

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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Another Successful EXPO

By Peter Elias

The Mid-Cities Stamp Club now has its 29th Annual Stamp EXPO behind it! After many years at the helm of the show, Stanley Christmas handed over the reins to Ralph Poore.

Last year, the switch from a Saturday/Sunday venue to Friday/Saturday proved to be a success, as the number of people "lost" on Sunday was made up five-fold by people that attended on Friday instead! For people that can only make it on a Saturday, nothing changes for them. This year, according to Ray Moyer, the attendance for both days was a bit over 400.

Some light queries on my part seemed to show that dealers were happy with the show, and that of course is key to us having a 30th annual EXPO next year. There are of course always going to be dealers that are going to have an "off-day", but generally speaking, everyone was very pleased!

The silent auction area did very well this year, with all but one lot sold (from what I understand). The mixture pick area was very busy from what I could



Photo by Ray Moyer



Photo by Ray Cartier

Show Chairman, Ralph Poore presents check for \$50 to Karen Cartier whose exhibit was voted "The Most Popular".

tell, the beginners table seemed to have steady traffic and the "chance board" did ok as well!

The awards dinner featured guest-of-honor Van Siegling, who spoke about exhibiting and his Harry Potter exhibit (see the photo on page 4). We had 3 great judges this year and they had to decide on 5 award levels this (we added silver-bronze & vermeil in addition to the bronze, silver and gold levels); see the Palmares on page 5 for more about the exhibits and their awards. Next year will be the club's 30th Annual EXPO and it will be my 25th EXPO!

...And the winner is!

The club won a Great Britain Penny Black at the 2016 TEXPEX "Texas Stamp Club Shoot-Out" exhibit competition. The stamp was raffled off at the EXPO. Marcos Elias got to draw the winning ticket, which belonged to Ben Termini!



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2015 - 2016 MID-CITIES OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Mike Smith
First Vice-President – Skip Ely
Second Vice-President – Richard Hildebrandt
Secretary – Benedict Termini
Treasurer – Judy Christmas

Board of Directors (voting):

Alliene Franklin Ralph Poore Ken Wills

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 (higher for mailed newsletters). For more information, the editor is reachable during business hours at (972) 671-0077 or :

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Arlington, TX 76004-2158

or visit: <http://www.mid-citiesstampclub.com>

Coming Attractions

2016

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: Expo Awards Ceremony Videos & Photos

JAN. 18 **MCSC—IRVING Meeting**
Program: TBD

JAN. 24 **MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting**
Program: TBD

FEB. 1 **MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting**
Program: TBD

FEB. 15 **MCSC—IRVING Meeting**

Editor's Forum

By Peter Elias

Please make the club secretary's job easier by submitting your dues renewal and payment BEFORE the end of the year!

It appears that we had another great EXPO! Unfortunately due to other commitments, my time at this year's show was a extremely limited. I did hear a couple people mention that given the recent election, that some people may not be as willing to spend money on hobby activities due to possible upcoming uncertainties and that since Veterans Day fell on Friday, that perhaps a few less people showed up as a result. Please note that these are comments I've heard from others are not my personal opinions!

New club officers for 2017-2018 were elected on November 2 and will be sworn into their offices in January; the sidebar to the left will be updated in the next issue.

When submitting articles for the newsletters, please send them using basic fonts such as Times New Roman, since that is what all article text will be turned into anyway! Headings are generally in the Arial font.

If you are a member that joined in the past couple of years, please consider doing a "member profile" similar to the one published in the November issue. It's a great way for you to introduce yourself to the rest of the membership and have people put a face to the name if a recent photo is also attached! You can provide your own questions and answers if you don't want to stick to the format in the newsletter.

Members in the News

Peter Elias' article about the "Introduction to Spanish Thermal ATM Stamps" is scheduled to be published in the December 2016 issue of the "American Philatelist" (which was not received by time of publication of this issue of the newsletter)

Ben Termini and Peter Elias both had exhibits at the "Jerusalem 2016" philatelic exhibition held in Israel from November 13-17, 2016. Ben's philatelic exhibit about the "Birth of the Palestinian Authority Postal Service" received a Large Silver award. Peter's philatelic literature exhibit about the "2012-2014 USA Automated Postal Center.

