

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
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Bentwater Activities Center (adjacent to Bentwater Marina)



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Been There - Done That (Vietnam Vet Memorial)

By Bob & Pat Weidman

On Veterans Day, November 11, 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Washington, DC. Thousands of Vietnam Veterans from around the country converged on Washington for the dedication. Several busloads from the Pittsburgh area, where I was living at the time, made the trip.



However, I was unable to go at that time due to work commitments. Within a few weeks, Pat and I were able to make a day trip to Washington to see the memorial, a 5 hour drive each way from Pittsburgh.

Jan Scruggs, an infantry corporal from the Vietnam War came up with the idea of a memorial for those that did not return home. Maya Ying Lin, a 21-year old Yale University architectural student was the designer of the memorial.

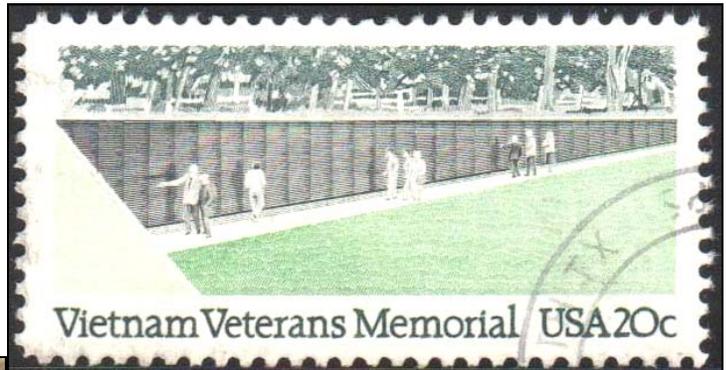
In 1984, a statues of three soldiers and a flagpole were added and on Memorial Day 1993, a the Vietnam Women's Memorial was dedicated honoring the women veterans that were killed in the war.

There are over 58,000 names on the wall in chronological order from 1959 when we sustained our fist casualty to 1975 when we pulled out of Vietnam.

Seven of these names are from Carrier Air Wing Five, USS Bon Home Richard. These were the names that I was looking for. The men from the air win I was attached to from 1967 to 1970. Each time I was in the Washington, DC area, I would try to find time to stop by the Wall to pay my respects to the men and women that did not return home.

In the nearby picture, in row eleven, the first name, Barry E. Karger, a Douglas A-4F pilot from Attack Squadron 93 was shot down over North Vietnam on May 15, 1968. His body was never recovered. He was 22 years old.

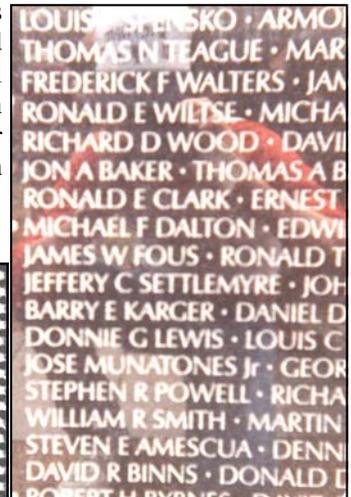
On Veterans Day,



November 11, 1979, Scott #1802, the stamp honoring Vietnam Veterans was issued.

On November 10, 1984, Scott #2104 picturing the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was issued. Scott #2966, honoring Prisoners of War and Missing in Action was issue on May 29, 1995.

It has been forty years since the last US troops pulled out of Vietnam. There are still hundreds listed as missing in action from the war. Their remains have not been recovered.



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Coming Attractions

2015

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. 22 **MCSC Board of Directors Meeting**

Pizza Garden Restaurant, 217 Harwood Rd, Bedford, 10:30 AM

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**

Program: Semi-Annual Auction

SEP. 16 **MCSC—IRVING Meeting**

Program: Program by Stanley Christmas

SEP. 18-20 **Greater HOUSTON Stamp Show**

Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Rd, Humble, TX 77338

SEP. 22 **MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting**

Program: Program by Stanley Christmas

Editor’s Forum

By Peter Elias

The “Caption Contest” picked up a bit more steam with last month’s entry! The best way to submit the entries is via email. If you for some reason this is not possible, then please snail mail me the entry to arrive on or before the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Do NOT mail the entry to the club PO Box in Arlington, as it may take a month or two to get to me! Use my personal PO Box as shown on the address page of the newsletter.

