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Newsletter of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club

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National Something Month: Financial Literacy

By Peter Elias

Reading the April 28 issue of the Dallas Morning News, I found out that April was "Financial Literacy Month" in the USA.

Since it seems that many people do not have a good grasp on financial literacy (especially youth), in 2003, the US Congress showed its support by asking George W. Bush to declare April to be "Financial Literacy for Youth Month".

Several states have also declared this as a "month", including Texas, which declared it by [proclamation](#) from Texas Governor Greg Abbott on March 20, 2018.

So, "declarations" aside, I personally believe it is important for everyone to have "financial literacy", at the least the basics. Most people don't need to be able to decipher a corporation's annual financial statement and know about EBIT's ("earnings before interest and taxes), but they should know some of the basics to allow them to know how the world works (financially) and to practice their own finances in a "healthy" fashion, things that amongst others includes:

- Budgeting (i.e.: income vs. spending and how to stay ahead of it).
- Balancing a check book (for those that still rely on a "check book, but if anything, how to reconcile a bank statement).
- How does "credit" (i.e.: loans, credit cards, etc) work?
- The impact of paying interest on purchases.
- The impact of compounding of interest on savings.
- Saving for the future.
- Living within ones means (and therein lies a really big problem!).
- What do things "really" cost (i.e.: Does the store make money selling an item for 75%-off and learning about the "food chain" of products, from "raw materials" to "manufacturing" to "distribution" to "retail sales").

Unfortunately, many of the above items are not taught in schools (although it is starting to happen). Many parents can't teach the above to their children since they don't understand this themselves.

My dad said to avoid buying on credit and pay cash if possible (although buying a house & buying/leasing a car is making that difficult for many people and you get on the never-ending-treadmill of making payments...). I do use credit cards for practically every purchase when possible, but only to maximize airline miles and hotel points, things which save me many thousands of dollars on vacations, BUT, I have not paid a penny in credit card interest since the early 1990's. I learned my lesson!

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"Little Mo" First Day Ceremony

By Peter Elias

April 10, 2019 was the First Day of Issue Ceremony for the "Little Mo" stamp at the SMU Tennis Center in Dallas, TX.

Shown below is Cindy Brinker Simmons, eldest daughter of "Little Mo" signing the first day covers. [Continued on page 5]



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Coming Attractions

2019

- MAY 28** **MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting**
 Program: Stanley Christmas – Program TBD
- JUN. 5** **MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting**
 Program: “Post Office Murals” by Jim Domke
- 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**
 Program: Gary McNamee: Program TBD
- JUL. 3** **MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting**
 Program: TBD
- JUL. 17** **MCSC—EULESS Meeting**
 Program: Extended Show & Tell and philatelic discussions
- JUL. 23** **MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting**
 Program: Paul Witthoef – Stamp Collecting Merit Badge
- AUG. 7** **MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting**
 Program: TBD

Editor's Forum

By Peter Elias

At the recent EXPO planning meeting, I asked whether we could have a special award for 1 or 4-page mini-exhibits that are done with the EXPO theme “Railroading” in mind. Since full-fledged exhibits (16+ pages) are difficult to put together in just a couple of months, I figured that it would be easier to do a theme-based exhibit as 1 or 4 pages.

A 1 or 4-page mini-exhibit can still tell a story, albeit a short one, and a 1-page mini-exhibit is not much more than a “show & tell”. So, how many of you can come up with a 1-page mini-exhibit that relates to “Railroading”? Have you ever taken a train trip, especially one that might have a stamp to go with it? Maybe a tourist “steam locomotive” trip such as the ones offered in east Texas?

Surely many of you can come up with something that relates to railroads or the rails (think out of the box - perhaps a 1-page exhibit about stamps that feature railroad crossing warning signs! - see the examples to the right).

For me, rails were an important part of my transportation growing up in Switzerland, as rails were an important part of our mobility. We didn't own a car when living there, so buses, trams and electric trains is how we got around! So, I should be able to have a rail-based mini-exhibit at EXPO; can we count on you as well?



Members in the News

- Ben Termini's article “Porte de Mar Stamps” was issued in the April 2019 issue of “The American Philatelist” (monthly journal of the American Philatelic Society) on pages 330-338.

