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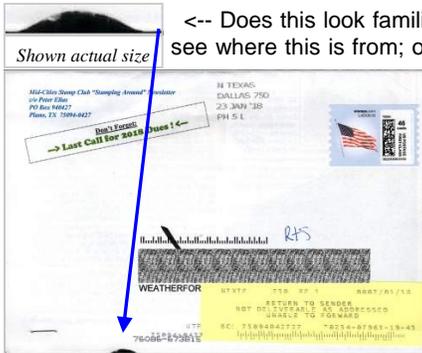
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USPS Mail Handling Damage

By Peter Elias

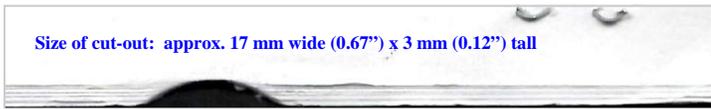


<-- Does this look familiar to you? Below you can see where this is from; on the bottom of the February 2018 newsletter.

I have come across this "circular cut-out" on the bottom of my mail many times in the past.

So what causes this? Obviously it happens somewhere during the USPS automated mail handling process in one of their facilities.

But what exactly causes this is unknown to me. Best I can figure is that an envelope is resting on top of a rapidly turning "roller" of some sort, that man-



Size of cut-out: approx. 17 mm wide (0.67") x 3 mm (0.12") tall

aged to cut a partial circle into the bottom of the mail piece.

Above is another look (cropped & magnified) of the reverse side of the newsletter above. It shows that this is a clean cut of a partial circle at the bottom of the newsletter (which has the various pages offset slightly due to 5+ sheets of paper being folded and then sta-



pled - but that doesn't matter).

Below are two more examples, the first one on an SASE that I had sent to someone and the second on an envelope sent me back



in 2014. They both show shows circular cut-outs, but not as cleanly. While it appears that all of these are items that are fairly wide mail pieces (i.e.: 8½" to 9"), it also happens to smaller envelopes such as the one at top right. This was on a Spanish ATM stamp issued at the Taipei 2023 International Stamp Exhibition. Unfortunately the damage does reduce the value of this item a bit, but it does show that it was actually mailed. Note: The envelope shows a "Tarifa C" rate, which should technically be "Tarifa D". The deficiency in postage is on the back with an additional €0.35 in postage. The envelope was probably carried back to Spain from the Taiwan show by Correos and then mailed from there to the US.

It would be great if someone from the USPS could shed some light as to how & what damages these envelopes during mail handling; as this could also result in items inside the envelope to get a small "cut-out", such as documents, photographs and of course stamps that might be at the bottom of the envelope.

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Editor's Forum

By Peter Elias

As I occasionally go through my old photo albums, it never ceases to amaze me how many more items I'm finding that end up making for nice philatelic "travelogue" items (aka: "Been There..."). In this month's issue, going through old photos of our 1999 & 2000 London trips, I found inspiration, as well as all the way back to a 1993 trip to Barbados.

Generally, there are 2 ways to approach the "Been There..." articles: 1) you find a stamp and go "yup, been there..." and then hope you have a photo or other illustration to go with it, or 2) while perusing old photo albums, you find a picture of a place you visited and then wonder if there's a stamp to go with it. In my case, both of the above...

The entries for the EXPO "mini-exhibit" frames are now closed and submitted to Stan for listing in the EXPO program.

USPS To Raise Rates in 2024

By Peter Elias

The USPS announced that they would be raising postage rates again on January 21, 2024, subject to approval by the PRC (Postal Rate Commission).

First Class postage is set to increase from 66¢ to 68¢ and International First Class (1 ounce) is to increase from \$1.50 to \$1.55. Other rates will probably increase as well; I'll try to publish a synopsis in the January 2024 newsletter (due out in mid-December 2023).

Coming Attractions

2023

OCT. 24 **MCSC — LAKE GRANBURY Meeting**
Program: Club Picnic
NOV. 1 **MCSC — ARLINGTON Meeting**
Program: TBD
NOV. 10 & 11 **MCSC 36th Annual EXPO**
Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 Main St, Grapevine, TX 76051. Friday: 10 to 5, Saturday: 9 to 4) --> FREE!
NOV. 15 **MCSC — EULESS Meeting**
Program: Extended Show & Tell and philatelic discussions
NOV. 28 **MCSC — LAKE GRANBURY Meeting**
Program: TBD
DEC. 6 **MCSC — ARLINGTON Meeting**
Program: Christmas Party
DEC. 8 & 9 **TSDA Bourse**
Bluebonnet Room, DoubleTree Hotel, 1981 N Central Ewy, Richardson, TX 75081 (SW corner of US75 & Campbell Rd)
DEC. 20 **MCSC — EULESS Meeting**
--> NO MEETING THIS MONTH! See you in 2024!
DEC. 26 **MCSC — LAKE GRANBURY Meeting**
--> NO MEETING THIS MONTH! See you in 2024!

Secretary's Report

By Janet Moyer

Applications Received:

Ann Zimmer-Sheperd (658)

Jackie Goodwin (#659)

New Members:

Bruce Davis (#657)

Reinstatements:

n/a

Resignations:

n/a

Membership Summary – October 18, 2023

Membership as of September 20, 2023	97
Applications Rec'd (counts as member next month)	2
New Members	1
Did Not Renew for 2023	(0)
Resignations	(0)
Deceased	(0)
Reinstatements	0
Membership as of October 18, 2023	98

Tower Of London

By Peter Elias

In the October issue of Stamping Around, I talked about the "Underground", which is how Annie & I got around London during our Valentine's Day trip to London shortly after "Y2K" took effect.



One of the places that we visited, was of course the "Tower of London".

