

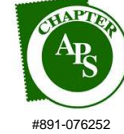
Stamping Around

Newsletter of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club

Arlington Meetings: Trinity United Methodist Church
1200 W. Green Oaks Blvd, Arlington

Flower Mound Meetings: Third Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m.
3020 Corporate Ct, Ste 400 (Step Up Sports Medicine)

Lake Granbury Meetings: 4th Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.
Bentwater Activities Center (adjacent to Bentwater Marina)



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Arlington March Club Meeting

By Peter Elias



Photos by Peter Elias



By all accounts, the March 4 meeting in Arlington at our new location at the Trinity United Methodist Church was a success. We had a total of 34 attendees.

Richard Laster, President of the TPA (Texas Philatelic Association), shown in the top photo, gave a great talk about this stamp, USA #776 (->), issued in 1936 commemorating the Texas Statehood Centennial.

Several of us met downstairs in the gym area prior to the meeting to have our "meet & eat" in the church with other club members.



Photo by Peter Elias



Photo by Ken Aldridge

More USPS Postage Rate Increases

By Peter Elias

The USPS says they will raise postage rates "temporarily" by 8% (due to "transportation-related issues") starting at midnight, April 26, 2026 and lasting until January 17, 2027, if approved by the PRC (Postal Rate Commission).

Affected will be PME (Express Mail), PM (Priority Mail) & GA (Ground Advantage). No other mail classes will be affected by this (such as first class mail, media mail, etc).

Regardless of the above, the USPS is already penalizing us for using postage stamps.

For example, on March 30, I was mailing an 8-ounce package via Ground Advantage to Connecticut. Here were my choices:

- \$8.10 if using my own stamps, buying a label at the APC machine at the Post Office or the clerk behind the counter.
- \$5.96 if using the USPS click-n-ship feature online.
- \$5.52 if using PayPal's "quick label" online.

--> So, they are penalizing us with 35% - 46% higher rates if using stamps rather than their own system or PayPal! And you still have to have the USPS clerk issue the tracking label behind the counter at the post office if using your own stamps. I'd rather use my own stamps, but \$2.85 MORE for just a small package like this? How much more starting on April 26?

Filing info is at <https://prc.arkcase.com/portal/filings/139530>.

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"Editor At Work"
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Editor's Forum

By Peter Elias

I guess I'll call this the "t-shirt" issue, since there are 3 articles relating to t-shirts! If they relate to stamps & philately, I'll write about them...

As you know, I tend to combine stamps & philately with other hobbies and "likes". That can range from automobiles & model cars, to coins, maps, postcards and other stuff.

It really is interesting to see how people mix philately with their other interests. Surely some of you must have some of the same or similar interests mentioned above. Perhaps other ones that come to mind as I'm writing this: birds, gardening, pets, model trains, model airplanes.

Think about it: any of the above can have stamps / philately associated with them (remember, this goes beyond stamps, think postmarks & meter slogans...). Give it a try, it's not as hard as you think. The biggest "chores" so-to-speak are:

- 1) putting pen to paper, or more than likely, fingertips to keyboard... Just let those thoughts flow...
- 2) Getting a hold of a philatelic item[s] for illustrating your article. Maybe it's already in your collection. In that case, done! If not, well, there'd be the "thrill of the chase" (eBay, Hipstamp, Delcampe come to mind..., or perhaps the next TSDA bourse or club EXPO...). Use the internet to your advantage.
- 3) Get some background history on what you are writing about (unless of course you're an expert on the subject, then see #1 above).
- 4) Get some "auxiliary" items to support #2 above. Photos or scans come in handy, ticket stubs, etc

Need help? Feel free to contact me. As of March 2026, I've written 367 articles about stamps that relate to me somehow. So yeah, "been there - done that".... It's fun!

Coming Attractions

2026

APR. 28 **MCSC — LAKE GRANBURY Meeting**

Program: Stamps of the Confederacy
by Les Barton

MAY 6 **MCSC — ARLINGTON Meeting**

Program: Collecting Auxiliary Markings

MAY 20 **MCSC — FLOWER MOUND Meeting**

Program: Censor Approved Post Cards
by Ralph Poore, along with
extended Show & Tell and philatelic
discussions

MAY 26 **MCSC — LAKE GRANBURY Meeting**

Program: TBD

JUN. 3 **MCSC — ARLINGTON Meeting**

Program: TBD

JUN. 17 **MCSC — FLOWER MOUND Meeting**

Program: Extended Show & Tell and philatelic
discussions

JUN. 20 **MCSC - EXPO PLANNING Meeting**

David's Barbecue, Pantego

JUN. 23 **MCSC — LAKE GRANBURY Meeting**

Program: TBD

JUN. 26-27 **TSDA Bourse**

Holiday Inn & Suites, 3220 Craig Dr, McKinney, TX 75070



Secretary's Report

By Janet Moyer

Applications Received:

Wadia Varzvan (#703) collects India & USA

New Members:

Waldemar Knasiak (#702) - USA/CSA, Poland, Israel

Reinstated:

n/a

Deceased:

n/a

Membership Summary – April 15, 2026

Membership as of March 18, 2026	106
Applications Rec'd (counts as member next month)	1
New Members	1
Not Renewing for 2026	(0)
Resignations	(0)
Deceased	(0)
Reinstatements	0
Adjustments (reconciling various member lists)	(3)
Membership as of April 15, 2026	104

stamps & souvenir sheets honoring Star Trek and some of its successor TV shows & movies. One of these is St. Vincent & the Grenadines that had one the successor Star Trek TV series "Next Generation" that ran for 7 seasons from 1987 to 1994.



On May 8, 2009, a new Star Trek movie came out, titled simply **Star Trek**.

Unlike the 6 previous Star Trek movies that featured the original TV show cast, and the 4 "Next Generation" movies, this



one featured all new cast members (with the exception of Leonard Nimoy). Other cast members included Chris Pine (as the captain), Simon Pegg, Zachary Quinto, Winona Rider, Zoe Saldana, Karl Urban, Eric Bana and others. Quite a who's-who of actors. It's a great film!

Look above. That yellow t-shirt features the "Starfleet" logo.

On the left is the back side of the shirt, which is an announcement of the Star Trek movie that was released on May 8, 2009 (so wow, almost 17 years ago!)



So, what's my

take on this? Well, I have this shirt, and it was given out for free as a promo when we watched it about a month later, on June 5, at the AMC Firewheel Theatre.

Good thing these shirts are yellow, not red... You Trekkies all know what means...



Photo Credits:
Peter Elias

In the original Star Trek series, the engineering, communications & security personnel on the show wore red shirts and were usually nameless background characters that had a high frequency of being killed by environmental hazards, confrontations and alien beings.

Certificate of Mailing — Firm

Affix Stamp Here
Postmark with Date of Receipt.



Postage	Fee
\$3.40	\$0.70

Most people watching TV in the mid-1960's (or later) should recognize what is shown on the 4 stamps issued in 2016 (Scott #5132-5135). They do of course represent the 50th Anniversary of the original Star Trek TV show.

While searching for these stamps, I realized that I had just used up the last block of 4 that I had of these on a USPS Form 3665 (Certificate of Mailing - Firm). I also realized that the lower left stamp is upside down. No, there is no "meaning" to that, I simply goofed up. After 10 years, these self-adhesive stamps are not as easily removed off their backing paper. Not wanting to ruin the die-cut edges of the stamps for that particular stamp, I turned the backing paper 180 degrees so that I could peel the stamp off better.

