

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.
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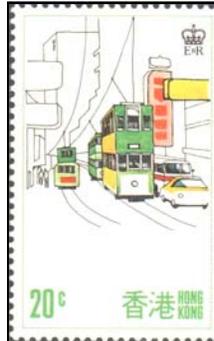
Been There - Done That Hong Kong Trams

By Bob & Pat Weidman

In August of 2004, Pat and I took a trip to Hong Kong that also included stops in Singapore, Malaysia, Macau and mainland China. This was not my first trip to Hong Kong. Back in 1969 and 1970 I had visited Hong Kong courtesy of Uncle Sam and the US Navy.

One of the many things we did while there was to ride the old-fashioned double-decker trams on Hong Kong island which have been around since 1904. The first time I rode one of these trams was in 1969. I rode up on the upper level which was considered first class at that time. Downstairs on the lower level was second class. If the tram was pulling a single deck car behind it, that was third class.

The fares were different depending on where you rode. At that time, the exchange rate was 6 Hong Kong dollars to 1 US dollar. The first class fare on the tram was 20 Hong Kong cents, or slightly more than 3¢. The second class fare was 10 Hong Kong cents or just under 2¢. The third class fare was 5 Hong Kong cents or a little less than 1¢. Regardless of what fare you paid, you arrived at your destination at the same time.



In the first picture taken in 1969, you can see a tram just to the left of the bus and under the Gulf sign. The second picture was taken in 2004 and shows two trams passing each other.

The stamp shown is Hong Kong Scott#338 that was issued on June 30, 1977 and depicts two of the double-decker trams.



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Membership in the Mid-Cities Stamp Club is available to anyone of good character interested in philately. Feel free to attend any of our 3 different meeting sites in the greater Dallas / Ft. Worth area. Dues are \$12 per year. For more information, the editor is reachable during business hours at (972) 671-0077 or e-mail us at:

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Coming Attractions

2016

NOV. 2 MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting

Program: Annual Picnic and maybe:
Speaker: Dave Stockbridge, topic is TBD

NOV. 11-12 Mid-Cities Stamp Club EXPO

Grapevine Convention Center, Grapevine, TX

NOV. 16 MCSC—IRVING Meeting

Program: TBD

NOV. 29 MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting

Program: *How to Make Stamp Mounts* by Stan Christmas

DEC. 7 MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting

Program: Annual Christmas Party and Shanghai Bingo!
Bring 3x presents valued at up \$5

DEC. 9-10 TSDA Dealers Bourse

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

IRVING & GRANBURY: No meetings in December!

2017

JAN. 4 MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting

Program: TBD

Editor's Forum

By Peter Elias

Another year has kind of just zipped by ... As you may know, my current "craze" is collecting the Spanish Thermal ATM stamps, which is an area I kind of fell into a couple of years ago (funny how that happens...).

If you've seen my exhibit about these stamps, you'll discover an entire area of philately that is virtually unheard of in the USA, except the relatively few collectors of ATM stamps, of which there are many in Europe and Asia! As a result, very little is generally published about these type of items (and since they are not Scott listed - except for some of the USA ATM stamps), they don't seem to "exist" and most dealers don't carry them in stock, much less know anything about them!

So what to do? Well, I do write article for the Meter Stamp Society Quarterly Bulletin. While that gets information to several hundred member of that group, it is also kind of like preaching to the choir ... So I decided to put the Spanish Thermal ATM stamps in front of a larger audience: the 30,000 (or so) readers of the *American Philatelist*, the monthly publication of the American Philatelic Society.

If you are passionate about a certain aspect of philately, write about it and get it in front of a larger audience!

Members in the News

At the Greater Houston Stamp Show (September 16-18):

1. Ray Cartier won a silver Award and the TSDA Most Popular Exhibit Award for his one frame exhibit "*Into the Wild Blue Yonder With the B-24 Liberator*".
2. Stanley Christmas won a Gold Award and the Reserve Grand Award for my multi-frame exhibit "*The 4½ Cent white House Stamp*".

