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Sesquicentennial of 1869 Pictorial Issue

by Rick Howell



March, 2019 marks the 150th anniversary of the issue of the first United States stamps featuring pictures of something other than dead politicians. This series of stamps (Scott Nos. 112-122) was issued by the American Bank Note Company during the first weeks of the administration of Ulysses S. Grant, and is prized by collectors as beautiful examples of the art of engraving on a small scale.



At the time of their issue, these stamps proved to be unpopular with the public and were withdrawn from sale after just one year. In 1875, a limited number were reissued without grills. The four higher value stamps in this series represent the first time more than one color was used in the printing process. The bi-color printing process proved troublesome for the American Bank Note Company, as several inverts are known to exist in these issues, and command quite a premium on the stamp market.



1869 Inverts

Public opinion against the pictorial issue caused the Post Office to revert to the old practice of using deceased founding fathers as subjects on stamps and pictorials were not used again until 1893 when the post office issued the Columbian Exposition stamps.

Some of the lower denomination pictorial issue stamps can still be found on cover at decent prices through local stamp dealers, at stamp shows and even online at eBay or other popular auction sites. The higher values of the pictorial issue have continued to rise in price over the last few years and now adding them to your collection will come at a premium price, but there are always deals out there, so keep looking!

... And The Survey Says ...

By Peter Elias



As the "Pickles" comic strip (from March 2, 2019) above states, everyone seems to want you to take a survey about your "experience" with that merchant, including the US Postal Service (see panel 2 of the strip).

Every time that I have a transaction at my post office, the clerk dutifully (he has to, he says...) circles the QR barcode that prints at the bottom of the receipt (see left).

For purposes of this article, I did actually complete the survey for the receipt above (for the first time ever, and I have hundreds of receipts!). I generally don't mind surveys. After all, companies don't know if they need to improve if you don't tell them what isn't working. I do however prefer surveys where I am compensated for my time!

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Editor's Forum

By Peter Elias

It's time for another new stamp issue here in the Dallas area! The "Little Mo" stamp will be issued on April 23 at 11 AM at the Tennis Complex at SMU (Southern Methodist University) in Dallas. "Little Mo" was [Maureen Catherine Connolly-Brinker](#), winner of all 4 Grand Slam Tennis titles in the early 1950's. Attendees generally get a free First Day of Issue cover and a program. Although not required, the USPS would like people to sign up at <http://www.usps.com/littlemo>. I hope to see MCSC members at the ceremony!

Errata

It has been brought to my attention that on page 11 of the December 2018 newsletter, a "Zazzle" stamp is shown and was referred to as a "PhotoStamp", it should have been called either a "photo stamp" (a generic term) or a "Zazzle stamp", since "PhotoStamp" is a trademark of stamps.com.

MCSC Sponsor Members

By Skip Ely

A special thanks to the following members who have provided financial support to the Mid Cities Stamp Club for the 2019 fiscal year with at least a \$25 sponsor membership:

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Coming Attractions

2019

- MAR. 26** **MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting**
Program: Skip Ely - Music in the Mail & How I Got Started in Stamp Collecting
- APR. 3** **MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting**
Program: Stamp Varieties by Ken Aldridge
- APR. 17** **MCSC—EULESS Meeting**
Program: Extended Show & Tell and philatelic discussions
- APR. 23, 11 AM** **USPS "Little Mo" Stamp Issue Ceremony**
Location: SMU Tennis Complex, 5669 N Central Exwy.
- APR. 23** **MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting**
Program: Auction for Brian Smith Stamp Collection
- MAY 1** **MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting**
Program: Auction
- MAY 4** **MCSC EXPO Planning Meeting 11 AM**
Angelo's Pizza/Steak/Pasta, 2590 W Pioneer Pkwy, Pantego
- MAY 15** **MCSC—EULESS Meeting**
Program: Extended Show & Tell and philatelic discussions
- MAY 28** **MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting**
Program: Stanley Christmas – Program TBD

