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Newsletter of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club

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## Philately: The rumors of my death are greatly exaggerated

By Rick Howell



I was attending the Eules meeting of the MCSC last month when the question came up; Is stamp collecting a dying hobby? I was amazed that several people in the meeting seemed to think that interest in philately is waning away, and that soon there will no one left who collects stamps. I will have to strongly disagree with this sentiment. Take a look at India. In India, the government and schools promote philately as a way of learning. Heck, they even offer philatelic scholarships. Stamp shows in India regularly draw crowds of people and schools schedule field trips to teach the students about the attraction of philately.

The March 10 issue of the Windsor Star, a newspaper/online website out of Windsor, Ontario recently headlined an article "Stamp Collecting a Growing Hobby, Local Club President Says". In the article, club president Brian Cutler thanked an increasing number of baby boomers looking for ways to spend their free time, with increasing the number of their club membership to 70 members, the largest their club has been since its inception in 1978. Their club even has a youth section, with six members under the age of 18.

Last month, the Islington Tribune, an independent London newspaper ran the headline: "Stamp Duty: Collectors queue around the block for Stampex convention in Angel", and included a photo of collectors lined up around the block for entry into the stamp show.

So, why do many people here in the United States feel that philately is in its final death throes? I don't know, perhaps it is a reflection of how these people perceive their own attempts at philately. Aren't you finding anything interesting in philately? I know I am. I am fascinated by postal history, precancelled stamps, perfins, and philatelic literature. If you have interests outside of philately, such as trains, cats, dogs, ships or whatever, you can start a topical collection and combine your interests. I love coming to the stamp club meetings and seeing how everyone else is organizing their collections and what they are collecting. And, by the way, there are some very interesting people at these meetings.

The United States Postal Service really doesn't seem to be very receptive to ideas and opinions of philatelists, even though philatelists provide nothing but pure profit for the USPS. Don't get me wrong, the USPS is great when supporting our shows and providing stamp sales and philatelic services at the shows, but I would like to see them more receptive to the needs of collectors when printing stamps and fulfilling orders from the Stamp Fulfillment Services Center. Perhaps we need to voice our opinions on this with them.

Also, we need to think about the future of philately in the US. We need to get kids interested in stamp collecting. I am open to hearing suggestions about this. We need to take a more active role in forming the future of philately in this country. I know a lot of you have grandchildren who could be exposed to the fascinations of philately. When they turn 9 or 10, show them some Disney stamps or stamps with wildlife on them. Don't try to force anything on them, as that will turn them away quicker than anything, but if you just happen to leave some stamps with The Little Mermaid, or Mickey Mouse just laying around where they are sure to come across them.....who knows.....you might start something.

See you guys at the next meeting.



## National Something Day "Make Your Own Holiday" (March 26)

By Peter Elias

In the past I've talked about using perusing lists of "National Days" (or "National Month" or "National Year") to come up with potentially interesting topics for a collection and/or an exhibit.

As I am writing this article on March 26, I saw a post on Facebook by Jeff Hayward who said that it was "National Make Up Your Own Holiday Day", and he personally designated it as "National Volkswagen Beetle Day" by showing a small souvenir sheet of said cars from Mozambique. Well, that certainly widens the realm of possibilities of what to collect or exhibit, doesn't it!

So I looked into it a bit further, and several websites, such as [www.timeanddate.com](http://www.timeanddate.com) and [www.daysoftheyear.com](http://www.daysoftheyear.com) (and several others) do state that in fact it was "National Make Up Your Own Holiday Day", but they don't say who came up this "day" to begin with.

I figured I may as well personally designate it as "Unaffordium" Day, to celebrate (or lament perhaps) all the things that are just not affordable. In light of this, I created a "PhotoStamp" (from stamps.com) that puts this into a humorous context as a chemical element as it might appear in the periodic table of elements.

(Note: real chemicals only use 1 or 2 letters in their abbreviations.)



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## Editor's Forum

By Peter Elias

The 2019 EXPO is less than 7 months away. While that may sound like a long time, it'll pass by quickly. It is time to start thinking about exhibits. We need everything from 1-page & 4-page mini-exhibits (think of these as "show & tell" exhibits) to the more traditional single-frame or multi-frame exhibits.

