

# 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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## The Aransas National Wildlife Refuge

by Ken Aldridge



In mid-March of this year, my wife and I visited the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge located along the gulf coast of southern Texas. It was a ways off the beaten path and I concluded a guy almost had to get lost to find it. But we did find it and were surprised there were quite a few cars in the visitor's center parking lot. The Visitor's Center had lots



of displays and information, pamphlets, walking and driving guide maps available.

The refuge marshlands along the coast are bordered by wooded areas appealing to all kinds of birds as well as other wildlife. The 115,000 acre refuge is well known worldwide for bird watching and watchers from all



over come there where an astounding 405 species have been spotted. April and May are the best months as most birds are migrating north out of their winter homes in Mexico and Central America.

I particularly wanted to see the refuge because it is the winter home of the Whooping Crane, my favorite bird and featured in the 29c US Postal Service stamp issued in 1994. This was actually a joint issue with China.

Being a native of Nebraska, I grew up seeing large flocks of Sandhill Cranes spending time feeding in the fields on their way to their summer nesting areas in Canada. Among these cranes one could occasionally spot a Whooper, that neared distinction but do to wildlife resource efforts has been brought back to presently number about 250. The Whooper stands about 5 feet, has a red crest and its wing tips are black. Whooping Cranes winter in the marshy areas of the refuge and in April they start a 2,400 mile migration north to nesting grounds at the Wood Buffalo National Park, Northwest Territories, Canada.

## Granbury Meeting Minutes April 26, 2016

By Eugene Atkinson

Due to inclement weather, the April 26 meeting was cancelled and the scheduled estate auction for that date will be rescheduled for another day in May [Editor note: It will be on May 24].

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## Coming Attractions

### 2016

#### MAY 24 MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting

Program: Estate Auction

#### JUN. 1 MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting

Program: Geoffrey Owens, Speaker. History, Mystery, & Controversy: The French Marianne Definitives

#### JUN. 15 MCSC—IRVING Meeting

Program: Ken Wills will discuss "India Stamps, a historical survey"

#### JUN. 24-25 TSDA Dealers Bourse

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

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

Program: TBD

#### JUL. 6 MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting

Program: Mixture Pick, Bring a Show & Tell item or two

#### JUL. 20 MCSC—IRVING Meeting

Program: Club Auction

#### JUL. 26 MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting

Program: Topic is TBD, present by Gary McNamee

#### AUG. 3 MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting

## Editor's Forum

By Peter Elias

The next EXPO is now only a little over 6 months away, and it is a good time to start thinking about exhibiting again! Why not just get started with a 1 or 4 page "mini-exhibit"? That is not much more than just an elaborate "show & tell" that we do at the meetings (just a bit more formal, since you do actually have to type something up!). If you have an interesting philatelic item, a 1 or 4 page mini-exhibit is a perfect way to get your feet wet in exhibiting. Research for these is usually minimal (let "Wikipedia" and "Google" be your friend, hint, hint...). Give it a try! And remember that this year, "Sci-Fi / Fantasy" is our show theme.

... and in 15 years (yes, I've been doing this newsletter now since the June 2001 issue!), the first ever "letter to the editor" (see below); well, it was an "email to the editor", but that's ok!

## Members in the News

By Peter Elias

The most recent issue of the Texas Philatelist had articles about the recent TEXPEX 2016 show and mentioned the Mid-Cities Stamp Club (winner of this year's Texas Shoot-Out) and also various Mid-Cities Stamp Club members that had exhibits (including Ben Termini, Stan Christmas and Peter Elias).

One of Ben Termini's exhibits was accepted last minute for NY2016!

## Letter to the Editor

"A huge "Thank You" to Skip Ely, who graciously and efficiently wore five hats at the Arlington meeting on May 4! Skip filled in for President, Secretary, Treasurer, Auctioneer and managed to maintain the Sales Book table, all without chaos. Outstanding job, Skip! *Alliene Franklin* "

## Errata

In the May issue, page 3, the Irving meeting minutes in the title were shown to be April 20, 2015, it should of course have been April 20, 2016.

