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Newsletter of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club

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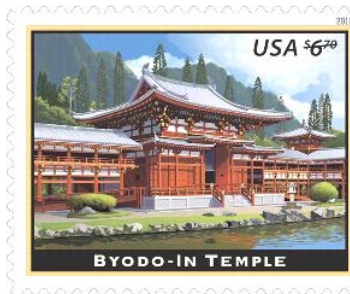
April 2018

Been There, Done That

Byodo-In Temple

By Thomas Cunningham

Earlier in February, my woman friend (who took the photos below) and I visited the Byodo-In Temple REPLICA on Oahu. The original is in Japan and goes back to the 900's (Google has all of the answers about the original). The Replica is very



impressive and built to exact specifications (but slightly smaller) in 1968 to commemorate the centennial of the first Japanese immigration to Hawaii. It is on a hill within a very impressive cemetery which even has a Roman Catholic section(!). On the same grounds are several smaller temples. They also have the ubiquitous gift shop and an impressive surrounding pond containing hundreds of KOI fish, a few black swans and a few frogs.

The animals in the pond all seem to get along with each other. Admission was only \$4 each at the REPLICA.



[Editor's Note: The \$6.70 Priority Mail stamp was issued on January 21, 2018 in panes of 4 stamps.]

USPS Form 3813 Discontinued

By Peter Elias

The USPS is discontinuing several "extra services" forms as of October 15, 2017: two different insurance forms (3813 & 3813-P shown to the right) and also the "Signature Confirmation" form 153 and "Return Receipt for Merchandise" form 3804.

According to the article in "Postal Times", that instead of using these forms, USPS retail employees will print IMpb (intelligent mail package barcodes) at the point of sale and that only one barcode is needed per package. It might have taken 3 labels if you had needed to have a return receipt for an item returned to a merchant for which you needed a signature upon delivery and have it insured!

For those studying "postal history" and "post office history", a collection of the various forms used over the years might be an interesting topic for a collection or exhibit!



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Editor's Forum

By Peter Elias

When submitting stamps (or scans of stamps) for article illustration, please make sure to send or email me an uncanceled stamp. Since it is the stamp that is the focus of the illustration, the cancel or postmark will just obscure the design.

While not everyone in the club is a "world traveler" (or even USA traveler for that matter), almost every one of us should be able to write a "Been There - Done That" article. The "there" part doesn't necessarily have to refer to a physical place that you may have visited that is depicted on a stamp, it could be a person that you met, an event you attended or even "thing" featured on a stamp, that you personally can identify with. For example, I think most everyone can identify with this object to the right, so everyone could claim that they've "been there, sucked on that"!



Stamp image from www.stampworld.com

The point is to have fun with philately and to "personalize" it and it's definitely a case of it being "all about YOU"! We all illustrate our lives with photos and videos, why not with stamps (or potentially postmarks and meter slogans)? I get a kick out of finding a variety of stamps that I can identify with what is featured on them (and you'll see more of that in future newsletters).

If by now you're contemplating writing your own "been there..." article but don't have a copy of the stamp in question, there's no need to go and buy it, images of practically every stamp issued are online and we can borrow the image (with credit given) to the website that illustrates it (such as www.stampworld.com above). But the been-there article should also have a picture that features you or is at least a photo that you took of the people, place or topic involved. Ready, set, collect!

Members in the News

Ray Cartier's 8-frame exhibit, "How We Got Men to the Moon" won a Large Gold at AmeriStamp Expo in Birmingham, Alabama. This was the 10th Gold medal awarded to exhibitor Ray for this exhibit, which will result in the AAPE Diamond Award. The next step will occur on August 1st, when it will be on display for three months at the Frontiers Of Flight museum at Love Field in Dallas, Texas. Ray is the second MCSC Member to achieve the Diamond Award by the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors. Dr. Ben Termini recently achieved this goal, with only 101 awardees to date...

Coming Attractions

2018

MAR. 27 MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting

Program: Auction of Al Hull Collection
(by Denny Ludlow)

APR. 4 MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting

Program: Ben Termini - Birth of the Palestinian Authority Postal Service

APR. 18 MCSC—EULESS Meeting

Program: Freeform discussions

APR. 24 MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting

Program: Ken Aldridge (*Title to be determined*)

MAY 2 MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting

Program: Club Auction, plus Skip Ely will present a short bio of how he got into stamp collecting.