Secretary's Report

By Skip Ely



New Members

none

Re-instatements

Jim Rickman (#455)

Membership Summary – May 15, 2019

Membership as of April 3, 2019	88
New Members	0
Dropped for non-payment of dues	0
Resignations	0
Deceased	0
Reinstatements	1
Membership as of May 15, 2019	89

MCSC EXPO MINUTES

May 4, 2019

By Skip Ely

The MCSC Expo committee members met at Angelo's in Pantego at 11:00 A.M. on May 4, 2019. In attendance were Ralph Poore (Committee Chairperson), Stanley Christmas, Judy Christmas Alliene Franklin, Peter Elias, Ken Wills, Anne Moxley, Tom Turner, Tom Cunningham, Kathryn Stacie, Ray Cartier, Karen Cartier, Ken Aldridge, Rick Howell and Skip Ely. Ralph expressed his appreciation for the excellent attendance.

Ralph referenced the minutes of the previous EXPO meeting in March. A motion was made and seconded to accept them and passed by unanimous vote.

Ralph then mentioned our theme for this year (Railroading), and briefly covered some applicable train organizations and clubs that might be interesting in attending the EXPO.

The next item of business was to go through the EXPO committees for applicable actions. The following issues were discussed:

- **Awards** – Peter Elias suggested we have an additional one to four-page judged exhibit on our theme with a monetary award. After some discussion, the suggestion was approved with a \$25 Gift Certificate being the award.
- **Bourse** – Tom Cunningham said he had received checks from thirteen dealers so far.
- **Cachets** – Ralph said that Diana Davis had expressed interest in making a cachet for the Expo.
- **Exhibits** – Anne Moxley said she had mailed exhibit notices and applications out and received replies from seven people for about 35 frames.
- **Publicity** – Tom Cunningham asked for about 100 flyers to be offered at the TSDA Bourse in June. Ralph mentioned that the Grapevine Visitor's office had agreed to publicize our EXPO last year but never did. He asked we try to follow up more closely with them this year.
- **Signs** – Ralph said we needed three new outdoor signs this year. Stanley Christmas agreed to make them.
- **Silent Auction** – Ken Wills said that we didn't have many items so far this year. Skip Ely and Tom Turner agreed to go through some of the donated material from previous years to see what might be used for this year.
- **Transportation** (of frames and cabinets to and from the storage unit) – Tom Cunningham emphasized the importance of having these delivered promptly at 5:00 PM., so that the dealers can have access to loading dock by 5:30 PM. It was suggested that we investigate alternatives in case our current arrangement does not permit an assurance to that effect.
- **Volunteers** – It was suggested that we include a line item in the agenda addressing our volunteer sheets.
- All others committee chair had no issues to bring up or were not in attendance.

The next EXPO meeting was scheduled for Saturday, August 31, 2019 at 11:00 AM, again at Angelo's.

The meeting was adjourned about 12:40 PM.

Tribute to a Life Well-Lived

by Rick Howell

On April 23, 2019, the world lost it's oldest living monarch, Grand Duke Jean of Luxembourg at the age of 98. The Grand Duke lived through some of Europe's most troubling times and his later life is well-documented in philately.

Jean was born January 5, 1921 at Berg Castle in central Luxembourg, the son of Grand Duchess Charlotte and Prince Felix of Bourbon-Parma. He attended primary school in Luxembourg and attended Ampleforth College, a Roman-Catholic boarding school in the U.K. On his 18th birthday in 1939, he was given the title "Hereditary Grand Duke", recognizing his title as heir apparent.

On May 10, 1940, Hitler's troops invaded Luxembourg, beginning a four-year occupation. Fortunately, the royal family, having been warned the night before, succeeded in escaping to Paris for refuge, only to be forced to flee France only a few weeks later. The family sought refuge in the United States and rented an estate in Brookville, New York.

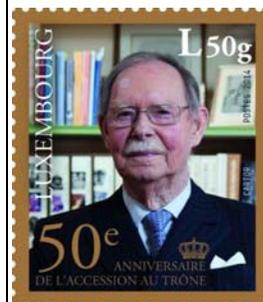
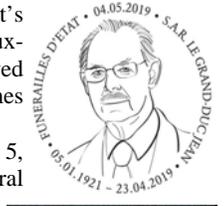
In November of 1942, Jean joined the British Army as a volunteer in the Irish Guards and was commissioned as a lieutenant on July 30, 1943, and promoted to captain in 1944. He landed at Normandy on June 11, 1944 and took part in the Battle for Caen and the liberation of Brussels. On Sept. 10, 1944, he took part in the liberation of Luxembourg and later the invasion of Germany at Arnheim. He relinquished his commission in the British Army in 1947, however, after the war from 1984 until his abdication he served as Colonel of the Regiment of the Irish Guards, often riding in uniform behind

Queen Elizabeth II during the Trooping the Colour, a celebration normally occurring for the Queen's birthday, and other official sanctions.