So what is this "Tower of London"? Part of it is shown on Great Britain Scott #831, which shows the "White Tower", after which the entire castle

grounds is named. Below is a photo I took of a model of

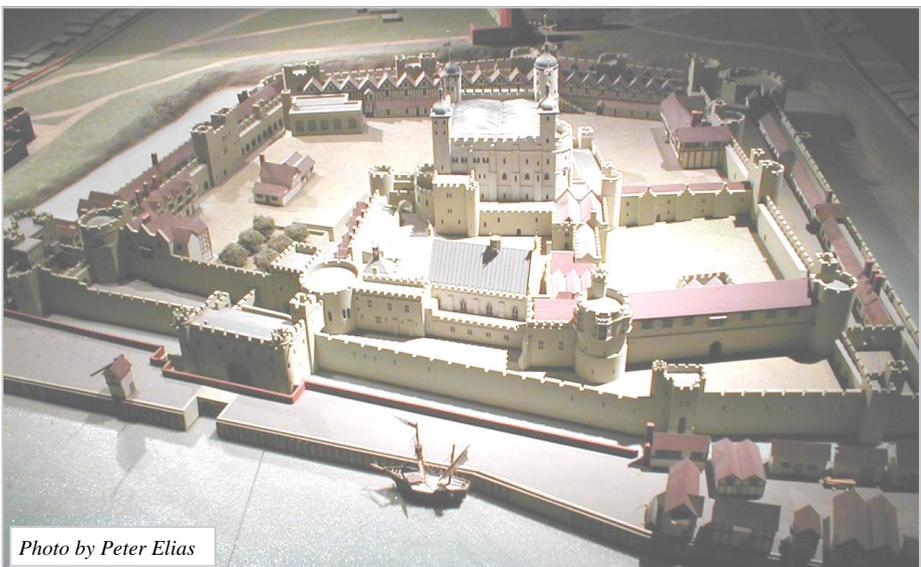
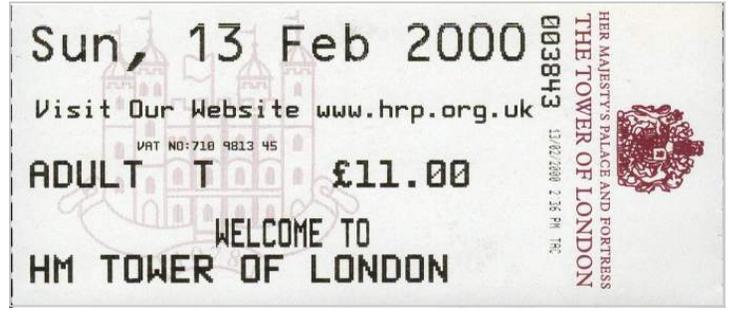


Photo by Peter Elias



Photo by Peter Elias



the Tower of London that was displayed during our visit there just 1 day prior to Valentine's Day. It shows the "White Tower" surrounded by a dual set of fortification walls.

The Tower of London was founded way back in 1066 as part of the Norman Conquest and was built by Norman the Conqueror in 1078 and was later (1100 to 1952) used a prison, although the main purpose of the White Tower was that of a royal residence. The layout in the photo is essentially how it has looked since the late 13th century.

Today, the Tower of London is a favorite tourist site for many, where one can view the "Crown Jewels" and other items, which are kept in the "Jewel House". Note: the "Royal Stamp Collection" is kept at Buckingham Palace though.

As I've mentioned in other articles, I do enjoy visiting castles and fortresses when I'm traveling, and this is certainly one of the nicer ones! There are something like 4,000 castles in England, but supposedly Germany has over 20,000 castles. Go plan your trip now!

The stamp at top left was part of a souvenir sheet of 4 issued for the 1980 London International Stamp Exhibition.

The picture at lower left shows Annie in front of the tower, and she in turn took a photo of me in one of the guard booths (right).

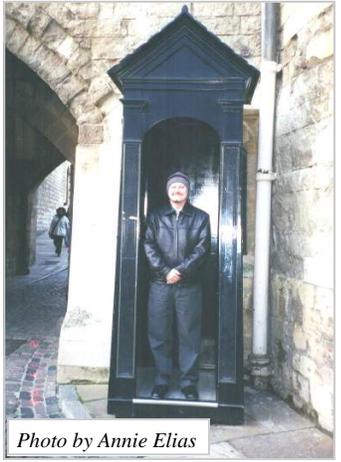


Photo by Annie Elias

Since this all took place over 23 years ago, my memory got a rusty, so as usual, I had to consult Wikipedia for some basic info for this article. For further and more detailed info, dive into the link below:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tower_of_London

Tower Bridge

By Peter Elias

If you read the "Tower of London" article on the previous page, you can think of this article as a continuation of that.

When you are standing on the north bank of the Thames River, looking at the Tower of London castle complex and basically turn around, this is what you would see (well, generally without me in the way...):

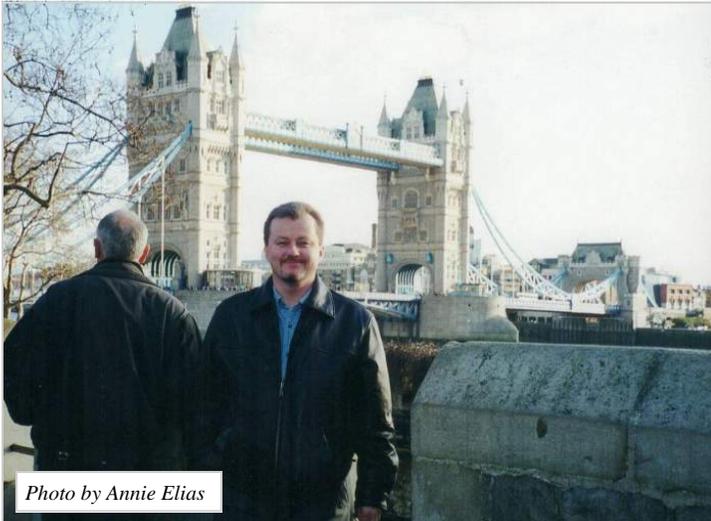


Photo by Annie Elias

Some people might say, "oh, that's the London Bridge". Nope, wrong. This is the "Tower Bridge", which is aptly named due to being, well, by the Tower of London...

However, there does seem to be an occasional confusion by some people about the name... Over the centuries, there have been several bridges named "London Bridge", and a more recent "New London Bridge" (built in 1831), which was sold and then dismantled in 1968 and moved to Arizona, brick by brick. This is shown on a British Honduras stamp (Scott #289, issued in 1971, which unfortunately I do not have a copy of). I'm sure that I saw the current London Bridge while I was there, I just didn't take a photo of it...