At last year's (2018) EXPO, our frames were reserved way more quickly than in previous years, so please don't wait to get your frame reservations in to our exhibits chairperson, Anne Moxley (who is taking over for Ray Cartier).

We will have 3 great APS judges this year. Patrick Walters will be returning, as will Tim Bartshe, and we'll have Christopher Dahle joining us. Further contact and other information about our judges can be found at the APS website here: <https://classic.stamps.org/DisplayPage.aspx?id=74>

Our judges will be using the APS Judging Manual, which can be downloaded for free from the APS website at: <https://stamps.org/Portals/0/LitJudgingManual.pdf>.

Since TEXPEX is no longer around, this is the only show in North Texas where we can exhibit.

Not sure how to start? There are several members in the club that you can turn to for advice, including Ray Cartier and Peter Elias.

Remember that philately is about having "phun"! There are several areas that are "phun" and that don't require great expenditures.

For me personally, recent areas of "philatelic phun" include the "Been There - Done That" series of articles and also exploring topical and thematic items related to "National Something Day/Month/Year". Lists for these are online (or email me for a general list that I've compiled). There are hundreds of potential topics available for the "National Something Day" (or "Week" or "Year") to either find a stamp to illustrate that Day/Month/Year and write a paragraph or two (or hint, hint: they would make a good 1-page exhibit for the EXPO!) or even develop into a larger exhibit. The possibilities are endless!

Ready, set, collect!

## Coming Attractions

### 2019

**APR. 23**                      **USPS "Little Mo" Stamp Issue Ceremony**  
Location: SMU Tennis Center, 5669 Central Ewy, Dallas

**APR. 23**                      **MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting**  
Program: Auction for Brian Smith Stamp Collection

**MAY 1**                        **MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting**  
Program: Auction

**MAY 4**                        **MCSC EXPO Planning Meeting 11 AM**  
Angelo's Pizza/Steak/Pasta, 2590 W Pioneer Pkwy, Pantego

**MAY 15**                      **MCSC—EULESS Meeting**  
Program: Extended Show & Tell and philatelic discussions

**MAY 28**                      **MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting**  
Program: Stanley Christmas – Program TBD

**JUN. 5**                        **MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting**  
Program: TBD

**JUN. 19**                      **MCSC—EULESS Meeting**  
Program: Extended Show & Tell and philatelic discussions

**JUN. 21-22**                      **TSDA Stamp Show**  
411 W. Arapaho Rd, Richardson Fri 10-5, Sat 9-4. Free!

**JUN. 25**                      **MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting**

## Secretary's Report

By Skip Ely

### New Members

none

### Re-instatements

none

### Dropped for Non-Payment of Dues

none

### Membership Summary – April 3, 2019

Membership as of March 6, 2019	88
New Members	0
Dropped for non-payment of dues	0
Resignations	0
Deceased	0
Reinstatements	0
Membership as of April 3, 2019	88



## Wanderwege

By Peter Elias



In 1977, Switzerland issued Scott #631, which promoted hiking trails (“Wanderwege”).

According to the German edition of Wikipedia, there are 38,533 miles of marked hiking paths/trails in Switzerland (this includes both paved, unpaved and mountain trails). That is a LOT! To put this into perspective, Switzerland’s area (15,940 sq. miles) is not quite twice the size of the DFW Metroplex (8,991 sq. miles), and I don’t think that we’ve got anywhere near as many miles of hiking paths & trails here! Near where I live there is a nice city park, and it has 5 miles of paved walking/bicycling paths.



Gosh, our parents had me button up my shirt while hiking! Was I wearing “Lederhosen” on this hike?

Growing up in Switzerland, we did a lot of hiking (day hikes), usually from 2 to 6 hours in length. The picture of me above was taken in 1983, near Gstaad (a popular upscale summer & winter vacation town in the Bernese Oberland, known for its international boarding schools and as a holiday destination for royalty and celebrities - none of which applies to me).