Peter Elias had several articles published in the Autumn 2016 issue of the "Meter Stamp Society Bulletin":

1. "*Spanish Thermal ATM Stamps & Catalog Listing Analysis*", pages 6 to 8 (+ a 3 page Concordance table in the Addendum).
2. "*National Parcel Forum and Stamps.com Labels*", pages 9 to 11.
3. "*Webstamp Easy from Switzerland*", page 14.

Secretary's Report

By Benedict Termini

New Members

Edwin Sicher #583
Evan Islam #584
Roy Douglass #585
Jeanette Douglass #586



Membership Summary – October 6, 2016

Membership as of September 8, 2016	105
New Members	4
Dropped for non-payment of dues	(0)
Resignations	(0)
Deceased	(0)
Reinstatements	0
Membership as of October 6, 2016	109

Arlington Meeting Minutes October 5, 2016

By Ben Termini

Irving Meeting Minutes October 19, 2016

By Skip Ely

Call-to-Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Club President Mike Smith.

Attendance:

There were 24 members and 1 guest present (Tommie Dougan).

Officer / Committee Reports:

- Secretary Ben Termini reported that we had 105 members. He also pointed out that so far, 15 members had paid their dues for next year. He mentioned that there were ballots for the club election published in the newsletter and that he had extra copies if any members wished to vote at the meeting. He also mentioned that the newsletter would be sent to all members with email addresses, as a PDF file attachment, but that they could continue to get their newsletters by accessing the Yahoo group if they were still into last century's technology.
- Treasurer Judy Christmas was absent, but Stanley Christmas said our finances were in good shape.
- EXPO Committee chairman Ralph Poore said that the EXPO was on track. Janet Moyer passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Ray Cartier said the exhibit quota was full and that he had turned down several exhibits for lack of space. Rich Hildebrandt encouraged everyone to come to the awards dinner and mentioned that there would be a talk on Harry Potter, given by one of the exhibitors.
- Sales Books Chairman Skip Ely said that members should contact him if they wanted the club to request specific APS books for next year, and said he was starting to close out sales books for the year.

Announcements:

- Stanley Christmas mentioned that the club picnic was next month and that members planning on attending should RSVP or they would be last in line for tube steaks.
- Alliene Franklin mentioned that if you wished to purchase a US Specialized catalog for next year you should contact Ricky Peed, since he had a limited number available and they were going fast.
- Ray Cartier discussed the recent Chautauqua at Waxahachie.
- Karen Cartier mentioned that her new book *'Tales by Mail - Book 2'* was now available. The club gets a share of the proceeds from each sale [Secretary's note: I have a copy of this book and it's great. It would make a great Christmas present for kids, and it's a good way to introduce them to stamp collecting].
- Stanley Christmas mentioned that he and Ray had exhibited at the recent Houston Show and that his exhibit had won the Reserve Grand Award. Both were given a round of applause.

Show & Tell:

Gene Pfretzschner showed an exhibit he had prepared for the EXPO.

Door Prizes:

Gift Certificates (\$10) were won by Ray Gollaher and Ralph Blackburn.

Program:

Envelope stuffing followed by the award of a whole pile of gift certificates.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 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 7 members present.

Officer Reports:

- Secretary – Mike Smith said we had four new members join at Arlington, bringing our membership total to around 110.
- Treasurer – Mike also said the treasury was OK.

Committee Reports:

- Sales – Skip Ely said we only had eleven club books submitted this year, but APS sales have been good. No other committee reports were made.

Announcements:

- Mike Smith said he had reviewed the conference room offered by new member Evan Islam in Euless, and thought it could work for our Irving chapter meetings next year. But due to so few people attending Meet and Eat, we probably wouldn't do it for the Irving chapter meeting next year.
- Tom Turner mentioned that EXPO dinner tickets were available from Rich Hildebrandt.

Show & Tell:

- Geoff Owens – passed around a stamp whose postmark indicated he had gone from Hong Kong to New York in four days around 1940.
- Jack Urish had a question about some Hungarian stamps with a certain postmark. He also talked about three stamps he had recently expertized (none were what he had hoped they were). He also showed a Hungarian stamp with an unusual postmark.
- Ken Wills asked why the U.S.P.S would issue a set of classic U.S. forever stamps and then make them only available by mail from Kansas City.

