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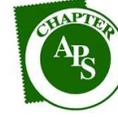
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## Been There, Done That



## Plzeň

By Peter Elias

If you were in north Texas this summer, you know that it had been brutally hot. One night with dinner, I felt liking having a "cold one" for once (instead of wine). Not just any beer, but this one (see left) specifically.

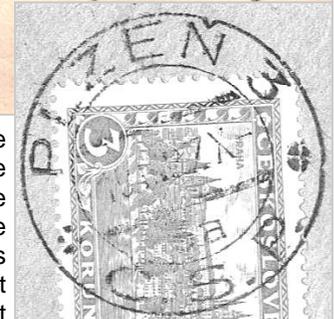
Why? Going through my china cabinet recently, where I have a small collection of European beer glasses, I found my beer glass for Pilsner Urquell. This glass is from 1986, when I spent most of that year working in Switzerland (and also a bit in Germany and the UK). As a result of finding this beer glass hid-

ing in the back of my cabinet, the next time that I went to buy some beer, I bought a bottle of Pilsner Urquell!

During my various travels throughout Switzerland in 1986, every time that I went to a restaurant and had a beer, I asked nicely if I could buy a glass (and that I would take it back to the USA with me). Sometimes they would give it to me for free and other times I had to pay a buck (Swiss Franc actually) or two. Somehow these nicely printed beer glasses all survived my move from Switzerland to Kentucky to Texas.

Now here is also something to know (especially if you've never had a beer in a German or Swiss restaurant): Every time that I was served a beer (whether from a bottle or on tap), it was ALWAYS served in a glass that had THAT beer's name & logo printed on it. Never just a plain glass. The restaurants and bars get their printed glasses from their distributors (so more than likely, they would have to pay for them, but I'm not 100% sure of that). In any case, I wanted some nice souvenir glasses to take back from Europe. At last count, I have 16 of them.

Now then, how does all of that above tie into the "Been There ..." philatelic theme? I have NOT been to the hometown of Pilsner Urquell in the Czech Republic, which is natively called "Plzeň". But, at the last TSDA bourse on August 25, I ended up at John Topper's booth and bought a nice registered cover for \$1 that was postmarked from Plzeň in 1927 (best as I can tell based from the postmark at right).



Look closely at the black & white close-up of the postmark. Notice that little "notch" in the outer circle by the "N"? That is not a defect, but is there to account for the fact that the "N" has a "caron" accent mark, which is "Ñ" in upper case or "ň" as shown in lower case on the "R" label above.

I suppose then, that this was really a "Been There - Drank That" article?

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## Editor's Forum

By Peter Elias

Thanks to the 5 members that have contributed 1-page or 4-page mini-exhibits so far for EXPO. We still have room for several more! So, if you've had a mini-exhibit at EXPO in the past, consider dusting it off and submitting it! I'd like to have all submissions by mid-October so that I can send the finalized listing to the

editor of the EXPO program!

In last month's (September issue), I wrote that webs.com said that they would shut down all webs.com sites by end of August (which would include about 10 of my sites). As I am writing this on September 10, my sites there were still operational, but when I checked on September 19, VistaPrint redirected me to their vistaprint.com site to encourage me to use their "Vista x Wix" website (starting with a "free" version). No thanks ... 20 years of "free" just to have it all yanked away again some day? I've already paid for my own domain at <http://BetweenThePerfs.com> and will continue to set up my former webs.com sites there. At least I own it. That said, there is the future pesky issue of what happens after I pass away? After all, buying a domain is based on yearly fees, so if my successors don't at least pay the domain fees, it will still all go away! Food for thought!

Make the editor's job easier! How? When submitting articles, please have it be in basic fonts. No fancy fonts or colors. Plain Arial or Times New Roman font of size 10 will suffice. Otherwise I'll just have to change it all to either of those 2 fonts (14 point Times New Roman for titles and 10 point Arial for the body of the article). I do this to have consistency in the newsletter.

## Coming Attractions

2023

<b>SEP. 26</b>	<b>MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting</b>
Program:	Club Auction
<b>OCT. 4</b>	<b>MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting</b>
Program:	Annual Picnic
<b>OCT. 7</b>	<b>MCSC - EXPO Planning Mtg</b>
Location	Dave's BBQ in Pantego
<b>OCT. 13-14</b>	<b>Dallas Fall Postcard Show</b>
Hilton Garden Inn, Bethany @ US75, Allen (admission)	
<b>OCT. 18</b>	<b>MCSC—EULESS Meeting</b>
Program:	Extended Show & Tell and philatelic discussions
<b>OCT. 24</b>	<b>MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting</b>
Program:	Club Picnic
<b>NOV. 1</b>	<b>MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting</b>
Program:	TBD
<b>NOV. 10 &amp; 11</b>	<b>MCSC Annual 36th EXPO</b>
Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 Main St, Grapevine, TX 76051. Friday: 10 to 5, Saturday: 9 to 4)	
<b>NOV. 15</b>	<b>MCSC—EULESS Meeting</b>
Program:	Extended Show & Tell and philatelic discussions
<b>NOV. 28</b>	<b>MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting</b>
Program:	TBD

## Secretary's Report

By Janet Moyer

### Applications Received:

Bruce Davis (#657)

### New Members:

n/a

### Reinstatements:

n/a

### Resignations:

Steven Gruhlke

### Membership Summary – September 20, 2023

Membership as of August 16, 2023	97
Applications Rec'd (counts as member next month)	1
New Members	0
Did Not Renew for 2023	( 0 )
Resignations	( 0 )
Deceased	( 0 )
Reinstatements	0
Membership as of September 20, 2023	97

## MCSC Granbury Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2023

by Stanley Christmas

### Call-To-Order:

- David Stockbridge called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM on August 22, 2023.

### Attendance:

- ...Included 2 guests that were in attendance.

### Show & Tell:

- Stanley Christmas and Bob Cole showed an Adams Airmail pickup cover from Charleston, WV. Bob told the story of how his father would go out to the Charleston airport and watch the airmail pickup and delivery.
- Ken Wills showed ISWSC monthly magazines and passed around extra copies that he had.
- Rick Howell said he had bulk MCSC stamps for sale from the mixture pick: 1 pound for \$10.00, ¼ pound for \$3.00, both US and foreign. The American Philatelic Research Library (APRL), from the APS, is now open to the public. All kinds of nice philatelic info is available, like the AMMS Air Post magazine from 1933 onwards.
- David Stockbridge showed a really old stamp pack from the Empire Stamp Company, Toronto, Canada that sold for 5¢ and contains 20 to 30 stamps.