Secretary's Report

By Skip Ely



New Members

None

Re-instatements

Katherine Foster (#551)
Denny Ludlow (#485)
Austin Mullins (#496)
Cyndie Spurlock (#493)

Dropped for Non-Payment of Dues

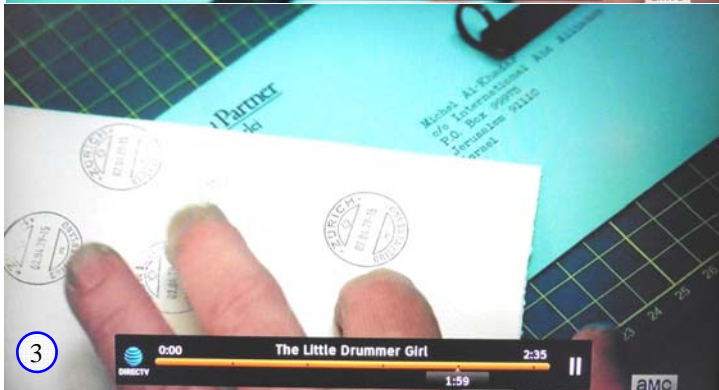
None

Membership Summary – March 6, 2019

Membership as of February 20, 2019	84
New Members	0
Dropped for non-payment of dues	0
Resignations	0
Deceased	0
Reinstatements	4
Membership as of March 6, 2019	88

TV Philately: The Little Drummer Girl

By Peter Elias



Recently, John le Carre's book "The Little Drummer Girl" was made into a mini-series that was shown on the AMC network. The movie is about a Palestinian assassin that is targeting prominent Israelis. An English actress is recruited by the Israelis to infiltrate the assassin cell.

At one point, the Palestinians are shown forging a Swiss date canceler (#1 above) to use on a letter (#2).

The postmark that is shown is a pretty good forgery (#3), however, the stamp that is shown on the envelope is non-existent. An easy clue is this: the stamp appears to be a semi-postal (with an 80+40 denomination). There is no such semi-postal design, and ALL Swiss semi-postal are inscribed either as "Pro Patria" or "Pro Juventute"! I don't know whether the 5-digit Jerusalem postal code of 91110 is correct; Israel currently (after 2013) uses a 7-digit postal code.

So "did they get it right"? Well, the postmark is a forgery, but it is supposed to be! The Swiss stamp on the other hand is a total fabrication (although the rate in 1979 was 80 centimes if I remember correctly).

Pass the Porcupine Please

by Rick Howell

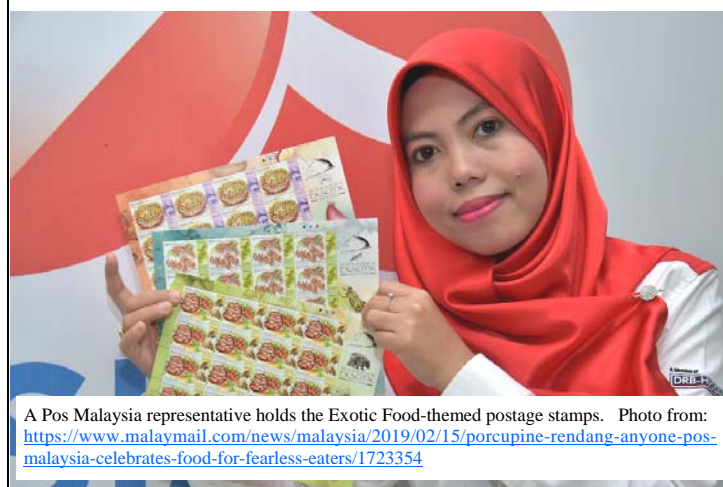
On February 15, 2019, POS Malaysia, a postal service based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, announced the release of Malaysia's first Exotic Foods themed postage stamps. The stamps will feature three different popular native dishes including sea cucumber salad, turmeric fried grasshoppers, and porcupine steak and rendang. For the uninitiated, rendang is a preparation of various meats, usually beef, cooked in a spice paste and coconut milk and is considered quite a delicacy in some parts of the world.