## Secretary's Report

By Benedict Termini

### New Members

Sammie Wester (#581)

### Reinstatements

### Membership Summary – May 14, 2016

Membership as of April 7, 2016	104
New Members	1
Dropped for non-payment of dues	( 0 )
Resignations	( 0 )
Deceased	( 0 )
Reinstatements	0
Membership as of May 14, 2016	105

## Arlington Meeting Minutes May 4, 2016

By Skip Ely

## Irving Meeting Minutes May 18, 2016

By Skip Ely

### Call-to-Order:

The meeting was called to order by First Vice President Skip Ely at 7:33 PM at the Bob Duncan Center in Arlington.

### Attendance:

There were 17 members and 1 guest present. The guest submitted an application for membership before the meeting started.

### Officer Reports:

- ◆ Secretary – Skip Ely said we had 105 members with our new addition.
- ◆ Treasurer – Judy was absent pending back surgery, but Skip said her report in Irving two weeks ago indicated we were solvent.

### Committee Reports:

- ◆ Sales – Skip Ely said club sales were slow due to the small number of new club books, but that APS sales have been robust each month.
- ◆ EXPO – There was no EXPO update.

### Announcements:

- ◆ Skip Ely handed out a flyer that Ray Cartier had produced to help with ideas for next year's TEXPEX club members one page exhibit on television shows.

### Show & Tell:

There were no show and tell items.

### Door Prizes:

Gift Certificates were awarded to Pat Weidman and Steve Carpenter.

### Program:

The program was the semi-annual auction. In spite of the sparse attendance, a number of lots sold, a few for well over the minimum bid.

### Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned about 8:45 PM

### Call-to-Order:

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

### Attendance:

There were 10 members present.

### Officer Reports:

- ◆ Secretary – Mike Smith mentioned a new member joined at Arlington two weeks ago.
- ◆ Treasurer – Mike said we had money in our treasury.
- ◆ Committee Reports:
- ◆ Sales – Skip Ely said club sales were slower due to a lack of new books, but APS sales had been robust.
- ◆ EXPO – There was no EXPO report.

### Announcements:

- ◆ Mike Smith mentioned the Granbury auction next Tuesday, postponed from last month. .
- ◆ Peter Elias talked about the NY World Stamp Show May 28-June 4. Peter said he had three presentations to make, and one might be appropriate for a club talk at some future date. A discussion about the new frames being built for the NY show ensued.

### Show & Tell:

- ◆ Peter had some new Spanish ATM stamps to show.
- ◆ Ken Wills showed a cover of the full circus stamps he had mailed to a family member.
- ◆ Jack Urish had three items he had expertized that were all fake. He also showed a British Indian stamp postmarked from Mafia Island, off the coast of Tanzania. .
- ◆ Mike Smith asked for help in identifying a stamp he had.

### Door Prizes:

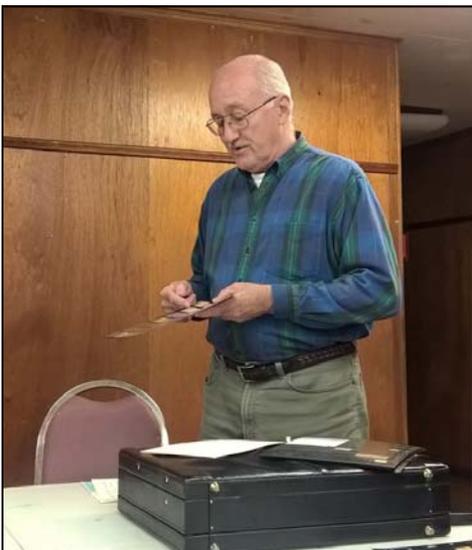
Gift Certificates were awarded to Geoff Owens and Jack Urish.

### Program:

The program was presented by Jack Urish (see picture below left) and titled "The Stamps of the Mozambique Company. Jack belongs to a Portuguese Colonies Study Group, and had many examples of stamp varieties, not all of which are listed in Scott.

### Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned around 9:00 PM.



*Below right:  
Alliene Franklin  
sent in this comic  
strip that again  
explains "mail"  
to modern youth!*



## Been There, Done That

## Telling the Truth

By Pat & Bob Weidman

## President's Letter

by Mike Smith

Everyone knows the story about when George Washington was a boy. He cut down a cherry tree. When his father confronted him about it, he said that he could not tell a lie and he did indeed cut down the cherry tree. And the story goes that in his lifetime he never did tell a lie.