### EXPO Announcements:

- Ralph Poore, EXPO Chairperson, said details of the last EXPO planning meeting, held August 12, 2023, are in the MCSC September newsletter. He appreciated the good attendance at the meeting. He said new items at EXPO will be that the Silent Auction stage will be lowered to the main floor level for easier access and there will be a banner displayed in the Silent Auction area that will say "Silent Auction" and the "50th Anniversary of the MCSC." 25 dealers have signed up for EXPO 2023. There will be no judged exhibits this year, but we will be advertising for exhibits in 2024. Richard Hildebrandt has volunteered to be the exhibits chairperson for 2024.

### Where-Am-I contest:

- Gary McNamee held the monthly "Where am I" contest and the correct country, Kazakhstan, was finally guessed by the group.

### Announcements:

- David Stockbridge announced Jim & Madeleine Myers could not be at the meeting as Jim had to prepare the TSDA bourse being held August 25 at the Doubletree Hotel in Richardson, Texas Friday (9-5) and Saturday (9-4).

### Program:

- The program was presented by Ken Wills on "Controlled Stamps". He showed examples of cancelled stamps and sheets he had received and how he acquired them. He puts the stamps and sheets on correspondence and packages, cancels them at the post office himself, and then mails the items to family and friends. He then asks them to return the stamps back to him. There was a lively discussion and sev-

## MCSC Arlington Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2023

By Janet Moyer

### Call-To-Order:

- President Ken Aldridge called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, welcoming all that were present.

### Reports:

- Judy Christmas gave the treasurer's report.
- Janet Moyer gave the secretary's report. There were no changes in the membership.

### EXPO Committees:

- Ralph Poore announced there would be three prizes for the raffle. If your ticket is drawn, you pick the prize you want then on to the next. You do not have to be present to win but you must be available by phone to make your pick.
  - The three choices will be:
    - A Penny Black donated by Tom Cunningham.
    - US C3 donated by Tom Cunningham.
    - D2K Artist print signed by the artist and a stamp with paperwork donated by Dave Stockbridge.
  - Judy Christmas explained the lunches would be \$14 each and would be ordered by Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, so get your orders in early! She has forms available.
  - Stan Christmas announced that there will be NO envelope stuffing after the picnic at the October meeting.

### Announcements:

- Circuit Books: Last month we sold over \$200 in APS books, so we did not have to pay the 10% commission.
- October Picnic: October will be the annual picnic. Judy Christmas passed around the sign-up sheet. Please let Judy know if you are coming and what you are bringing.
- Librarian Richard Hildebrandt announced the auction for the 20-21 Scott catalogues. The form will be in the newsletter. Please respond by October 27.

### AWARDS:

- President Ken Aldridge presented Skip Ely with the Spark Plug Award for his service above and beyond!!

### Show & Tell:

- Rich received two envelopes full of stamps in the club mailbox. If anyone knows anything about these, please let us know!
- Ken Aldridge shared information about "check washing". If you mail checks: Use a gel pen! Take your mail inside to mail it- do NOT put it in the big blue box.

### Gift Certificates:

- Four gift certificates were issued and the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

### Program:

- The club auction followed. We had a great auction!

eral antidotes given by the members on their experiences with controlled stamps.

### Door Prizes:

- Dave Stockbridge conducted the door prize drawing and \$10 gift certificates were won by Ralph & Patty Poore, Stanley Christmas and David Stockbridge.

### Adjournment:

- David adjourned the meeting around 8:30 PM.

## Werdenberg

By Peter Elias



Think of a country that is roughly twice the square area of the greater Dallas / Ft. Worth area. Now think of that area having around 500 castles & fortifications. Are you thinking of Switzerland yet?

Despite Switzerland having put various castles ("Schloss" in German) & fortifications ("Burg" in German) on their stamps over the years, I have yet to find a stamp that shows the Werdenberg Castle.

However, neighboring Liechtenstein has issued 2 stamps commemorating the count of Werdenberg ("Graf" in German) on Scott #386 from 1964 and also on a 1995 Frama ATM stamp.

So what do the Liechtenstein stamps have to do with Werdenberg

Castle located in Switzerland? For that you'll have to go WAY back to the Holy Roman Empire (roughly 800 to 1806 AD), when that area was a "county" (1230 to 1247) within the Holy Roman Empire, which included parts of what are now Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Austria.

The castle of Werdenberg was built around 1230 in what is now the Swiss town of "Grabs". It is a beautiful medieval castle, and well worth a visit if you're ever in Switzerland.

Roughly 23 years ago, on September 3, 2000, Annie & I visited the castle (see entry ticket above) and the village at the base of the castle grounds, as shown in the photo below. As you can tell, it was a rainy day, but I always enjoy visiting castles & fortifications (whether that's on St. Kitts, Switzerland, Germany & northern Wales).



There is way too much learn about Werdenberg Castle to write about here. Just search for it in your web browser. I also saw references to videos about Werdenberg Castle at YouTube; so even if you can't be there in person, you can get a good glimpse virtually!



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## Philatelic Greetings from Far East Texas

By Ray Cartier

Some of you might know that the reason that Karen and I moved to East Texas is because Karen developed Lewy Body Dementia. Our daughter and her husband asked us to jointly buy a home, large enough for us all to live together without being in each other's way, so that they could help me with her care giving. Karen's had a mild case of the disease for 4 or 5 years, but this year it's taken a sudden change for the worst.

I met a woman at the Longview bowling alley because she wore a shirt showing that she belonged to the "East Texas Authors Society". When she told me that they were going to have their 21<sup>st</sup> annual local author's book signing on November 4<sup>th</sup>, I signed Karen up for one of the 25 tables.

Karen's three books that are illustrated with postage stamps depicting fairy tales, folk tales, legends and island mythology, are her proudest achievement, and I wanted her to be able to get a dose of the pride that is rightfully hers because of her books. None of you know it, but when Karen finished "Tales by Mail – Book 1", we entered it in the 2001 Benjamin Franklin Award, book competition. She did GREAT, in that out of 15 categories among the Book Evaluations, she averaged 9.58 on a scale from 1 to 10 in the category of *Best First Book*. Then in the category of *Best New Voice*, she averaged 9.67. Finally, in the category of *Best Design*, she averaged 9.93. It was an outstanding success!