Jean became Grand Duke of Luxembourg on Nov. 12, 1964 when his mother Grand Duchess Charlotte abdicated, and upon his ascension, became a General of the Armed Forces of Luxembourg.

During his illustrious reign of Luxembourg, Jean is credited with transforming Luxembourg from a minor industrial contributor into an international financial center. In 1986, he was awarded the Charlemagne Prize in Aachen for his efforts towards European integration. President Georges Pompidou of France stated, "If Europe had to choose a hereditary president, it would certainly be the Grand Duke of Luxembourg."

Grand Duke Jean's legacy is well documented in philately with many stamps being issued in his honor as shown nearby.



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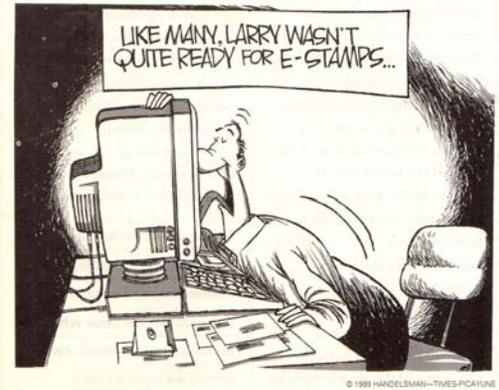
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Comics - Licking An E-Stamp

By Peter Elias

When I first saw this comic strip about licking "E-Stamps", I thought it was quite amusing.

This comic was published in Newsweek magazine in 1999 and judging by the copyright date, first published in the "Times Picayune".



But my curiosity was aroused about "E-Stamps". I looked it up, and in 1999, cnn.com posted an article (go to this [link](#)) about the concept of online / electronic postage via the internet and that a company called "E-Stamp Corporation" got the approval in 1998 to test electronic stamps using IBI (indicia based information) and store them in a PSD (postal security device). At the same time SDC (stamps.com) and Pitney Bowes were also working on internet postage. E-Stamp was sold to SDC in 2001.



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Been There, Done That

The Library

By Pat & Bob Weidman

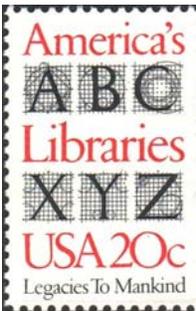


Shown above is a photo of the Southwest Regional Branch of the Ft. Worth Public Library. As many of you are aware, I do not "do computers". As a result, when I am writing a "Been There - Done That" article, I sometimes need additional information, which means a trip to the library.

Sometimes I can find the information I need in an encyclopedia. These are not the encyclopedias of the past that had information on anything and everything. Those encyclopedias are long gone. Today's encyclopedias are made for kids. Much of the information that I need is in these kid's encyclopedias, however, sometimes it is not. That's when I find of the library staff and ask for help. First, I explain that I don't do computers and don't even know how to turn one on. After they are done laughing, I ask if they would be so kind as to look something up for me. I then ask them to print it out for me, which they have been more than willing to do.

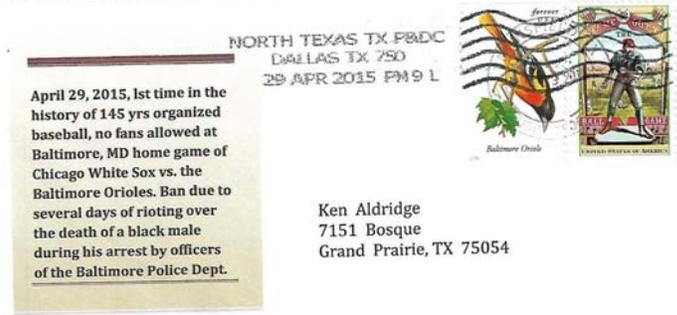
The first library to open in Ft. Worth was in the downtown area back in 1901. The first branch of that library was opened in 1962 in the Wedgewood section of town. The library in the picture opened in 1987.