Secretary's Report

By Benedict Termini



New Members

None

Deceased

Dorothy Perez

Membership Summary – November 3, 2016

Membership as of October 6, 2016	109
New Members	0
Dropped for non-payment of dues	(0)
Resignations	(0)
Deceased	(1)
Reinstatements	0
Membership as of November 3, 2016	108

Arlington Meeting Minutes November 2, 2016

By Ben Termini

Call-to-Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Club President Mike Smith.

Attendance:

There were 19 members and one guest present (Tommie Dougan). This meeting was preceded by the Club's annual picnic.

Annual Business Meeting:

- This was presided over by the club president, Mike Smith. The ballots for the election were counted by Stanley Christmas and the results certified. New officers include the following:
 - President: Ray Cartier
 - 1st Vice President: Ray Moyer
 - 2nd Vice President: Richard Hildebrandt
 - Secretary: Ben Termini
 - Treasurer: Judy Christmas
 - Board Members: Alliene Franklin, Ralph Poore, and Ken Wills
- Ken Aldridge made a motion from the floor requesting that the Treasurer report exact information regarding the club's financial status. Motion seconded by Ben Termini. (Secretary's note: The Board of Directors had previously instructed the Treasurer to report the club's financial status in general terms only.) The current Treasurer, Judy Christmas, indicated that she approved of this change, and the motion was passed unanimously.
- There being no further official business, the annual business meeting was adjourned by President Smith.

Officer / Committee Reports:

- **Secretary** Ben Termini reported that we had 108 members. He also pointed out that so far about 40 members had paid their dues for next year, of whom about half had chosen to be sponsor members.
- **Treasurer** Judy Christmas reported that our finances were in good shape.
- **EXPO Committee** chairman Ralph Poore said that the EXPO was on track and we had a full quota of dealers signed up and all of the exhibit frames had been filled. Rich Hildebrandt encouraged everyone to come to the awards dinner and pointed out that today was the deadline for signing up. Judy Christmas passed around lunch request forms.
- **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 had closed the books for 2016.

Announcements:

- **Secretary** Ben Termini mentioned that long-time member (since 2002) Dorothy Perez had passed away.
- **President** Smith mentioned that the final Scotts catalogs for this year had arrived and were available in the club library.
- Rich Hildebrandt reported that the set of 6 Scott's catalogs from last year had been won by Jeff Jessop for the ridiculously low price of \$40, and the specialized catalog had been won by Skip Ely.
- Ken Aldridge mentioned that he had a lot of mint US postage for sale for 50% of face value.
- Ray Cartier discussed the restaurants for the 'Meet 'n Eat' before meetings.

Show & Tell:

Alliene Franklin passed around a German cover with a horse stamp for which she had paid \$50, in a moment of temporary insanity.

Irving Meeting Minutes November 16, 2016

By Skip Ely

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 11 members present.

Officer Reports:

- **Secretary** – Mike Smith said our membership remained around 110.
- **Treasurer** – Judy Christmas gave the amount.

Committee Reports:

- **Sales** – Skip Ely said he had closed all the books from 2015. There were only 13 books submitted in 2016, so club sales have fallen off accordingly.
- No other committee reports were made.

Announcements:

- Mike Smith mentioned our intention to meet the beginning of next year at new member Evan Islam's office in Euless.
- Jack Urish talked about his efforts to recruit new members in the Dallas area from the listing of new members in the APS new members section, published each month in the APS journal.
- Stanley Christmas said he had left over club USPS Star Trek sheets for sale to members at face value (\$9.40).

Show and Tell:

- Jack Urish showed a sheet of Hungarian overprint stamps that had been folded up in a small glassine.
- Mike Smith had some Iceland stamps to pass around.
- Tom Turner showed a mourning cover from Great Britain he had recently acquired.