The September issue will be out a little later than usual (for a variety of reasons, including that the next BOD meeting will be on August 22, and I need to get the meeting minutes into the September newsletter.

Members in the News

At the recently held OKPEX show, Ben Termini and Ray Cartier both received Gold Awards for their exhibits (respectively, “Prostitute Revenues” and “NASA VIP cards”).

Ray Cartier's article, "The Real Story Behind the Sputnik 1 Covers" appears in the July 2015 issue of the American Philatelist.

Members at the Dinner Table

MCSC Members at the July 1 “meet ‘n eat” at the Jay Jay Café in Arlington prior to the Arlington meeting are shown in the photo below taken by member Keith Parris.



Secretary’s Report

By Benedict Termini



Membership Summary – July 2, 2015

Membership as of June 7, 2015	110
New Members	()
Dropped for non-payment of dues	()
Resignations	()
Deceased	()
Reinstatements	()
Membership as of July 2, 2015	110

President's Letter

by Mike Smith

Even though the dog days of summer are here and we haven't had any 100-degree temperatures yet at DFW Airport, they are probably just around the corner. It's certainly hot enough to be working on an exhibit for EXPO 2015, and some of our experienced exhibiting members will be happy to help any new exhibitors. Our Exhibits Chairman, Ray Cartier, and everybody involved with EXPO would really like to see some new exhibits from different members this year.

Speaking of EXPO, we owe a big "Thank You" to Diana Davis for again providing the artwork for our cachet envelopes. Peter Elias passed around eight possible covers that she provided at the July Irving meeting, and they have been forwarded to Dave Stockbridge and Stanley Christmas for a final selection.

Stamp of the Month: Mahatma Gandhi, who led the independence movement in British-ruled India, was born in 1869. Gandhi trained in law in London and then spent 21 years in South Africa, where he developed his principles of nonviolent civil disobedience and was able to improve the treatment of other Indians living there. Back in India, Gandhi soon became the leader of the Indian National Congress and the Indian independence movement. After independence was achieved in 1947, Gandhi became known as the "Father of the Nation". In August 1969, Great Britain issued Scott Nr. 600 for the 100th anniversary of his birth. More than 100 countries have issued stamps honoring Gandhi including India Scott Nr. 497-500, Brazil Scott Nr. 1137, Ireland Scott Nr. 275-276, Russia Scott Nr. 3639, and USA Scott Nr. 1174-1175.

Finally, all Club Officers and Committee Chairpersons need to send their 2016 budget requests (total amount needed for your programs) to Judy Christmas by August 1, 2015, to give her time to prepare next year's budget before our next scheduled Board meeting on Saturday, August 22nd.

Keep On Collecting! Mike



Granbury Meeting Minutes June 23, 2015

By Gene Atkinson

With Dave Stockbridge "gone fishing," Dr. Ken Jones hosted the June 23 meeting of the Lake Granbury Branch, Mid-Cities Stamp Club (at Bentwater Activities Center, 1800 W. Emerald Bend Ct., Granbury).

Ken welcomed 17 members and guests who introduced themselves and briefly described their particular collecting interests.

For the **SHOW & TELL** portion of the program

- ◆ Jones noted a table of free periodicals along with items from the club sales effort.
- ◆ Jim Case displayed his mother-in-law's 1924 passport with attached fee stamp.
- ◆ Denny Ludlow had a collection of advertising labels
- ◆ Joe Jeter distributed some Suriname information sheets.
- ◆ Bob Patterson discussed an Ohio pre-paid state sales tax stamp, the only such use of stamps as receipts for sales taxes and a practice that ended in 1957.
- ◆ Stanley Christmas exhibited examples of the 4½ cent "Prexies" on presidential inauguration covers from 1941, 1945 and 1957.
- ◆ Alliene Franklin noted that the club newsletters were now available on compact disks.