The USA stamp shown commemorated America's Libraries and is Scott # 2015, issued on July 13, 1982.



Special Cover

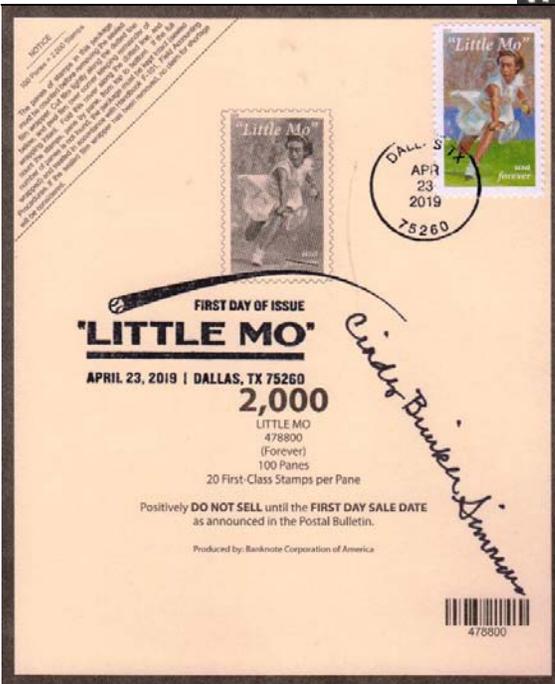
By Ken Aldridge



Pictured is a special event cover that I created and had postmarked on April 29, 2015. Luckily I read about the "No fans" game the day before and threw two covers together with a *Baltimore Oriole* stamp and a *Take Me Out To The Ball Game* Stamp. I ran them to the Post Office mail deposit box and kept my fingers crossed that the cancel would be light and actually occur on April 29. Both turned out okay.

On April 12, 2015 Baltimore resident Freddie Gray, Jr., a 25 year old black male, was injured during his arrest by six Baltimore Police Officers. He died one week later from severe spinal injuries. Over the next several days, residents rioted to show support for charging the officers. They were eventually charged and a little over one year later the charges were dropped. It was during these riots that authorities decided to go ahead with a baseball game between the Baltimore Orioles and the Chicago White Sox, but not allowing any fans into the game.

Baltimore won that game, 8 to 2, in a crisp 2 hour and 3 minute game. By the way, that game also occurred on my birthday!



"Little Mo" First Day Ceremony [continued from page 1]

So who was "Little Mo"? She was Maureen Connolly Brinker, a famous US tennis player who was the top ranked tennis player in the world from 1951 to 1954 and won the "Grand Slam" (Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon and the US Championships) in 1953. Her career came to an abrupt end in 1954 due to a horse riding accident. She married Norman Brinker (who was a part of the US equestrian at the 1952 Summer Olympics) in 1955. They lived in Dallas and had two daughters, Cindy & Brenda.

The stamp ceremony was well attended, my guess would be 200 to 300 people, most of which were family members & employees of the MCB (Maureen Connolly Brinker) Tennis Foundation and people from SMU. Eldest daughter Cindy runs the MCB.

It was a really nice ceremony and lasted approximately 1 hour. I did videotaped the entire ceremony (which was also streamed live at the time). All visitors received a first day cancelled envelope and a Little Mo stamp pin and program. After the ceremony, there was a reception with light snacks and autograph signing by the first day issuance dignitaries. On the left you see probably the ONLY known copy of a Deck Card with both the first day cancel AND autographed by Cindy Brinker Simmons!

While I saw several Dallas stamp club collectors, unfortunately I did not see anyone else from the Mid-Cities Stamp Club.

Meeting Minutes for Granbury April 23, 2019

By David Stockbridge

The April 26th Lake Granbury Stamp meeting consisted of an auction of 100 items from the estate of Brian Smith. All items were sold to 17 bidders which realized about \$1,200 for Donna Smith.

Members in the News

In a message from the Scott English, Executive Director of the APS:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am writing to congratulate you [Ray Cartier] for being selected as the 2019 recipient of the Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Recognition Award. This award, named for former APS President Nick Carter, honors those individuals who give so much of their time, talent, and energy to benefit stamp collecting and the APS. The Board has selected you in the category of National Service.