Photo by Peter Elias



The current "London Bridge" is located about 1/2 mile west of the Tower Bridge.

The "PhotoStamp" and "Zazzle" stamp shown above used a picture of the Tower Bridge that I took at dusk on February 13, 2000 with my first digital camera, which had a whopping resolution of 1,280 x 960 pixels (= 1.3 megapixels); compare that to my current cell phone camera whose sensor is 50 megapixels!



As far as "regular" postage stamps go, the Tower bridge has been featured on a few; most recently on Great Britain #2070 (above), part of a set of 5 stamps from 2022 featuring "Bridges of London". The only copy of the stamp I could find

was a used one on an envelope and I had to soak it off. Luckily the postmark isn't too heavy, since I try to avoid using used stamps as I want to focus on the design of the stamp, not the postmark.



Construction of the Tower Bridge began in 1886 and it was opened on June 30, 1894. Steel was used for the framework (such as the towers) and then clad in granite & stone. There was a subway & pedestrian tunnel under the Thames River where people could also cross the river. Once the bridge was opened, much of the pedestrian traffic was via the bridge.

The bridge is approximately 800 feet long and the 2 towers are 213 feet high and 200 feet apart. There are 2 pedestrian walkways at the top (which can be accessed via stairs & elevators in the towers) and 2 street-level traffic spans at the bottom, which can each be raised by 86 degrees to allow taller ships to pass. The 2 towers each are supported by cables at the outside ends, making that part of the bridge a "suspension" bridge.

We did walk across the bridge, although I don't remember whether we saw the exhibits that they had.

As always, there's way more history than I can compress into a one page, so you can look up further details at:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tower_Bridge



Annual Club Christmas Party

By Judy Christmas

The Club will be holding its annual Christmas Party on December 6th at the Bob Duncan Center, the usual Arlington Meeting place. We will start gathering around 6 PM with dinner being served at 6:30 PM.

The Club will provide the meat, turkey and ham. If you come to the party, please bring your favorite holiday dish to share with others.

I will be passing around a sign-up sheet at all meetings in November.

For the last two years we have just exchanged gifts instead of playing Bingo. Everyone who attends needs to bring a gift with a value of \$10. When the gifts come in, please hand them to Stan and he will put a number on it.

Be sure to sign in, as we will mix up the numbers on the sign-in sheet like we do at every meeting for door prizes.

The person who has number "1" will choose a gift, open it, and then sit down. Number "2" will then have a choice of either taking number One's gift or pick one of their own. Number "3" will have the same options as number "2", but a gift may only be stolen twice. We will

continue in this order until all have taken a gift.

Everyone who attends (guests included if they want to play) will be asked to bring some sort of philatelic gift to the party. We ask that the value be \$10. Make it something someone else would like to receive, no junk please. If your item fits in an envelope, then place it in envelope making sure what is inside can't be seen. For larger items please wrap or put in a pretty Christmas bag or box.

We are hoping this change in gift giving will bring many members back to attending the annual Christmas Party.

Hoping to see you at the Party!!

MCSC Arlington Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2023

By Janet Moyer

Attendance:

11 members attended the Annual Picnic, and the meeting portion was cancelled.

[Editor's Note: most likely reason was that of impending severe thunderstorms that were forecast for around that time and into the late evening]

2024 Mid-Cities Stamp Club Membership Renewal

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Been There,
Done That

Botanic Gardens

By Peter Elias



Shown above and left are St. Vincent Scott #222, #223 and #1580. They all depict the

Botanic Gardens in Kingstown.

The gardens were founded in 1765 and are located on 20 acres of land. They are the oldest in the Western Hemisphere! Amongst the many tropical trees & shrubs is a breadfruit tree grown from the original plant brought by Captain Bligh (as of the "Bounty" fame) in 1793.

In addition to conservation work regarding plants, the gardens' work also involves the endangered St. Vincent parrot (featured on St. Vincent #282 at right - this one has the scarce "Mustique Island" printing in the margin).

In April 1993, after collecting St. Vincent stamps since about 1975, I was finally able to visit my favorite philatelic collecting area! One of the many places we visited was the Botanic Gardens in Kingstown (see photo above right). My photo includes the gazebo that is also prominently shown on the three stamps!



Photo by Peter Elias

I don't remember seeing a St. Vincent Parrot on that visit, but when I returned in 2007, there was one at the hotel that we stayed at.

While I have visited the Ft. Worth Botanic Gardens, there's no stamp for them... Should you ever find yourself in St. Vincent (which is now accessible by jet!), visit these gardens!



For more info: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Botanic_Gardens_St._Vincent



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Independence Arch (Barbados)

By Peter Elias

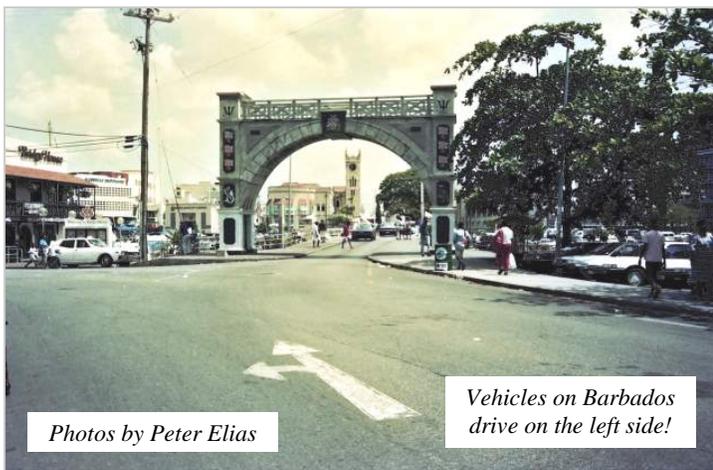


I've been to (or should I say "through") Barbados a couple of times, generally when having switch planes when flying to or from St. Vincent. Barbados is in the "Windward Islands", which also includes Dominica, Grenada, Martinique Saint Lucia and St. Vincent (plus the "Grenadines" islands between St. Vincent & Grenada). And while these are the main "southern" islands in the Caribbean, it does not include Trinidad & Tobago (although I have been to Trinidad - see articles in the May 1999, and June & September 2021 issues).