Unlike the old days, when a "block of 4" was easily separated as 1 piece due to having perforations, when in the die-cut and self-adhesive format, it is very difficult to remove an entire block of 4 in one piece from the backing paper and gingerly put it on the mail piece (or form in this case). So, you do it one stamp at a time and then carefully line up each of the other stamps next to each other and hope that you get the die-cuts to line up perfectly.

And yes, I have successively removed multiple die-cut stamps from the back piece in their entirety and placed everything on a mail piece without it falling apart. It was when I had to use the \$2 Invented Jenny sheetlet stamps on mail that required at least \$12 in postage. Not easy to do, but I did it several times.

Back to Star Trek. The USA had issued another Star Trek stamp in 1999 as part of the "Celebrate the Century" series on the "1960's" souvenir sheet, #3188e, featuring the USS Enterprise (2nd column at top right).

There are of course other countries that have issued

Granbury Meeting Minutes March 24, 2026

By Joe McFarland

Call-To-Order:

- Dave Stockbridge presided over the March 24th meeting of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club at the Marina at Lake Granbury.

Attendance:

- 15 members were present, which included 2 new members. John Blackman collects revenue stamps and Wadia Varzvan collects US covers and stamps of India.

Show & Tell:

- Rick Howell brought two new US stamp forever releases. He also announced that a signed John F. Kennedy postcard was certified authentic. Its value is \$2,200!
- Jim Myers showed a White Plains souvenir worth \$250.
- John Blackburn brought a first day cover with cachet signed by Paul Tibbets, the pilot of the Enola Gay B-29 bomber. This first day cover had a stamp issued in 1991, but was later rescinded as a result of public protests of a stamp showing an atomic bomb blast.
- Les Barton showed a stamp made of silk that will be an addition to his collection of stamps made of anything but paper.

Announcements:

- Rick Howell and Jim Myers announced upcoming events.

Where in the World:

- Les Barton stumped the members with a history of stamps of Romania in his "Where in the World" feature.

Program:

- Joe McFarland gave the program - Polio on Stamps.
Several US stamps had a polio theme and they chronicled the history of polio in the US until 1955 when the polio vaccines first became available. Joe showed stamps with a polio theme from a dozen other countries, because polio was feared in other countries. Two books dedicated to polio had titles that told the story. A Pulitzer Prize winner for history had a sub-title of "The Crusade That Mobilized the Nation Against the 20th Century's Most Feared Disease."

Similarly a book with US national awards had a subtitle of "Battling a Terrifying Unknown." Polio was scary because it caused temporary paralysis and even death. Polio was a disease of summer with no known vector or animal reservoir, no epidemiology, no cure, and no prevention that worked.

Of 200 people who were infected and infectious, only one or two had the paralytic form, another 20 or so had symptoms of a cold or the flu, and the rest had no symptoms. The home diagnosis was "can your chin touch your chest?"

The story begins with FDR being (mis)-diagnosed with polio in 1921. In 1924, he went to Warm Springs, Georgia, for hydrotherapy. FDR established the Warm

Springs Foundation for post-polio treatment with private funding support. The Great Depression cut off the major donor support. Birthday Balls were held on his birthday in January from 1934 to 1945, but the big money was not enough.

The March of Dimes was created in 1938 to attract small money. Over 268,000 dimes were sent to FDR. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis (NFIP) was formed.

NFIP chapters were formed in most counties, with half of the funds raised staying in the county for polio treatment. Collection boxes were circulated in movie theaters until 1945. In 1950 to 1955, the Mothers March on Polio was a fund-raising success.

The NFIP provided the bulk of the financial support for Dr. Jonas Salk at the University of Pittsburgh and Dr. Albert Sabin and the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Salk worked with a killed virus that still produced antibodies. National trials of the Salk vaccine in 1954 of over a thousand school kids showed a 90% efficacy. (Our club member Bob Coleman was a third-grader who participated.)

The Salk vaccine was released in 1955, and the number of polio cases dropped from over 57,000 in 1954 to just 734 in a few years. Dr. Sabin continued his efforts with an attenuated (reduced intensity) virus, with a successful test of several million in Russia. His vaccine was released in 1962 as an oral vaccine (a little spoonful of sugar makes the medicine go down). The Sabin vaccine is 100% effective and the recipients are infectious for others who also will be protected.

But, the Sabin vaccine may revert to the virulent form in unprotected communities. The Salk vaccine is injected in three shots with a booster and is now used in the US. The Sabin vaccine is used to eliminate polio in other countries, but can be the source of new outbreaks. Polio may be only a plane ride away for unvaccinated children.

Dr. Salk was the son of Russian immigrants and Dr. Sabin was either born in Russia or in a Polish town on the border. Both were Jewish. Neither received the Nobel Prize for medicine, because the Nobel is given for discovery; not for application. Both refused to patent their vaccines.

The polio epidemics in Texas, although not reflected on stamps, were noteworthy in several aspects. Most large cities only experienced one or two epidemics, but Houston had seven in the polio years. San Angelo was hit the hardest in 1949. DDT was sprayed on every block in major cities such as San Antonio. Almost all major Texas hospitals had polio wards, but only three were dedicated to polio treatment and rehabilitation. These three treated patients regardless of race – black and white children occupied adjacent beds and ate together at meals.

Door Prize Drawing:

- Joe McFarland was the recipient of the \$20 certificate.

Minutes:

- The minutes were prepared by Joe McFarland and submitted by Dave Stockbridge.



[Groups.io](https://groups.io)

By Peter Elias

Many years ago, I created the discussion group mid-citiesstampclub at groups.io to store copies of the newsletter.

Please note that “groups.io” came about after “yahoogroups.com” went away (and I transitioned all files from yahoogroups at that time via a provided utility).

Groups.io gives you 1 GB of free storage space. That is now full at 0.998 GB. As such, I can't upload any more old Stamping Around newsletters.

However, if you go to <https://groups.io/g/mid-citiesstampclub>, you can still find all known newsletters from 1973 to August 2025, which is when we ran out of space. The newsletters are sorted in folders by year.

--> This is a private group, so you can only join if I approve (thus, no spammers, hopefully..).

So, if you find yourself wanting to read older newsletters (either by downloading the PDF file or reading it within your web browser), this is the only known online archive. And it is kind of fun to go back and read older newsletters to see what was going on at the time.

There are about 524 newsletters available to read between 1973 and August 2025!

I do wish to thank the various members in the past who provided me with paper copies of old newsletters so that I could digitize and upload them (of course, those earlier ones are all in black & white).

I took over the newsletter with the July 2001 issue. By my count, I have published 302 newsletters between July 2001 to April 2026, containing somewhere well north of 3,000 pages.

While our club's official website is at <https://www.mid-citiesstampclub.com> and does have newsletters online, at present that only includes 2023 to present. My own website at <https://BetweenThePerfs.com/MCSC> also has the newsletters from 2023 to present (including the just issued April 2026 issue).

I did just “scrub” the member list on the groups.io site and removed 7 email addresses that were for former members or those that have passed away.

At this point, only 17 MCSC members (plus my occasional newsletter proof-reader) are members of this group.

