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Newsletter of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club

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Been There, Done That

Tower Bridge

By Bob & Pat Weidman

In November of 1998, Pat and I went on a vacation to the Indian Ocean islands of Reunion and Mauritius. Mauritius is a former British colony that became an independent state on March 12, 1968. Reunion is an integral part



of the French Republic. On the way home, we stopped in London and spent a few days sightseeing.

While in London, one of the things that we did was to walk across the Tower Bridge that spans the Thames River. The accompanying photo that I took shows the Tower Bridge.

Construction of the Tower Bridge was completed in June of 1894 and during the reign of Queen Victoria. It is a suspension bridge that is eight hundred feet long and two hundred and thirteen feet high. It is one of London's most recognized landmarks.

The stamp at the top is Great Britain Scott#2070 that was issued on September 10, 2002.



Editor's Note: My wife and I visited London in 2000 for Valentine's Day, and I took a great digital photo at dusk (a whopping 1.3 megapixels resolution at the time!) and I used that to have stamps.com make it into a customized Photostamp. I had previously also seen the Tower Bridge in 1986.

Been There, Done That

Beef - It's What's For Dinner!

By Peter Elias



Not! It was buffalo meat ("beef" is reserved for cows, bulls or oxen according to Google).

Sure, I love beef, but actually, buffalo (aka "bison") meat is actually better for you!

Compared to beef, it is lower in fat, lower in cholesterol, higher in protein and lower in calories! It is also a great source of Omega-3 fats (the good fat!)

Now, for what it's worth, "buffalo wings" do NOT come from buffalos...



Two US stamps featuring buffalos: Scott #1392

(6¢ issue from 1970) and #3468 (21¢ definitive from 2001). There is also #569, the 30¢ definitive from 1922 (but I didn't have a good copy of that one).



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Coming Attractions

2017

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|---------------------|--|
| APR. 25 | MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting |
| Program: | Manned Stratospheric Balloons by Ray Cartier |
| MAY 3 | MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting |
| Program: | Club Auction |
| May 17 | MCSC—EULESS Meeting |
| Program: | TBD |
| May 20 11 AM | MCSC Board of Directors & EXPO Meeting |
| Location | Pizza Garden Restaurant, Bedford |
| May 23 | MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting |
| Program: | 3rd Donohoo auction |
| JUN. 7 | MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting |
| Program: | Ray Cartier – <i>Stratospheric Balloon flights</i> |
| JUN. 21 | MCSC—EULESS Meeting |
| Program: | TBD |
| JUN 23.-24 | TSDA Stamp Dealer Bourse |
| | Richardson Civic Center, Arapaho Rd & US75 |
| JUN. 27 | MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting |
| Program: | TBD |
| JUL. 5 | MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting |

Editor's Forum

By Peter Elias

Member Robert Weidman has taken the “Been There - Done That” theme to heart and has sent in articles that tie his & Pat’s travels to various stamps. Even if you’re not a world-wide traveler, there are many US stamps that can probably apply to your life somehow!

If submitting images of stamps for articles, please provide a clear scan of 300 dpi resolution. Unless there is a relevant postmark or cancel on the stamp, mint stamps are preferred for article illustrations. Stamps should be on a black background if possible so that the perforations are visible, and aligned properly horizontally/vertically (and if not, please leave sufficient black space around the stamp so that I can use Photoshop to properly rotate the stamp into position). Even if a stamp is off by 1 degree, it shows up. To make scanning stamps easier, align them in a black stock sheet, then align that against the edge of the scanner.

Member Bill Bradshaw, RIP

Long time club member Bill Bradshaw passed away recently. He was also a past president of the club and was the EXPO chairman before Stanley Christmas took over that position. More details will follow in next month’s newsletter.

Errata

In the April 2017 issue, the Been There - Done That article “US Navy” by Robert Weidman had an error; the year of him joining the Navy was in 1967, not 1961, most likely a typo by the editor!

Members in the News

Peter Elias’ contribution to “Variable” resulted in the article “United States: The 2016 Christmas Design for SSK Kiosks” in the January 2017 issue.

John Hotchner’s “US Stamp Notes” article in the April 10 issue of Linn’s mentions Peter Elias as having found examples of the “upside down printed Charlie Brown SSK postage labels”.