MAY 12 11 AM BOD & EXPO Planning Meeting

Dave' BBQ, 2224 W. Park Row, Pantego, TX

MAY 16 MCSC—EULESS Meeting

Program: TBD

MAY 22 MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting

Program: TBD

Secretary's Report

By Benedict Termini

Reinstatements

Herman Dallof, Diana Davis, Cynthia James,
Mary (Jo) James, Austin Mullins

Membership Summary – March 8, 2018

Membership as of February 8, 2018	87
New Members	0
Dropped for non-payment of dues	0
Resignations	0
Deceased	0
Reinstatements	5
Membership as of March 8, 2018	92



Been There, Done That

Squareback

By Peter Elias

My parents didn't learn to drive until they were over 40 years old! Why so late you may ask? Well, there was no reason for them to know how to drive prior to that time. Gosh, how can anyone get by without driving? Easy: when we lived in Switzerland, there was no real need for a car, as we could get just about anywhere with electric trams, electric bus, electric railways, Post Office buses, and various chairlifts, cable cars & funiculars in the mountains.

However, once my parents knew that they were moving to the USA, they knew that public transportation wasn't an option in Mid-Michigan, so they learned to drive about a year before we moved to the USA. And they also purchased a car before we moved and that car came to the USA with us.

The car that they bought was a 1971 Volkswagen Squareback (station wagon), which is shown on the custom postage stamp on the right. This picture was taken near a train station Zürich.

Since the car was destined for export, it had a special "Customs" license plate, as shown in the photo and the close-up below. The "ZH" at the beginning is an abbreviation for "Zürich", where we had lived. The "Z" at



the end refers to "Zoll" (Customs).

Even though my parents had learned to drive with a "manual" transmission, the VW was purchased with a 3-speed automatic. One time our family took a trip over a Swiss mountain pass. The 1,600cc engine was severely underpowered (despite being fuel-injected) and the automatic transmission didn't help. Put four people into that car and it just didn't have enough power to make it up some of the steeper mountain pass roads. Eventually someone in a Volvo (from what I remember), had to give us a push until the grade wasn't as steep!

This car was about as basic as you could get. There was no radio. There really wasn't a "heater", just "ambient" warm air from the air-cooled engine in the back that made it's way to the floorboards. No air conditioning either (unless you count the "natural" kind - aka: open the windows!), just a small found that barely blew out whatever air got sucked from the outside. So driving in cold Michigan winters and warm, humid summers wasn't always pleasant.

Once we had arrived in Mid-Michigan, it was of course almost immediately obvious that one car would not suffice, as my father needed it to go to work and my mother needed it for grocery shopping and hauling us kids around. So, while in Switzerland we got along just fine with zero cars, here we needed two of them! The car that my father bought was a 1972 Audi 100LS (that's another story..).

This was also the car that I essentially learned to drive in as a teenager in 1977. While the car is long gone, I still have that custom license on a shelf in my office!

Members in the News

Submitted by Ray Cartier

Ralph DeBoard of the Oklahoma Stamp Club and Ray Cartier of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club will each receive the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitor's (AAPE) Diamond Award at OKPEX on June 29th. The presenter will be APS President Mike Ley. These awards were created to recognize the exhibitors and not just the exhibits. Ralph will get the 100th such award and Ray will be the 101st recipient. The Diamond Award has previously been presented to Mid-Cities Stamp Club member Dr. Ben Termini.

Been There, Done That

Time To Let Go

By Peter Elias

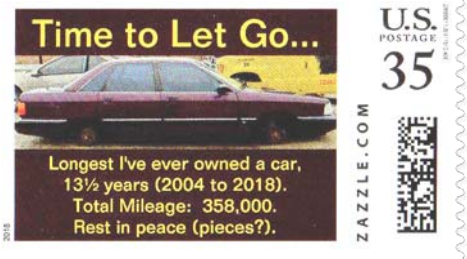
There comes that time in every car owner's life where one has to "let go" as they say. In my case, it was time to let go of my 1990 Audi 100 that I've had for almost 14 years, longer than any other car I've ever owned!