Please note that if you changed your email address, you'll still have to log into the site with your old address and change it to your new one. If you don't have a login (or only signed up to get emails from the site but not have access to the actual site), you can try a “forgot my password option”, or contact me privately and I can delete your present email address in the system and send you an invite for access (you'll still have to create your own password).

While I had created a “mid-citiesstampclub2” group at groups.io, there are no members there yet. Additionally, groups.io no longer gives you a free 1 GB of file storage; however, they do allow emails to be sent to the group with the newsletter attached to it as a PDF file.

As a note, a “basic” group at groups.io is still free,

but very limited. Otherwise it is a \$20 per month fee (\$220/year with 1 free month) for 30 GB of storage (and some other features), but that is hardly worth it, since my own website could also easily store all the newsletters (but it would take me a while to upload and create all the links for several hundred newsletters).

That said, my own website probably will not outlive me, and would cease once I pass away (unless future heirs opt to keep paying domain & website hosting fees...). Even if that happens, it is possible that archive.org took a snapshot of my site at that time (at this time, the last snapshot – 1 of 18 - they did of my betweentheperfs.com site was June 2024, while mid-citiesstampclub.com has 295 website snapshots between 2001 and present).

As with reading older newsletters, looking at older versions of our website is also interesting. The sites basically appear as they did originally, although some buttons, menus and features may not work.

The free groups.io site after a 30-day trial is limited to 100 members and no file storage. So apparently the original groups.io site I created does still allow for the free 1 GB storage, but I don't know what would happen if we were to reach 100 members ...

In any case, this was just a brief update in case you wondered why you had not received any monthly notifications that the newsletter was available at this site since August last year. So, while I can't add new newsletter to the groups.io site, it can still be used as an archive for newsletters from 1973 to August 2025.

Thank You!

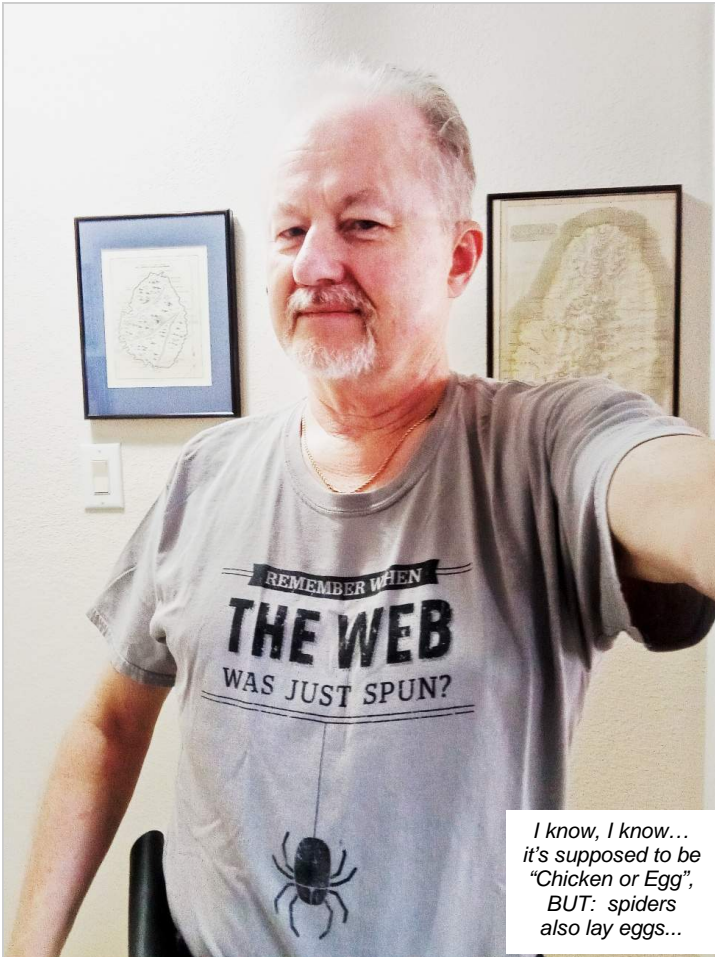
By Peter Elias



On April 14, I picked up 2 boxes of donations from Byron Sandfield and Tyler Veasey at their office in Dallas.

The crate on the right contained mostly empty stamp albums & slipcasses. There was a Harris Plate Block and a FDC album (no stamps), but all FDC's were either damaged due to being in super tight cellophane envelopes (causing creasing / warpage) or the glue on the backside (used to hold the envelope together) had yellowed. Sadly that seems to be the case for most 1960's (or prior) FDC's; it's either paper yellowing due to not being acid-free and/or glue ruining the cover. Most binders and slipcasses are usable though. But these FDC's will go to Pegasus Creative Reuse.

The left box is mostly loose paper ephemera items that came from Norman Cohen's estate, and will require some sorting first. Ranges from TexPex show programs to photos, some philatelic literature and others.



I know, I know... it's supposed to be "Chicken or Egg", BUT: spiders also lay eggs...

In this case, it was the t-shirt that came first. One of those things I got as "trade-show swag" a while back. I thought it was kind of cool: "Remember When The Web Was Just Spun?".

Since I was into collecting the "custom postage" items offered by various USPS-authorized companies from 2004 to June 2020, I thought it would be cool to do a stamp with the same or similar design.

So, I played around with my Microsoft Publisher program (in which I'm writing this article...) and re-created that design with the fonts and clipart graphics available to me, and submitted it to Zazzle. At the time I did this in 2017, postage was 49¢.

On May 15, 2018, Zazzle lost the ability to directly print customized postage, so they used stamps.com for a while (see below). I created a color version of the design, but while yellow looked ok on my computer screen, that wasn't the case when it was printed (I should have used a darker color). 35¢ paid the postcard rate at that time.

So, this time around, the object inspired the stamp, which then inspired this article. Just another way that makes philately fun for me.

--> Ready, set, collect!



This article is not about how to protect or organize your stamps. It's about keeping track of the contents, for your own benefit and for the benefit of whoever acquires them when you dispose of them.

I'm sure that there are many techniques of doing this. When I started collecting as a teenager, the stamp catalogue consisted of one volume, and all I did was simply mark each entry in the catalogue when I possessed that stamp.

What I am doing here is to illustrate my current process, which has evolved over the years. It's labor intensive, but maybe you will find it worth contemplating. I'm sure there must be more efficient ways, so this is just how I do it.

Each country has its own Excel document, and I have chosen this actual one for South Arabia to illustrate what they look like. Obviously the spreadsheets for most countries are much longer than this. A full explanation follows below.