Hiking trails in Switzerland are well marked; it’s generally difficult to get lost. Usually when trails branch off, there are the ubiquitous yellow pointed signs. They usually tell you the available destinations and how long it will take you to walk there. In some instances, they also tell you where you are at and the elevation; in case of the picture above, we were at “Eggli Station (near the exit of the Gondola lifts), which was almost 1 mile (=1,609 meters) above sea level (in this case, 1,559 meters).

If the [sign](#) is “just” yellow, it’s a hiking trail. If it has a “white-red-white” tip, it is an “mountain” trail, if it is “white-blue-white”, it is an “alpine” trail. We’ve never been on an “alpine” trail, that usually requires climbing equipment. Along the paths, there are also corresponding yellow, red or blue markings on trees & rocks.

In the sign above, they actually showed that there are 3 ways to get back to Gstaad, ranging from 1 hour to 1 hour 40 minutes!

## Beirut Memorial

by Pat & Bob Weidman

In 1982, United States Marines were sent to the nation of Lebanon. It was a peacekeeping mission. They were there to separate the various factions fighting the Lebanese civil war. Their mission lasted a little over two years, and during that time, they sustained over four hundred casualties.

On October 23, 1983, a suicide bomber leveled the Marine Corps barracks in Beirut. On that day, 241 U.S. troops were killed long with 18 sailors and 3 soldiers. It was the highest single-day loss of life for the Marines since the landing on Iwo Jima in 1945.

The home base for these Marines was Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, North Carolina, about an hour up the coast from Wilmington, where Pat and I were living at the time. The people of Jacksonville dedicated a memorial to those that lost their lives on that mission. It was dedicated on October 23, 1986, three years to the day of that deadly bombing.

Pat and I went up to the memorial and I took the two photos shown nearby. One shows the memorial itself, the other shows the plaque at the memorial. The stamp is US Scott #1315, issued on August 29, 1966 and commemorates the Marine Corps Reserves.



## Mackinac Island Post Office

By Peter Elias

In the 1970's, when we lived in Michigan, we took a trip to Mackinac Island (pronounced "mackinaw" - as in "awe" at the end, not "ack").

Amongst other things, I happened to take a photo of the Mackinac Island post office during our visit in the 1970's (see photo below).



In 2015, I was on the island again, and just happened to take a photo of the same post office again (see below).



Amazing what a difference 40+ years makes! It appears that they really nicely refurbished the place, it even has a white picket fence now (but no APC machines).

Sadly, not much else philatelically happened during the recent trip to the island. I did however order myself a sheet of "Zazzle Stamps" to commemorate my "biking" the M-185 (Michigan Highway 185), which is "*the only state highway in the nation in which motorized vehicles are banned*", according to [Wikipedia](#). The M-185 is 8 miles long and runs around the perimeter of the island, so it can easily be bicycled in an hour or so (longer, since there's photo-ops along the way). In this case, it's definitely the journey, not the destination, as you end up in the same place you started!



## Arlington Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2019

By Skip Ely

### Attendance:

- There were 21 members present.

### Officer Reports:

- Secretary – Skip Ely said we remained at 88 members. He also mentioned he had the updated Member Handbook available for distribution.

### Committee Reports:

- EXPO – An EXPO meeting is planned for Saturday, May 4, 11:00 A.M., at Angelo's in Pantego.
- Sales – Skip Ely said we were on track to have another good month.
- Newsletter - Peter Elias said the next newsletter was in progress.

### Announcements:

- Arlington Auction in May - Rich Hildebrandt said that Skip Ely will be handling the May auction at Arlington since he will be out of town. Dave Stockbridge promoted the Granbury auction April 23 to benefit the Brian Smith estate.

### Show & Tell:

- Peter Elias had several items to pass around, including an empty #10 envelope he received that had \$3.95 in postage, as well as some sheets of computer vended and custom postage.
- Debbie Hathaway gave a review of the stamp show in St. Louis she and Rob had attended recently.
- Rob Hathaway talked a little about a collection of Italian revenues he was working on.
- Ben Termini recommended a book he had recently purchased about "dead countries". He also said there would be an article he authored in the next APS journal.
- Bob Weidman showed a large envelope from a friend with numerous stamps low value stamps on it.