At this point, there were just a few too many things wrong that would have cost way more in repair expenses than I was willing to pay; the biggest one being that the transmission was stuck in "D"rive mode, meaning that it could be driven forwards, but no neutral, reverse or park! The shift lever moved way too easily, meaning that the cable that connects it to the transmission had broken. This is a part that is no longer available (only 28-year old cables from other cars... and the labor to replace it would have been expensive). At 358,000 miles, it was the 2nd highest mileage car of this model in the USA (there is someone on the east coast of the USA that has 550,000 miles on the same car). The stamp to the left shows the odometer when it "only" had 330,057 miles on it and it broke at 341,257 miles, and had an estimated 358,000 miles in February 2018.

So, I had a salvage yard from Nevada, Texas come haul it away (for free!) and I let gave them the car with the stipulation that I could keep the wheels and tires (which will actually serve as spares for my OTHER 1990 Audi, the Coupe Quattro, which has significantly less mileage (only about 70,000...)).

Below is a stamp showing my former 1973 Audi 100GL on the day that I personally drove to it a salvage yard in Michigan back in the 1980's (after stripping it for parts that my 1972 Audi GL, shown behind it, could use).

If a car is just "Point A to B" transportation for you, it's probably not too hard to let go, but it is if you really like your car!



How many miles does YOUR car have?



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Arlington Meeting Minutes March 7, 2018

By Ben Termini

Eules Meeting Minutes March 21, 2018

By Ken Wills

Call-to-Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Club President Ray Cartier. There were 17 members and no guests present.

Office / Committee Reports:

- **Secretary** Ben Termini reported that we had 90 members. Twenty members were dropped for non-payment of dues in February but three had been re-instated (two additional members were re-instated later in the meeting). He also mentioned that an updated membership list would be sent out within the next few days.
- **Treasurer** Judy Christmas said we had about \$13,000 in our account.
- **EXPO Committee chairman** Ralph Poore said the EXPO committee meeting on March 3 had gone well. The theme is 'Birds' and he mentioned that the local Audubon Society would be providing support. Three APS-accredited judges had been lined up already, and he said the next meeting would be May 12 (Combined MCSC Board and EXPO Committee). Alliene Franklin mentioned that she was looking for someone to replace her as awards chairman, although we all know she is irreplaceable. Stanley Christmas mentioned that there would be a bird photo contest associated with the EXPO, and more details would be forthcoming when they were finalized. Pictures of someone 'flipping the bird' would not be acceptable.
- **Sales Books Chairman** Skip Ely said that he had some new books, and mentioned that he would not be at the Eules meeting.
- **Newsletter Editor** Peter Elias said everything was fine with the newsletter and encouraged members to contribute articles.

Announcements:

- Rich Hildebrandt mentioned that the next auction would be in May and he would need items by the April meeting.
- Alliene Franklin discussed an exhibit that she and several other Granbury members were putting together for the Weatherford Library.
- Peter Elias reminded everyone that the next TSDA bourse would be on March 16-17 in Richardson, and also mentioned that there was going to be a postcard show on the same dates nearby.

Door Prizes:

- Gift Certificates (\$10) were won by Ralph Poore, Jeff Jessop, Stanley Christmas and Jim Camak.

Program:

This was a "Show & Tell" session:

- Judy Christmas showed an article in the Journal of Texas Philately and Postal History which had been written by Stanley Christmas.
- Ray Cartier showed some Bikini Island atomic bomb test covers, and passed around a picture of a girl in a bikini.
- Ben Termini discussed an 1810 disinfected mail cover from Mexico (then called Nueva España).

Call-to-Order:

The mid-month meeting of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club commenced at 7:30 pm at the usual location.

Attendance:

Eight members were present. Also a guest attended and later signed up to become a member of the club.

Officer Reports:

- **Secretary** — We were informed that the club now has 92 members.
- **Treasurer** — The club's finances are in excellent shape.