Unfortunately, POS Malaysia did not realize the impact that releasing a stamp featuring porcupine rendang would have on the rest of the population, especially those who consider it inappropriate to promote a dish which features an animal whose existence is threatened. The Wildlife Conservation Act of 2010 lists the Malayan Porcupine, and the Brush-tailed porcupine as "Protected", and the Long-tailed porcupine as "Totally Protected". What this means is that the first two (Protected) are legal to hunt with a permit, while with the third (Totally Protected), hunting is banned altogether. The former two fall under a classification which allows them to be hunted by aboriginal Malaysians without a permit.

As animal lover outrage escalates among the rest of the world, POS Malaysia's head of the philately unit, Diyana Lean Abdullah, proudly said, "There were actually many exotic foods in our list, but we're confident the ones we've chosen are unique and enjoyed by many." On February 16, POS Malaysia issued an apology to animal lovers. In their statement, POS Malaysia said its intention was to highlight the variety of uncommon delicacies served in Malaysia, and was not meant to encourage the act of hunting exotic animals.

Now, when I was a kid (way too many years ago), I used to really enjoy the taste of rabbits and squirrels which were plentiful in the woods of Virginia and North Carolina, and, to this day, I still consider the taste of squirrel fried up in brown gravy as one of my favorite culinary delights. But, even I have my limitations, especially when it comes to a threatened species. So you won't be hearing me say "Pass the Porcupine please"!

POS Malaysia is scheduled to release the "Exotic Food" stamps on February 19. You may contact them at filateli@pos.com.my.



A Pos Malaysia representative holds the Exotic Food-themed postage stamps. Photo from: <https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2019/02/15/porcupine-rendang-anyone-pos-malaysia-celebrates-food-for-fearless-eaters/1723354>

Apollo 7 & 8 at 50 Years

By Ray E. Cartier

From The President's Desk

by Richard Hildebrandt

The first manned Apollo launch was Apollo 7, which was launched on the Saturn 1B rocket into Earth orbit, with a crew that was comprised of Walter Schirra, who had flown in space earlier in Project Mercury as the third American to orbit the Earth, and on the Gemini 6 mission. He was the only astronaut to have flown on all three of the original US manned space programs. Flying with him were rookies, Walter Cunningham and Donn Eisele. None of the three ever flew again. They tested the Apollo capsules handling in Earth orbit.

Apollo 8 was originally set up to test docking and undocking maneuvers in Earth orbit. However, the Soviets were completed tests on their gigantic N-2 rocket and NASA decided that they had to launch men to orbit the Moon before the Russians did.

With that in mind the Apollo 8 crew of Frank Borman, James Lovell and rookie, Bill Anders, were launched by the much larger Saturn V rocket to the moon. Both Borman and Lovell had flown Gemini missions and Anders was a rookie. Only Lovell went on to fly again later on the ill-fated Apollo 13 flight.

The Saturn V lifted off with a vibrating staccato of noise which allowed visitors in the VIP stands to practically feel the outlines of their lungs as the monster rocket slowly lifted off

the pad. This writer experienced this wonderful experience from the VIP site a few years later with the Apollo 16 launch.



NASA had started a new public relations experiment with the attendees at the VIP site each received 5 one color printed postcards with each of the Apollo flights. Three 8-foot tables were set up in the grass to the left of the viewing stands where souvenirs and postage stamps were sold. Because only rarely were collectors the recipients of these cards, it is extremely difficult to find these in a postally used condition, with postmarks on the date of the event from the Kennedy Space Center. It took me over 20 years to find examples of each.