Every now and then we meet a person like George Washington who tells the truth and does not lie. On one of our many trips to Las Vegas, we met such a man. We were walking up the Strip near the Monte Carlo Casino, when we spotted the man shown on the photo nearby. He was holding a handmade cardboard sign that said "Why lie. Need a beer". How many times have we seen someone on a street corner holding a handmade cardboard sign that says "Homeless. Out of work. Hungry. Please Help." or something similar? And many times, that same person is smoking a cigarette that costs anywhere from \$4 to \$8 per pack depending on the brand! You might even see a Double Big Gulp drink from 7-Eleven that costs \$1.83 sitting on the sidewalk next to them. If they can afford the cigarettes and the drink, it makes you wonder if they really are out of work and hungry or just scamming the people driving by.

Since the man in the photo was telling the truth, I did buy him a beer. After all, honesty should be rewarded.

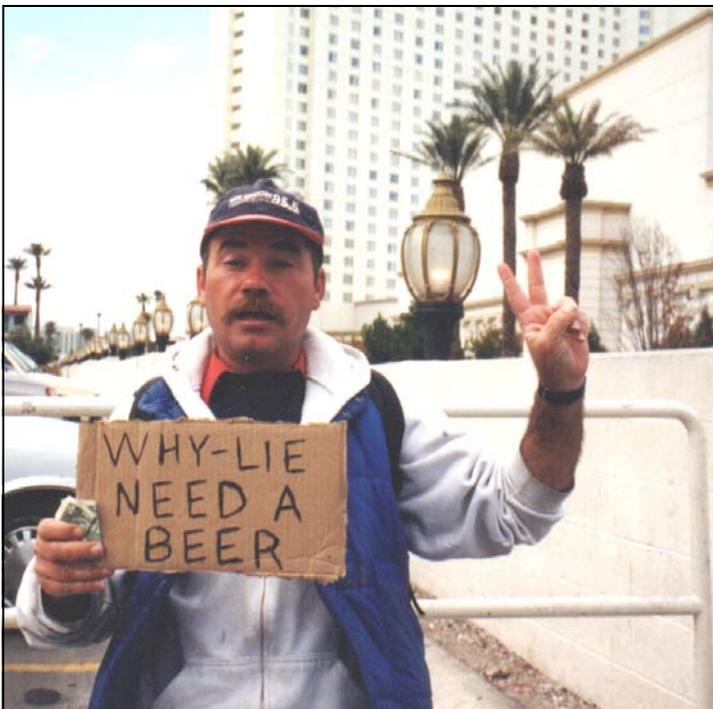
The stamp shown is United States Scott #3617, issued June 7, 2002, depicting George Washington.

2016 is an election year for MCSC, as well as across the USA, and our club needs you! I will put together a nominating committee in late May or early June, so please start thinking about if you are interested in becoming a Club Officer or member of the Board of Directors, or if there is someone else you want to recommend for one of these positions. Ballots will be mailed out in the October newsletter, and you may be asked before then whether you are willing to be included as a candidate for office.

For the third year in a row, the June Arlington meeting will be held in the Garden Room along the south wall of the Bob Duncan Center. Once again a previously scheduled conference is being held in our usual room, but we will be able to get into the Art Room to get items from the library cabinet as needed. This benefits the Club because we get to use this room for the month for free and save an \$85 rental fee. This November we will also have to meet in the Garden Room because the Art Room will be used as an election polling location for early voting.

MCSC will be well represented at the NY2016 World Stamp Show, the largest stamp show in the USA, May 28<sup>th</sup> through June 4<sup>th</sup>. Ray Cartier, Peter Elias, and Ben Termini will all be exhibiting and giving other presentations at this event. They have graciously agreed to share their experiences, photos, and videos at our August meeting in Arlington [*Editor note: I am not able to attend the August meeting, so it will only Ray & Ben, but I may be able to give a presentation at a later date*]. This World Stamp Show is only held once each decade, so our next opportunity to attend one will be in Boston in 2026.

Stamp of the Month: Prince Henry the Navigator, the son of King John I of Portugal, lived from 1394 to 1460. He was responsible for developing a lighter and more maneuverable ship, the caravel, which allowed the expansion of Portuguese exploration and trade in West Africa and its Atlantic islands. The fifth centenary of his birth is commemorated on the first Portuguese pictorial issue in 1894, Scott #97-109. His 500<sup>th</sup> death anniversary was observed on Macao Scott #393 issued in June 1960 and also on Portugal Scott #860-865.



