently available. From the generally revered Dennison brand, he surveyed copycats like Dennisen and Dennis's, compared the various Fold-O-Hinges marketing efforts, and displayed two dozen different options for collectors. For audience participation he distributed twenty post office fresh one cent stamps mounted with different hinges and stored under pressure for one month. Members carefully removed the stamps from the mounting cards and compared the results for damage to the cards and to the stamps.

So many members contributed **DOOR PRIZES** that eleven eventually won something: Daniel Kennedy, Jerry Potter, Judy Christmas, Stanley Christmas, Gary McNamee, Al Hull, Dave Stockbridge, Gene Atkinson, Denny Ludlow, Brian Smith, and Bob Coleman.

## Comic Strip Caption Results (#2)

By Peter Elias

MCSC club members are encouraged to come up with a “caption” to the “comic strip bubble” presented with the Ifni stamp in last month’s newsletter, whether witty or thought-provoking (as long as it is fit to be published in this newsletter!). Based on entries received before the deadline, I will make a decision

**What do you mean it costs extra to send a nut through the mail?**



based on the best entry received (and as they say “decisions of the judges are final”...).

I received 11 entries from 7 people. Responses were both philatelic and non-philatelic in nature.

The winner this month is Robert Weidman, with his entry shown in the “bubble” above and that it caught on to the fact that this was a semi-postal stamp.

Congratulations! I’ll get a club \$10 gift certificate mailed out which can be used for purchases from club & APS sales books and from dealers at EXPO (but not club membership dues).

Other entries included:

- ◆ Ken Aldridge: *“I need to deflate the air in this nut so it fits better in my cheek. Anyone have Tom Brady’s phone number?”*
- ◆ Brian Smith: *“Decisions, Decisions. Do I eat it now or bury it for later?”*
- ◆ Ray Cartier: *“All those years they promised me pecans in retirement and what do I get? Acorns!”*
- ◆ David Stockbridge: *“I am nuts about stamp collecting and squirrel away as many as I can find!”*
- ◆ Diana Davis:
  1. *“Ah, nuts!”*
  2. *“I guess I’ll squirrel this away.”*
  3. *“To eat or not to eat—that is the question”*
- ◆ Robert Weidman:
  1. *“49 cents seems like a lot of money to mail just one nut.”*
  2. *“I wonder if the postage clerk will accept this not as payment to send my letter.”*
- ◆ Mike Smith: *“If this nut is hard, I’ll stamp on it.”*

All great entries! There will be another caption contest starting in the August 2015 newsletter.

## President's Letter

by Mike Smith

I hope everybody is enjoying their summer and considering some type of exhibit for EXPO 2015. Don’t forget that you can take advantage of the advice of some of MCSC’s gold award winning exhibitors who have offered to help new exhibitors with their first frames.

Speaking of exhibits, the 2016 New York International Show announced in a recent news release that Vince King, the Show Chairman for TEXPEX, has designed a new style of double-sided exhibit frame made of a high-strength rigid plastic instead of the heavier aluminum. The prototype was approved, and Vince’s company will manufacture about 2,000 of these frames for the New York show.

Ray Cartier has met with members of the Chautauqua Board, and they are very enthusiastic about MCSC participating in the “Chautauqua Celebrates Flight” educational event on September 26<sup>th</sup>. This will be the sixteenth Waxahachie Chautauqua, and crowds have varied from about 400 to 1,000 people. We will have tables to display some interesting stamps and literature about our club, the TPA and the shows. We will have five double-sided exhibit frames and will need a few volunteers to help Ray and Karen during the day.

Our next, and probably the final Board meeting this year, is scheduled for Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will be a budget meeting, so all Club Officers and Committee Chairpersons need to send their 2016 budget requests to Judy Christmas by August 1<sup>st</sup> to give her time to prepare next year’s budget.

Stamp of the Month: The Austrian composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was only 35 when he died in 1791, but was a child prodigy who was already proficient on keyboard instruments and the violin when he started composing at the age of five. He was engaged as a court musician in Salzburg when he was 17, but settled in Vienna in 1781 where he lived for the rest of his life. There Mozart composed many of the best-known of more than 600 works in all areas of classical music. Bulgaria Scott Nr. 3621, issued in July 1991 for the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death, is one of the many stamps of Mozart which have been issued by at least 57 countries. Other examples include Austria Scott Nr. 1533, Albania Scott Nr. 2385-2388, German Democratic Republic Scott Nr. 278-279, Monaco Scott Nr. 2424, and Vatican City Scott Nr. 1329.

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Mike

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## MEET & EAT for July & August 2015

by Judy & Stanley Christmas

“Meet and Eats” are before the club meetings. All club members and their guests are welcome. We will gather between 5:00 and 5:30 PM. The group will start ordering at 5:30 PM. Latecomers can order when they arrive or just come by for a visit (check with the restaurant first if it serves buffet style). Meals should be over around 6:45 PM.

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

### ARLINGTON

July 1 **Jay Jay Café**, 1001 S Bowen, Arlington,  
(817) 861-1060

August 5 **Campo Verde**, 2918 W Pioneer Parkway  
Arlington, TX 76013, (817) 275-7003  
<http://www.campoverde.us/>

### IRVING

July 15 **PJ’s Restaurant**, 2301 N. O’Connor Rd  
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