2	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
3			cd	gd	def	gd	def		2026	gd	def	gd	def
4	1		1	1					40	40	0	0	0
5	1		2	1		1			85	85	0	85	0
6	1		3	1		4			25	25	0	100	0
7	1		4	1		5			25	25	0	125	0
8	1		5	1		2			25	25	0	50	0
9	1		6	1		4			25	25	0	100	0
10	1		7	1		5			25	25	0	125	0
11	1		8	1		1			25	25	0	25	0
12	1		9	1		2			25	25	0	50	0
13	1		10	1		8	1		25	25	0	200	25
14	1		11	1		2			30	30	0	60	0
15	1		12	1		3			25	25	0	75	0
16	1		13	1		10			25	25	0	250	0
17	1		14	1		2			140	140	0	280	0
18	1		15	1		1			150	150	0	150	0
19	1		17	1		3			25	25	0	75	0
20	2		19	1		1			25	25	0	25	0
21	2		23	1					25	25	0	0	0
22	2		24	1		1			30	30	0	30	0
23	2		37	1					35	35	0	0	0
24													
25		subtot	25¢	13	0	48	1			325	0	1200	25
26		subtot	>25¢	18	0	6	0			385	0	520	0
27		total		31	0	54	1			710	0	1720	25
28		def @ 50%		31	0	54	1			710	0	1720	12.5
29		ditto incl def		31		55				710	0	1732.5	12.5

- Column A is the page number of my album or stock book.
- Column C is the Scott cat. no. If there is a prefix, such as J for postage due, I put J in column B.
- Column I shows the Scott cat. value, always in cents as it's easier to enter 25 than 1.25. The entries here have several purposes, but I don't have the time to maintain this till I need it.
- Now the other columns are headed 'gd' and 'def.' Entries under gd are for stamps in good condition. Entries under def are for stamps with minor defects such as a small thin or crease, which I consider still collectible but looking for a better replacement. Columns F and G show how many duplicates I am keeping, for trading purposes.
- Column H is used to tag changes I need to make to my website www.kenwills.net where I offer all my duplicates.
- The remaining columns are simply multiplications of the quantities and catalogue values, to enable the estimated totals for the country at the foot.
- If by any chance you are thinking of employing this spreadsheet, I can send you a blank. One thing you might consider instead of gd versus def is to have a single column with a percentage assessment of condition.
- By using the auto-filter, it's easy to see if I have any duplicates cataloguing at least \$5.00, etc. And by having all my data in the cloud I can check whether I need a stamp when at a stamp show. I will be happy to answer any questions.

MCSC Arlington Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2026

by Janet Moyer

Call-To-Order:

- President Richard Howell opened the meeting with a thank you to all in attendance

Attendance:

- We had 31 members and 2 visitors: Kay Thompson and Agnus Knasiak.

Reports:

- Secretary - Janet Moyer - The secretary's report was printed in the newsletter. No corrections were noted so they were accepted.
- No treasurer's report.
- Newsletter – Peter is working on it.
- EXPO - Ralph Poore reported the next meeting will be April 4th, 11-1, at David's Barbecue

Announcements:

- TSDA meeting in McKinney on April 10 & 11. There will be 15 dealers.
- Due to the auction, Show & Tell will be cancelled tonight.
- Skip would like to change the increments in the bidding of the auctions.

Program:

- Semi-annual auction.

Door Prizes:

- Gift certificates were awarded using a random number generator to Bob Coleman and Marty Conner.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned after the auction.



Thank You!

By Peter Elias

Many thanks to DJ from Keller, TX for donating their mother's (Virginia Land) collection to the club (it was mailed to me in a small box). The collection mainly consisted of Postal Commemorative Society FDC's on display pages, a USPS Xmas ornament, a couple of loose items and a couple of mint US stamps.

Boston 2026

Going to the "big show" on May 23 to 31? If so, please take some photos and I'd love to get some write-ups (trip reports!).

MCSC Flower Mound Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2026

by Skip Ely, filling in for Janet Moyer

Attendance:

- 11 members braved a threatening stormy night to attend the April meeting.

Call-To-Order:

- **President** - Dan Golden called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

Announcements:

- **Secretary** - Skip Ely said that since resolving membership discrepancies with Peter, it looks like we have 104 members..
- **Sales** - Skip said he APS and club books available.
- **EXPO** - The next planning meeting will be Saturday, June 20, 11:00 AM. at David's BBQ in Pantego.
- **Newsletter** - Peter said it was almost done.
- **Facebook** - Rick said we had 223 registered participants on the Facebook page.
- **Future Meetings** - Dan outlined the activities scheduled for the next few weeks.
- Rick said he had bags of U.S. stamps off-paper for sale.

Show & Tell:

- Skip Ely had a handout regarding watermark varieties of the 1935 New Zealand Pictorial Stamp Series.
- Ken Wills contrasted typical U.S. booklet stamps with some recent French booklet stamps (that had far more colorful topics and varieties).
- Lester Edwards showed some older covers from towns with "Lester" in the postmark.
- Rick Howell showed a cover he purchased at the recent TSDA show with a Chinese dragon (it may have been Scott #101 from 1898).
- Peter Elias had several items, including:
 - Artcraft first day covers from the 1960's with the envelope glue leaching through and some others wrinkled from being in cellophane sleeves that had shrunk.
 - A recent journal from the Cartophilatelist, a group he had recently joined.
 - A large philatelic type cover from a dealer in Canada, as well as a similar one with U.S. stamps.
 - A comparison of 4x USPS Flat-Rate Priority Mail envelopes and how they've changed in the past 8 years (including finally - as of the November 2025 version - them using virgin paper cardstock rather than recycled paper, which isn't very strong). Yet most post offices still are using up old supplies...

Door Prize Drawing:

- ...was awarded to Peter Elias via a random number generator. Lester Edwards donated a MNH Italy #C1 (airmail stamp) as a further door prize; Skip Ely was the lucky recipient.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned about 8:35 PM.

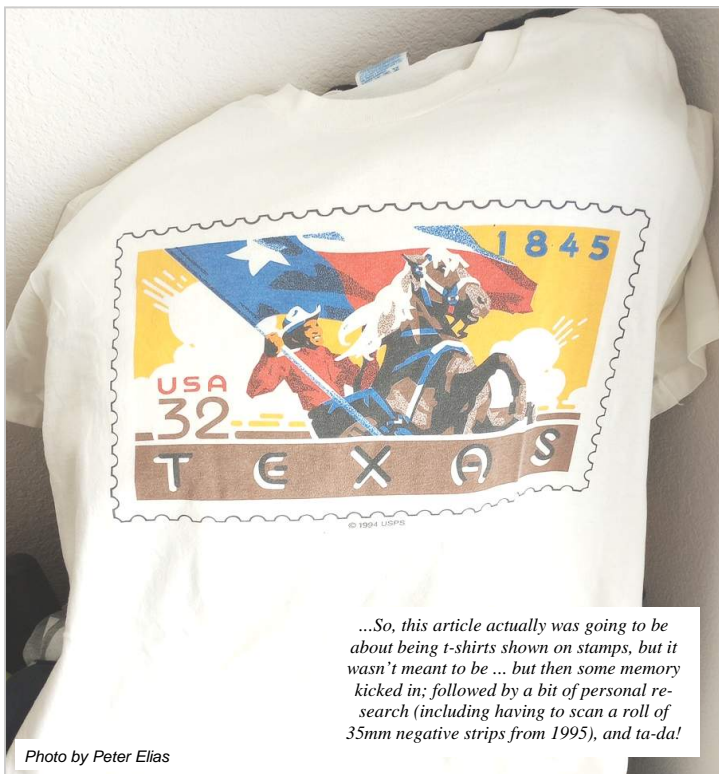
[Editor's note: bad weather luckily was not present at the time of leaving the meeting!]