Barbados (see black arrow on St. Vincent #199 above) is about 118 miles east of St. Vincent. At the time of my April 1993 trip, the St. Vincent airport at Arnos Vale could not accommodate jet airline traffic (nor direct flights from Miami), so one had to take a jet to Barbados and then transfer to a "puddle jumper" (generally on LIAT or BWIA). I've had to do that in 1993 as well as 2007.

Ok, now that we've got the geography lesson out of the way ... From April 16-25, 1993, Nancy (my 1st wife) and I took a trip to Barbados for a couple of days (after which we flew to St. Vincent). We had a couple of days in Barbados, and stayed at the Sam Lord's Castle [Marriott] hotel for a couple of days (that was previously covered in the May 2018 issue on pages 3 & 5; as well as an article by Bob & Pat Weidman on page 7).

On our trip 1993, and while I can only tolerate so much



Photos by Peter Elias

Vehicles on Barbados drive on the left side!

sun on the lovely beach at Sam Lord's Castle, we did go to the capitol city of Bridgetown.

On the picture at bottom left, you can see an "arch" over the road. That is "Independence Arch". That arch is also shown on Barbados #299, issued in 1967 for Barbados' 1-year Anniversary. My picture is even close to being taken from a similar viewpoint as on the stamp, but now that I'm looking at it a bit closer, I do see some differences in "design"!



On the stamp, there are two "tridents" (i.e.: a 3-pronged spear) shown near the base of both sides of the arch. Compare that to my photo, where the tridents are at the very top on either side! In its place appears to be a fish (left side) and a bird (pelican?).

On the stamp, the base of the arch extends horizontally away from the arch on either side, but on my photo it doesn't. Did the stamp

designer take some liberties with the design?

Behind the arch, on both the photo and the stamp, is seen a building which appears to be a church (but isn't) and has a very distinctive tower (see arrow on Barbados #237 above). It is the Parliament building & Museum. And while I do have a picture of the building, space in this article doesn't allow for it.



Barbados was a British Colony since 1627, and on November 30, 1966, became a Commonwealth realm, followed by transitioning to a republic within the Commonwealth on November 30, 2021. As always, see Wikipedia for more info: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barbados>.

While I didn't get any philatelic souvenirs on that trip, I did end up with a nice "revenue document" when we left Barbados for St. Vincent, the required "Airport Departure Tax", or "service charge" as they call it here...

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PS: I prefer mint stamps, but could only find used ones ...

EXPO Planning Meeting - October 7, 2022

By Janet Moyer

Call-To-Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ralph Poore at 11:30 AM.
- The minutes were accepted as published in the newsletter.

General Chair:

- Ralph Poore made some announcements:
 - Silent Auction:
 - For visibility, a banner will be hung with the MCSC logo and "silent auction" on it. This will be a permanent banner for use every year. There will also be a temporary banner with for our club's 50th anniversary on it for this year.
 - Since the Silent Auction area will be at floor level this year, security for security for the tables near the stage required that the curtain be drawn to near the center. Silent Auction tables will be adjusted to fit this.
 - Exhibits for next year:
 - At a prior meeting, Rich Hildebrandt had volunteered to head the exhibits for EXPO 2024.
 - We need to start working now on next year's exhibits. We need to get volunteers to elicit frame displays.
 - We also need people to help Rich with various exhibits & exhibiting-related tasks.
 - Mechanics of putting exhibit frames together.
 - Planning the Awards ceremony & dinner.
 - Forms and paperwork for exhibitors.
 - Volunteers this year for helping the dealers with their set-up.
 - Cachet:
 - Office Depot and Office Max no longer do these covers.
 - Rick Howell has volunteered to print these; the EXPO has agreed to cover the cost of ink.

Deputy Chair:

- Stanley Christmas had no announcements but will be covering for Ralph from January to April next year.

Committee Chairs:

- Beginning Collectors – Skip is continuing to sort through stamps for the MixPix, Silent Auction, Chance Board and Beginning Collectors tables.
- Bourse – Tom Cunningham:
 - Thanked us for the work that has been done for the security of the dealers.
 - 25 tables have been sold and paid for, with two dealers being new to our show.
 - A question was brought up about the possibility of adding a virtual presence to our show. Tom felt exhibits might work but sales would be problematic. This will be thought about for the future.
- Cachet – Rick Howell will print these.
- Chance Board – Ralph explained for Patty Poore that the Chance table will use the same board but has made some changes to the way it works. Chances will \$1 or 6 for \$5. With the \$5 comes a special selection by available topic.
- Exhibits:
 - We should pick a 2024 theme soon. Come to the December meeting with some ideas. This will help us get exhibits for next year.

- Plan for fixing / replacing existing frames.
- Find someone to fix our frames.
- Replace frames with new ones.
- Find a show that is stopping and offer to buy them.
- Finance – Judy Christmas said the budget is good. Table fees have been paid.
- Hospitality – Janet Moyer is ready to print replaced name tags and all is good.
- Judges – We need to start looking for judges for 2024.
- Mail-out – Stanley Christmas will reprint the mail-out with corrections. The envelopes are addressed and stamped. 325 envelopes and 550 e-mails will go out.
- Mix-Pix – Bob Weidman has a good supply of stamps. The bags are ready to sell and will be at the Mix-Pix table and some at the Chance Board.
- Programs – Stanley said the program this year will be 16 pages. 400 will be printed. He is ready except for a list of the sample exhibits in the frames that will be located just inside the main doors.
- Publicity – We have already been listed in Linn's and posted at various other places.
- Security – Security at night will be the Grapevine Police at \$50 an hour. [Note that we are required by the Convention Center to use GPD for overnight security.]
- Silent Auction – Tom Turner announced there will be a meeting on October 17th to decide the auction lots and placement on the stage.
- Signs (outdoors) – Ralph Poore said either he or Evan Islam will do the signs.
- Snacks are under control.
- Volunteers – Janet Moyer announced that most slots are filled and we have several new members that are volunteering.
- Raffle:
 - We have three items to raffle. Tickets will be \$1 or 6 for \$5. The items will be on display at the registration desk.
 - A motion was made by Stanley to have the first drawn name get the Penny Black; the second drawn name will get the #C3 air mail stamps; and the third drawn name will get the framed lithograph with the Texas Duck Stamp. Rick Howell seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Extra items:

- Cabinets – We have two usable cabinets. The third cabinet will be discarded.
- Dinner before the set-up will be at Flip's on the feeder road of the 114 Freeway. We have the room from 3:00 to 4:00 PM on Thursday, November 9th. Dinner will be provided.
- Lunches – lunch orders are being taken and will be ordered before the EXPO. Donna Howell and Kathryn Storey will help with this.