### Program:

- Ken Aldridge gave the program on stamp varieties, focusing primarily on Canadian stamps. He also gave a presentation on an FBI case on which he was the lead investigator.

### Gift Certificates:

- Were awarded to Bob Weidman, Jim Taylor, Diana Davis, and Jeff Jessop. Bobby Mills was the recipient of a U.S. Stamp book donated by Ken Aldridge. Rob Hathaway received a small magnifier donated by Peter Elias.

### Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned about 8:30 PM.

## Eules Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2019

By Skip Ely

The April 17 meeting was cancelled due to weather forecasts that called for severe storms in the DFW area.

## Cathedral of St. Tryphon

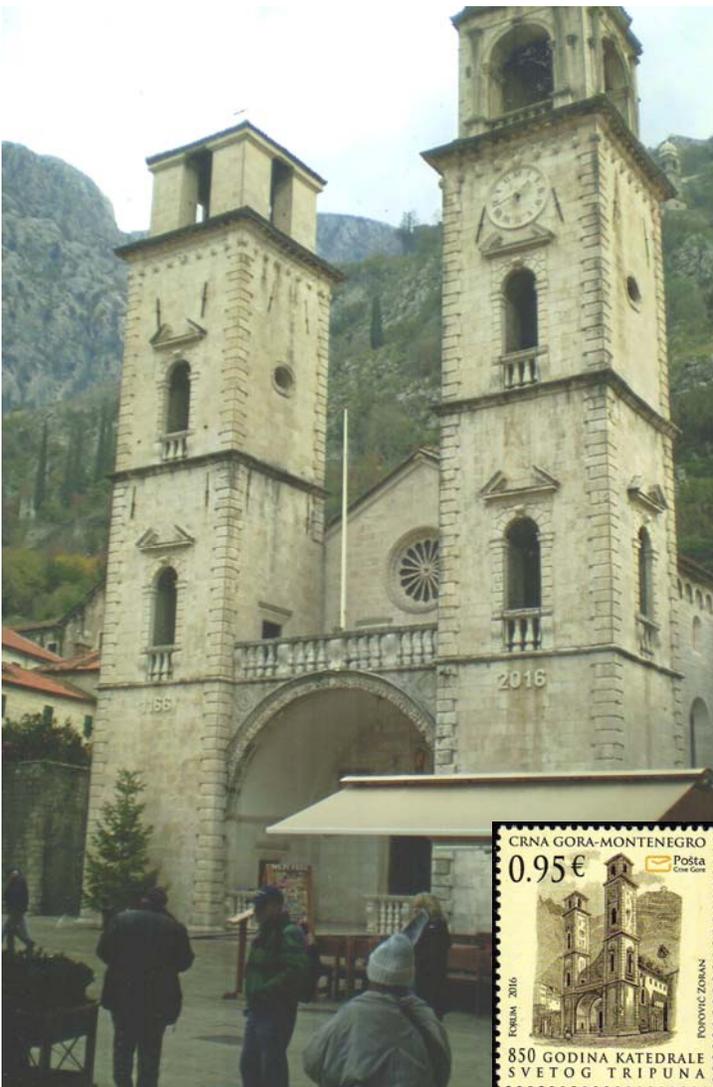
By Pat & Bob Weidman

While in Kotor, Montenegro, during our trip to the Balkan nations in December of 2011, we took a walking tour of the city. One of the many things that we saw in this beautiful preserved medieval fortified town was the Cathedral of Saint Tryphon. It is one of the two Roman Catholic cathedrals in Montenegro. Saint Tryphon is the patron saint and protector of the city and it was built in honor of him.

The Cathedral replaced an earlier church that was built in the year 809 AD. The first church was built by Andrija Saracenis, a Kotor citizen. The remains of Saint Tryphon were relocated to the church in Kotor from Istanbul.

June 19, 1166 was the consecration of the cathedral! That makes it over 850 years old! The cathedral of Saint Tryphon is one of the largest and most elaborately adorned buildings in all of Kotor. It is also older than many of the famous churches and cathedrals in all of Europe.