Someone gave a copy of her first book to Gwendolyn Jones, Professor Emerita at The College of New Jersey, who was also the President of the *National Story Teller's League*. She liked the book so well that she wrote to Karen to ask if she could write the "Foreword" to her 2<sup>nd</sup> book. In it she wrote, amongst other things, that this was "A wonderful collection of 32 folk tales, complete with splendid, glossy facsimiles of depicting the characters of the stories---". To that she added, "I recommend this book for its story quality and for its usefulness in promoting the National Story League's U.S. Postal League Project to Honor the art of Storytelling".

I'm hoping that Karen's dementia would still not be so severe by November that she wouldn't be able appear in person to get some pride in selling some of her books on November 4th and watching people skim through the images of stamps to get an idea of what was contained in the book's pages. I'll sit next to her at her table and assist her, and I have also made a 3-fold tabletop display board for her.

Just yesterday we were told that the local Junior High School, which is only a block away, was looking for local



## President's Message

By Ken Aldridge

At the September 6 meeting in Arlington, about 50 out of 70 lots were sold at the auction.

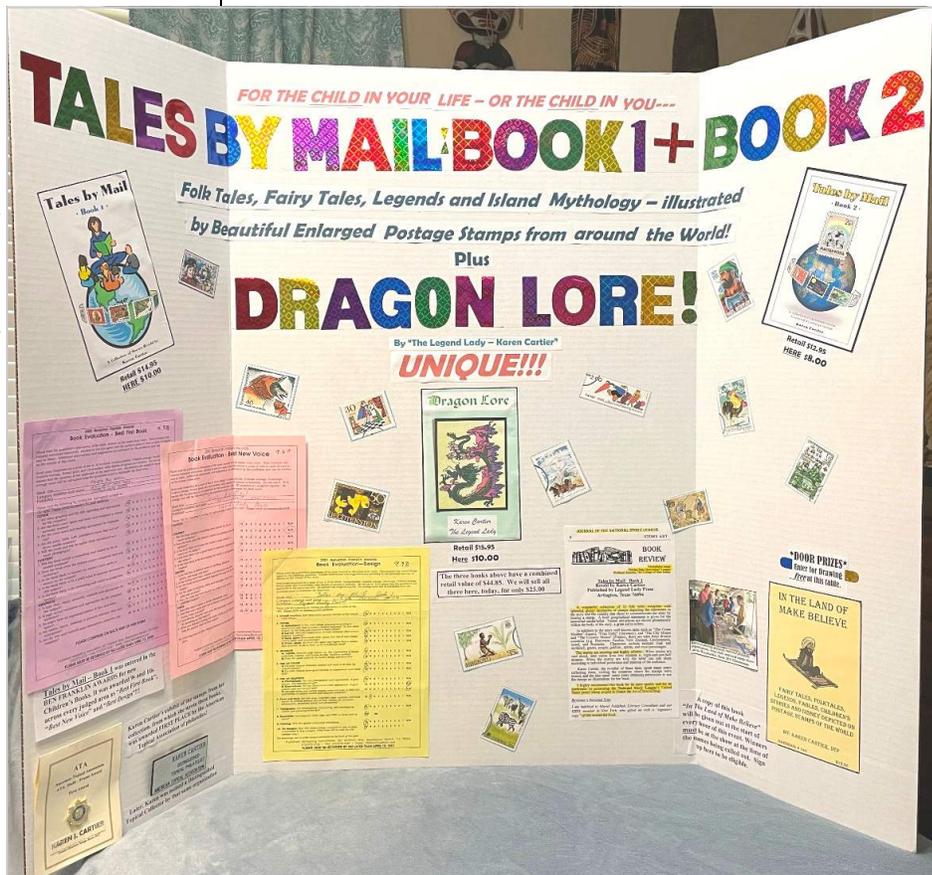
This year's annual "Spark Plug," award was presented to Skip Ely. He does all the meeting notices, handles our auctions and runs the Beginner's Table at EXPO.

The October meeting in Arlington will be our annual picnic. If you haven't signed up yet, contact Judy Christmas.

In the last newsletter was a form to bid on for the 2021 set of Scott's catalogs (1-6) and the 2021 Scott's Specialized. The deadline is October 27.

Someone told me they think with stamp collectors sometimes there's no difference between collecting and hoarding!

book authors to present information to students. Karen and I will both be giving presentations there as well. I think that I'll offer to start a youth stamp club there since I can't find any stamp collectors within 50 miles of all directions of Jefferson. I still have many of the glassine envelopes containing stamps that Skip sent to me a few months ago. I'd like to get a handful or more stamps on paper to teach the youth how to soak stamps. I'll try to accumulate other philatelic items to assist me in planting some philatelic seeds in the kids here.



EXPO 2023 Dealer Listing (sorted by Table Nr.)