Door Prizes:

Gift Certificates were awarded to Jack Urish and Mike Smith.

Program:

- Ralph Poore led a review of EXPO. Mostly, things went smoothly due to the large amount of volunteer effort by club members, for which he was very grateful. Items to be discussed at the next EXPO meeting the end of January included cachets (sales were not very successful this year), use of the PA system (too loud at times), and volunteers that did not show for their appointed times (possibly because the volunteer sheets were started with the lists from last year).
- Tom Cunningham said most of the dealers would be back, although attrition may take a few due to health or other reasons.
- Ken Wills gave a summary of the Silent Auction, which was successful again this year.
- Judy Christmas said we had about 400 people attend, about two-thirds of that total on Friday.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned around 8:55 PM.

Door Prizes:

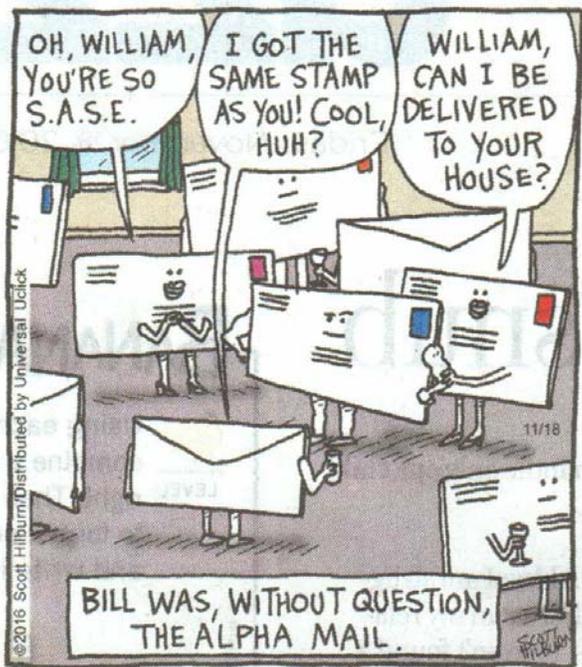
Gift Certificates (\$10) were won by Stanley Christmas and Janet Moyer.

Program:

Dave Stockbridge presented a program on the stamps of Memel which was well received. He discussed the various overprints on stamps of France, Germany and Lithuania and showed examples from his collection.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.



Do they know what an S.A.S.E. is?

By Peter Elias

In the November 18, 2016 edition of the Dallas Morning News, I found this “Argyle Sweater” comic strip, one of my favorites as it’s always a bit off-the-wall humor.

In this case, what initially caught my eye was the use of “S.A.S.E.” and was wondering how many readers of the newspaper would even get what that means! And if not, it would be a good exercise to look that up (I did, just to be sure that it pops up the correct definition)!

But the point of this comic strip isn’t really “SASE”, it’s the play-on-words tagline at the bottom: “Bill was, without question, the Alpha Mail”.



Van Siegling speaking at the 2016 EXPO Awards Dinner on November 11, 2016. Peter Elias videotaped the entire awards dinner & ceremony and it will be available on DVD (at a nominal cost to cover making the DVD’s). A copy will go to the club library as well and will also be presented at a future meeting.

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**

MCSC 2016 STAMP EXPO PALMARES

November 11, 2016

MULTI-FRAME DIVISION GRAND AWARD

"*The 4½¢ White House Stamp*" by Stanley Christmas
MCSC Gold Award
MCSC President's Award
USSS President's Award

RESERVE GRAND AWARD

"*The 20c Brooklyn Bridge Stamp of 1983 and Its First Days - A 100 Year Celebration*" by D. A. Lux
MCSC Gold Award
APS Certificate of Award
TPA President's Award

GOLD AWARDS

"*Porte de Mar Stamps of Mexico - (1875 - 1879)*" by Ben Termini
MCSC Foreign Material Award