Next Meeting:

- Our next meeting will be the post-show "debrief" meeting for this year and the planning meeting to start next year. Please come with ideas for a theme.

Date: December 2, 2023 at 11:00 AM

Place: David's Barbecue, 2224 W. Park Row
Pantego, TX 76013

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Texas Archery Stamp

By Peter Elias

It is not often that I get to write about Texas-related stamps, but I did find a nifty "Texas Archery Stamp" from 1980 that was still attached to the original State of Texas "Hunting & Fishing license".

The first image below is of the back of the license, which has the Archery stamp on it, but also a blank spot for another stamp, such as a "white-winged dove stamp", "Archery stamp" or "Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp" on the left side. But wait, isn't that the Archery Stamp on the right side? After shining a flashlight on the back of this license, I could see that the text box behind the Archer Stamp has exactly the same text as on the left side.

Interestingly enough, there are 7 "tags" as part of this license: for turkeys, bucks or antlerless deer or buck

mule deer. None were apparently used. This license is printed on what appears to be Tyvek™ material, and thus is waterproof, which would come in handy if attaching these tags to an animal.

The tags are removable as they have rouletting, allowing for easier removal while in the field (unless you have scissors on you).

While the State Revenue Society's "State Revenue Catalog" lists all sorts of revenue stamps for Texas, apparently "hunting license" related stamps are not part of these listings. If there is a catalog out there that lists these type of stamps, unfortunately I don't have it...

Never-the-less, this is a nice document for collectors of revenue, fiscal, tax and/or license stamps! It's always best to leave stamps like this on their original document. Much more history is preserved that way!

... And what do these licenses look like today?

(H) Name _____ Address _____ City and State _____ Zip Code _____ One-Year \$5 <input type="checkbox"/> Two-Year \$9 <input type="checkbox"/> Payment Enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard (Master Charge) or VISA <input type="checkbox"/> Bank Card Number _____ Card Expiration Date _____ Authorization Signature _____ Please allow six weeks for processing.		TURKEY TAG (SPRING SEASON ONLY) EXPIRES 8-31-81 Turkey killed on _____ Ranch Located in _____ County Attach tag to turkey BEFORE MOVING carcass in any manner. Tag must remain with carcass until final disposition, then be destroyed.		TURKEY TAG (FALL SEASON ONLY) EXPIRES 8-31-81 Turkey killed on _____ Ranch Located in _____ County Attach tag to turkey BEFORE MOVING carcass in any manner. Tag must remain with carcass until final disposition, then be destroyed.		TURKEY TAG (FALL SEASON ONLY) EXPIRES 8-31-81 Turkey killed on _____ Ranch Located in _____ County Attach tag to turkey BEFORE MOVING carcass in any manner. Tag must remain with carcass until final disposition, then be destroyed.	
For Placement of White-winged Dove Stamp, Archery Stamp or Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp.		THIS CERTIFIES THAT the licensee, HAVING PAID the license fee is hereby licensed to fish in the waters of this State and to hunt and kill legal game during the open season in Texas, subject to all the provisions and penalties provided for by the laws of this State. This license must be carried on person when fishing or hunting and does not give the holder permission to fish upon the private lands of another without the consent of the owner or agent or to hunt on the enclosed lands of another or on State Game Preserves.					
BUCK OR ANTLERLESS DEER TAG EXPIRES 8-31-81 Deer killed on _____ Ranch Located in _____ County Antlerless Deer Permit Number _____ Attach tag to deer BEFORE MOVING carcass in any manner. Tag must remain with carcass until final disposition, then be destroyed.		BUCK OR ANTLERLESS DEER TAG EXPIRES 8-31-81 Deer killed on _____ Ranch Located in _____ County Antlerless Deer Permit Number _____ Attach tag to deer BEFORE MOVING carcass in any manner. Tag must remain with carcass until final disposition, then be destroyed.		BONUS ANTLERLESS DEER TAG EXPIRES 8-31-81 Deer killed on _____ Ranch Located in _____ County Antlerless Deer Permit Number _____ Attach tag to deer BEFORE MOVING carcass in any manner. Tag must remain with carcass until final disposition, then be destroyed.		BUCK MULE DEER TAG EXPIRES 8-31-81 Deer killed on _____ Ranch Located in _____ County Attach tag to deer BEFORE MOVING carcass in any manner. Tag must remain with carcass until final disposition, then be destroyed.	
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STATE OF TEXAS RESIDENT COMBINATION HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE						Fee: \$8.75 No 129716	
NAME OF LICENSEE <u>Thomas W. Stockslager</u>		ADDRESS <u>1730 E. Pecan St.</u>		Date Issued <u>9-16</u> , 198 <u>0</u>		Time of Issuance <u>11</u> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/>	
CITY <u>Shepherd</u>		STATE TEXAS		ZIP CODE <u>75090</u>		Date of Birth <u>8-18-48</u> Height <u>6</u> Ft. <u>1</u> In.	
Signature of Licensee <u>Thomas W. Stockslager</u>		NOTICE Please Read Reverse Side		Weight <u>185</u> lbs. Hair Color <u>Blond</u> Eye Color <u>Brown</u>		ISSUED BY <u>L.H. Askins</u> Deputy, County Clerk, Warden	
Valid on Sept. 1st or issue date, whichever is later EXPIRES AUGUST 31, 1981 NON-TRANSFERABLE NON-REFUNDABLE							
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MCSC Eules Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2023

By Janet Moyer

Call-To-Order:

- Vice President Stanley Christmas called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

Attendance:

- There were 10 members and no guests in attendance:
Stanley Christmas Peter Elias Bruce Davis
Judy Christmas Janet Moyer Rick Howell
Skip Ely Tom Turner Donna Howell
Si Madhavapeddi

Committee Reports:

- Vice-President Stanley Christmas reported that there was no President's report.
- Treasurer - Judy Christmas gave the checkbook balance.
- Secretary – Janet Moyer reported the minutes were posted in the newsletter. No membership change.
- Skip Ely had both APS and club books available.
- **EXPO:** The last meeting was well attended and all is on track. Rick reported the cachet envelopes are printed.
- Newsletter - Peter said the newsletter is almost ready to go .
- Webpage / Facebook- Rick Howell announced there is activity on the club's Facebook page.
- The Volunteers for EXPO sheet was passed around
- Rick Howell reported that the First Day Cover Society was on the ZOOM meeting and showed interest in the EXPO.
- THE APS is having Snapchats on line now - one lately was on the Anglo-Zulu War.