#	Name	Company Name	Specialties	E-mail / Phone
1	<a href="#">Jeffrey Fishman</a>	<a href="#">Double J Stamps</a> PO Box 1127 Arlington Heights, IL 60006	SUPPLIES, Worldwide Sets and Singles U.S. Plate Blocks	<a href="mailto:double_j_stamps@yahoo.com">double_j_stamps@yahoo.com</a> 847-843-8700
2	<a href="#">Kurt Harding</a>	<a href="#">Stamp Center of Texas</a> 39350 IH-10 West #5, Boerne, TX 78006	Worldwide Stamps, World Postal History Collections, Souvenir Sheets	<a href="mailto:klingsor88@hotmail.com">klingsor88@hotmail.com</a> 210-240-4083
3	<a href="#">Steven Crippe</a>	<a href="#">Circle C Stamps</a> PO Box 308, Palmer, TX 75152	US and Worldwide Stamps	<a href="mailto:Scrippe@gmail.com">Scrippe@gmail.com</a> 214-980-2116
5	<a href="#">James (Jim) Myers</a>	<a href="#">stampsuniversal.com</a> PO Box 2047, Coppell, TX 75019	USA, Worldwide (Stamps, Souvenir Sheets, Full Sheets), Postal History & Stationery and MORE !	<a href="mailto:jasdmyers@earthlink.net">jasdmyers@earthlink.net</a> 972-304-1671
6	<a href="#">Byron Sandfield</a>	<a href="#">Park Cities Stamps</a> 6440 N. Central Expressway, #785 Dallas, TX 75206	US, US Postal History, US Locals & Carriers, World Collections	<a href="mailto:bsandfield@gmail.com">bsandfield@gmail.com</a> 214-361-4322
7	<a href="#">Kenneth Scheller</a>	<a href="#">The Stamp Connection</a> PO Box 63917, Pipe Creek, TX 78063-3917	US, British Empire, Europe & Colonies Worldwide, Topicals	<a href="mailto:thestampconnection@gmail.com">thestampconnection@gmail.com</a> 281-691-5911
8	<a href="#">Pat McElroy</a>	<a href="#">D &amp; P Stamps</a> 2220 Otay Lakes Road 502-411 Chula Vista, CA 91914	Portugal & Colonies, France & Colonies Italy & Colonies, British Colonies, Latin America, Worldwide	<a href="mailto:pat@dpstamps.com">pat@dpstamps.com</a> 619-987-1019
9	<a href="#">Scott Couch</a>	<a href="#">Tiger Collectibles</a> 33247 Monroe Road #332 Stoutsville, MO 65283	US #1 to current, BOB, Revenues, Possessions, Postal History, Early Plate Blocks, Better FDCs, Postal History -- Just ask!!	<a href="mailto:tigercollect@sbcglobal.net">tigercollect@sbcglobal.net</a> 816-405-3633
10	<a href="#">Jonathan Topper</a>	<a href="#">Topper Stamps &amp; Postal History</a> 13100 Wortham Center Drive, Ste. 300 Houston, TX 77065	Country Collection Lots, Postal History	<a href="mailto:jonathan@topperstamps.com">jonathan@topperstamps.com</a> 832-518-6558
11	<a href="#">Labron Harris</a>	<a href="#">Labron Harris Postal History</a> PO Box 739, Glen Echo, MD 20812-0739	US and Worldwide Postal History	<a href="mailto:labronharr@aol.com">labronharr@aol.com</a> 240-447-3769
12	<a href="#">Charles Deaton</a>	<a href="#">Charles Deaton</a> PO Box 27408, Houston, TX 77227	US and Foreign Stamps, Postal History Collection Lots	<a href="mailto:cwdeaton@aol.com">cwdeaton@aol.com</a> 713-927-9948
13	<a href="#">Thomas Cunningham</a>	<a href="#">Cunningham Philatelics</a> P.O. Box 863237 Plano, TX 75086-3237	US, US B-O-B, US Possessions, Confederate States, Canada, British, Ireland, World Pre 1940, Country Collections, Covers, Appraisals	<a href="mailto:CunninghamStamps@aol.com">CunninghamStamps@aol.com</a> 214-546-1179
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20	<a href="#">David Cobb</a>	<a href="#">Newport Harbor Stamp Co.</a> P.O. Box 3364 Newport Beach, CA 92659	U.S. Classics, Plate Blocks, Errors	<a href="mailto:newportharbor-stamps@gmail.com">newportharbor-stamps@gmail.com</a> 800-722-1022 949-701-3392
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22	<a href="#">Kyle Nybo</a>	<a href="#">Kyle Nybo Stamps, LLC</a> 1238 E. 11000 S., Sandy, UT 84094	US & Worldwide Stamps Collection Lots	<a href="mailto:nybostamp@gmail.com">nybostamp@gmail.com</a> <a href="tel:801-550-8138">801-550-8138</a>
23	<a href="#">Steve Carpenter</a>	<a href="#">Carpenter Collectibles</a> 3812 Oak Park Drive Flower Mound, TX 75028	US Sheets, Plate Blocks, Covers, Memorabilia Uncut Press Sheets, USPS Stationery and Collectibles, Postal Art & Posters, Fleetwood Proof Cards	<a href="mailto:SJCarp22@verizon.net">SJCarp22@verizon.net</a> 214-240-9653
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## TV Philately: A Million Miles Away

By Peter Elias

In September 2023, Amazon Prime released the movie "A Million Miles Away". It is the inspirational story of Jose Hernandez, the first migrant farm worker to become a NASA astronaut.

The movie follows Jose over several decades, from a child in the rural village in Michoacán, Mexico; to picking fruits & vegetables in California's San Joaquin Valley, to being a flight engineer aboard the Space Shuttle Mission STS-128 in 2009 (when he also stayed on the ISS (International Space Station) for 2 weeks.



This movie is about determination. As an elementary school child, he told his teacher that he wanted to be an astronaut. And he did in the end! His inspiration was that he heard on the radio (while working in the fields when he was a senior in high school) that Franklin Chang-Diaz (of Costa Rican descent) was chosen for the Astronaut Corps (making him the first Hispanic astronaut). Jose trained in all sorts of disciplines, worked as an engineer at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (where he helped co-develop the first full-field digital mammography imaging system).

He applied at NASA 11 times in the 1990's and early 2000's and was rejected every time before delivering the 12th application in person. In the screen shot above, at around 59 minutes 48 seconds into the movie, we see him depositing one of the applications in a USPS blue mailbox. It doesn't state exactly when this was, but my guess is either 2000 or 2001.

Since what is portrayed is an outgoing piece of mail, there are of course no postmarks present. The envelope shows 2 stamps paying the domestic 1 ounce rate of 34¢ (which would have been correct for 2001, and it was paid by a 32¢ & a 2¢ stamp. What puzzles me is the use of the particular stamps shown.

It is possible that he would have had some older stamps from 1995, such as the 32¢ William T. Sherman stamp (Scott #2975q); but the use of 1937 2¢ Navy stamp (Scott #791) featuring Stephen Decatur and Thomas MacDonough kind of baffles me. Unless you're a stamp collector (which I don't think Jose was..), this is not just a random 2¢ stamp that someone would have available to use.

Is there some significance to these stamps being used on this application sent to NASA? I don't know my US history well enough to know whether that plays into anything here. My guess is that the props department simply grabbed something to use in order to end up with the 34¢ that was the rate at the time, but surely they could



have found a more current 2¢ stamp...

As usual though, these don't appear to be real stamps, but some sort of reprints. The first clue is that neither stamp shows any sort of regular perforations. They seem to be either roughly cut (or possibly rouletted as on the 32¢ stamp).

So I decided to make a scan of my own stamps of these designs, which are shown in actual size above.

The first thing I see is that the image of the 2¢ stamp appears a bit stretched horizontally. Also, the color is a bit off, with a totally different shade of red.

On the 32¢ stamp, the colors are also off a bit, the uniform appears more "bluish" in nature, compared to the medium gray in the real stamp. On the fake stamp, the button on the coat are a much lighter, almost whitish shade, while on the real stamp they golden colored.

As far as the addresses go, the NASA address in Houston seems to be the correct one. However, the return address doesn't exist. While Jose and his family did live in Stockton, California, the street address shown of 320 Newton Street does NOT exist. There is a "Newton Road" though, but the street numbers there are in the 4000's, and the Zip Code is 95205. Newton Road appears to be an industrial neighborhood, not residential (I checked this on Google Maps). On the envelope, it also shows a Zip Code of 50309, which would be Des Moines, Iowa, not Stockton, California!