Committee Reports:

- **EXPO** — Stanley Christmas stated that a prospectus is about to be sent out to prospective exhibitors. He also reported that some adjustments were in process to the Expo floor plan, and that the Audubon Society had accepted an invitation, since birds would be the Expo topic.

Announcements:

- The Dallas Morning News reported that there would be an official unveiling of the Lena Horne stamp on March 22 at the Southwest Center Mall.

Show & Tell:

- Mike Smith passed around the February 2018 issue of the Journal of Texas Philately & Postal History, with a six page article by Stanley Christmas, entitled "Building a single stamp exhibit with the 1938 4½¢ Prexie issue."
- Tom Turner showed a cover postmarked Dollarhide TX. Dollarhide is in Andrews County, and its post office was open only from 1950 to 1959.
- Ken Wills showed a cover that flew into Space aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger in 1983.
- Peter Elias had a recent cover from Nigeria that had been officially inspected and resealed.
- Mike Smith had a Swiss stamp overprinted AUSSER KURS (German for Obsolete). There was speculation why this action was taken rather than simply destroying the obsolete stamps.

Door Prizes:

- The winners were Mike Smith and Stanley Christmas.

Adjournment:

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm.

- Peter Elias showed a selection of ATM stamps and similar material.
- Gene Pfretzschner passed around a Hashknife Pony Express cover.
- Bill Lau showed a book of trading stamps and gave an interesting short talk about them.
- Stanley Christmas demonstrated his unique method for making mounts for his stamps.
- At the conclusion of the meeting President Ray Cartier asked the members to comment on the meeting format and the general consensus was that this had been a good session and should be repeated every year.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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*Been There,
Done That*

The Deliverance

By Peter Elias

In October 1994, I was on my honeymoon on Bermuda. One of the many interesting things to see and visit on this beautiful island is (replica of) the ship "The Deliverance", shown on my photo below and the stamp on the right.

The original "Deliverance" was built to carry survivors of the "Sea Venture" to Virginia. The Sea Venture's wreck on the (then) uninhabited Bermuda islands in 1609 and the subsequent escape of her people on the Bermuda-built "Deliverance" and "Patience" ships in 1610 led to the colonization of Bermuda in 1612!

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MCSC EXPO MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2018

By Skip Ely

The MCSC EXPO Committee met at The Pizza Garden in Bedford at 11:00 AM on March 3, 2018. Present were EXPO Chairperson Ralph Poore, Treasurer Judy Christmas, and Committee members Stanley Christmas, Tom Cunningham, Peter Elias, Alliene Franklin, Mike Smith, Ray Cartier, Rich Hildebrandt, and Skip Ely.

- **WELCOME** – Ralph Poore opened the meeting with a review of the previous EXPO meeting minutes, which were approved without reading.
- **THEME** – The survey Ralph did prior to the meeting showed a plurality for the Audubon bird stamps as a theme for this year's Expo. The committee voted to accept this at the show this year.
- **BOURSE** – Tom Cunningham said he wants to review dealer tables and locations to accommodate various dealer requests. He said he will be contacting all the dealers in the next few weeks.
- **AWARDS** – Alliene Franklin said she will not be able to continue as the awards chairperson, and so a replacement is needed.
- **BEGINNING COLLECTORS** – Skip Ely said he would like a dry erase board to advertise and offer hints on soaking, detecting watermarks, determining perfs, etc. at the show. Ray Cartier said he had one that could be used.
- **CACHETS** – Ray Cartier offered to use some of his photographs of birds as program cachets, and possibly on envelopes if there was a request for them. He talked about having two frames of bird pictures from others, with a prize of putting those on a sheet of stamps. A budget of \$30 was approved for this.
- **CHANCE BOARD** – Ray indicated that Karen had finished filling her envelopes and was ready for the show.
- **EXHIBITS** – Stanley Christmas said everything was on track. Peter Elias offered to make "fillable" exhibit entry forms as PDF files once ready.
- **FINANCE** – Judy Christmas briefly described the current balance and indicated we were in good shape. She indicated that she would have an updated budget out to the Chairperson before the next meeting.
- **REGISTRATION** – This item was tabled until the next meeting.
- **JUDGES** – Peter Elias said he had confirmation from three judges, two of whom will be new for our show. The judges are Mr. William C. Fort, III, Mr. Jeffrey N. Shapiro, and Mr. Patrick A. Walters.
- **LUNCHESES** – Judy Christmas said she will check with Jason's Deli on prices as we get closer to the show.
- **MIXTURE PICK** – Stanley Christmas said he was looking at the request to move the mix pick from behind the exhibit frames to the front of them. He perceives it would likely require removal of the back tables. He will get with Bob Weidman before finalizing the details.
- **PUBLICITY** – There was a brief discussion of efforts in this area.