Our tradition is to honor the recipients of the Carter Award at the General Membership Meeting during Stamp-Show/National Topical Stamp Show. This year, the meeting will be on Saturday, 3 August 2019 at Stamp-Show/National Topical Stamp Show in Omaha, NE.

If you are unable to attend StampShow/National Topical Stamp Show this year, we could make arrangements to present the award to you at another time.

Please confirm your attendance with me at the APS address with me. We look forward to celebrating your great accomplishment and hope you can join us. Thank you for all you do for the APS and the hobby!

You Got Pig

By Peter Elias



The title is a literal translation of the German phrase “Da hast Du Schwein gehabt”. It means that “you got lucky”, “you got off the hook”, “you dodged a bullet”, “you lucked out” and similar phrases.

But where does this phrase come from? According to the German Wikipedia Website (see link [here](#)), one theory is that it comes from a way of talking during a card game in the 16th Century when the “Ass” (Ace) was called a “Sau” (Pig). Whoever drew the highest Ace thus had luck. A second theory said that the Rathaus (City Hall) of Münden was often subject to floods; and one of the many paintings depicts a raft where the citizens were trying to save their belongings, one of which was a pig, thus, they who were able to save their pigs were considered to be doing well (lucky) after a catastrophe.

Swiss Post issued a 100 centime “Lucky Pig” stamp in early 2019.

Arlington Meeting Minutes May 1, 2019

By Skip Ely

The May meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Eules Meeting Minutes May 15, 2019

By Skip Ely

Attendance:

- There were 8 members present.

Officer Reports:

- **Secretary** – Skip Ely said we had one reinstatement at Granbury in April, bringing our total membership to 89. He said he had also returned club membership papers to the APS and ATA, saying we qualified for free dues for both.
- **Treasurer** – Judy Christmas gave the treasury amount.

Committee Reports:

- **EXPO** – Stanley Christmas mentioned the EXPO meeting May 4 (see minutes elsewhere in the newsletter).
- **Sales** - Skip Ely said APS sales have been good.

Announcements:

- Stanley Christmas had a procedural question about the Shanghai Bingo at the December meeting. Skip Ely said while he knew it was a long-standing tradition with the club, he thought there was too much emphasis on getting and not enough on giving in Shanghai Bingo. He wondered if there wasn't something different we could do that would be more in the spirit of Christmas. Stanley said he would bring it up at the next Board meeting.
- Ken Aldridge offered that he has been having better luck selling things at the APS Stamp Store than on eBay and mentioned some of the advantages.
- Tom Turner said he had talked recently with past club President Susan Baker, and she said “Hi”.

Show & Tell:

- Peter Elias had several items to show, including some deck cards from recent US stamp issues (including Post Office Murals & Little Mo).
- Ken Wills talked about the International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors (ISWSC), passing around a recent newsletter and extolling the advantages of membership.
- Skip Ely passed around a prospective silent auction lot, which consisted of a stock book of 1947 European issues.
- Ken Aldridge showed his copy of Linn's Stamp Identifier book and passed around some examples of obscure issues he said he was able to find in the book.

Door Prizes:

- Gift Certificates were won by Evan Islam, Tom Turner, and Stanley Christmas. Ken Aldridge won a small magnifying glass donated by Peter Elias. Ken Wills and Skip Ely received mint corner blocks of U.S. stamps donated by Stanley Christmas.

Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned about 8:35 PM.

From The President's Desk

by Richard Hildebrandt

First an answer for all of you Jeopardy fans. Answer: Living people are rarely seen on a stamp, but in July 1945, the US Post Office Department issued one depicting this military event. Question to follow at the end of my column.

I have been traveling for two weeks and since I returned have been suffering from writers block, also known as not having any coherent thoughts. Something I seem to have often. It has held up completion of this month's newsletter which is frustrating to our esteemed editor. My apologies.

Enjoyed a week in New York visiting relatives and a week in the Dominican Republic pigging out at an all inclusive resort. Realized how well off we are when I saw the buildings people call a house and the general living conditions. Thought Texas drivers were dangerous until we ventured out of the resort for some local sightseeing. Traffic lights and signs are merely a suggestion for those drivers. It wasn't unusual to see three people on a small motorcycle or moped weaving in and out of traffic and going in a direction opposite the general flow of vehicles. We lost power on a regular basis. Would set the room clock every night and it would be blinking at me in the morning. The last night we were there, the power went out 3 times just during dinner. Asked for a wakeup call for 7 AM and it would come at 7:30 AM or whenever they felt like it. Island time, I was told. Very pretty place, but definitely a third world country. Closest I came to a philatelic activity was to buy a few post cards to save for my collection.