"*Jules Verne - Fantastic Voyages*" by Ray Cartier

"*A Martian Chronicle*" by L. Bussey
ATA First Award for Best Topical Exhibit

VERMEIL AWARDS

"*Introduction to Spanish Thermal ATM Stamps and their Varieties*" by Peter Elias
MSS Award

SILVER AWARDS

"*Axis Powers & Philately in WWII: Germany & Italy*" by David Stockbridge

SILVER-BRONZE AWARDS

"*Disney's Greatest Full-Length Animated Movies: 1937 - 1998*" by Karen Cartier
AAPE Silver Award of Honor
TSDA Most Popular Exhibit Award

"*Monsters!*" by Ray Cartier

SINGLE-FRAME DIVISION GRAND AWARD

"*The First Ladies*" by Keith Maatman
MCSC Silver Award
WE Sterling Achievement Award

SILVER-BRONZE AWARDS

"*The Spidey Stamp and Its Promotion*" by Peter Elias
AAPE Silver Award of Honor

"*NY 2016*" by Peter Elias

BRONZE AWARDS

"*Lord of the Rings - The Trilogy*" by Karen Cartier

FOUR-PAGE MINI EXHIBIT AWARD

"*Research of a Pre-WWII Cover from the Japanese Imperial Navy*" by Skip Ely

SINGLE-PAGE MINI EXHIBIT AWARD

"*Leave it to Beaver(s)*" by Ben Termini

MCSC EXPO 2016 JURY MEMBERS

- Steve Washburne, Jury Chair
- John Allen
- Jeffrey Shapiro

Save What with Stamps?

By Peter Elias



The other day I received this rather large coupon-flyer in the mail (bulk delivery to all households), proclaiming "Save with Stamps!". The other side of this flyer also proclaims this and has a bunch of manufacturer coupons for the products that are shown and a statement saying that the coupons are not redeemable at US Post Offices. Sadly (as usual), postage was actually paid for with the standard "presort stand bulk rate permit" in a small square box on the other side.

So what exactly do they mean "save with stamps" (and where and how)? The connection of that statement along with the products is not exactly evident at first glance. Finally I went to the website link shown, and it states that the coupons can only be redeemed at certain retailers (Walmart, Walgreens or Kroger depending on the product) that sell both these products AND postage stamp booklets. To "save", you have to buy both a stamp booklet AND the product in order to get savings on the product. When I ended up actually read the printing on each coupon, it also states the same.

It states that the US Postal Service is not endorsing or sponsoring any of these products, although the use of stamp image is by permission from the USPS.

So to me, a somewhat convoluted marketing message, because at first glance, it is kind of confusing, forcing one to go to the website or read the finer print for clarification. But it is nice to see stamps being used in advertising (even if just an image of one); at least it might make people think of stamps and it gives the illusion of a stamp having been used as postage by virtue of the placement on the mailer!

Granbury Meeting Minutes October 25, 2016

By Eugene Atkinson

The Lake Granbury Branch of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club met at the Bentwater Activities Center, 1800 W. Emerald Bend Ct., at 5:30 PM, Tuesday, October 25.

Following the annual picnic, host David Stockbridge welcomed members and guests to the regular meeting at 7 PM. He announced that the contract had been signed for the Activities Center meeting site for the calendar year 2017, including a \$50 rental fee and requirements for storing tables and chairs after a meeting.

A dozen members had **SHOW & TELL** items, including Roy Douglass's Chinese presentation book on petroleum stamps, Al Hull's Jordanian cover cancelled in Jerusalem, Lloyd Willis's 1939 cover that traveled from New York City to London to Egypt and on to Aden, and too many more to list.

In **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Stockbridge asked commitments from members toward a club exhibit for TEXPEX, invited members to check through free publications, and began constructing the program schedule for 2017.
- Alliene Franklin called for final donations to the "Mystery Box," to be auctioned at EXPO, and Stanley Christmas issued a last call for volunteers to help with the Grapevine event.