So, although the NASA address was correct and the postage amount shown was correct, the use of that old 2¢ stamp is questionable, and none of the stamps are the real thing! So as usual, they didn't quite get it 100% right ... But as you know, that envelope only appears on screen for about a second, you can only make out details if you pause the screen. In any case, I can highly recommend watching this movie.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:jasdmyers@earthlink.net) 5/15

## 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](mailto: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. Contact Peter Elias at [info@stvincentstamps.com](mailto:info@stvincentstamps.com) 8/14

## Unintentional Machine Cancels

By Ken Wills

Here are a few “unintentional” results from machine cancels.



The giant Panda ends up with a baby Panda!



A home run! Very appropriate for a baseball stadium stamp!

## 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](http://www.kenwills.net) Contact me at [wills@airmail.net](mailto:wills@airmail.net). Happy hunting! 3/19

**Philatelic Reference CD's.** The following self-running, philatelic reference CD's, each containing hundreds of scans, are now available:

- [APC Conversions 2012-2014](#) (NY2016 Vermeil Award!)
- [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!)
- [St. Vincent Philatelic Reference Scans](#) (1,700 items!!)
- [St. Vincent Postcards](#) (300+ postcards from 1900 to 2007)
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Special MCSC Member price is only \$ 6.95 each (Regular price is \$14.95 to \$19.95).. Contact [peter@pcelias.com](mailto:peter@pcelias.com) 7/23

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The “royal” is seen wearing “glasses” due to placement of the machine cancel.

## Granbury Auction Items – September 26, 2023

1. Binder with over 200 mint & used stamp of Croatia war years.	\$8
2. Binder of QEII Coronation from several British Colonies	\$6
3. WW Collection in Modern Album w 100's of mint & used stamps, Great beginner collection.	\$5
4. WW Album in International Album for 1940-1950 w 100's of mint & used stamps.	\$9
5. Citation WW album w 100's, maybe 1000's, of mint & used stamps from US to Finland	\$22
6. 15 page binder with WW stamps, several 100's	\$5
7. Large binder with album page for countries H – L, maybe 1000's of stamps mint & used	\$9
8. Red stock book full of stamps from Norway, 100's in Scott order and labeled, mostly used	\$8
9. Large 3 ring binder full of stamps mounted by country "S" Salvador to "T" Thailand.	\$10
10. 11 pages of Belgium M&U, 1 page Christmas I & Caicos, 11 pages Nauru mostly Mint lots of sets	\$30
11. Binder full of pages w stamps for C-G countries, heavy in Costa Rica, Ecuador, & France	\$6
12. M&U stamps from French colonies in clean stockbook. Est. cat value \$200	\$10
13. WW – Large stockbook full of stamps from Baltic countries, Lichtenstein, Hungary, Lebanon, Ethiopia	\$25
14. Sports – large mint sheet file with several sheets w multiple copies of Monaco Olympic sheets	\$5
15. WW & US – 30 WW sheetlet & pains plus over \$20 of US postage in booklets & partial sheets	\$20
16. US - Postcard Booklet of 20 Olympic games (pre-stamped 20 cents each), cat value \$55	\$5
17. US - Legends of Baseball postcards (20) plus Baseball's Legendary Playing Fields postcard booklet of 10	\$5
18. US - 80 unused post cards pre-stamped 1988-2001, cat value \$42.85	\$2
19. US - Wrappers w405 (2) & W486 (16) cat val. \$34	\$2
20. US - 1875 Liberty PC2 cards, 145 cards cat. val. \$79.25	\$2
21. UN -Lighthouse UN Album 1961-83 complete w mint stamps plus several stock pages w UN stamps	\$10
22. US – 3 ring binder full of multiple US stamps 1923 – 1940 used plus stamps from Mexico and Canada\$4	
23. US – Book "Pictorial Treasury of US Stamps" \$19.95, Lovely pictures of US stamps up to 1964	\$2
24. US – Mostly used US stamps & covers with few non US mixture	\$1
25. UN – UN Envelopes used and mint for 1983-1989 with a few FDC's	\$2
26. US – Mint US stamps in stockbook from 1939-53, several1914 Washington 1 &2 cent booklet pages	\$3
27. Scott's price list from 1939 (84 years ago) Historical Document	\$1
28. US – Red dealer box with used US to Scott 950 in Scott order in glassines	\$10
29. US – Red dealer box with used US Scott 951 to 1199 in order in glassines	\$10
30. US – Red dealer box with used US stamps Scott 1200 to 1449 in order in glassines	\$10
31. US – Red dealer box with used US stamps Scott 1450 to 1849 in order in glassines	\$10
32. US – Red dealer box with used US stamps Scott 1850 to 2499 in order in glassines	\$10
33. US – Red dealer box with used US stamps Scott 2500 to B.O.B. in order in glassines	\$10
34. WW – Over 1 lb. of WW stamps on & off paper, ready for sorting	\$3
35. WW – Over 1 lb. of WW stamps on & off paper, ready for sorting	\$3
36. WW – Over 1 lb. of WW stamps on & off paper, ready for sorting	\$3
37. British Empire – 100's of mint & used stamps from over 130 British colonies & countries	\$30
38. WW – Box of over 30 covers, some FDC's, and over 30 glassines w stamps, m&u, heavy British Col.	\$10
39. US – Mint mixture of US material in Mystery box	\$4
40. US – Mint and used mixture of US material in Mystery Box	\$4
41. WW – Worldwide mixture of mint & used material in Mystery Box	\$4
42. WW – Worldwide mixture of mint & used material in Mystery Box	\$4
43. WW – Worldwide mixture of mint & used material in Mystery Box	\$4
44. US & WW – 4 Mystery boxes, 1 w US mint, 1 w US postal cards mostly mint, 2 with WW material	\$6
45. Envelopes – box full of envelopes about half with unused cards for various occasions	\$1
46. WW – Over 1 lb. of worldwide stamps some on paper, ready for sorting	\$3
47. Australia, Thailand, & Jamaica – 3 packets of used stamps from 3 countries in small wooden file box	\$3
48. Br. Solomon Is., Barbados, & Hong Kong – Box full of glassines w stamps from 3 countries mint & used	\$5
49. WW – Cigar box full of souvenir sheets, FDC, packets of mint & used stamps & Misc. items	\$5
50. WW – Several 100's in glassines with box full of used and mint, several high value	\$10
51. China – Stockbook full of old China, used	\$4
52. GB & British Colonies – over 75 glassines full of stamps in box covered in stamps from GB & Colonies	\$10
53. WW – Over 50 glassines and cards with stamps, mint & used from all over the world \$100 in cat value	\$10
54. France – 2 sheets w stamps from France & Romania w cat value of over \$60	\$5
55. Canada – 2 closed sales pages w stamps from Canada w cat value of over \$44	\$4
56. Italy – 2 closed sales pages w stamps from Italy w cat value of over \$110.	\$9
57. Luxembourg, Netherlands, Sweden – 2 pg + 1 book of Luxembourg + pg for both Sweden &Netherlands	\$4