Door Prizes:

Gift Certificates were awarded to Ken Dougan Jack Urish.

Program:

Skip Ely did a demonstration of removing modern U.S. stamps from paper.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned around 8:45 PM.

Rose is Rose

This comic strip relating to stamps was in the Dallas Morning News in the October 14, 2016 edition.



Member Profile: Evan Islam

- Where are you from / born / raised? I was born in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Came to United States as an immigrant at age 11 and grew up in Houston, TX.
- Family? I live in Trophy Club with my wife Shayra and have a 3 year old boy named Zeehan and 10 months old boy named Zaiden
- When did you first start collecting I started collecting stamps in Bangladesh when I was really young.
- What made you start collecting stamps? My childhood friends used to collect and trade stamps. That got me started on collecting.
- How did you find out about the club? Google stamp stores in TX and found no such stores. But club website came up and decided to join
- What topics and/or countries do you collect All countries and all topics. As long as it's an unique stamp that I don't have, I want it.
- Do you have a favorite country or topic? Hungary and

Mongolia seem to have some cool stamps. Maybe because I have lots of their stamps with crisp images

- Just stamps? Or also postal history, first day covers, revenue stamps, cinderellas, souvenir sheets, etc? Just stamps
- If you won the lottery and could buy any stamp you wanted, what would it be? A big basket of random stamps. I never looked at collecting as investment. I would buy any stamps I don't have
- Any hobbies other than stamp collecting? Yes, Basketball cards and fortune cookie quotes. Check out fortunecookie-message.com, etc.. I am part-owner of an online marketing business called Central Station Marketing where we help small businesses generate leads through their websites. We manage 200+ websites with 20+ team members. I co-founded and run a non-profit organization called "Shapla Foundation" where sponsor 28 poor children in Bangladesh. I am also one of the Board of Directors at Austin BBB which is the largest BBB in the country servicing from San Antonio to Fort Worth. I am very excited to join the Mid-Cities Stamps Club to learn more about stamp collecting as well as looking forward to contributing to the community anyway I can.

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2017 Mid-Cities Stamp Club Membership Renewal # _____

___ Mr. ___ Mrs. ___ Ms. ___ Miss Name: _____ Date of Birth: ___/___/___
(First) (M.I.) (Last) (Complete if under age 18)

___ Check here if address, contact and collecting interest information below is unchanged from 2016

Home Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____
(Do not use P.O. Box or Private Mail Box)

Email: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Collecting Interests: _____

Other Stamp Organizations with membership numbers (if applicable):

___ APS # _____ ___ ATA # _____ ___ TPA # _____ Other: _____

Permission is granted to publish the above information in the club directory issued to members only. Check here to indicate any information that you do **NOT** want published: ___ Name ___ Mailing Address ___ Phone number(s) ___ Email ___ Interests

Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Membership Level: ___ \$12 Regular Adult (emailed or online newsletter) ___ \$22 Regular Adult (USPS mailed newsletters)
___ \$25 Sponsor Membership (" ") ___ \$35 Sponsor (with USPS mailed newsletters)
___ \$6 Additional Adult (only 1 newsletter copy) ___ \$4 Youth (under age 18; add \$10 if printed newsletter is desired)

**Make check out to "Mid-Cities Stamp Club" and mail form with payment to:
Benedict A. Termini - Secretary, 8520 Meadowbrook Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76120-5204**

Been There - Done That (Valley of the Fallen)

By Bob & Pat Weidman

In 1988 I was working for a sales company that made custom blinds that we sold to retailers who in turn sold them to the consumer. The company was always looking to increase sales by running different types of promotions. One of the most successful promotions was a trip incentive. The dealers were given a quota to reach within a certain time frame. If they made the quota, they won the trip. Airfare, hotel, transportation to and from the hotel, meals and excursions were all included. To give the sales force an incentive to get out and promote this, we also could win a trip if we increased our overall sales to a quota given to us.