- **SECURITY** – Mike Smith said he will try and get the same people as last year.
- **SILENT AUCTION** – Ken Wills told Ralph prior to the meeting that we had some donations left over from last year. Skip Ely said he would have some things from donations to offer as well.
- **OUTSIDE SIGNS** – We still need a volunteer to put up the signs Thursday night and retrieve them Saturday night.
- **SNACKS** - Tabled until a later meeting.
- **TRANSPORTATION** (of frames and storage cabinets) – Ralph said Evan told him he would coordinate this item when we get closer to the show date.
- **LABOR** – Ralph Poore said we need a couple more people to help some dealers move their stock in and out. This may be in addition to the Transportation Team.

NEXT MEETING – Any EXPO related items can be brought up at the next Board meeting, scheduled for May 12, 11 AM at Dave's BBQ in Arlington. The next EXPO meeting was scheduled for August 11 at the Pizza Garden in Bedford. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Granbury Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2018

By Cyndie Spurlock

Dave Stockbridge welcomed 11 members on a drizzly evening. We were very glad to have Brian Smith back with us.

For **Show & Tell:**

- Alliene shared an interesting article showing the correct pronunciations for several Texas towns and how some of them got their names. For instance, Iraan is pronounced "Ira Ann" as it is named for Ira and Ann Yates who owned the ranch land where the town was build.
- Denny shared two antique letters with interesting print & addresses.
- Lloyd had stamps from Mauritius that had errors.
- Brian showed a Post Office registry receipt from 1894.
- Jim Case shared a history of hockey on stamps.

For **"Where in the World is It"**, Gary described a series of stamps from Cambodia.

For **Announcements:**

- Jim Case brought up the need to recruit new members and how we could make the public aware of our club. Jim does put the meeting in the newspaper's Community Events Calendar each month.
- Alliene told us of the display at the Hood County Library and that it was successful in getting new members.
- Cyndie and Alliene have plans underway to have an exhibit at the Weatherford Library in October.

For **refreshments**, Bob Coleman brought some cucumber wraps and barbecued L'il Smokies.

After the **break**, Dave gave an interesting program on four Northeastern German Plebiscites, created after World War II: Allenstein, Marienwerder, Upper Silesia and Schleswig. Several observations and comments from the club members addressed this era of history.

At the **close of the meeting**, Gift Certificates were awarded to Gary McNamee, Brian Smith and Jim Case.

From the President's Desk

by Ray Cartier

For those of us who collect Topical Stamps, the American Topical Association (ATA) has been, and still is, a great source of philatelic help in our collections. The "Checklists", which provide information of existing stamps covering over 1,250 topics, and which was re-created over six years by my wife, Karen, is now one of the biggest assets of belonging along with the ATA's magazine, "Topical Time".

The ATA offers a way for collectors to find Topical Stamps on the group's website as well as a place to sell their trades to other topical collectors. The ATA has a wealth of books on a wide variety of topics which are available from the current ATA Director, Vera Felts and the Association's head office in Carterville, Illinois. The National Topical Stamp Show (NTSS) brings an exceptional of exhibits together on topicals which are both colorful and highly interesting, especially for those who aren't really into "classic" or "country" collecting.

The origin of the ATA goes back to 1949 when a teenager started the Association in a room within his parent's home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Jerry Husak, the "father of organized topical philately", passed away in Arizona on February 22nd at the age of 86. His vision as a student has sparked interests in philately that did not exist until he opened the doors to a "fun" way of collecting whatever topic any individual found to be interesting.