Apollo 8 lifted off flawlessly on December 21, 1968 and the mission was peculiarly similar to Jules Verne's launch of the Columbiad in December of possibly 1868 in his book,

In my last few letters I have been highlighting the contributions of several of our outstanding members. They have been wonderful resources for the club and continue to be so. This month I want to point out another club resource, the club library. While it is not the Wineburgh, it is available to all MSCS members and contains many useful reference materials. It is housed in a closet in the Arlington meeting room. This does not mean that you need to attend the Arlington meetings to avail yourself of these resources. Several members attend the Arlington meeting and also the Granbury and /or Eules meeting. I know that they would be more than willing to checkout an item and bring it to the appropriate meeting if you made the request.

The primary items checked out are the Scott catalogs. The club maintains two years worth of these catalogs, the US Specialized and also the now 12 book worldwide set. There are many other useful books such as the APS judging manual, other catalogs, APS magazines, ATA booklets, etc. There should be a relatively complete list on our club website. Since I have moved over to the position of president, Janet Moyer has assumed the duties of librarian. Please contact her if you have specific questions as to the availability of materials.

At a recent BOD meeting we approved a change to what Scott catalogs we will purchase each year. They are a relatively expensive item and the usage has declined in the last few years. We now plan on purchasing the worldwide set every other year, with the US Specialized in the alternate years. We will now also purchase a Scott Classic Specialized catalog, as many members concentrate on the older worldwide stamps. Future purchases of this catalog will be determined by the amount of use that it gets.

One last reminder, bring your lots for the Arlington May meeting to our April meeting. Skip will be collecting them and organizing the auction. If you are unable to make the April meeting and wish to submit items please contact Skip for alternate arrangements.

“From the Earth to the Moon”. In both, three men were launched in vehicles of similar materials, size, and shapes, from the coast of Florida on a trip to the moon. Verne stated that his imaginary crew had to attain a speed of 25,000 miles per hour to escape Earth's gravity. Apollo 8 escaped at 24,000 miles per hour. Both crews experienced weightlessness and both fired rockets to be able to be captured in lunar orbit. Both fired retro rockets to break out of orbit and both splashed down in the Pacific Ocean where they were recovered by US war ships. Oddly enough, the two splashdown sites were only 2 1/2 miles apart!

A clue to the reason for this was a quote by von Braun which appeared in newspapers on the date of the Apollo 8 lunar launch: All of the great pioneers of Space: Tsiolkovskyy, Oberth and Goddard – had one thing in common: imaginations sparked by Jules Verne.

Werner von Braun also read Jules Verne and consciously or not he followed the Verne's blueprint of 100 years earlier.

Port Louis

By Pat & Bob Weidman

In November of 1998, Pat and I took a vacation to the Indian Ocean nation of Mauritius, which is located about 500 miles east of Madagascar and 2,450 miles southwest of India. The capital of Mauritius is Port Louis.

Port Louis was founded in 1736 by the French governor who named it after Louis XV, the King of France. At the time, Mauritius was a French colony.

We decided to visit Port Louis, so I rented a car from the resort that we were staying at on the southwest side of the island. Port Louis is located on the northwest side.

Even though it is a relatively small island, it is still took a while to get there since there are no interstate highways, only two-lane roads.

Port Louis was an interesting place to explore. We visited the Roman Catholic cathedral, saw a Muslim mosque, the gambling casino and walked through the market where merchants were trying to sell us anything and everything.

Another interesting thing about Port Louis were some of the street names. One was named after President John F. Kennedy. Another was named after Colonel Khadafy, the dictator of Libya (Editor's note: those roads didn't "intersect", did they?). I guess they didn't want to play favorites. Port Louis' harbor is also the main seaport of Mauritius. Pat and I walked down to the waterfront where I snapped this photo of a couple of ships.

The stamp accompanying this article is Mauritius Scott #1175. It is from a set of three that were issued on March 12, 2018 and celebrates fifty years of independence from Great Britain and pictures Port Louis harbor.