BREAK: Cake-maker Al Hull was also off fishing; so the members sampled an array of delicious cookies.

PROGRAM: Gary McNamee introduced the club to EzStamp and AlbumGen software. The first, under license from Scott Publishing, allows tracking of a collector's holdings, various methods of analysis, printing details and market values. AlbumGen, often combined with EzStamp, permits collectors to design and print specialty albums and include text information for each illustration. Each software package costs about \$60 but can save that and more from preprinted album prices.

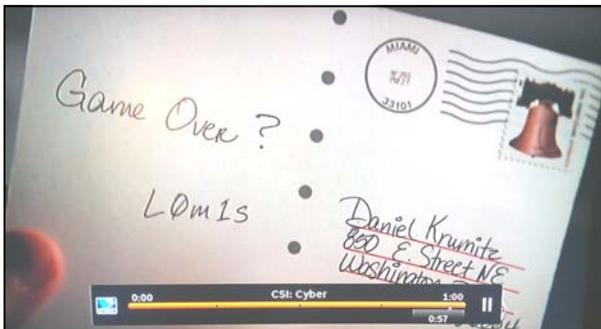
DOOR PRIZES: In closing Bob Patterson won a sheet of the \$2 inverted Jenny stamps. Gene Atkinson selected a package of world stamps, Gary McNamee won a pack of Netherlands issues, and Brian Smith and Denny Ludlow each won club gift certificates.

TV Philately

By Peter Elias

Welcome to another episode of "TV Philately", where the "pause" button allows you to do some philatelic sleuthing...

In various TV shows and movies, there are occasional "philatelic glimpses" where (usually) a letter or postcard is part of the



Above:
The real
stamp

plot development and shown very briefly on screen. And most of the time they get it wrong! One always hears about how shows and movies try to "get it right" in terms of historical and other details, yet seem to miss the mark by miles when philatelic or postal elements are involved. Maybe they need to hire some philatelic consultants!

To wit: a recent episode of "CSI: Cyber" (the episode title was "LQm1s") has one of the characters holding a postcard:

1. A "forever" letter-rate stamp was used when it should have been a postcard rate stamp.
2. The stamp is placed on top of the postmark.
3. The stamp itself doesn't look right. The height/width ratio is slightly off, and the design is not the same as the real stamp (the angle of the crack in the bell, the length of the protruding clapper at the bottom of the bell and the letters vertically on the right). Even the perforations don't quite look right.
4. The postmark (machine cancel) is missing the State and Date. What the "Nr. 293" in the middle means, I don't know as it is not a normal marking, and the overall layout of the circular portion is incorrect, but at least the zip code is correct!

Stamp Caption Contest (#3)

By Peter Elias

If you read Linn's Stamp News, you know that every couple of months they have a "caption" contest whereby readers are invited to submit a "caption" for the stamp being shown.

We thought we'd try the same thing! Going through some piles of stamps, I found the stamp below. It is obviously just "begging" for a comment! So we're inviting all club members to come up with an interesting response! The caption can be philatelic or non-philatelic in nature.

This month's stamp is the Red Riding Hood stamp from Hungary, Scott #1278, dated 1959. So, what is Little Red Riding Hood (or the bears) thinking?

As an incentive, the best overall caption will win a \$10 club gift certificate. The winning caption will be announced in the September newsletter. Space permitting, some of the other submissions will be shown as well.

—> Submission deadline:
August 19, 2015, 11:59 PM.