Karen and I got to know Jerry very well during the six years that I served as the ATA's Executive Director. He was a smiling, soft spoken man whose passion reached out to bring a new type of philately to tens of thousands of individuals around the world.

Within just five months of founding the ATA it had 408 members reaching a high membership at one time of about 10,000 members. He kept involved in the ATA through my entire two terms in office and for a few years beyond that when he and his wife, Sally, retired to the warmer climate of Arizona.

It would be very fitting if we could have several topical collectors give a short, 5 to 10 minute "show and tell" at our November meeting in Arlington, on what topic they collect and how each decided to collect that particular topic. We had hoped to get a speaker for 30 to 45 minutes, but our last meeting's "Show and Tell" evening was so well received that we should do that again. I'll give a short talk about one aspect of collecting the topic, "Jules Verne". Can 5 to 8 others come up and just talk to us about your collections as if you were just talking to a few friends?. Let me know if you would be willing to share your topical interests with the club members who will be there. It should be another very interesting meeting.

Upcoming meetings: Ben Termini on the "Birth of the Palestinian Authority Postal Service" on April 4. On May 2nd we will have our Club Auction and Skip Ely will present a short bio of himself and how he got into stamp collecting. June 6th will bring Stanley Christmas back to speak. He told me at

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Church of St. Peter

By Bob & Pat Weidman

The photo below is of St. Peter's church in St. George's, Bermuda, taken on our April 1991 vacation to the island nation. While there, in-between soaking up the sun on the pink sand beaches, we went sightseeing all over the islands.



Bermuda is an archipelago consisting of seven main islands and 170 additional (named) islets and rocks. One of the places we visited was the town of St. Georges on the island of the same name. St. Georges was the first English settlement of Bermuda which occurred in 1612. St. George's was also the first capitol of Bermuda until 1815 when Hamilton became the capitol.

The church of St. Peter in St. George's is the oldest surviving Anglican church in continuous use outside of Great Britain, as well as the oldest continuously used Protestant church in the Western Hemisphere. The royal title of "Their Majesties Chapel" was bestowed on the church by Queen Elizabeth II.

The church is featured on Bermuda Scott#176 and was issued as part of a set of eighteen stamps depicting historical sights of Bermuda.



the last meeting the title of his talk, but I can't find my notes right now, and my memory is gone along with my eyesight, hair and good hearing, but we'll get that information to you by next month. Our July meeting will slip from July 4 to July 11 due to the holiday and Diana Davis will precede our Mixture Pick with a 5 to 10 minute talk on "My MCSC Cachets and Other Art". On August 1st we'll have another Club Auction and member Gene Pfretzschner will precede that with a short 5 to 10 minute talk. On September 5th, Karen Cartier will share information about "International Fairy/Folk Tales, Legends & Island Mythology".

Happy Easter to all!

MCSC Granbury Auction on March 27
The Al Hull Collection
Preview at 6 pm, Auction at 7 pm

Al Hull auction prepared by Denny Ludlow; nearly all albums are in excellent shape.