I know that the weather has been playing havoc with our regular meetings this last month. Hope everyone is well and we can resume our meetings without further interruptions.

Next month I will get back to talking about stamps and our club activities.

Question: The flag raising on Iwo Jima. Scott #929.



Been There, Done That

Chillon Castle

By Pat & Bob Weidman



On our trip to Switzerland back in 1989, Pat and I went over to the town of Montreux, which is located on the northern shore of Lac Lemman (what we call Lake Geneva). To get there, we took the train, which was the Orient Express (see Stamping Around issue from December 2017). While there, we toured the Chillon Castle, which sits near the train tracks.

The castle is situated between the Swiss mountains Lake Geneva, which separates Switzerland (on the southwestern part) from France. The castle is over 850 years old, dating all the way back to 1150 when it was mentioned in the Council of Savoy.

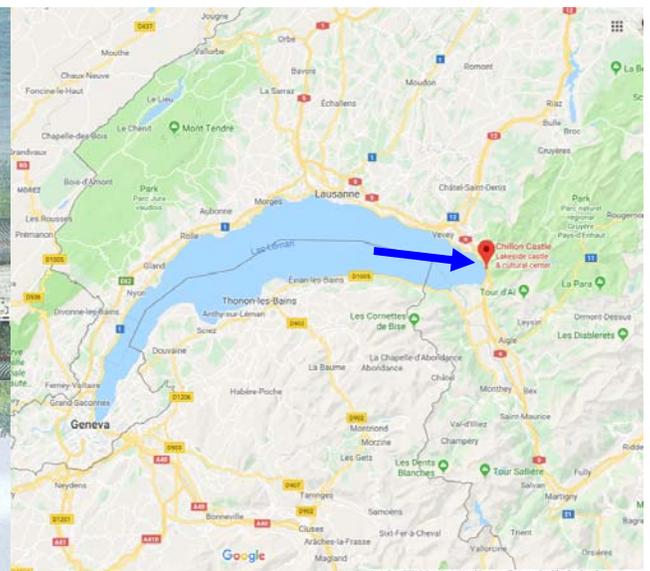
In the 1536 it was taken over by the Bernese who controlled it until the Vaudois Revolution in 1798. Restoration on the castle started back at the end of the 19th century and has been ongoing ever since.



The picture shows the entrance to the castle; the stamp above featuring Chillon Castle is Switzerland Scott #221 was issued on July 2, 1934.



[Editor: This Swiss / Chinese joint issue was released in 1998, Scott# 1039]



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Recalled Legends of the West (Scott 2870), pane of twenty inside original mailing envelope, Scott 2017 value \$125 with note that panes in original envelope (blue bordered) "sell for somewhat more." I will sell for \$80 plus any mailing costs. Ken Aldridge, KAldridge@aol.com 12/18

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

Wanted

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

For Sale

I now have a new website in which I have listed all my used **duplicates (many thousands)**. They are arranged in Scott number sequence within country. Do take a look, and select any that you want. I charge 1/3 catalogue value, post paid. The URL is www.kenwills.net Contact me at wills@airmail.net. Happy hunting! 3/19

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Comic - Blondie (Exotic Countries)



By Peter Elias

This comic strip reminded me of things I did as a teenager when I first started collecting stamps from St. Vincent.

In the mid-1970's, the St. Vincent Philatelic Bureau used to send out #10 size envelopes with flyers for

their new stamp issues, and once in a while, they even included mint sets of "SPECIMEN" overprinted stamps as a bonus. Additionally, the St. Vincent Philatelic Bureau also used current stamps as postage! I then recommended to them (they even had a form for this!) that they send flyers to a few fellow students at my school (which were not stamp collectors) and then asked to friends to simply save the envelopes once I received them. A nice way to get some free stamps at the time! Sadly the St. Vincent Philatelic Bureau doesn't send out flyers any more. They had about 50+ employees in the 1970's; in 2007 when I visited, it was 3.



MEET & EAT for June & July 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.

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July 3 Spring Creek BBQ

EULESS

June 19 On the Border

July 17 Cheddar’s

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June 25 Grump’s

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