Notice that Pat is in the picture of the cathedral with her back towards us. The stamp is Montenegro, Scott #403, issued on June 19, 2016, which was the 850th anniversary of the cathedral.



## Meeting Minutes for Granbury

March 26, 2019

By William Atkinson

### Welcome:

- Host David Stockbridge welcomed 14 members and guests to the April meeting of the Lake Granbury Branch, Mid-Cities Stamp Club. The group meets at 7 PM every 4th Tuesday (except December) at the Bentwater Activities Center, 1800 West Emerald Bend Court, in Granbury.

### Show & Tell:

- Stockbridge noted a table of current philatelic publications along with some other "freebies" from Denny Ludlow.
- Gene Atkinson asked if anyone was interested in a group purchase of some 14 inch "red box" storage units.
- Denny Ludlow had a set of first day covers for the "Twelve Days of Christmas" series of 1977-78 from Christmas Island.
- Cyndie Spurlock had several postal cards of petroleum activities in England, France, China and Russia.

### Announcements:

- Members have by now received a general mailing regarding exhibits for November's EXPO. The overall theme of "railroading" matches the club theme of general transportation, and members were urged to begin preparation of their exhibit pages.
- Skip Ely announced that he had club and APS circuit books for members to peruse.
- David Stockbridge distributed a list of the auction items from Brian Smith's collection, which are to be sold at the April 23 meeting.
- Rick Howell suggested several means by which younger collectors might be attracted to the club.

### Break:

- Members took a short break for cold drinks, cookies, crackers and grapes.

### Program:

- Skip Ely discussed his interest in music related stamps. The topical subject, he said, really began in the 1940's and has gained considerable popularity since. He illustrated the point with stamps for individual musical artists and more recent issues such as the "music icons" series from the U. S. Postal Service. And, for good measure, he played recordings of music that referenced letters and stamps, including the obvious entry "Love Letters in the Sand."

### Closing:

- Door prizes of \$10 club gift certificates went to Gene Atkinson, Dave Stockbridge, and Judy Christmas. Additional prizes of mint U. S. blocks were claimed by Skip Ely, Bob Coleman and Jim Case. The next meeting is the auction on April 23 with "meet and eat" at Best Burger Barn in Acton.

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Comics - Pluggers (Forever Stamps)

By Peter Elias



The best investment that a plugger made over the last year was in "Forever Stamps."

A couple of years ago, the USPS lowered the 49¢ rate to 47¢! As with any "investment" (or collectibles for that matter), prices can go both ways! Just tell yourself: "it's just a hobby"!

This "Pluggers" comic strip is so true! Yes, if you had invested in Forever stamps just prior to January 27, 2019, they would have cost you 50¢. Starting January 27, the price went to 55¢, a 10% GAIN!

As they say though, "past performance is no guarantee of future results".



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## From The President's Desk

by Richard Hildebrandt

I am writing this message a few days before Easter and, as is the case with other holidays that revolve around family gatherings, it brings up many memories of the past. What I remember most are the good times and the people, both family and friends, that shared the occasion. I believe that this holds true for our great hobby of philately.

While the stamps or other physical objects that we collect can bring great enjoyment, it is the people that we meet and the friends that we make that create the wonderful memories. I think of the people that I have met in this club, some of whom are unfortunately no longer with us, who have enriched my life and increased my knowledge. I hope that all of you who participate in this organization may have the same positive experience.

On to the mundane business of the club. This month is the auction at the Arlington meeting. I normally compile the lots, but I will be traveling and will miss the meeting. Skip has graciously stepped up to handle that task as well as acting as the auctioneer. I want to give him an extra thanks for all that he does for the club. I don't think anyone wears more hats than he does. He is club secretary, coordinates the Euleess meeting, handles the sales books, runs the Beginners table at the EXPO and helps organize the lots for the EXPO silent auction. Skip, I am looking around for another job or two for you so you don't get bored or run out of things to do!

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Arlington auction and happy stamping.