The trip promotion in 1988 was to Spain. Juan Carlos I was the King of Spain at the time. The stamp

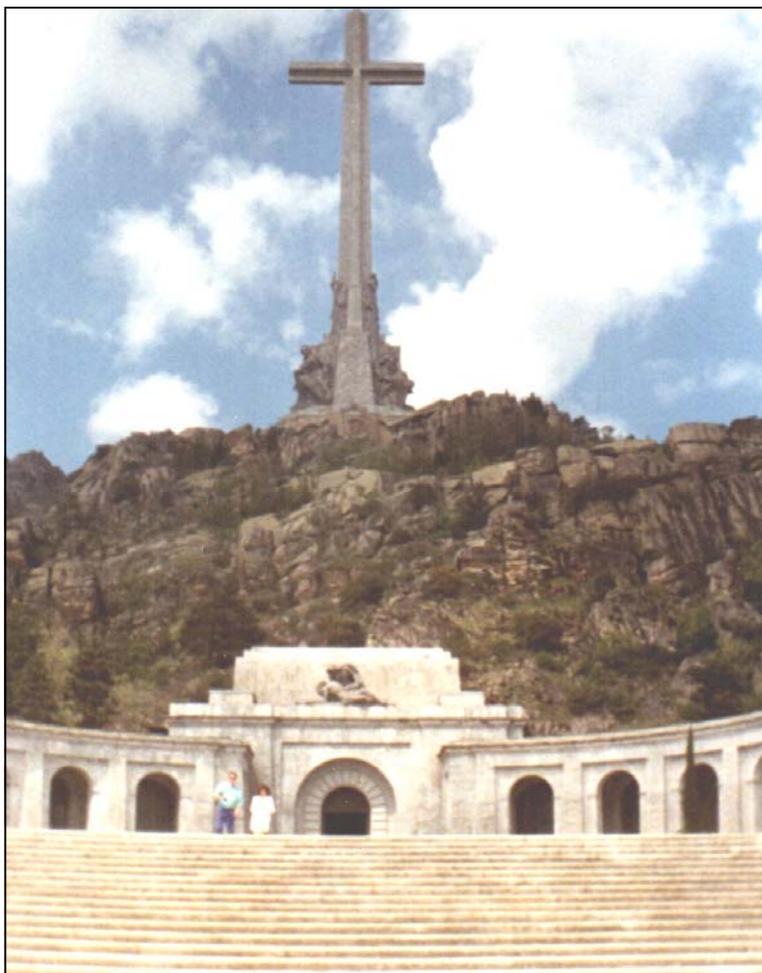


picturing him (left) is Scott # 1976 issued in

1976-1977 in a set of definitives. He was the grandson of King Alfonso XIII who abdicated the throne in 1931 (he is shown on Scott #333 to the right, issued in 1922-1926). Juan Carlos I became King after the death of Generalissimo Francisco Franco.

Francisco Franco, known as El Caudillo, the Leader, became head of the Spanish state in 1939 at the end of the Spanish Civil War. He was at 12:30 AM on December 4, 1892 in Galicia. He went into the military and trained as an army officer at the Infantry Academy of Toledo. From 1912-1927 he commanded posts in Spanish Morocco. At the age of 34 he was promoted to general.

After the abdication of King Alfonso XIII, a republic was established. In 1936, elections were held and a coalition of leftists, socialists and communists took over the government. In July of 1936, a revolt within the military started. At first, Franco tried to stay out of it. He ended up siding with those seeking to overthrow the government, eventually becoming leader of the Nationalist forces as they became known. Those who supported the government were the Republicans. Tens of



thousands of Spaniards on both sides were killed during the war which lasted until April 1, 1939.

The Nationalist forces won the war and Franco became head of state and remained so until his death at 5:25 AM on November 20, 1975, a period of over 36 years.

Franco is buried at Valle de los Caídos (Valley of the Fallen) at Cuelgamuras in the Guadarrama Valley near El Escorial, a place he personally chose. It took twenty years to dig the 85 foot long basilica, construct the monastery carved into the hillside and to erect the cross towering 500 feet above it, which can be seen for miles around. In the accompanying picture, Pat and I can be seen near the entrance. It gives an idea of how huge this place is.