Show & Tell:

- Stanley Christmas shared an Adams Mail Pick-up cache. There were 56 – one for every city with Pittsburg having 2.
- Si Madhavapeddi shared:
 - A Vietnam stamp / envelope
 - Sri Lanka store had stamps for sale from New Zealand
 - A set of Sri Lanka Sports stamps
- Bruce Davis shared:
 - Kyrgyzstan stamp.
 - Christmas seals that were postmarked as stamps.
 - A booklet from Germany with Canadian stamps.
 - A stack of booklets.
 - A stack of weird covers.
- Skip Ely showed a book he got called "On the Road" by Steven R. Datz about driving to the places to look at stamps - very interesting.
- Peter Elias shared:
 - A \$2.00 bill framed and postmarked from a 1978 show.
 - Some mail received from Cyprus.
 - A non-denominational stamp guide.
 - Returned envelopes with elliptical cutouts at the bottom - Why?
 - Some revenue stuff.
 - US Bicentennial souvenir sheet with a cancel that was preprinted.
 - "World of Food" in stamps pamphlets.

Gift Certificates:

- Two certificates were awarded to Bruce and Tom.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM
- The next meeting will be on November 15, 2023.



President's Message

By Ken Aldridge

The Arlington meeting of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club on October 4th was a picnic with no business meeting. Although the turnout was small with weather threatening, the food, sharing of stamp collecting ideas and meeting new members was great. Two people brought in collections they inherited and a few of us gave them ideas on keeping or selling.

The next Arlington meeting will be on November 1st and the program will be last minute info and organizing of the EXPO at the Grapevine Convention Center on November 10th & 11th.

Earlier this month I got a call from a person who said they understood I was the President of the Texas Stamp Dealers. After getting that cleared up, they told me they had an extensive and valuable collection that they wanted me or someone to look at in the next couple days. They were ready to send the collection off to NobleSpirit in Pittsfield, NH., a company who said they should send them the collection and they would make them an offer. The person went on to say the stamps were unused and used and go back to the 1920's. I told them to go ahead and send it and hoped they got a generous offer. The caller had no idea of value and I'm sure NobleSpirit knows that, too.

MCSC Granbury Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2023

by Stan Christmas

Call-To-Order:

- Dave Stockbridge called the meeting to order on September 26, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Attendance:

- There were 13 people in attendance.

Program:

- The program for this month's meeting was the semi-annual auction.

Door Prizes:

- Before the auction, Dave had the drawing for three \$10 MCSC gift certificates.

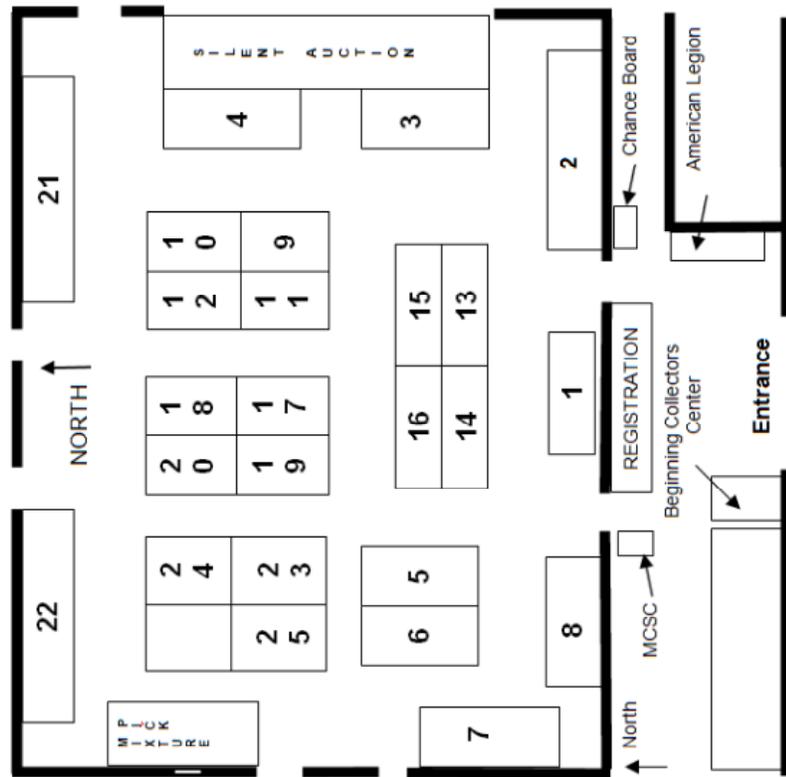
Auction:

- Skip Ely and Bob Coleman were the auctioneers. Dave Stockbridge kept track of the sales and also did the bidding for the people who placed bids with him before the auction. There were 92 lots. They sold for between \$1.00 to \$50.00 each. After the first round, Dave and Bob did a re-bid for the few lots that did not sell. The minimums were lowered and about half of the left-over lots were sold.
- Several members bid on lots that they donated to Jim Case for the Granbury Mystery Box for the EXPO 2023 Silent Auction. He left with a full box of donations.

Adjournment:

- After the auction, Winners and sellers settled up with Dave and the meeting adjourned around 8:30 PM.

2023 Mid-Cities Stamp Club (MCSC) EXPO Floor Plan
Numbers indicate dealer booth locations. Map Not to Scale



If you are looking for something special, contact a dealer(s) and ask them to bring it to the EXPO 2023. (Note: Dealer Listing is subject to change before the show.)