Heritage Girls

By Ray & Karen Cartier

Ray & Karen Cartier were invited by a Heritage Girls group in Mansfield to assist them in obtaining their Stamp Collecting badge. Karen taught them how to soak stamps and talked about Topical Stamps while Ray assisted in helping them with stamp hinges and explaining First Day and other covers. Several of the girls were awed by seeing the signature of Neil Armstrong and a cover that had flown over 1,700,000 miles on a flight to and in orbit of the moon. Information on the 2019 Expo and the Arlington meeting dates were left with the leaders of the group.



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Been There, Done That

Mad Max

By Peter Elias



Growing up in Switzerland, I never heard of "Drive-In" Theatres; our family didn't even have a car! Once settled in the USA in the 1970's, I had learned of drive-in theatres, but never went to one until I was an adult.

The first movie I saw in a Drive-In Theatre was also the first R-rated movie that I ever saw (I was 19 at the time). The movie was "Mad Max" starring a very young Mel Gibson; it was playing as a double-feature with a movie called "Death Race 2000" starring David Carradine & Sylvester Stallone.

I could not find a "postage" stamp featuring the Mad Max movie, but at "collectors.com" there was someone that had offered a "Local Post" stamp (see below).

The USA "Celebrate the Century" series of stamps for the 1950's (see top) featured "Drive-In Movies".

At this point, I've seen Mad Max probably at least 20 times! ... and of course all the sequels!



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Arlington Meeting Minutes March 6, 2019

By Skip Ely

Attendance:

- There were 29 members and 5 visitors.

Officer Reports:

- Treasurer – Judy Christmas gave the treasury amount. She mentioned that the Bob Duncan Center told her we would not be charged for the room rental in January since we cancelled due to weather.
- Secretary – Skip Ely said we had 4 member reinstatements last month to give us a total of 88 members. He also said he had the printed gift certificates to redeem for the IOUs he distributed in February. A final draft of the revised Member Handbook was made available for member review.

Committee Reports:

- EXPO – Ralph Poore gave a quick summary of the EXPO committee meeting from March 2 (elsewhere in the newsletter). He commented we had settled on “Railroading” as our theme this year.
- Sales – Skip Ely said we had good sales last month.
- Newsletter – Peter Elias commented briefly on newsletter articles.

Announcements:

- Arlington Auction in May - Rich Hildebrandt said that Skip Ely will be handling the May auction at Arlington since he will be out of town. Lots are due by the next meeting.
- Peter Elias mentioned the TSDA Bourse in Richardson and Dallas Postcard Show in Plano, both on March 15-16.

Show & Tell:

- Stanley Christmas showed a stamped cover with Swedish stamp pairs, noting that Herman Dallof had previously mentioned that’s how Swedish stamps are often collected.
- Dave Stockbridge showed a copy of an article from a church newsletter featuring Ray & Karen Cartier.
- Peter Elias had a deck card for the new Alabama statehood issue. He also mentioned two of his philatelic article exhibits garnished a Gold and Vermeil award at the Sarasota (FL) National Stamp Show. He also talked about an email from "advanced collectors" offering “rare partial imperforate stamps” (which are really just common U.S. booklet & coil stamps!) for large amounts of money (“*no offer less than 100,000 Euros will accepted*”). Peter stated he got a good laugh out of this (and hopes that no sucker will fall for this offer...).

Program:

- Stanley Christmas gave a brief slide presentation of his Presidential four and half cent stamp exhibit, noting changes he has made over the years and showing some cover errors.

Gift Certificates:

- Were awarded to Ray Moyer, Jim Camak, Gene Pfretzschner, Jeff Jessop, and Diana Davis.

Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned about 8:25 PM.

Eules Meeting Minutes March 20, 2019

By Skip Ely

Attendance: There were 9 members present.