During the early stages of the war, things were not going so well for the Nationalist forces. Hundreds of supporters from Western Europe joined government forces fighting the rebels. Writer Ernest Hemingway was a big supporter of the Republicans, although he never got into the fighting himself. In addition, Stalin sent thousands of “volunteers” from Russia to

fight for the Republicans. Franco finally accepted help from Hitler and Mussolini, who were anxious to test new weapons that their countries had developed. Because of this, many people accused Franco of being a fascist. During World War II, Hitler pressured Franco into joining the war on the side of the Axis powers. Franco kept Spain out of the war citing the three year long civil war that his nation was still recovering from. Was Franco a fascist or was he just a very clever leader who duped the Germans and the Italians into helping his side during the civil war?

Franco was an ardent anti-communist. In 1953, Franco signed an agreement with the United States allowing us to set up air and naval bases in Spain. He was one of our closest allies during the cold war.

The two stamps picture Franco are Scott #695a issued from 1949-1953 and Scott #827 issued in 1956.



EXPO Meeting Minutes October 29, 2016

By Skip Ely

Members of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club EXPO Committee and some Officers met September 10, 2016 in the meeting room at the Pizza Garden Inn in Bedford. The meeting was called to order at 11:15 A.M. by EXPO Chairperson Ralph Poore. Others present included club President Mike Smith, First Vice President Skip Ely, Treasurer Judy Christmas, Newsletter Editor Peter Elias, and EXPO Committee members Ken Aldridge, Stanley Christmas, Tom Cunningham, Alliene Franklin, Janet Moyer, Ken Wills, and Bob Weidman.

This was a final review of EXPO activities before the show in two weeks. Ralph Poore began the meeting by passing around a mock-up of the EXPO Handout Title Page. He also showed an example of the Raffle tickets that will be used for the Penny Black. Ralph also summarized the results of a few other issues that had been resolved, including the cachet post marks and the EXPO flyer printing.

The EXPO committee chairpersons in attendance were polled for status. This included registration, dealers, mix pick, silent auction, security, awards, and treasury. Minor issues were discussed and resolved. While beginners table and chance board representatives were not in attendance, no issues in those areas had been brought to anyone's attention.

Judy announced that the convention center had brought to our attention that our procedure of getting lunches from an outside vendor was in violation of our contract. It was agreed to procure lunches from the convention center, even though it was more expensive and involved, since the lunches had to be reserved well in advance. On the other hand, it freed up three or four people from ordering and retrieving lunches from a vendor, so on balance it appeared to be of benefit to the club.

It was agreed that the preliminary set-up dinner will be at 3:30 P.M. at Spring Creek BBQ this year.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

Member Dorothy Perez passes away

Long time member Dorothy Perez passed away on October 27, 2016; she is survived by member Ed Perez and daughter Robin.

Mid-Cities Stamp Club Annual Picnic !

By Judy Christmas

The annual MCSC picnic is being held on November 2, 2016 and we will be gathering at the same spot as the last few years, the patio at the Bob Duncan Community Center. The Center will have tables and chairs placed there for us to dine at. This will be a pot luck dinner. A sign-up sheet was passed around at the October meetings. But if you were not able to attend an October meeting and/or did not sign up but would like to attend, please let me know via phone, 817-656-2925 or e-mail, judy66@swbell.net.

The Club will provide hot dogs, cooked by our own personal chef David Stockbridge, drinks and utensils. For those who will be attending we ask that you bring a covered dish.

President's Letter

by Mike Smith

This year our second Friday/Saturday EXPO at the Grapevine Convention Center will be held on November 11 and 12. The Sci-Fi and Fantasy theme, with possible appearances of characters from the stamps on our Show cachet, and the presence of our Awards Dinner speaker Van Siegling with his "Court of Honor" Harry Potter exhibit should attract new potential collectors to this 29th Annual EXPO. In addition to the 26 dealer bourse, exhibits, and usual attractions, you can also buy raffle tickets at the registration table for the world's first postage stamp, the "Penny Black", awarded to MCSC at TEXPEX this year for the best club one-frame exhibit.

If there are club members who forgot to sign up to volunteer at any of the EXPO activities and you have some free time, please check at the registration desk to see if any areas still need help.