EXPO 2023 BOURSE DEALERS (Alphabetical)

Dealer Name	Booth #	Dealer Name	Booth #
A to Z Stamps	21	Labron Harris Postal History	11
Brian Hunt	15	Leo Stamps	24
Carpenter Collectibles	23	Newport Harbor Stamp Co.	20
Charles Deaton	12	Nieser Stamps & Coins	19
Circle C Stamps & Coins	3	Oklahoma Stamps	14
Crown Colony Stamps	4	Park Cities Stamps	6
Cunningham Philatelics	13	Stamp Center of Texas	2
D & P Stamps	8	stampuniversal.com	5
Double J Stamps & Supplies	1	The Stamp Connection	7
EAS Stamps	25	Tiger Collectibles	9
J.C.'s Philately	17	Topper Stamps & Postal History	10
James F. Taff	16	Zayix Stamps & Collectibles, LLC	18
Kyle Nybo	22		

2023 EXPO BOURSE DEALERS (By Booth Number)

- 1. Double J Stamps & Supplies (Jeff Fishman)**
Supplies, Worldwide Sets and Singles, U.S. Plate Blocks.
PO Box 1127, Arlington Heights, IL 60006-1127; (847) 843-8700
double_j_stamps@yahoo.com
- 2. Stamp Center of Texas (Kurt Harding)**
Worldwide Stamps, Worldwide Postal History, Collections, Souvenir Sheets.
39350 IH-10 West #5, Boerne, TX 78006-8837; (210) 240-4083
klingsor88@hotmail.com
- 3. Circle C Stamps & Coins (Steve Cripppe)**
See my Ad in the EXPO 2023 Program
US and Worldwide Stamps.
PO Box 308, Palmer, TX 75152-0308; (214) 980-2116
scrippe@gmail.com www.stevencripppe.com
- 4. Crown Colony Stamps (L. W. Martin)**
British Commonwealth.
PO Box 1198, Bellaire, TX 77402-1198 (713)781-6563
lwm@crowncolony.com www.crowncolony.com
- 5. stampuniversal.com (James D. [Jim] Myers)**
USA, Worldwide (Stamps, Souvenir Sheets, Full Sheets), Postal History and Stationery and More (ASK)
P.O. Box 2047, Coppell, TX 75019-8047; (972) 304-1671
jasdmyers@earthlink.net; www.stampuniversal.com
- 6. Park Cities Stamps (Byron Sandfield)**
US, US Postal History, US Locals & Carriers, World Collections.
6440 N. Central Expressway Suite 785, Dallas, TX 75206-4184; (214) 361-4322
bsandfield@gmail.com
- 7. The Stamp Connection (Kenneth Scheller)**
US, British Empire, Europe & Colonies, Worldwide, Topicals.
PO Box 63917, Pipe Creek, TX 78063-3917; (281) 691-5911
thestampconnection@gmail.com
- 8. D & P Stamps (Pat McElroy)**
Portugal & Colonies, France & Colonies, Italy & Colonies, British Colonies, Latin America, Worldwide.
2220 Otay Lakes Rd 502-411, Chula Vista, CA 91915-1004; (619) 987-1019
pat@dpstamps.com www.dpstampstore.com
- 9. Tiger Collectibles (Scott Couch)**
US #1 to current, BOB, Revenues, Possessions, Postal History, Early Plate Blocks, Better FDCs & More! Just ask!
33247 Monroe Rd #332, Stoutsville, MO 65283; (816) 405-3633
tigercollect@sbcglobal.net

- 10. Topper Stamps & Postal History (Jonathan Topper)**
Country Collection Lots, Postal History.
13100 Wortham Center Dr, Ste. 300, Houston, TX 77065-5631; (832) 518-6558
jonathan@topperstamps.com topperstamps.com
- 11. Labron Harris Postal History (Labron Harris)**
US and Worldwide Postal History.
PO Box 739, Glen Echo, MD 20812-0739; (240) 447-3769
labronharr@aol.com
- 12. Charles Deaton**
U.S. and foreign stamps, Postal History, Collection Lots.
P.O. Box 27408, Houston, TX 77277-7408; (713) 927-9948
cwdeaton@aol.com
- 13. Cunningham Philatelics (Tom Cunningham)**
See my Ad in the EXPO 2023 Program
US, US B-O-B, US Possessions, Confederate States, Canada, British, Ireland,
WorldPre 1940, Collections, Covers, Appraisals.
P.O. Box 863237, Plano, TX 75086-3237; (214) 546-1179
CunninghamStamps@aol.com
- 14. Oklahoma Stamps (Kirk McKenzie)**
United States, Graded Stamps, Plate Blocks, Picture Postcards.
5813 W. Orlando Circle, Broken Arrow, OK 74011-1153; (918) 249-5813
kirkmckenzie@cox.net
- 15. HUNT & CO. (Brian Hunt)**
U.S., British, Worldwide, Collections, MiniLots, Website with Internet/Mail Bid Auctions.
P.O. Box 201870, Austin, TX 78720-1870; (512) 837-9997
info@huntstamps.com www.huntstamps.com
- 16. James F. Taff (Jim Taff)**
German Area Stamps/Covers, Confederate States, Unused Civil War Patriotics,
United States, French Areas, British Colonies and Italian Colonies.
PO Box 19549, Sacramento, CA 95819-0549; (916) 709-0412
jit9955rex@gmail.com
- 17. J.C.'s Philately (James C. Garrett)**
U.S.A., Canada, Europe.
820 N. 9th Street, Temple, 76501-2502; (713) 857-6920
jagg4246@gmail.com
- 18. Zayix Stamps & Collectibles, LLC (Stephen & Theresa Stewart)**
Worldwide and Topical Philately.
3915 W Davis St, Ste 130-296, Conroe, TX 77304-4886; (832) 225-6074
https://ZayixStamps.com #ZayixStamps Stamps@Zayix.com
TSDA member