Keep On Collecting!  
Mike

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[www.stampworld.com](http://www.stampworld.com)]



# 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

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## Wanted for MCSC Mixture Picks

**Good US Material on Paper.** We need commemoratives (32¢ to present “Forever” values), Airmails, Semi-Postals and high-value definitive stamps. Please no common stamps such as Christmas, Love and other “special” issues. The club will pay \$20 per pound for needed material and may pro-rate smaller quantities. Contact Bob Weidman at (817) 292-4954.

- NOTE -

Donations of any US on paper are graciously accepted! 1/16

## Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship

By Ben Termini, Secretary

Our club has received a letter from the APS regarding the “Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship” which is a one-year long intense philatelic experience offered to individuals between the ages of 16 and 24. Each year they pick three young people to participate. The individuals choose between an “Author Track” in which they learn how to write about stamps, a “Dealer Track” where they work closely with dealers and learn about the stamp business, and an “Exhibitor Track” where they create an exhibit. All of the fellows are mentored by prominent people in various stamp fields and visit many of the national shows, as well as the APS headquarters and the National Postal Museum in Washington DC.

I have been very impressed by this program at various shows I have attended in the last few years and I’ve had an opportunity to talk with some of the fellows. It’s a great learning experience for them and a lot of fun.

If you are a young philatelist or if you know someone who might be interested in this program, I have more information (including an application form) which I will be happy to send out.

## For Sale

Do you collect **used USA Plate Number Coils**? Select what you want from my [extensive](#) inventory at 1/3 of Scott catalog value. They are listed on my website at <http://web2.iadfw.net/wills/> and from there you will find links to other countries too. Also interested in trading. Ken Wills 9/11

**Philatelic Reference CD’s.** The following self-running, philatelic reference CD’s, each containing hundreds of scans, are now available:

- **APC Conversions 2012-2014 (NEW!!)**
- **Usage of British Empire War Tax Issues** (exhibit)
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**MOVED, BUT SALE CONTINUES!** Special discounts to MCSC members for Swiss, Austria, Liechtenstein issues, @ 1/3 and LESS of catalog values. Also will accept US postage (any values) @ 50% of catalog. All orders postpaid! I also accept PayPal if you wish! John Barrett, Ph.D. Contact info: [jstrubelboy@aol.com](mailto:jstrubelboy@aol.com) 12/14

## Wanted to Buy

**Interesting “stuff”,** such as:

- ◆ Worldwide Revenue stamps on document
- ◆ Worldwide ATM stamps, such as those from Frama, Klüssendorf, Epelsa, Mobba Postage Vending machines and other “on-demand” printed postage (but NOT “ATM Booklet stamps”) from around the world.
- ◆ CVP and custom order stamps, such as the “PhotoStamps” from Zazzle, Stamps.com, Endicia, etc.

Contact me at [peter@pcelias.com](mailto:peter@pcelias.com) with scans. 4/14

**U.S. Liberty Series precancels.** Unsorted, on paper, quantities okay. Contact Gene Atkinson at [atkinson@our-town.com](mailto:atkinson@our-town.com). 4/15

**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

## Wanted to Trade

Want to trade my duplicate Equatorial Guinea stamps for yours if there will fill in my holes. If you collect equatorial guinea, please e-mail me, [mae1442@charter.net](mailto:mae1442@charter.net) and I will send you my needs. Brian Smith

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**USPS Commemorative Yearbooks** with stamps at face value of postage. For listing of what years are available and price e-mail Dave at [stockdave44@yahoo.com](mailto:stockdave44@yahoo.com) 8/11

## MEET & EAT for June & July 2016

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

- June 1 **Spring Creek Barbeque**, 3608 S Cooper, Arlington, (817) 465-0553  
<http://www.springcreekbarbeque.com/arlington.htm>
- July 6 **Angelos Steak and Spaghetti**, 2590 W Pioneer Parkway, Arlington, TX (817) 303-7242 [www.angelosspaghetti.com](http://www.angelosspaghetti.com)

### IRVING

- June 15 **PJ's Restaurant**, 2301 North O'Connor Rd (north of 183), ph. 972-255-8400
- July 20 **Spring Creek BBQ**, 3514 West Airport Fwy (972) 313-0987

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