Our annual club picnic has been changed to the November Arlington meeting this year. Our usual room is being used for early voting, but we will meet in the Garden Room along the south wall of the Bob Duncan Center. After the picnic we will hold the MCSC Annual Business Meeting, and ballots for the 2017-2018 Club Officers and Board of Directors will be counted and the results announced before the regular club meeting. As stated in Article V of the Club Constitution, any new business presented as a resolution at the annual meeting will be adopted by the Club unless it is rejected within 30 days by the Board of Directors so this your opportunity to present any changes you would like to see in how the Club runs.

It's time to renew your club dues again. Our Club Secretary says many people have already signed up as a sponsor member, so I encourage everyone to support the club at this level if possible.

Stamp of the Month: Giuseppe Verdi, the leading composer of opera in the 19th century, was born in Parma, Italy, in the Po Valley in 1813. Some of his best loved operas are Rigoletto (1851), La Traviata (1853), Aida (1871), and Falstaff (1893). In November 1951 Italy issued Scott Nr. 594-596 on the 50th anniversary of his death. Other stamps issued in his honor include Bulgaria Scott Nr. 3050, Hungary Scott Nr. 1853, Russia Scott Nr. 2745A, and San Marino Scott Nr. 1500.



Keep On Collecting! Mike

[The stamp image is from www.stampworld.com]

Some dishes that have been brought in the past are salads (tossed, Jell-O, fruit), beans, casserole dishes of all kinds, fruit plates, deviled eggs (which always go fast so make plenty) chips & dip and all sorts of desserts. Be sure to let me know which items you will be bringing.

We will order hot dogs based on the number who RSVP and will serve those individuals first. Any hot dogs left over will be served to those who do not RSVP, but attend, on a first come, first serve basis.

This event has been such a big success in year's past, so please come and join us. It is a good time for members to get to visit with each other.

We will begin gathering around 5:15 to 5:30 pm, eating around 5:45 pm or so. If you have any question, please contact either Judy Christmas at 817-656-2925 or David Stockbridge at 817-573-7168.

2016 EXPO Bourse Dealers (By Booth #)

- 1. R.J. PEED Enterprises** (Rickey Peed)
Stamp Supplies, Catalogs.
PO Box 531891, Grand Prairie, TX 75053-1891;
Toll free number (866) 478-3182; home: (972) 264-0751;
Cell: (214) 677-3633; tall_tex@swbell.net; www.stamps4u.net
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- 13. The Right Stamp Co** (Vance Rightmire)
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- 20. Melvin Edmonds**
Worldwide Topicals, Germany, Box Lots.
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- 22. Hunt & Co.** (Brian Hunt)
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- NOTE -

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

Granbury Meeting Minutes September 27, 2016

By Eugene Atkinson

18 members and 2 guests gathered Tuesday, September 27, at the Bentwater Activities Center, 1800 W. Emerald Bend Court, in Granbury, for a meeting of the Lake Granbury Branch, Mid-Cities Stamp Club.

After 7:00 PM announcements that membership applications, club ballots, and a list of library holdings were available to those interested, auctioneer Skip Ely began the sale of the balance of the Cliff Donohoo estate philatelic holdings.

Beginning at 6 PM, attendees had the opportunity to view more than seventy lots of worldwide stamps, souvenir sheets, and covers in binders and folders, on dealer sales sheets, and on approval pages and stock cards. Most lots were accumulations of several countries and colonies and started at minimum bids of \$1 to \$5. About a dozen lots brought winning bids in excess of \$40, with a “red box” of glassine and cards topping \$100. Only one lot went unsold. Total realization for the ninety minutes of bidding was \$1,460.

In addition, a separate table offered publications and supplies from the estate of Jerry Potter in exchange for a small donation.

As bidders claimed their winnings, door prizes of \$10.00 club gift certificates went to Gene Atkinson and Bob Coleman.

The Lake Granbury club will return to its usual meeting format on October 25 with a program from Jim Myers.

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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

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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

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MEET & EAT for November & December 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.

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November 2 **Club Picnic** at the Bob Duncan Center

December 7 **Club Christmas Party**
at the Bob Duncan Center

IRVING

November 16 **PJ's Restaurant**,
2301 North O'Connor Rd., Irving
(north of 183), ph. (972) 255-8400

No Meeting in December!

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