T-shirts on Stamps

By Peter Elias

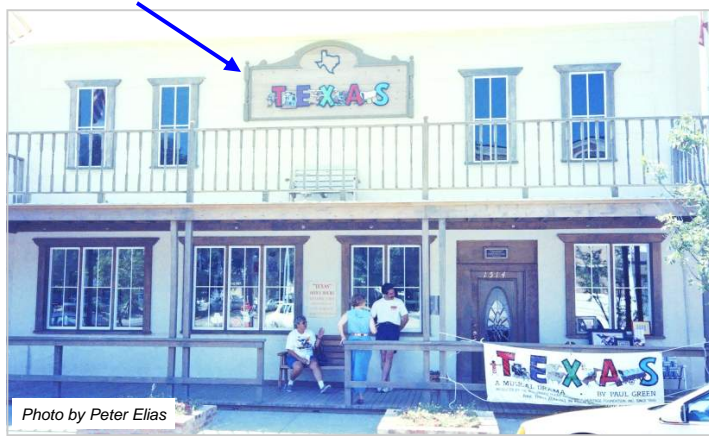
I tried to search for “t-shirts on stamps”, but no luck yet. However, the reverse, being “stamps on t-shirts” does bring up lots and lots of t-shirts bearing images of stamps, whether real ones or fantasy ones.

While you see me most often wearing a polo shirt with a MCSC club logo, I do actually have a couple of t-shirts with stamps on them. And what wouldn't more iconic (for some of us), than the one shown below, featuring Scott #2968, that was issued on June 16, 1995.



Of course, I do have #2968. The t-shirt shown above is an official one from the USPS, and I bought it in Amarillo on August 19, 1995. Why in Amarillo you may ask? See the blue arrow below.

And that is what exactly? That photo I also took on August 19, 1995 in Canyon, Texas, where the box-office for buying tickets to the annual “Texas Musical” were sold. The actual musical



takes place in an outdoor amphitheatre about 16 miles east of Canyon down in the Palo Duro Canyon (2nd biggest canyon in the USA by the way... but still way smaller than the Grand Canyon - so contrary to popular belief, not ALL things are bigger in Texas...).

Now, August is generally fairly hot in Texas, even the Amarillo area, which is at about 3,662 feet above sea level, with the Palo Duro Canyon floor being more around the 2,452 feet level. At least that is what the sign at the [Sad Monkey](#) Railway station said. The miniature railroad ran from 1955 to 1996.



Since the musical takes place mostly at night, we amused ourselves with other stuff beforehand, such as the aforementioned mini-railroad ride, and taking advantage of the “rent-a-horse”.

Just prior to the show, they had a BBQ, and a couple hours earlier, we visited the [Panhandle Plains Museum](#) in Canyon.

As mentioned, the [Texas Outdoor Musical](#) itself takes place (and still does) starting around dusk. They do bring horses and stage coaches on the set, as well as some pyrotechnic “lightning” against the canyon walls in the distance.



Given the “Texas” musical, and the stamp that was issued just 2 months prior, the US Postal Service had set up a “station” near the amphitheater where they sold stamps, covers & t-shirts. My accounting software does state I bought a commemorate cover. Unfortunately I don't have several hours to hunt it down in the boxes or folders it has resided in for the past 30 years...

Into that 2-day trip, we also crammed in a few of the other “touristy” attractions that are in Amarillo, such as the “Cadillac Ranch” (for which I bought some custom stamps many years later).



We also went to the “Big Texan” restaurant in Amarillo, but I didn't try to go for that “free” 72 ounce steak...

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Wanted

Currently looking for documents relating to **AMG (Allied Military Group)** stamp issues in Europe during WWII. Any help would be appreciated. Rick Howell, rick.howell1@tx.rr.com 2/26

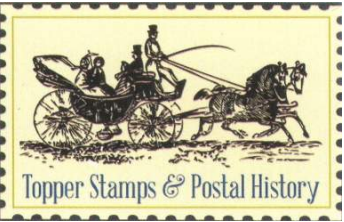
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Sterling Currency

By Kenneth Wills



From The President's Cluttered Desk

By Rick Howell

If you have some stamps from Northern or Southern Rhodesia or elsewhere, showing the denomination 1/3 or 2/-, you might be wondering what this means. I hope I can help you to learn more about pre-decimal currency and how it worked, as I grew up in England. Only people aged 55 years old or more would be familiar with all this.



What's amazing is that Britain was the last country to abandon in 1971 the £sd system, which was almost universal across Europe after being standardized by Charlemagne in about 780 AD. Most countries ceased to use it in the 18th and 19th centuries. In origin, the pound, libra in Latin, indeed referred to a specific weight of silver. The Italian lira shares the same etymology. The £ sign is a capital L for libra, with the typical horizontal bars used also by several other currencies like the Japanese yen. Charlemagne ruled that the libra should be divided into 240 denarii coins or 20 solidi. That's why the penny symbol is a 'd', and the 's' stands not for shillings but solidi.

In writing 1/3 (one shilling and three pence) the 'l' evolved from a long letter 's'. A larger amount might be printed as £2.10s.6d., for two pounds ten shillings and six pence.

The smallest unit was the farthing, a quarter of a penny, almost but not quite extinct in my experience. You will see farthing stamps from Malta and some Caribbean countries. The penny coin was quite large, made of copper. The plural word is pence. The half-penny coin was half its weight as well as being half its value. We called it a 'haypenny.' The plural is pence, and one and a half pence was often spoken of as 'three haypence.' Accordingly, to say 'one pence' is a mistake. We use the word 'pennies' solely when referring to a bunch of penny coins.

Popular language usage for the currency in England might be different from other countries. 2d. is pronounced tuppence and 3d. is pronounced thruppence. Because a shilling was equal to 12 pence, we always had 3d. and 6d. coins, and these were called a thruppenny bit and a sixpenny bit (half a shilling). Five shillings in my youth was worth approximately one US dollar, and was often colloquially called a dollar. Other nicknames are 'tanner' for 6d., 'bob' for shilling but only as a plural, like 'ten bob', and 'quid' for pound. 'Coppers' means a small amount of money.

'Two and six' means two shillings and sixpence (1/8 of a pound), either '2/6' or '2s6d' in writing or print. The slash was originally a long 's' for solidi. There was a commonly used coin for 2/6, called 'half a crown' and we could say the price for something is half a crown. A crown (5/-), i.e. 1/4 of £1, was not in normal use, but on certain occasions the Royal Mint produced crown coins, mostly for collectors; nevertheless they were available for 5 shillings and were valid currency, like the occasional US dollar coins.



First and foremost, I want to thank all the volunteers who stepped up and sorted all those mixture pick stamps. The old saying "Many hands make light work" is exemplified by you guys all pitching in and helping out. We managed to go through the entire inventory of the mixture pick and some of you found some valuable additions to your collections. Win-Win.

Another thanks must be extended to those who braved the weather and made an appearance at the EXPO planning committee meeting on Saturday, April 4th. It was a good start to this year's EXPO and there was a lot of extended discussion about what we could do to make it better. I would call it a very productive meeting, not to mention some very delicious barbecue.

Thanks to [David's Barbecue](#) in Pantego* as they have always been eager to provide a place for our EXPO committee meetings. We encourage our members to frequent David's whenever they get a chance. It's good karma to help those who help you.

We have received the certification of authenticity of our John F. Kennedy signature on a postcard this past month, so now we have to figure out what we want to do with it. We were given an estimated value of \$2,200 for the card, however finding a buyer might be difficult. We are open to suggestions on what to do with it. If any of our members are interested in making a purchase, contact me.