Secretary's Report

By Benedict Termini



New Members

None

Reinstatements

None

Membership Summary – April 6, 2017

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|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Membership as of March 2, 2017 | 99 |
| New Members | |
| Dropped for non-payment of dues | () |
| Resignations | () |
| Deceased | () |
| Reinstatements | |
| Membership as of April 6, 2017 | 99 |

Been There, Done That

Suva, Fiji

By Bob & Pat Weidman

Back a number of years ago, a friend of mine from California that I worked with went on a vacation to Australia, with a stopover in Fiji. His description of Fiji made us put it on our list of places that we wanted to visit. That happened in October of 2010.

Our ten hour flight from Los Angeles was on Air Pacific which landed at the international airport in Nadi on the west side of the island in the middle of the night. After getting our rental car, we headed to the south side of the island where our resort, Outrigger on the Lagoon, was located. That was an adventure in itself since we got lost twice on the way.

One day we felt adventurous and since we had a the rental car, we drove over to Suva, the capital of Fiji. It is located on the east side of the island. After parking the car, we went walking around and taking pictures.



One of the places we visited was the General Post Office where we purchased some stamps. Picture 1 is of me standing outside of the main entrance. Picture 2 is of me alongside one of Post Fiji's

delivery vans.

The General Post Office, Suva, is pictured on Fiji Scott #412, issued as part of a set of "buildings" stamps from 1979-1991.

Miscellaneous

By Peter Elias

You could have saved 4.6% on your purchase of stamps at Costco recently (as of mid-March). This was of course, limited to a booklet of flag stamps.



What is wrong with this cover? Unfortunately, using "Certified Mail" stamps (USA#FA1) are no longer valid for paying for postage and fees on current mail (since the stamps themselves do not the pay entire certified mail fee).

So, is this a "stamp-on-stamp-on-stamp" or is it a "stamp-on-stamp with a stamp-on-stamp"? Technically, the main stamp features a part of a stamp in the design, on top of which (being held by the tongs) is another stamp which in turn



also features a stamp).

Philatelic Statistics

By Peter Elias

I was reading in the January 2017 issue of "Variable" that there was a "China 2016 Asian International Stamp Exhibition" held in Nanning, China. While it didn't state how many attendees that this show had, it did state that Nanning, with a population of 7 million (which is roughly the size of the DFW Metroplex at 6.5 million) has 200 philatelic organizations with a total membership of 15,000 !

Now, let us compare that to the DFW Metroplex: We have 2 major clubs (MCSC & DPCPS) and two smaller organizations (Dallas Collectors Club & Fred Sawyer chapter of the FDC Society). Adding up all those members, plus those people that come to the shows, I don't think that we can come up with more than 1,000 individuals!

Arlington Meeting Minutes April 5, 2017

By Ben Termini

Call-to-Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Club President Ray Cartier. There were 21 members and one guest present (Don Fowler) who talked for a few minutes about his collecting interests.

Officer / Committee Reports:

- **Secretary** Ben Termini reported that we had 99 members with no change since our last meeting.
- **Treasurer** Judy Christmas reported that our finances were in good shape and that we had over \$11,000 in our bank account.
- **Sales Books:** Skip Ely said sales were going well.
- **EXPO Committee** chairman Ralph Poore reminded members that there would be a combined MCSC board meeting and EXPO Committee meeting on May 20. He mentioned that all the dealer tables had been sold and hotel arrangements were being made. Peter Elias reported that he had three excellent judges lined up already, and Stanley Christmas (exhibits chairperson) said we were looking for exhibits.
- **Recruitment Committee:** Chairman Mike Smith was absent but Ray Cartier gave a short report on efforts to contact potential new members.
- **Newsletter:** Editor Peter Elias talked about the need for more articles and mentioned that his workload had diminished since most members were now receiving their newsletters electronically.

Announcements:

- Rich Hildebrandt mentioned that the club auction will be next month.
- Peter Elias reminded members that the TSDA bourse would be in Richardson next week.
- Judy Christmas said that she was starting a 'mystery box' for the EXPO and contributions of material would be welcomed.
- Stanley Christmas mentioned that there was a large amount of discount postage still available at 50% below face value.