ITEM	Min. Bid
1. Supreme Global Album S-T	\$ 100
2. Supreme Global Album B	\$ 100
3. Supreme Global Album D-G	\$ 100
4. Supreme Global Album P-S	\$ 50
5. Supreme Global Album B-D	\$ 30
6. Master Global Album R-Z	\$ 5
7. Supreme Global Album M-N	\$ 15
8. Supreme Global Album H-L	\$ 50
9. Master Global Album P-R	\$ 15
10. Norway Lighthouse Album	\$ 25
11. Supreme Global Album F-G	\$ 100
12. Supreme Global Album Gr-Gu	\$ 50
13. Supreme Global Album T-Z	\$ 10
14. Master Global Album C-G	\$ 15
15. Supreme Global Album B	\$ 100
16. Supreme Global Album L-P	\$ 10
17. Supreme Global Album A-B	\$ 30
18. Supreme Global Album Ph-Ro	\$ 50
19. Supreme Global Album L-Me	\$ 50
20. Supreme Global Album H-L	\$ 50
21. Supreme Global Album A countries	\$ 50
22. Supreme Global Album U-Z	\$ 50
23. Supreme Global Album G	\$ 100
24. Supreme Global Album S-T	\$ 20
25. Scott Specialty Album Eps	\$ 5
26. Scott US to 1971	\$ 100
27. Scott US 2000-	\$ 100
28. Scott US 1990-9	\$ 100
29. Scott US 1980s	\$ 100
30. Scott US 2004-	\$ 100
31. Scott US 1977-9 PB	\$ 150
32. Scott US 1901-51 PB	\$ 50
33. Scott US 1914-75 Booklets	\$ 20
34. Scott US 1965-71 PBs	\$ 60
35. Scott US 1992-6 PBs	\$ 160
36. Scott US 1962-03 PBs	\$ 260
37. Scott US 1977-00 MNH	\$ 170
38. Scott US 1952-64 MNH	\$ 15
39. Scott US 1975-6 PBs	\$ 40
40. Scott US 1972-4 PBs	\$ 80
41. Scott US 1947-76 MNH	\$ 25
42. Scott US 2000-3 PBs	\$ 190
43. Scott US 1984-91 PBs	\$ 100
44. Scott US 1997-9 PBs	\$ 175
45. Scott US Used to 1934 PBs to 1961	\$ 50
46. Scott US Postal Cds -2000	\$ 10
47. Scott US Postal Cds 2000-	\$ 10
48. Scott US 2000-3 NH Some airs	\$ 25
49. Scott Album covers much WWII	\$ 20
50. Scott US 1973-90 MNH	\$ 100

51. Red Box of WW	\$ 100
52. candy Box WW on/off paper	\$ 1
53. Misc supplies in white box	\$ 1
54. 2000 Cowboys pic signed by 6	\$ 1
55. 1936 Zeppelin Cover	\$ 1
56. US sc#620-1 Norse ships MNH	\$ 5
57. US 2011-2 Civil war sheets	\$ 6
58. US 2012-5 War of 1812 sheets	\$ 20
59. US Legends of West book/sheet	\$ 3
60. US 1934 sc#740-9 Nat Parks set	\$ 3
61. White box of Mint sheet files, & Misc	\$ 1
62. Supplies stock sheets Manilla Folders	\$ 1
63. 9 War II Ration Booklets	\$ 1
64. Box of US Face Most 2c-10c	\$ 50
65. Bigger Box US Face Most 3c-10c	\$ 100
66. Italy 1932 sc#C35-9 on cover	\$ 15
67. Switzerland 1945 sc#302 Pax on cover	\$ 15
68. Supreme Global Album T-Z & UN	\$ 50
69. Golden Replicas 58 fdcs in Album	\$ 10
70. 2012 set of 6 Scott catalogues clean	\$ 1

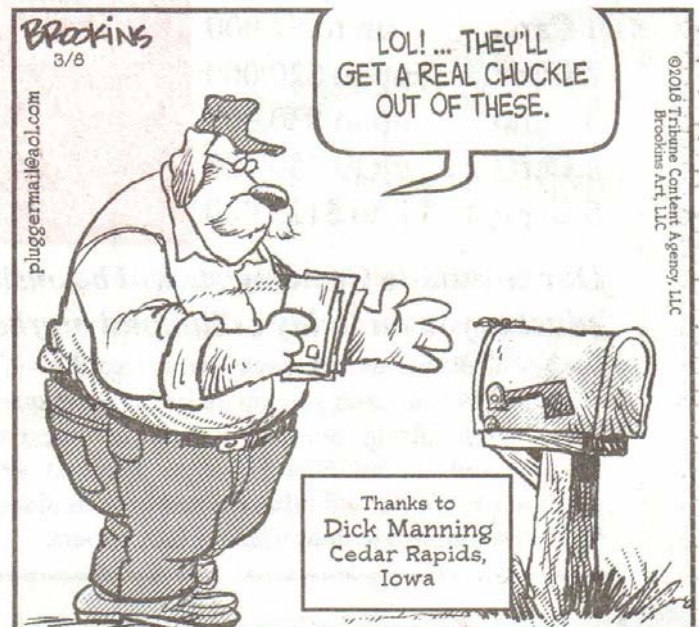
Comic Strip - Pluggers Facebook Repost

By Peter Elias

The March 9, 2018 edition of the Dallas Morning News featured another "Pluggers" comic strip with a "postal" tie-in. As with all other Pluggers comic strips, this one also shows the "old fashioned" way of doing things, which is that the plugger, despite having "technology" (such as Facebook) for use, is using the "old-school" way of "forwarding" things on to their friends, aka "snail mail"!