There's still no word on getting approval of placing our club library in the room at Trinity United Methodist Church where we have our Arlington meetings. I will be compiling a list of all the books in our library and making it available to our membership shortly. Also, we have placed an order for the new Scott Catalogs. We will be getting them as released.

I'm still trying to attend all three of our monthly meetings in an effort to satisfy my FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out). It is a lot of fun for me though. It is amazing to see the things our membership collects and to hear the stories behind the collections. Thanks to you all for making my life a bit more interesting.

Last but not least, I need volunteers to provide programs for our Arlington meetings. See me or drop me an email or phone call if you're interested in sharing some of your extensive knowledge on what you collect or whatever you're interested in (philatelic, of course).

See y'all at the meeting! Rick

**[Editor's Note: Pantego is a town surrounded by Arlington on its western side]*

The only other thing you might have heard of is 'guineas.' Wikipedia records the origin of this, and how the rising value of gold led it to be stabilized in value to 21 shillings. The coin was demonetized in 1816, but I believe the usage of a denomination equal to 5% more than £1 has survived for items such as professional fees, expensive items of clothing like fur coats, and in horse race betting.

Fun With Revenue Documents

By Peter Elias

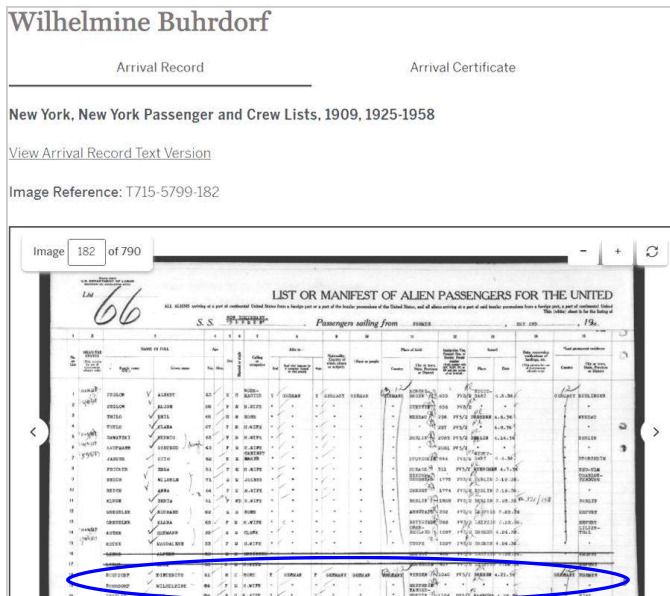


Digging around in the various \$1 cover boxes at the Zayix Stamps booth at the recent (April 11) TSDA bourse, I came across this German fee stamp.

Lucky for me, it was attached to the front page of a Federal Republic of Germany passport page (the main one), as you can see below.

The stamp is denominated 8 DM (Deutsche Mark), which in 1956 was the equivalent of US\$1.90 (the exchange being \$1 = DM 4.20 at that time).

It's just a bit sad that someone tore the page poorly from the passport.



At <https://www.statueofliberty.org/arrival-details/?id=24VB-4XY>, I then found some further info (above) that shows that she and her husband Dieterich arrived at Ellis Island on May 2, 1936 on the ship "Bremen"! And that ship arrival record also states that she was born in Westheim... But this record was dated about 20 years prior to when her passport was issued! Then on the same website I found another ship arrival record for her, from just a few months (September 14, 1956) after she had her passport renewed in Bremen (June 18, 1956).

Now I was a bit baffled. So it would appear that she immigrated to the USA before WWII, but after the war she went back to Germany. Could it be that perhaps she was going for US citizenship and needed a newer passport (issued by the Federal Republic of Germany rather than that of the German Reich?). Hard to say. But it is interesting to see what you can find in 15 minutes of searching!

No.	Name	Birth Date	Country	Age	Sex	Marital Status	Occupation	Port of Origin	Destination
1	BARTELS Friedrich	1711214	German		M				40
2	BARTELS Elsa	1711213	German		F				
3	BARBON Claus-Peter	1701251	German		M				
4	BAUMANN Armlf-Harald	1709530	German		M				
5	BEHNING Helmut	1703911	German		M				
6	BEHNIGK Hans-Joachim	980920	German		M				
7	BEYZ Horst	780593	German		M				
8	BLANKEN Kaethe	1507228	German		F				
9	BLÖCHER Hildegard	1507030	German		F				
10	BONHOEFFER Cornelia	905194	German		F				
11	BRAUNS Peter	1507259	German		M				
12	BRUHMAN Hans-Edo	980839	German		M				
13	BUHRDORF Wilhelmine	1507104	German		F				

While this lady has nothing to do with me personally; just an exercise in finding info, I've done some similar searching for a "mystery cousin" of my mom's, that sent her "care packages" from West Orange, NJ to Germany after the war. Yet no one in our family (other than mom) has ever heard her name before. I've got some more info on that over the years, but have to revisit it... None of that is philatelically related (except for the one envelope I have that she sent from New Jersey to my mom in Germany in 1964 when she found out that my mom's mother had passed away). Amazing how much quicker it is these days finding bits & pieces of info on the internet!

So, an article like this can give you an idea of what you can find publicly just by trying a few searches. In a case like this, it does help to poke around European websites a bit with appropriate search terms (other than the name), such as "Todesanzeige" (i.e.: "obituary" in German). I've even found information at city archives in Germany! Ready, set, search!



So, what did I see initially: Wilhelmine Buhrdorf (born "Schiffmann") was born on June 18, 1881, so she was 75 when that passport was issued on her birthday in 1956!

Her occupation ("Beruf") is listed as "housewife", facial feature as "oval", eyes as "gray" and a height of 160 cm (5'3"). She lived in "Bremen" at the time, but was born in Westheim, district of Büren, in Westphalia, which was about 377 miles south of where she then resided.

Since I was curious, this is what I found at the German website myheritage.de: (note: the website had other info redacted)

Wilhelmina Buhrdorf (geb. Schiffman)

MyHeritage Stammbäume - BUHRDORF Web Site, verwaltet von karen Buhrdorf-Collins

Geburt: 1881 -

Tod: 1978 -

Ehemann:

Kinder: Heinrich Buhrdorf und namen von 2 weiteren kinder

That basically tells me that she died in 1978, but not where. And that birth year & maiden name (Schiffmann) info is the same as the passport, so it does relate to the same person! But that's not the end of it. On a hunch ("verwaltet von Karen Buhrdorf-Collins"), I wanted to see if she had immigrated to the USA.

Tidbit From The Past

By Peter Elias

I was going through some old philatelic "paperwork" and found this brief paragraph in a philatelic newsletter:

One of the new ideas discussed at the last meeting was whether the Club should get into the computer business. Just think, we could keep records on our treasury and books that members have, not to mention the possibilities in the area of having your collection in a memory bank for safety. Though we didn't make any decisions on the matter, it did provoke some thought among everyone in attendance. Rebecca Malek mentioned that a collector she knows has one of these small home computers and has his collection stored in its memory, and she mentioned that he would be able to come to one of our meetings to talk on the subject. Several members expressed an interest in hearing him. I should mention that the computer mentioned is not much larger than a portable TV! And the cost is getting affordable, too.