--> See next page for additional lots

## Granbury Auction Items – September 26, 2023 (continued)

58.	Austria – 2 pages of stamps from Austria w cat value of almost \$50	\$4
59.	Greece/Cyprus – 2 pages with stamps from Greece w few from Cyprus w cat value of almost \$60	\$5
60.	Great Britain – 2 sheets full of stamps from GB plus a few from Ireland w cat value of almost \$90	\$6
61.	Great Britain – single sheet full of old (1881-1952) stamps of GB w cat value of over \$135	\$9
62.	British Empire – Mixture of stamps, covers, envelopes, & misc. material from British Empire	\$6
63.	World Wide – 100's of stamps all before 1940, Mostly So. Am, Germany & Hungary	\$3
64.	Canada – Classic set of 1928-9 #149-159, used, w cat. value \$199	\$30
65.	UK – High values 249, 249A, 250, 251A, 1230-1233 & 1478, used, (9 stamps) cat value \$33.80	\$5
66.	US – 1 <sup>st</sup> Parcel Post issues of 1913, Q1-Q5, Q7, & Q8 used (7 stamps) cat value \$65.60	\$10
67.	Hungary – Hard Cover Album up to 1957 w lots of stamps, several Complete sets MNH, cat over \$600	\$40
68.	Haiti – Topical, Birds on stamps, large number of CTO's	\$1
69.	WW – Stockbook w/stamps from Canada, UN, Argentina, Columbia, & more, mint & used few 100	\$2
70.	WW – Binder w/18 pages of stamps mint & used from Cocos I, Japan, US, Germany, & many more	\$6
71.	US – Postal Comm. Society Binder w 15 FDC's from 1980	\$1
72.	Europe – Collection of almost 2000 stamps, mostly European counties, mostly used, homemade album	\$8
73.	GB – Collection of almost 450 stamps from Britain & Colonies, incl. India, NZ, Australia, S. Africa, Ceylon	\$3
74.	Asia – Collection of over 450 stamps from Asian countries incl. China, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Persia	\$3
75.	WW – Collection of over 2000 stamps, mostly used several extra pages and lots of loose stamps	\$8
76.	WW – Basic starter collection with several 100's of stamps in 1" album	\$3
77.	WW – 1940-1949 Mint & used, strong in China, France, Hungary, Rumania, & a little of everything else	\$5
78.	WW – International Jr. Album up to 1940, 100's of mint & used stamps,	\$6
79.	WW – Binder 22 pages of Canada (multiples), 10 pages of Belgium, 14 pages mixed US, France, & others	\$2
80.	US – 1986 Presidential Mint Set in USPS folder w Presidential write-ups, incl. mounting frames cat \$26	\$8
81.	Poland – 2 envelopes with 1966 special cancelation for 20 <sup>th</sup> Ann. Of Polish Industry nationalization	\$1
82.	WW – Small box w/100's of stamps, No US or Europe, all clean off paper, colorful assortment	\$5

--> Anyone not able to attend the auction may submit bids to Dave Stockbridge at [stockdave44@yahoo.com](mailto:stockdave44@yahoo.com) before September 25th and Dave will bid for you. Provide Dave the Item number and the maximum amount you are willing to pay and Dave will start the bidding at the minimum and bid until you get the item or the bid goes above your maximum.



### EXPO 2023 Theme

By Judy Christmas

In case you have not heard, the theme for this year's EXPO is the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and as such, the Club's board of directors has decided to celebrate it.

There will be no cachet this year, since the Post Office is no longer a part of our EXPO.

Another change this year is that there will be no exhibits. No one stepped up this year to run the exhibits, so the Board decided not to have them. But they will be back next year, as Richard Hildebrant, has stepped forward to take on this position.

Volunteers **ARE** needed for the show though. Janet Moyer has been passing around a sign-up sheet at all meetings. If you have not yet signed up, please do so. You do not need to have any special skills, just a smile will do, plus it gives you a chance to get to know others in the Club.

*[Editor's Note: Despite there being no judged exhibits at this show, we will have 4 frames (2x A-frames) available for mini-exhibits - generally 1 or 4 pages - so that visitors will have some interesting philatelic material to view as they are coming or going from EXPO. These frames will be in the entry area between the double-doors and the registration table]*



### MCSC ANNUAL PICNIC!!

By Judy Christmas

The Club's Annual Picnic will be held on the patio of the Bob Duncan Community Center prior to the October 4, 2023, Arlington meeting.

The Club will provide hot dogs, drinks and utensils. For those who will be attending, we ask that you bring a covered dish.

A sign-up sheet has been passed around at all September meetings, Arlington, Euless and Granbury. If you were not able to attend any of these meetings, and would like to attend, just send me an e-mail message at [judy66@swbell.net](mailto:judy66@swbell.net) or give me a call at 817-996-6112.

Some dishes that have been brought in the past included salads (tossed, Jell-O, fruit), beans, casserole dishes of all kinds, fruit plates, deviled eggs (which always go fast so make plenty) chips & dip and all sorts of desserts.

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

We will begin gathering around 5:00 PM with eating to begin at 5:30 PM. If you have any questions, please contact either Judy Christmas at (817) 996-6112 or David Stockbridge at (817) 573-7168.

## The Underground

By Peter Elias

So what do you do for Valentine's Day? Why, you go to London of course (you know, the one in England, not Texas)!

But why London? Simple. In 1999, my (at that time, future wife) Annie & I went on a trip to Switzerland and we flew American Airlines from Dallas to London, and then on British Airways on to Frankfurt (for the simple reason that American doesn't fly direct to Switzerland from Dallas, only from Chicago, and on an overnight flight like this, I didn't really feel like switching planes).

That said, at the time of booking the flight, American offered a free 2nd ticket to London to be used at a future time (by end of March 2000). The initial trip was around September 1999. We decided to use our free trip for a couple of days in London during Valentine's Day (and hoped for good weather in London, and it was actually pretty decent ...).