Show & Tell:

- Ray Cartier showed some envelopes with unusual stamps.
- Chuck Snow showed a stamp with a certificate indicating it had a fake cancel.
- Stanley Christmas showed some covers with inauguration postmarks.
- Ken Aldridge showed some old copies of Linn's, passed around some of the Clara Maas stamps on which the printing was misaligned, and also a Canadian coil stamp which he said was not in the Scott catalog, although later he discovered that it was really in there after all.
- Ray Cartier passed around a FDC of the wildlife sheet which he generously donated to the club as a door prize.
- Peter Elias talked about 'informed delivery' which is an intriguing concept by which the USPS sends you a free email with scans of the very same mail they're going to put in your mailbox later in the day (if you're lucky). No wonder they're operating at a deficit.

Eules Meeting Minutes April 19, 2017

By Skip Ely

Call-to-Order:

The mid-month monthly meeting of the Mid Cities Stamp Club met at the Central Marketing Offices of Evan Islam in Eules at 7:30 PM.

Attendance:

There were 10 members present.

Officer Reports:

- **Secretary** – Judy Christmas mentioned that Ben had said at Arlington we had 99 members..
- **Treasurer** – Judy gave the treasury amount.

Committee Reports:

- **Sales** – Skip Ely said sales were good, and we had several new club books.
- **EXPO** – Stanley Christmas said we were thinking about moving the Beginners and Chance Board areas to the lobby area so we could get more dealers. We might even move the exhibits to a side room if it were economically feasible. More information was needed, however. A discussion on the topic was scheduled for the combined EXPO and Board meeting scheduled for May 20.

Announcements:

- Judy said that she and Stanley had visited Herman Dallof at his home a few weeks ago and that he appeared to be doing well. She also had received a message from Jerry Mertz, and that he was moving to Colorado to be closer to his daughter.
- Skip Ely said he had 69 lots for the Arlington auction in a couple of weeks.

Show & Tell :

- Stanley had a couple of times to show.
- Peter Elias had several items. Skip Ely had one item.
- Jack Urish had quite a few items since he had missed the last meeting.

Mini-Auction:

Jack Urish had one item and Peter Elias had five items to auction off.

Door Prizes:

Gift Certificates were awarded to Peter Elias and Judy Christmas.

Program:

The program was postponed due to time constraints.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned around 8:45 PM.

Door Prizes: Gift Certificates (\$10) were won by Judy Christmas and Geoff Owens. A FDC of the wildlife sheet was won by Ben Termini, and Ken Dougan won a wildlife First Day of Issue Souvenir Program.

Program: Geoff Owens from the Dallas Park Cities Stamp Club presented an interesting program on the postal history of Biafra with slides showing some of the many varieties. It was well received.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

President's Comments

by Ray Cartier

Granbury Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2017

By Cindy Spurlock

When I was fortunate enough to be selected to be the Executive Director of the American Topical Association in 2003, I really didn't have any idea of the scope of the job. It was varied and in addition to being able to use the business and philatelic background I had, it gave me a chance to learn how to adapt both of those life experiences to something that was a large variant of what I had been used to.

Learning never stops but some of us embrace those opportunities to learn more about areas in which we have strong interests. It was in my second or third year of the six years that I spent there, that I decided to run a survey of our members to get more information about the people who belonged to the ATA and where their interests lay. I recall from the survey finding out that men members outnumbered female members by about a 5 to 1 margin. The average age of the male collectors was 67 while for the women it was 64. What really surprised me though was the fact that we had so many doctors, lawyers and business leaders in the organization. I don't recall the totals but I'm pretty sure that over 40% had degrees and about 20% had advanced degrees.

So with some of those people who responded to the survey I went a little deeper and found that enjoyment of the hobby grew with those who loved the research that was involved in specializing in some aspect of their choosing in philately. There is a lot of information to be found in most of the avenues of philately if people really want to add to their knowledge and speaking from my own and my wife's experiences, it is amazing how much we have learned as we considered and studied our own interests. I've had the fortune of being one of the first to learn about several aspects of Astrophilately and the US space programs that had not been uncovered by people before me.

Karen has uncovered some stories that have been told so often in so many different places that there are hundreds of variants.

When stamp collecting becomes "philately" it opens up a surprising amount of information to the collector. My Webster's unabridged dictionary defines philately as "Coming from the Greek philos (loving) and ateleia (exemption from tax). The collection and study of postage stamps, postmarks, stamped envelopes, etc. usually as a hobby."