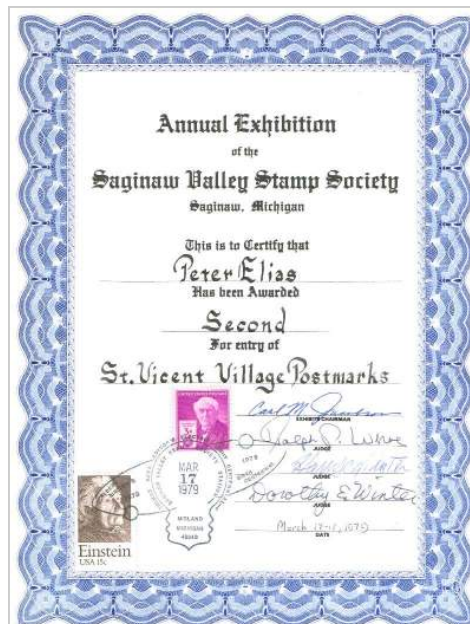
The above was part of the SVSS May 1979 newsletter. Sadly, the SVSS (Saginaw Valley Stamp Society) is no longer around; it probably disbanded sometime in the 1980's. It had 47 members at the time I was a member.

Now some of you may go "huh?" if you're from the Dallas / Ft. Worth area, as there was no stamp society in Saginaw, TX. That's correct. The SVSS was in Michigan in what is known as Saginaw Valley, comprising cities such [Midland](#), [Saginaw](#) & [Bay City](#), as well as [Freeland](#). Midland is known mostly for being world headquarters for Dow Chemical (which also has operations in Midland, [Texas](#)...) and Dow Corning (at that time). Saginaw had GM's "Steering Gear" division. Bay City, which is a port city on Lake Huron has some ship-building, is the birthplace of

[Madonna](#) (the singer) and supposedly a Scottish band called the [Bay City Rollers](#) got their name from the city. These 3 cities form a triangle and Freeland is in the middle of it (and also home to the [Tri-City Airport](#), now called "MBS International Airport").

I thought the article was interesting, since that must have been right at the beginning of when "personal computers" took off. A newsletter like ours would not have been possible then.

At that time, I lived in Midland. And one of our EXPO judges, Patrick Walters, lived in Freeland and Rebecca Malek once gave me a ride to a stamp club meeting. Small world ain't it?



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T-shirt Philately

by Peter Elias



As you may remember, last month I had an article where a t-shirt of an SR-71 Blackbird helped illustrate a philatelic article about the plane. And elsewhere in this issue, are two other articles that feature t-shirts (Star Trek and a trade-show t-shirt) that have philatelic ties for me.

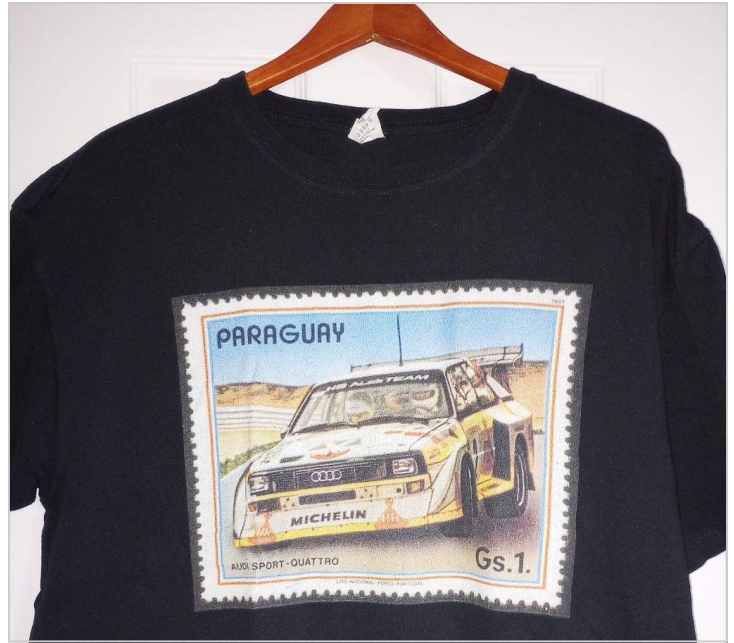
None of those t-shirts actually have stamps on them. So while a fellow club member is often seen wearing "stamp t-shirts" each month, I do happen to have a couple of those as well, except that I generally wear a "club" polo shirt at meetings.

That said, I went through my collection of t-shirts, shown to the left. A few others reside elsewhere. Curiosity struck me, and I wondered, how many t-shirts is that? 246 to be exact, not counting a couple that I found later.

What is ON all of these t-shirts? Well, a good number I got as "trade-show swag" (from IT-related shows) over the years, and others I bought during various trips.

And yes, there are a couple of shirts (3 shown in this article) that actually have stamps as the subject (as reproductions of actual stamps).

As some of you may know, I am an "Audi" aficionado, so I have several t-



shirts relating to Audi. But in my case, I also wanted to bring stamps into the equation, so one of my favorite Audi stamps is the one above, Paraguay #2223 from 1987, featuring an Audi Sport Quattro, a car that helped Audi win rally races in the 1980's. I had to custom order that shirt, along with a couple of others that feature a 1910's German cinderella stamp featuring an Audi, and a 1980's Tuvalu stamp featuring the Audi Quattro.



I also have a t-shirt that features USA #995, issued in 1950: the Boy Scout stamp that honored the 2nd National Jamboree in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. But now I don't remember where exactly I bought

that shirt though...

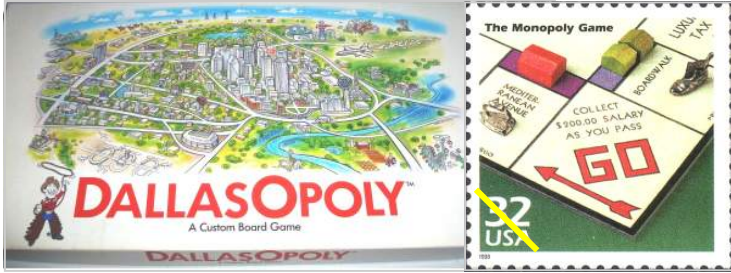
USA #Q5 is the 1913 5¢ Parcel Post stamp featuring a mail train. And that t-shirt just reminded me where I bought it: at the Northwest Railway Museum in Snoqualmie (east of Seattle), on July 26, 2008.

After almost 17 years, I have not actually worn this t-shirt.



Mensch - Ärger Dich Nicht

Peter Elias



So, what's the old saying: "I wasn't born in Texas, but got here as quick as I could"? ... Then, I bought the DallasOpoly game right after I got here in 1990. And of course, there's a stamp for that: USA Scott #3185o, issued in 1998 as part of the "Celebrate The Century" series. But, that isn't what this article is about.

The focus of this article though is Germany #2562, issued in 2010 for the German board game "Mensch ärgere Dich nicht". The game was invented by Josef Friedrich Schmidt around 1907 to 1908 and was first produced in 1914, so the stamp was issued close to the 100th anniversary. The name is derived from what players might feel when their game piece is bumped off the main playing area. The English translation for the game amounts to "Man - Don't Get Angry".

It's a fairly simple game (see 2nd column at top). A throw of a 6 on the dice gets your game piece (there are 4 of them) from the "holding area" [1] onto the board [2], and successive rolls indicate how far you can move (clockwise). The object is to line up your game pieces in area [3]. If the throw of your dice moves your piece onto the same spot as an opponent, they're knocked off and back to their holding area.