PLUGGERS

By Gary Brookins



A plugger's idea of a Facebook repost is clipping cartoons from the comics and snail-mailing them to family and friends.

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

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US POSTAGE – from our huge surplus: 1c – 20c : 70% of FV; 21c – 50c : 80% of FV. Send any amount (min \$10), specify group (70%, 80%), and receive mix of values back in FV as indicated above. Clean, F/VF only. Plate or Zip block included for every \$10 remitted. Remit (check or MO) to: J. Myers, P. O. Box 2047, Coppell, TX 75019. TX orders, add 8% sales tax. We cover return postage, S/H charges. Can also take PayPal (same terms). jasdmyers@earthlink.net 5/15

Comic Strip - Pluggers (1966 GTO)

By Peter Elias



You know you're a plugger when the '66 GTO you drove in high school is now a classic car on postage stamps.



It's amusing that the character mentions that "it's even the same color as mine", when the image on that stamp makes it difficult to determine the color, other than it's "dark"!

St. Vincent has also issued a stamp featuring a GTO, albeit a model year 1967 convertible.

The "Pluggers" comic strip has featured stamps, postage and related subjects over the years.

This particular strip, which must be from around the year 2013 has the subject mentioning that the 1966 GTO is now a classic car on stamps.

The USA issued Scott#4744, a Forever (46¢ at the time) commemorative that was part of a series of 5 stamps featuring "muscle cars".



For Sale

Do you collect **used USA Plate Number Coils**? Select what you want from my [extensive](#) inventory at 1/3 of Scott catalog value. They are listed on my website at <http://web2.iadfw.net/wills/> and from there you will find links to other countries too. Also interested in trading. Ken Wills 9/11

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

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- **St. Vincent Philatelic Reference Scans (1,700 items!!)**
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Wanted to Buy

Interesting "stuff", such as:

- ◆ Worldwide Revenue stamps on document
- ◆ Worldwide ATM stamps, such as those from Frama, Klüssendorf, Epelsa, Mobba Postage Vending machines and other "on-demand" printed postage (but NOT "ATM Booklet stamps") from around the world, preferably on cover, postcards or parcel cards.
- ◆ CVP and custom order stamps, such as the "PhotoStamps" from Zazzle, Stamps.com, Endicia, etc.

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Postally used "ATM" stamps (i.e.: machine vended), such as Framas, from around the world; would prefer on cover or postcard if possible. Peter Elias, info@stvincentstamps.com 8/14

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

Wanting to trade stamps from Trucial States: Yemen, Aden or Equatorial Guiana. Brian Smith, donnasmithphoto@gmail.com 3/18

MEET & EAT for April & May 2018

by Judy & Stanley Christmas

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

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

ARLINGTON

- Apr. 4 **Jav Jav Café**
 1001 So. Bowen Rd.
- May 2 **Campo Verde**
 2918 W. Pioneer Parkway

EULESS

Due to the new meeting location, meet-n-eat meeting sites have yet to be determined, the club secretary will e-mail the details once known.

Wanted to Buy

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

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PhotoStamps, ZazzleStamps & PictureItPostage in a variety of different designs. For a listing of available designs and to purchase, go to <http://photostamps.webs.com> and use your credit card to purchase them (via PayPal). 12/15

I have over **10,000 auctions** on delcampe.com @ 35% of Scott or less. Worldwide & US stamps, covers and FDCs. For more info contact Denny Ludlow @ (713) 898-1872 10/15

FREE 111-page or 26-page album of Spanish ATM stamps (provided as a PDF file) with purchase of at least \$3.00 in Spanish ATM stamps! Contact Peter Elias at peter@pcelias.com 6/17

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Don't Forget:
Granbury - Auction - March 27
Arlington Auction - May 2
EXPO Planning Mtg - May 12 ?