After the **BREAK**, where members and guests consumed the last leftover desserts from the picnic, Jim Myers conducted a "Little Quiz" on worldwide stamps, offering prizes for each correct answer. Questions dealt with European offices in colonies, unusual stamp denominations, organization of Scott catalogs, and a score of other topics, most of which got a correct answer--eventually.

In **CLOSING**, Jim Case, David Stockbridge, and Gary McNamee won club gift certificates.

President's Letter

by Mike Smith

Congratulations to all of our members who made our 29th Annual EXPO a great success. Ralph Poore did a terrific job as the show's General Chairperson with the help and experience of Stanley Christmas as Assistant Chairperson. All of our stamp dealers enjoyed the show and want to return next year, due largely to the efforts of Bourse Chairman Tom Cunningham, and of course all the volunteers and EXPO committee members made sure everything ran without a hitch. Our attendance was very good and the Silent Auction and other MCSC activities were a huge success. Two of our distinguished judges enjoyed the show so much that they became new MCSC members and all three judges said they want to return, not necessarily as judges but with multi-frame exhibits.

Remember that our next meeting is the annual club Christmas Party in Arlington. The club will provide a traditional turkey dinner and drinks, but any dessert you bring will be welcome. Also, bring at least three philatelic items (something you would like to receive) for each person attending the party with you for the Shanghai Bingo game after our meal.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for your support in my 4-year tenure as club president. It has been a real privilege and a great experience for me to get to know many of you and your philatelic interests. Before I started writing a short Stamp of the Month paragraph, usually something issued in the same month as our Newsletter that I saw working on our worldwide collection, I had never used Wikipedia as an information source. So this was another example to me of how much we learn from our hobby. Most of the stamps I wrote about could also make a 1- or 4-page exhibit without much effort which would help out our Exhibits Chairperson at EXPO. I know we are all looking forward to working with the incoming group of officers and directors, and I wish them every success in their terms in office.

Happy Holidays! Mike



Christmas Party!

By Judy Christmas

The annual Mid-Cities Stamp Club Christmas Party is scheduled for the Wednesday, Arlington meeting night, December 7th, 2016.

Again this year the Club will be providing everything, all you need to do is bring an appetite. If you would like to bring a dessert please free to do so. Drinks and utensils will be provided by the Club. Please, please let me know if you are coming so I can have enough food. We will begin gathering around 6:00 PM with the serving line for dinner beginning at 6:30 PM. There will be some changes in how the serving line is formed this year, so be prepared.

After all have dined on all the bounty that has been place before you, we will begin playing Shanghai Bingo, say around 7:30 PM. We should be finished around 9:00 PM as Cindy & Greg Delanoy play a fast game. Please remember to bring at LEAST 3 philatelic type items for the Shanghai Bingo



drawing table. These can be stamps, stamp supplies, stamp literature, anything philatelic. And please make sure your gifts are something you would be proud to take home. Please NO junk or gag gifts.

A sign-up sheet was passed around at all meetings, Arlington, Irving and Granbury, in November. If you are planning on attending but were unable to attend one of these meetings, please, please let me know via either e-mail judy66@swbell.net or phone 817-656-2925, so I can order enough food for all.

One other thing I would like to bring up, please remember that Shanghai Bingo is just a game. When you select something, it is not yours until the end, so please treat it as so. When others come to "steal" something from you it is not personal, just a game. Hiding or getting upset when someone takes your selection is not playing fair. Cindy always sees that everyone ends up with fairly distributed gifts. Members, please share this information with the guest you are bringing. See you on December 7th!

Thank you!

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

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 5/15

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



Postcrossing

By Peter Elias

Ahh, the good ole days: getting a letter or postcard with stamps on it! What happened to that? Well, it is still possible to get some postcards mailed to you from random people around the world and they'll use stamps as well!

There is a free online service called “PostCrossing” (at <http://www.postcrossing.com>). Once registered, you can send postcards to other people (that will be randomly assigned to you). You then “register” that card with the service (by providing a scan of the card that you are sending). When the recipient receives their card, they'll log it in as having been received. Whether the correspondence continues after that point is probably up to the other party (and only if you've provided a return address).