Of course I have known of this game for well over 55 years. Our parents played this with us when we were growing up in Switzerland. For more detailed info on the game, see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mensch_ärgere_Dich_nicht.

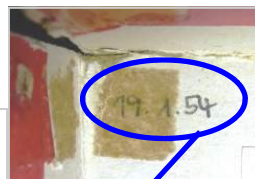
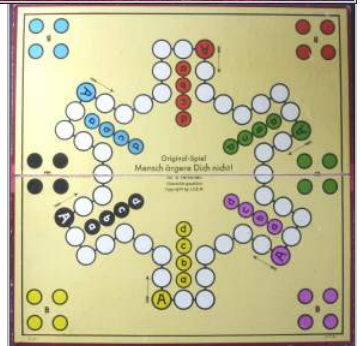
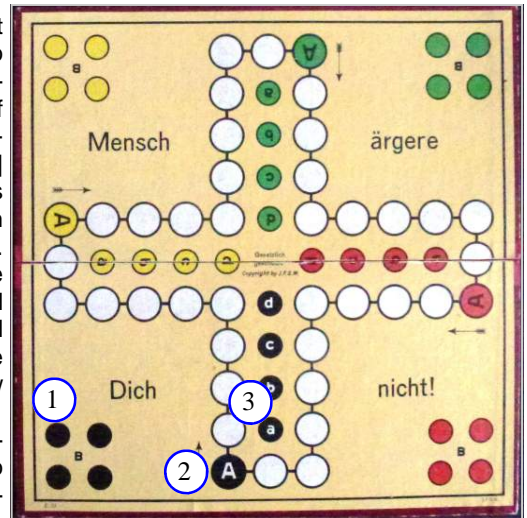
Above is a photo of the original game box that we used to play with as kids. Everything is still present (see photo at right): the game board, 6x different colored game pieces (4 of each) and a dice (2 for some reason ... one is the original one I think...).

I was wondering just how old this particular game board is. If you look at the bottom right photo, you'll note that in the top left corner of the box lid is a handwritten date: 19.1.54 (January 19, 1954). So my parents bought this before they were married!

Sadly, that photo also shows the long-term effects of using cellophane tape [T] to fix things (probably from the 1960's). The adhesive has discolored the cardboard and the tape itself is now popping off.

This particular game also comes with a 6-player version (see reduced photo at right), which is on the backside of the board.

The game has various names around the world, such as "Ludo" in England, "Jeu des petits chevaux" in France and "Sorry!" here in the USA (along with other names like "Aggravation", "Parches" and "Trouble". My version plays in a square around the inside border of the board, not in a "cross" configuration as in the German version.



If you click on the blue links above, you'll find these games are all essentially the same. Ready, set, play!



EXPO Planning Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2026

by Janet Moyer

Call-To-Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 11:40 AM by Chairman Ralph Poore.

Agenda:

- He discussed the agenda. If you would like to add to it in the future, please let Ralph know. A motion was made to approve the agenda by Richard Howell, seconded by Dan Golden, and passed.
- The reading of the secretary's minutes was dispensed.
- Copies of the treasurer's report were passed to those present.

General reports:

General Chair, Ralph Poore:

- The hotel has confirmed dates and indicated that they will have the same price as last year.
- The insurance will be handled later in the year.
- We are expecting a follow up of the TPA Sponsorship.
- The cost of storage has gone up slightly but is in line with inflation. We will be staying there.
- If you know or hear of anyone wanting to buy frames, let Ralph know.

Rick Howell:

- No report for now.

Beginning Collectors – Skip Ely:

- Going through and sorting stamps (soaking and surfing)
- He noticed that if he moved some of the unwanted items to the free table- they disappeared.

Bourse - Tom Cunningham:

- At the end of February, he contacted all dealers from last year. 24 sent back a positive response.
- Discussed increasing the dealer's cost for a table. It was decided to not change so we stay in competition with other shows.

Chance table – Patty Poore:

- Keeping the wheel – easy setup.
- Reported that the buyers were happy with their return for the value.
- We have good material.

Finance - Tom Cunningham:

- Explained and discussed the report, Rick Howell seconded the motion, and the motion passed. The report was approved.

- Rick Howell made a motion to accept the budget, Rick Hildebrandt seconded the motion, the motion passed and the budget was accepted.

Hospitality – Janet Moyer:

- Reported that we have all the supplies we need to prepare.
- **Lunch** – Donna Howell reported that we will do as last year.

Mail Out – Stanley Christmas:

- Sent a report of 114 drops from our mailing list.

Mixture Picks – Bob Weidman:

- Doing well.
- We now have bags of stamps for sale, not only at EXPO but at meetings.
- We are separating the stamps on and off paper.
- An example is 1 pound of stamps off-paper is \$25.
- Would like to see if members want to take a bag home, look through it, and bring back what you don't want.

Program - Geoff Owens:

- No report. His work is in October.

Publicity – Peter Elias (not present):

- No report but the EXPO ad has been submitted to the APS "American Philatelist".

Security - Bob Weidman:

- We will be using the same firms as before. (Davis Security and the police.)
- We need a person who can constantly "walk the show".

Silent Auction - Tom Turner:

- Early stages- will work on it later,

Signs – Ralph Poore:

- 14 outside signs are serviceable for this year.
- Would like to see replacements in 2027.
- Estimated cost is \$50 each.

Snacks – Rick Hildebrandt:

- This will be done later.
- Special requests should be in by October.

Transportation – Ralph Poore:

- Dalworth has been reconfirmed.

Volunteers - Janet Moyer:

- The sign-up sheets have started being passed around.
- Encourage the newer members to sign up.

Next Meeting:

- The next meeting will be held on June 20th at David's Barbecue. 11:00 AM lunch, meeting following.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM.



Be sure to visit the Club website on the Internet:

← <https://www.mid-citiesstampclub.com>

For recent online newsletters see the club website above or:

<https://BetweenThePerfs.com/MCSC> →

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MEET & EAT for

May 2026

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 and the Arlington new meeting start time now being at 6:00 PM rather than 6:30 PM.

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

ARLINGTON

May 6 Trinity United Methodist Church
1200 W. Green Oaks Blvd, Arlington.

FLOWER MOUND

May 20 Awesome Times TX
2630 Justin Rd, Ste 107
Highland Village, TX (972) 318-0830

GRANBURY

May 26 Grumps, 3503 E. Hwy 377, Granbury

Mid-Cities Stamp Club "Stamping Around" Newsletter
c/o Peter Elias
PO Box 940427
Plano, TX 75094-0427

Don't Forget:
TSDA Bourse - June 26-27 (McKinney)

Wanted to Buy

Texas Precancel Stamps. Contact Rick Howell at:
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 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

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 \$3.00 in Spanish ATM stamps (which are only 15¢ each)! Contact Peter Elias at peter@pcelias.com 4/24

Large accumulation of stamps from many countries both mint & used. This includes full dealer boxes, bulging glassines, binders with album and Vario pages, and old albums with collections. All stamps are no more than 20% of catalog price. Request stamps by country and I will determine the best way to get them to you for examination. You select what you want, write down catalog price, adjust for condition, and pay me when you return the material. What do you want, need, or desire to look at? Dave Stockbridge; stockdave44@yahoo.com 2/26