## *Been There, Done That*

### Swissair 747

By Peter Elias



The plane that brought me to the USA for the first time in the early 1970's was a Swissair Boeing 747, shown to the left on the 1972 semi-postal stamp from Switzerland.

Swissair was the national airline of Switzerland and was founded in 1931 and lasted until bankruptcy in 2002, at which time it had a fleet of 76 planes. It acquired its first Boeing 747-200 in 1971.

In the photo below, I'm under the wing (see arrow) as we're getting to board for our big move to the USA. The flight would take us to New York's JFK Airport. What do I remember from the flight?: 1) As we were taxiing for take-off, there was smoke coming from one of the engines! Once they fixed the problem, we took off. 2) The descent for landing in New York was rather "bumpy" and the plane seemed to "drop" 50 feet at a time. Luckily I did NOT have to use the "barf bag"...



## *Been There, Done That*

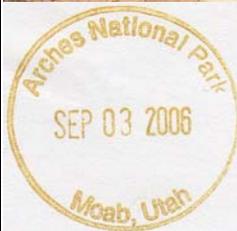
### Arches National Park

By Peter Elias

There are many National Parks in the USA, and one I've been to twice now, is Arches National Park, located north of Moab, Utah.

Arches National Park is the site of more than 2,200 natural sandstone arches, such as the one featured on one of the USA stamps issued in 2016.

My first trip to the park was in 1980, when our family took a big 10,000 mile drive around the USA, starting in Michigan and going all the way to the West Coast and back in a big circle trip in dad's new Audi 5000 (yes, one of those that "allegedly" had run-away acceleration...). My father let me drive it on the more "boring" stretches through states like Nebraska (or was it Kansas?), but not the more fun roads like the mountain pass roads in Colorado.

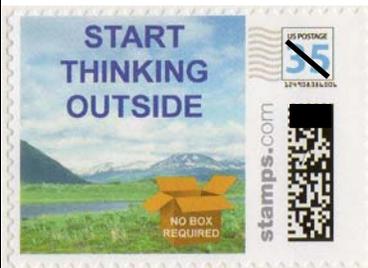


In 2006, I found myself at Arches National Park again. This time, my wife & I were having a mini vacation that started in Colorado Springs and we ended up in Moab to meet with a family member who also happened to be vacationing there.

The USA has lots of National Parks, many of which have been featured on stamps, so look back at your travel photo albums and write about your trips!

### Start Thinking Outside

By Peter Elias



It seems like we're always encouraged to "think outside the box". How about just starting to "think outside"? I figured that this might make an interesting custom postage stamp, so I ordered a sheet!





## MEET & EAT for May & June 2019

by Judy & Stanley Christmas

“Meet and Eats” are held before our club meetings. All club members and their guests are welcome. We will gather at 5:00 PM start ordering at that time. However, latecomers can order when they arrive or just come by for a visit. Meals should be over around 6:15 PM to 6:30PM with the Arlington new meeting start time now being at 7:00PM rather than 7:30PM.

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

### ARLINGTON

May 1 Campo Verde, 2918 W. Pioneer Pkwy,  
Dalworthington Gardens 76013

June 5 China Harbor Super Buffet, 3512 S. Cooper

### EULESS

May 15 Javson’s Deli, 2200 Airport Fwy, Bedford 76022

June 19 On The Border, 2500 Airport Fwy, Bedford 76022

### GRANBURY

May 28 Palio’s Pizza Café, 3710 E. Hwy 377, #100

June 25 Grumps, 3503 E. Hwy 377

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**Ceremony in Dallas - April 23**  
**Arlington Auction - May 1**

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## Online Postage Meter Catalogs

If you collect USA or Worldwide postage meters, the following site has them both (link stretches onto 2 lines):

- [https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/International\\_Postage\\_Meter\\_Stamp\\_Catalog](https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/International_Postage_Meter_Stamp_Catalog)
- [https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/United\\_States\\_Postage\\_Meter\\_Stamp\\_Catalog](https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/United_States_Postage_Meter_Stamp_Catalog)

There are hundreds of pages with illustrations and info on relative rarity and/or valuations.