- 19. Nieser Stamps & Coins (Kenneth M. Nieser)**
Latin American.
PO Box 8533, Houston, TX 77249-8533; (832) 212-1285 (evenings/weekends)
kennieser@yahoo.com www.kennieser.com
- 20. Newport Harbor Stamp Co. (David Cobb)**
U.S. Classics, Plate Blocks, Errors.
P.O. Box 3364, Newport Beach, CA 92659-8364; (800) 722-1022; (949) 701-3392
newportharborstamps@gmail.com
- 21. A to Z Stamps (Michael & Cecilia Ball)**
USA 1840 to Present plus all BOB, Comprehensive Worldwide Stamps, Appraisals.
430 East Southern Ave, Tempe, AZ 85282-5216; (248) 709-8939; (480) 844-9878
ishop@worldwidestamps.com www.worldwidestamps.com
- 22. Kyle Nybo Stamps, LLC (Kyle Nybo)**
US and Worldwide Stamps, Collection Lots.
1238 E. 11000 S., Sandy, UT 84094-5470; (801) 550-8138
nybostamp@gmail.com
- 23. Carpenter Collectibles (Steve Carpenter)**
US Sheets, Plate Blocks, Covers, Uncut Press Sheets, USPS Stationery and Collectibles, Postal Art & Posters, Fleetwood Proof Cards, Memorabilia.
3812 Oak Park Dr, Flower Mound, TX 75028-1356; (214) 240-9653
SJCarp22@verizon.net
- 24. Leo Stamps (Leonardo Palencia)**
Worldwide Stamps and Covers, Collections, Better USA.
105 Killdeer, Leander, TX 78641-1794; (512) 999-4911
gypleo@yahoo.com
- 25. EAS Stamps (Jimmy Tomchesson)**
US Covers, Postal History, Texas Covers, US Classics.
2210 Crescent Water, Rosenberg, TX 77471-4591; (832) 278-5268
jtomchesson@aahoo.com

CLASSIFIED BOURSE

Announcements

All club members that are current with their dues payments are entitled to FREE ads in this space! Please send ad to: Peter Elias, P.O. Box 940427, Plano, TX 75094-0427, give it to me at a meeting, or e-mail me at: peter@pcelias.com

For Sale

US POSTAGE – from our huge surplus: 1c – 20c : 70% of FV; 21c – 50c : 80% of FV. Send any amount (min \$10), specify group (70%, 80%), and receive mix of values back in FV as indicated above. Clean, F/VF only. Plate or Zip block included for every \$10 remitted. Remit (check or MO) to: J. Myers, P. O. Box 2047, Coppell, TX 75019. TX orders, add 8% sales tax. We cover return postage, S/H charges. Can also take PayPal (same terms). iasdmyers@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 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 8/14

USPS Handy Hints

By Peter Elias

The USPS has a handy “Quick Guide” for various items, one of which is “Non-Denominated Postage”. This is a 5-page (depending on your print settings) guide that shows all recent (and back to the 1970’s) non-denominated US postage stamps along with their actual “face value” if you wish to use them as postage, check it out here: <https://pe.usps.com/text/qsg300/Q604a.htm> .

I recommend that you print it out so you have it handy if needed when preparing items for mailing using these stamps (and in turn you might have to prove it to the local post office clerk...).

When mailing items, keep in mind that it is now not just weight and distance, but also “shape” (i.e.: length, height and width). With 1st class mail, you also need to factor in “stiffness”. I frequently mail a 6x9” envelopes that are only 2 or 3 ounces in weight, and for which I use a cardboard stiffener and it is still less than ¼” (~6 mm) thick. The USPS clerks are then very quick about telling me that it now HAS to go as “Ground Advantage” [GA, and previously known as “1st Class Parcel”). I tell them NO, it does not (and go check their own rules). A 6x9” envelope that is 1 to 3.5 ounces, is less than ¼” thick and has a stiffener is STILL considered a 1st Class Letter rate item. The rules state that if it meets all the other requirements of a 1st

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

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)
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- [St. Vincent Philatelic Reference Scans](#) (1,700 items!!)
- [St. Vincent Postcards](#) (300+ postcards from 1900 to 2007)
- [Vintage Swiss Postcards 1898-1959](#) (900+ postcards !!)

Special MCSC Member price is only \$ 6.95 each (Regular price is \$14.95 to \$19.95).. Contact peter@pcelias.com 7/23

MOVED, BUT SALE CONTINUES! Special discounts to MCSC members for Swiss, Austria, Liechtenstein issues, 25% and LESS of catalog values. All orders postpaid! I also accept PayPal if you wish! John Barrett, Ph.D. Contact info: jstrubel-boy@aol.com 12/14

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Class Letter, but is “stiff” (i.e.: not easily bendable for the corner of a counter), then you simply have to pay the extra “non-machinable surcharge”, which is presently 40¢. So a 2-ounce item with stiffener is 90¢ postage + 40¢ non-machinable surcharge = \$1.30. That is certainly way less expensive than paying \$4.75+ if this is mailed as Ground Advantage.

On the other hand, 1st Class Letter mail is NOT insured and not tracked, and if that is what is needed, then yes, I do recommend that mail this item via Ground Advantage, as that now provides free tracking AND up to \$100 insurance! And all of that still costs less than a Flat-Rate Priority Mail [PM] envelope (which is also tracked and has up to \$100 insurance), it’s just that GA is about a day or three slower than PM. Size requirements are here: <https://pe.usps.com/text/dmm100/mailling-domestic.htm>.



MEET & EAT for November 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.

ARLINGTON

November 1 **Moni's Pasta & Pizza**
1730 W. Randol
Mill Road, Arlington, TX 76012-3054
(817-860-6664)

EULESS

November 15 **Jason's Deli**
2200 Airport Freeway, Bedford, TX
(817-354-1511)

GRANBURY

November 28 **Palio's Pizza Café**
3710 E. US Hwy 377, Granbury

Wanted to Buy

Texas Precancel Stamps. Contact Rick Howell at
Rick.howell1@tx.rr.com

5/19

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

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 Thank you. 2/21

For Sale

Start a NEW COLLECTION! 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 11/23

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

*Mid-Cities Stamp Club "Stamping Around" Newsletter
c/o Peter Elias
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**Don't Forget:
Mid-Cities Stamp Club EXPO - Nov. 10 & 11**