Rules (yes, there have to be rules):

1. Eligibility: This contest is for Mid-Cities Stamp Club members only. While non-members can submit responses, they won't be eligible for the gift certificate*.
2. Responses can be philatelic or non-philatelic in nature, but let's **keep it clean!** Sarcasm is encouraged! "Deep thoughts"? Sure! Nothing vulgar or obscene though please!
3. Decision of the judge (that would be me!) is final. Note: As someone that enjoys sarcasm and off-the-wall humor (I love *Monty Python's Flying Circus*, *Portlandia*, *Fawlty Towers* and similar shows...), the more off-the-wall the humor is, the better!
4. The club gift certificate will be issued to the winner at a subsequent club meeting if I am in attendance (so it helps to actually attend meetings!), and if not, it will be mailed. The certificate can be used at EXPO (with the stamp dealers) or for purchases from club sales books (but NOT for club membership renewals).
5. As I sift through piles of duplicates, I'm sure I'll find other stamps worthy of a cartoon caption. If you find a stamp worthy of a caption, please feel free to send me an image (300 dpi resolution please).
6. For now, the club has committed to do at least 6 stamp caption contests (through early 2016); this is number 3.
7. Submit your entry prior by the deadline shown above to news@mid-citiesstampclub.com. If you don't have access to e-mail, you can snail-mail it to me to arrive before the deadline; use the return address shown on the address page of this newsletter. Commemorative stamp usage is appreciated!

* If you submit a membership application & 1 year club dues to the club secretary (by mail or at a meeting) prior to the deadline shown above, you are eligible. Be sure to send the caption entry to me though and let me know that you've applied for membership.

Caution!

By Peter Elias

...now they (i.e.: the scammers) are pretending to be us! To wit: this email from "Jeremy" at our club domain, and supposedly he's our accounting manager, attaching an Excel spreadsheet with "macros" (which I'm sure would have wreaked havoc on my PC!). Of course there is no Jeremy or an email address like that, and the area code "483" doesn't even exist in the USA (... google it!). The real sender was from "rideshareonline.com"... So please, always, always, check to see where a message really comes from in the message header, not just what is displayed, and don't open attachments unless from a known sender, not a "spoofed" one such as this example! Please practice "safe computing" at all times!

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I have attached it.
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Been There - Done That (El Morro)

By Peter Elias



I love castles and fortresses. When in Europe, there's practically one around every bend of the road. There's something fascinating about these structures, the history and how people lived back then. I've visited several in England, Germany, Switzerland, St. Vincent & St. Kitts.

So when I was in Puerto Rico for spring break in 2014, there are two fortresses (both World Heritage Sites) that one can visit in San Juan, Castillo de San Cristobal and Castillo San Felipe de Morro.

El Morro is of course the more famous of the two and features the iconic dome-covered sentry boxes (on the outside walls) known as *garitas*, which have become cultural symbols for Puerto Rico.



Construction of the fortress began in 1539 and its purpose was to defend the Port of San Juan. More structures were added to the fort for the next 400 years! The fort's last active fight occurred during the 1898 Spanish-American war. The US Army retired El Morro in 1961 and it is now part of the US National Park Service and was used in 1996 as a movie set for the movie "Amistad".

This was my second visit to El Morro (and Puerto Rico).

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

For Sale

PhotoStamps, ZazzleStamps & PictureItPostage in a variety of different designs. For a listing of available designs and to purchase, go to <http://photostamps.webs.com> and use your credit card to purchase them (via PayPal). 1/06

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- **St. Vincent Postcards** (300+ picture postcards from 1900 to 2007)
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- ♦ CVP and custom order stamps, such as the "PhotoStamps" from Zazzle, Stamps.com, Endicia, etc.

Contact me at peter@pcelias.com with scans. 4/14

Germany—Berlin (9N) used stamps and covers postmarked 1948-1991. Berlin cancels are preferred but not required. Will buy from 1 to 10 copies of each issue. Contact Paul Ashley, 817-426-5131 or p-ashley@att.net 4/10

Arlington Meeting Minutes July 1, 2015

By Ben Termini

Irving Meeting Minutes July 15, 2015

By Skip Ely

OPENING:

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

ATTENDANCE:

19 members were present.

OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- ◆ Secretary Ben Termini reported that we had 110 members, all of whom had paid their dues for 2015.
- ◆ Treasurer Judy Christmas reported that we are in a solid financial position.
- ◆ Expo Chairman Stanley Christmas reported that plans for the EXPO were moving along well. One dealer has cancelled due to health reasons and been replaced with an alternate. The cachet and cancel artwork was now complete. Tickets to the awards dinner were now available and volunteers are needed to help out at the show.
- ◆ Sales Books Chairman Skip Ely reported that sales were still going very good.
- ◆ Newsletter Chairman Peter Elias asked that members send anything they wanted to see in the next newsletter as soon as they could.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ Rich Hildebrandt said tickets for the awards dinner could be purchased for \$20 and also mentioned that since the September meeting was a club auction, lots to be sold should be brought to him at the August meeting.

SHOW & TELL:

- ◆ Peter Elias passed around some articles he had written on Audi automobiles, some of which featured stamps. He also showed some CDs from Bhutan which were actually postage stamps and had catalog values of \$15 each, mint or used.

Ray Cartier donated the following CDs to the MCSC Library:

1. The Best of AAPE's "The Philatelic Exhibitor" on one CD.
2. The Red Cross On Stamps - American Topical Association 2006
3. Butterflies on Stamps - American Topical Association 2006
4. Space on Stamps - American Topical Association. 2006
5. U.S. Space Cover Collecting Handbook - Ray E. Cartier 2011
6. How We Got Men to the Moon [8 frame exhibit] - Ray E. Cartier 2015.
7. Rotary on Stamps - The Rotary on Stamps Study Unit - (date unknown)

DOOR PRIZES:

Door prizes won at the previous meeting were distributed except for one prize which will be mailed. Jerry Potter won an inverted Jenny sheetlet and \$10 gift certificates were won by Diana Davis and Stanley Christmas.

PROGRAM:

Ray Cartier gave a presentation on Jules Verne and discussed how this prolific author's writings had influenced his and his wife's travel plans. His talk was warmly received.

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 12 members present (no guests).

Officer Reports:

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

Committee Reports:

- ◆ EXPO – Peter Elias passed around samples being submitted for the EXPO cachets. He also made a plug for exhibits, saying it wasn't too early to begin working on them.
- ◆ Sales – Skip Ely said sales were going well.
- ◆ Web Site – Jim Myers said the Web site was OK.

Announcements:

- ◆ There were no announcements.

Show & Tell:

- ◆ Ken Wills had a UPS "body bag" that he passed around.
- ◆ Peter Elias had several items to show.
- ◆ Jack Urish had examples of the recent USPS two and three ounce issues to show.
- ◆ Jim Myers had a couple of interesting postal history covers he passed around.

Door Prizes:

- ◆ Club gift certificates were awarded to Ken Wills and Jack Urish.

Program:

The program was the semi-annual auction. Nineteen of forty-four lots sold for a total of \$150.80.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned around 8:45 PM.

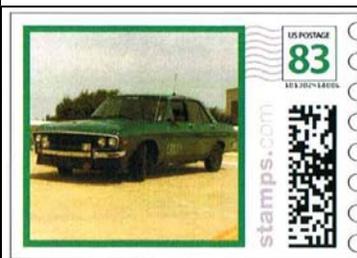
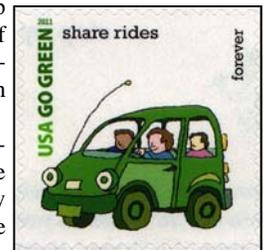
Been There - Done That (Ride Share)

By Peter Elias

Seeing this "Ride Share" stamp from the "Go Green" set reminded me of my college days and that I used to participate in ride-sharing when we went home on weekends to visit the parents.

People would put their ride-wanted or ride-share info on a board in the dormitories and once in a while I'd actually have someone that needed a ride to the same city.

Usually we received a couple of "greenbacks" towards gas (it cost 75¢ per gallon at the time!).



And just like in the Go Green stamp (above), my car (left) was also green (and had a bigger trunk than a Chevy Impala)! And did I mentioned that the Michigan State University colors are "green & white"? Whoa, way too much green in this article! 😊

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MEET & EAT for August & September 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.

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- August 5 **Campo Verde**, 2918 W Pioneer Parkway
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- September 2 **Angelos Steak and Spaghetti**
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