While I like to drive (and had driven in England before in 1986), driving in London (like most other major European cit-

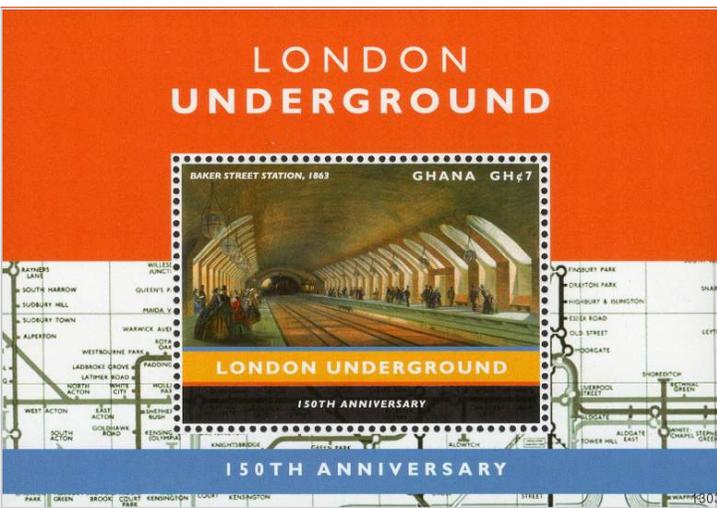


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Annie Elias

ies) is a pain, not to mention expensive.

So what better way to get around than the "Underground" (or "The Tube" as it is nicknamed), as that is what they call the London subway system? But it decidedly did NOT look like how it is depicted below on Ghana #2738 (from 2013), as that depicts the Underground as it was back in the Victorian days... It looked exactly like the picture above that has me in it, taken at the Shepherd's Bush station on Feb. 13, 2000.

We used the Tube every day while sightseeing in London. And as always, I try to save my tickets from trips, and here is one from Valentine's Day 2000!



This ticket also shows the Millennium Dome, an interior picture of which is shown below.



So what is the Millennium Dome? It housed a major exhibition to celebrate the beginning of the 3rd millennium. According to Wikipedia, as of 2022, it is the 9th largest building in the world as far as usable interior space goes, and is about 1,200 feet across. The exhibition ran the entire year in 2000 and they had some pretty interesting shows & exhibits from what I remember. But it was deemed a failure as it only attracted about 1/2 of the expected 12 million visitors that the press had expected. The exhibition elements have since been dismantled and sold, and while the building was destined to be demolished, it was decided to preserve it. Regardless, it was an interesting place to visit, after all, experiencing "Y2K" was a once



-in-a-lifetime event. To read up more on the Millennium Dome, visit: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Millennium\\_Dome](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Millennium_Dome)

We did of course visit other places in London during our trip.

The Underground first opened in 1863 using steam locomotives (which must have been horrible under ground...) and in 1890 started using electric traction trains. Even though it is called the "Underground", only about 45% of the current system is "under ground". The system now comprises 11 different subway lines with a total of 250 miles.

The logo of the "Underground" is a red circle bisected by a blue rectangle with white text, as shown on the label on the right (which is attached to a Great Britain #2028A). I literally just found this a couple of



weeks ago while perusing one of the donation lots to the club! More info can be found at: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/London\\_Underground](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/London_Underground).

So far, I've been on 3 different subway systems: New York City (2016), London (2000) and Paris (1991 - and that would be a future article). That said, while Dallas' "DART" light rail transit system is not a subway system, it does actually have an underground station at the Cityplace / Uptown station (which allows you to connect to the old 1920's trams in Dallas!). So that actually makes it 4 different "under grounds" I've been to!

In the meantime, "[Mind The Gap](#)" (as they state on all the Underground train platforms), and I did!

# MCSC Euleless Meeting Minutes September 20, 2023

By Janet Moyer

## Call-To-Order:

- Vice President Stanley Christmas called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

## In attendance:

- Three guests: Bruce Davis, Christi Ayles and Kayla, were in attendance along with 8 members:  
Stanley Christmas      Judy Christmas      Peter Elias  
Janet Moyer              Skip Ely              Tom Turner  
Ken Wills

## Committee Reports:

- Vice-President - Stanley Christmas reported there was no president's report.
- Treasurer - Judy Christmas reported that the tables for the EXPO are paid for.
- Secretary - Janet Moyer reported the minutes were posted in the newsletter. No membership changes.
- Skip Ely had both APS and club sales books available.
- EXPO - The next planning meeting will be Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM at Dave's BBQ in Pantego.
  - Judy announced she has lunch applications and will accept orders until Monday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> (also see this newsletter).
  - Janet told that there are three 3 prizes for the raffle at EXPO. Be present in person or by phone to win.
- Newsletter Editor - Peter Elias has the newsletter ready except for a few last items. He also mentioned that the ads for EXPO should be appearing in the Linn's Stamp News.

## Show & Tell:

- Tom Turner: A mourning cover with a die-cut message card inside and another mourning envelope with a Confederate stamp on a USA envelope.
- Rick Howell: A set of Great Britain definitive stamps with King Charles.
- Ken Wills: An old cover with beautiful Calligraphy and a bag of stamps that have an OY Scott number prefix from New Zealand (these are New Zealand Life Insurance stamps).
- Stanley Christmas: Showed a cover.
- Peter Elias:
  - A flyer from his son's school for a stamp club in 2008.
  - A reprint of a newsletter with the comic removed and an insert to fill the void with paraphrased text.
  - A picture of a stamp in an ad for whiskey.
  - Several of Artcraft first day covers that had the original glue bleeding through to the front of the envelope (thus ruining them)
  - Albanian & Greek envelopes with the stamps stacked on top of each other.
  - Several covers marked "X RAYED - CLEARED FOR DELIVERY" on them. These were all addressed to a Federal District Judge at his courthouse address in Louisiana.
  - Several envelopes with counterfeit CVP (computer vended postage) on NetStamps labels (which had also been addressed to the judge mentioned in the previous sentence)!

## Gift Certificates:

- Two certificates were awarded: to Bruce and Judy.

## Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

## Next Meeting:

- The next Euleless meeting will be October 18, 2023 at 7:30 PM.

# Uncollectible Stamps

By Peter Elias

So what do you do with "uncollectible stamps"? By that I mean those that are considered "space fillers" at best or just totally ruined beyond what any collector would want to have grace their albums?