In turn, your name may be assigned at random to someone else around the world (and I'm fairly sure that they don't choose anyone from the USA). So far I have sent some cards to people in Taiwan, Germany and Russia, and have just received one from Russia.

Give it a try!

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)
- [Airport Philately](#) (800+ scans of Airports on Stamps)
- [4 Rings—The History of Audi \(Great for any car lover!\)](#)
- [My Life on Wheels](#) (autobiography via USA personalized postage)
- [Vintage Swiss Postcards](#) (700+ from 1898 to 1959)
- [St. Vincent Philatelic Reference Scans \(1,700 items!!\)](#)
- [St. Vincent Postcards](#) (300+ postcards from 1900 to 2007)
- [Swiss Postcards 1898-1959 \(Over 900 postcards !!\)](#)

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 are accepted. Peter Elias, PO Box 940427, Plano, TX 75094 6/16

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 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, preferably on cover, postcards or parcel cards.
 - ◆ 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

U.S. Liberty Series precancels. Unsorted, on paper, quantities okay. Contact Gene Atkinson at 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 8/14

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 9/16

[Arlington Club Member Efforts Still Needed For TEXPEX Club Single Frame Exhibit](#)

By Ray E. Cartier

We still need to fill six single page exhibits with a TV tie-in. Right now we have the Title page and 8 Exhibits:

1. *Rock & Roll and Rhythm & Blues Performers Who Appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show* - Skip Ely
2. *Meeting Marina* (From Star Trek: Next Generation) - Peter Elias
3. *Invaders from Mars* (Flash Gordon Serials & War of the World [Movie on TV]) - Ray Cartier
4. *I Love Lucy* - Ben Termini
5. *Alaska Precancel Proofs* (Can be tied to show "Northern Exposure") - Stanley Christmas
6. *Leave it to Beaver(s)* - Ben Termini
7. *Superman* - Ray Cartier
8. *Mickey Mouse Club* - Karen Cartier
9. *The Buster Brown Show* - Ray Cartier

Become a little more active in your club. It is extremely easy to be a part of this club competition. You'll need to put a few stamps on just one page of paper. If you have trouble with your computer, write out what you want to say in pen or pencil and send me the stamps and I'll type it up and put the stamps on for you. To add to that I have lists of stamps and Scott numbers that you can use from your own US stamps for a variety of topics. You would have to place from 6 to 15 or so total stamps to fill a page. Here are some options:

- KIDS CARTOONS ON TV - 43 different US stamps on my listing.
- TV SHOWS - Over 100 different stamps!
- ICONIC IMAGES SEEN ON LIVE TV - 23 different stamps including some postal stationery
- SUPER HERO TELEVISION SHOWS - 7 different characters on 14+ stamps
- WONDER WOMAN - A sheet of stamps just came out and 4084c and 4084m already exist
- SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE - 12 US stamps show 12 kinds of dances
- RADIO SHOWS THAT MOVED TO TELEVISION - 14 shows
- COMEDIANS ON TV (LIVE OR FILM) - 20 different
- WESTERNS ON TV - 7 different and if you add stars whose movies appeared on TV there are 6 more
- FICTIONAL SERIES ABOUT HISTORICAL PERSONS - 6 DIFFERENT
- SILENT MOVIE STARS OF LATE NIGHT TV - I have 16 on my list with 18 total stamps
- TELEVISION, COMPUTERS AND ACCESSORIES - 8 Different
- TV BASEBALL 12 different subjects - on 36 stamps
- TV FOOTBALL - 8 different subjects on 9 stamps
- THE OLYMPICS ON TV - There are dozens and dozens of these. All you need are 8 to 12 events.

All you have to do is pick one of the above and email

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Above: Skip Ely [left] at the Chance Board
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by Judy & Stanley Christmas

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

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

January 4 **Spring Creek BBQ**, 3608 S Cooper, Arlington,
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