In short, a philatelist is someone who loves to study postal items. That is what attracts so many professionals to a hobby that most people who don't understand this "childhood" pastime. Whether an adult has a degree or not, the lure of the hobby is in studying some aspect of it that one loves. There aren't many pastimes around that one can carry from childhood

The Lake Granbury branch of Mid-Cities Stamp Club met on Tuesday evening, March 28.

Dave Stockbridge welcomed 14 members and 3 guests. The guests brought an assortment of stamps from their collection for the members to look over and purchase.

Dave's announcements:

He commented on the members' one page exhibits for TEXPEX, and circulated them. Then the exhibits were returned. Topics for next year's TX Shoot out were discussed and the one topic suggested was "Seldom Seen, Dead, or Stamp Issuing Entities Most Know Little About". Our goal is to have 15 members each develop 1 page.

Some interesting SHOW AND TELL items were described and circulated including stamps overprinted with "WAR".

Dave was recognized for receiving the Sparkplug Award for his dedication to the Granbury branch. He has worked to promote interesting programs to further the interests and knowledge of the collectors in the Granbury area.

The members enjoyed Al Hull's chocolate cake and Denny Ludlow's oatmeal-raisin cookies.

Following the break, the members perused items from the Potter Collection, with the proceeds from purchases going to the club. Nearly \$100 was raised for the MCSC.

Dave announced the lineup of programs for the coming year with next month's program being "manned Stratospheric Balloons" presented by Ray Cartier.

Door prizes of \$10 gift certificates were won by Cynthia James and Denny Ludlow.

to reaching the class of "youth deprived" that most of us have entered.

Retirement is not an end to learning, but can be the beginning of learning more about some part of this hobby of kings, than you knew before. But if you like, you can collect stamps if that is as far as your interest takes you. Enjoy the hobby for whatever you get out of it.

There are very few activities that we can continue in once we've entered retirement years, and actually, that's when philatelists have the most fun because they can expand upon the love of postal items with the spare time that retirement gives us. One of the major contributors to studying stamps and covers is exhibiting. To accomplish having a specialized exhibit, the studies done in building it over an extended period of time helps collectors learn more and fill their hours with their research and findings. Besides which, it keeps us out of the Bingo parlors.

Been There, Done That

Recycling

By Peter Elias

Growing up in 1960's Switzerland meant that you got to recycle! Switzerland is a small country with relatively few natural resources to make packaging materials from domestic sources, so no silica / sand to make glass, no crude oil to refine into plastics. There are however trees to make paper and cardboard.

Never-the-less, given the small size of Switzerland, they need to keep landfill sizes to a minimum, so trash needs to be minimized.

One usually had to pay a deposit in Switzerland in the 1960's on certain glass bottles, usually soft drinks and mineral water. The deposit fee on a 1 liter bottle was sFr0.50 (about 12¢ at that time, or the equivalent of 75¢ in today's money). That was quite a bit, and was a good incentive for you to return bottles back to the store! It was also some nice pocket change when you're a kid and you find some bottles left behind. Remember, we're talking 1960's here!

Yogurt glasses were usually returned to the store to be sent back to the dairies for refilling. Yes, not plastic yogurt cups like



now, but the yogurt containers were made of glass! Beer, wine and liquor bottles and other miscellaneous glass packaging didn't have a deposit and people were expected to drop them off in recycling bins, such as the one shown above, with "green", "brown" and "clear" glass clearly marked. The picture above I took in Switzerland in 1981 and was used in a college term paper about *Food & Beverage Packaging in Switzerland*, where amongst other things I noted that Americans used 3 times as much packaging materials annually than the Swiss. That translated to per capita household waste of 552 lbs for the Swiss and 1,635 lbs for Americans. I'm sure those numbers

are much higher today, especially now that most soft drink and water bottles are made of plastic!

Given the previous numbers, that also meant that Swiss trash cans can be smaller. To wit: the picture to the left shows an actual Swiss trashcan from 1971 (in the front), and a typical US trash can (~30 gallon size). This trash can was brought over to the USA as part of our move and survived all these years at my parents house. I am now using it to store pet food.