As I go through various boxes of stamps, especially those that I use for mailed-in give-away requests, I try to catch items that just shouldn't go to beginning collectors, after, I wouldn't that them to think that poor condition is "ok"...

So if it is super heavily cancelled, thinned, torn, has short perfs, I will toss these stamps into some blue mushroom bins. I had ended up with about 2 or 3 bins of these (so probably one or two thousand stamps).

There is a use for these kind of stamps, such as in "decoupage" (decorating boxes by gluing stamps on them, something which I normally do NOT encourage, except in the case of stamps are already ruined).

But how to get these into the hands of someone that can use them? A weekend ago (Sept. 17), I saw an article in the Dallas Morning News

about a place that tries to provide affordable "art supplies" (in the Oak Cliff area) called "Pegasus Creative Reuse", which had just been open for 3 weeks and donated the stamps to them, and hopefully they can sell them to anyone with an art project! Who knows, it may spawn a future collector!



## EXPO Volunteers Are Needed

By Judy Christmas

EXPO 2023 is just about here, and we are very short on volunteers! Please fellow members, sign up at one of the meetings this month. We are only asking for two hours of your time. Even if you think you can't help if you feel you do not have enough knowledge about stamps, please be assured that being an expert on stamps is not necessary. Just being willing to help your Club is all that is needed.

Most of the volunteer positions do not require an extended knowledge of stamps, just a willingness to help and have fun.

We need help also before the show on Thursday evening (November 9) for set up and on Saturday (November 11) after the show for tear-down. You may be needed for longer than two hours during these times.

Some of the areas that need volunteers are as follows:

- Security - Ken Aldridge is the chairperson. He needs helpers from set-up on Thursday evening to take-down on Saturday during tear down (starting at 4 PM).
- Chance Board - Patty Poore is chairperson and needs lots of helpers. This is a fun station to work at as you will be dealing with many kids. Here you will receive such enjoyment of helping future philatelists.
- Beginners Area - Skip Ely is the chairperson. This is a very active area.

So please - won't you come out on the 2nd weekend of November and help your Club put on the best show ever?

## EXPO Volunteer Lunch Orders

By Judy Christmas

Club Members,

If you want a box lunch from Jason's Deli, I will need your order before the EXPO begins. The cost for a Box Lunch has gone up this year to \$14.00, but we now have a choice of a cheese with the sandwich. Your lunch will include a sandwich, chips, napkin, and a drink. **Please use a separate form for EACH lunch ordered and a SEPARATE sheet for each day. I need ALL orders by November 6<sup>th</sup> as I will be placing the order on the 7<sup>th</sup>.**

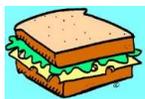
Please fill out the forms below (1 page covers both 2 days) and email them to me at ([judy66@swbell.net](mailto:judy66@swbell.net)) or if you would like to pay with your order send the order form(s) to Judy Christmas, 6228 Roaring Springs Drive, North Richland Hills, TX 76180-5556 along with your payment. I will circulate on Thursday evening (November 9) during EXPO set up to collect the money for those who want to pay for their lunches at that time.

Thank you so much! We look forward to seeing you at the EXPO.

--> **Please use the updated forms below; do NOT use the forms previously published in the September newsletter! These lunches are only for EXPO volunteers; drinks will be available in the break room.**

### FRIDAY order (November 10)

Circle each choice.



#### **SANDWICH:**

Please circle your **choice of meat:**

Ham  
Turkey  
Roast Beef  
Tuna Salad  
Chicken Salad

Please circle your **choice of bread:**

Multigrain Wheat  
Country White Marbled Rye

Please circle your **choice of Cheese:**

American  
Cheddar  
Swiss

#### **DESSERT:**

Please circle your **choice of Dessert:**

Cranberry Walnut Oatmeal Cookie  
Chocolate Chip Cookie  
Fudge-Nut Brownie

**Sandwich + Chips + Dessert - \$14.00**

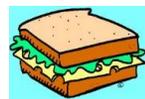
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Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please fill out separate form for each day  
that a lunch is wanted*

### SATURDAY order (November 11)

Circle each choice.



#### **SANDWICH**

Please circle your **choice of meat:**

Ham  
Turkey  
Roast Beef  
Tuna Salad  
Chicken Salad

Please circle your **choice of bread:**

Multigrain Wheat  
Country White Marbled Rye

Please circle your **choice of Cheese:**

American  
Cheddar  
Swiss

#### **DESSERT**

Please circle your **choice of Dessert:**

Cranberry Walnut Oatmeal Cookie  
Chocolate Chip Cookie  
Fudge-Nut Brownie

**Sandwich + Chips + Dessert - \$14.00**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## MEET & EAT for

### October 2023

by Judy & Stanley Christmas

"Meet & Eats" are held before our club meetings. All club members and their guests are welcome. We will gather at 5:00 PM and 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 to 6:30 PM with the Arlington new meeting start time now being at 7:00 PM rather than 7:30 PM.

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

--> See updates for mask policies as published or announced by local, regional & state authorities or individual restaurants.

### ARLINGTON

October 4 Arlington Picnic (@Bob Duncan Center)

### EULESS

October 18 Red, Hot & Blue  
9143 Grapevine Hwy #620  
North Richland Hills, TX 76180  
(817) 605-1333

### GRANBURY

October 24 Club Picnic

## Wanted to Buy

Texas Precancel Stamps. Contact Rick Howell at [Rick.howell1@tx.rr.com](mailto:Rick.howell1@tx.rr.com)

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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](mailto:jmhstamp@verizon.net) 2/15

Various USA Scott #C2 & C3 on covers & cards are needed for my U.S Air Mail collection. Please forward scans of the covers / cards along with asking price(s) to Don Jones at [adjaams@aol.com](mailto:adjaams@aol.com) Thank you. 2/21

## For Sale

FREE 111-page (all varieties) or 26-page album (basic version) of Spanish ATM stamps (provided as a PDF file) with purchase of at least \$4.00 in Spanish ATM stamps (which are only 15¢ each!) Contact Peter Elias at [peter@pcelias.com](mailto:peter@pcelias.com) 1/21

United States Booklets. large selection of unexploded booklets for sale at just above face value. Starting with booklet #BK104 to #BK259. Identify booklet number desired and send an email to Dave Stockbridge at [stockdave44@yahoo.com](mailto:stockdave44@yahoo.com) .

Dave will send you a price, if booklet is available and payment instructions. 4/23

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**Don't Forget:**  
**EXPO Planning Mtg - Oct. 7**  
**Dallas Fall Postcard Show - Oct. 13 - 14**