Been There, Done That

Cross Harbor Tunnel

By Bob & Pat Weidman

The photo below was taken on our vacation to the Far East in 2003 is of the entrance to the Cross Harbor Tunnel on the Kowloon side of Hong Kong. The tunnel links Kowloon to Hong Kong island.



The stamp is Hong Kong Scott #270, issued on October 20, 1972 for the inauguration of the tunnel. Work on the tunnel began several years before. The tunnel goes under Hong Kong harbor which separates Hong Kong island from the mainland. Back in 1970, while I was in the Navy on R&R in Hong Kong, work was underway to connect the two sides. Up until the tunnel was completed, so that cars, trucks, busses and other vehicles could cross to the other side, the only way to get back and forth was to take a ferry (see the February 2017 issue of *Stamping Around* for an article about the Star Ferry). Additional tunnels have been dug under the harbor since that time to the connection.



2017 EXPO Judges

By Peter Elias

For this year's EXPO, we now have 3 excellent APS judges lined up: Jeff Shapiro, Ken Nilsestuen and James Graue. James has been a judge since 1975, Ken ran for APS President most recently and Jeff is part of the Organizing Committee of the upcoming Boston 2026 International Stamp Show. So let's give them some great exhibits to judge! Don't be shy. Every exhibit starts with the first page. Remember that there are several members in the club that you can turn for help and advice (Ben Termini, Ray Cartier, Stan Christmas and myself).

The US trash can shown in the back of the picture is used for recycling! Our city requires us to use special "blue" trash bags for recycling and we fill them with everything from glass, aluminum cans, paper and plastics #1 to #6, etc. Lately though, we've used more blue trash bags than black ones, and that is a good thing!

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

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Noted in Passing...

By Peter Elias



I happened to be at a Barnes & Noble bookstore the other day and was pleasantly surprised to see a stamp magazine in their magazine area. The magazine is "Stamps" and is from the UK and sold for something like \$12! But why would they choose to import a UK stamp magazine when Linn's "monthly" magazine would be more relevant to US reading audiences?



Back in 1996 when I established my PO Box in Plano, I chose the large size that could hold up to 2 full reams of paper (in terms of size). I traveled more at that time, and after a week, that box was chock full and overflowing. The picture taken recently shows a more current scenario, just 2 to 4 small mail pieces a day on average, and at that rate, it would take a month to fill up.

So, the USPS is definitely correct in that 1st class mail volume has declined (definitely less junk mail...). But even as a stamp collector that is used to getting a fair amount of [stamp or philatelic-related] mail, it is definitely far less, and finding actual stamps used as postage is now limited to mail sent by other collectors.

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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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Wanted to Buy

Interesting "stuff", such as:

- ◆ Worldwide Revenue stamps on document
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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

U.S. Liberty Series precancels. Unsorted, on paper, quantities okay. Contact Gene Atkinson at atkinson@our-town.com. 4/15

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1910 Mail Carrier

By Ken Aldridge

Last summer, I visited *The Stuhr Museum* in my hometown of Grand Island, Nebraska. There are lots of interesting pioneer artifacts and items of interest to be seen. The notice and photo shown caught my attention since it dealt with U.S. Mail, in this case in the year 1910.



US Mail Carrier loaded with Parcels and Letters ca. 1910

Because the Grand Island Post Office was so small, the job of delivering mail to the entire community was spread out between only a few mail carriers. Seen here is a mail carrier laden with numerous packages and letters ready to be delivered.

MEET & EAT for May & June 2017

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

May 3 Campo Verde: 2918 W Pioneer Parkway,
Arlington, TX 76013, Phone: (817) 275-7003
<http://www.campoverde.us/>

June 7 Spring Creek Barbeque, 3608 S Cooper
Arlington, TX (817) 465-0553.
<http://www.springcreekbarbeque.com/arlington.htm>

EULESS

*Due to the new meeting location, meet-n-eat meeting sites
have yet to be determined, the club secretary will e-mail the
details once known.*

Wanted to Buy

Wanted to buy or trade for: **Worldwide unusual EFOs, postal counterfeits**, Odd US 20th century auxiliary markings, US 1934 and 1935 Christmas Seals on and off cover and publicity material, Korean War postal history from US and other UN contingents, and any other US philatelic material with an interesting story. John Hotchner, PO Box 1125, Falls Church, VA 22041, or jmhstamp@verizon.net 2 /15

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