Officer Reports:

- Secretary – Skip Ely said we had four reinstatements since the last meeting, bringing our membership total to 88. He also distributed the updated Member Handbook.
- Treasurer – Judy Christmas gave the treasury amount.
- Committee Reports:
- Expo – Stanley Christmas said Annie had sent out the exhibitor’s letter. He also mentioned “Railroading” had been chosen as this year’s theme. Judy Christmas mentioned the next EXPO meeting May 4.
- Sales - Skip Ely said we had three new club books from Jeff Jessop (one sold out completely before the conclusion of the meeting). He also noted we had received two small boxes of donations from Jonathan Topper at last weekend’s TSDA bourse.

Announcements:

- Peter noted that the First Day of Issue Ceremony for the “Little Mo” stamp would be April 23 on the SMU campus in Dallas.

Show and Tell:

- Peter Elias showed how he used some U.S. precancel stamps on a recent mailing. He also had some other covers to show.
- Ken Wills had some Pakistani stamps with Bangladesh overprints to pass around.
- Skip Ely said he had created some summary lists of Danish definitives that were otherwise scattered across the Scott Catalog for Denmark.
- Rick Howell showed the beginning of a talk he was considering on Texas Confederate Provisional covers.
- Stanley Christmas passed around a ship cover from the U.S.S. Texas.

Door Prizes: Gift Certificates were won by Ray Moyer and Stanley Christmas. Evan Islam won a small magnifying glass donated by Peter Elias. Rick Howell and Skip Ely received mint corner blocks of U.S. stamps donated by Stanley Christmas.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned about 8:15 PM.

EXPO Meeting Minutes - March 2, 2019

By Skip Ely

Members of the MCSC EXPO Committee Chairs met at Dave’s BBQ in Pantego at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 2, 2019. Attending were EXPO Chairperson Ralph Poore, Anne Moxley (Exhibits Chair), Gene Pfretzschner, Ken Aldridge, Peter Elias, Stanley Christmas, Judy Christmas, Bob Weidman, Alliene Franklin and Skip Ely.

Ralph Poore began the meeting with a brief review of the January minutes, which were approved. He then passed around a sheet of EXPO committee chairs and members for a review of contact information. There were only a couple minor corrections. Stanley Christmas agreed to serve as Deputy Chair until a permanent replacement can be found.

The next item of business was deciding on a theme. A lengthy discussion followed. It was eventually decided to use “Railroading” as a theme. The more inclusive theme of “Transportation” could be used for one and four frame exhibits. A brief review of the EXPO budget followed. Only some minor changes were made.

The next meeting will be Saturday, May 4, 11:00 A.M., at Angelo’s Steak and Spaghetti 2590 West Pioneer Parkway in Pantego.

**Been There,
Done That**

Alabama

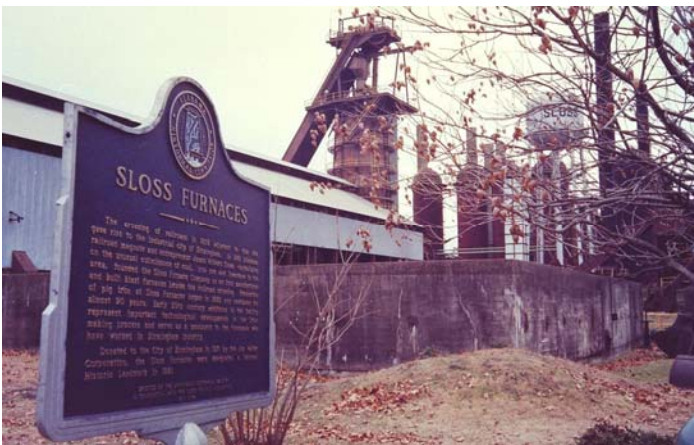
By Peter Elias

February 23, 2019 was the first day of issue of a stamp that commemorates Alabama's Bicentennial of its Statehood. The issue date was on a Saturday, and I was fortunate enough to make it to the Plano post office before they close at noon (I was there about 11:55 AM!) and got them to unwrap the stamp "deck" and I was thus able to get the "deck card" and one of the stamps which I had postmarked, thus giving me a "First Day Cancel" (even though the official first day city was at the Early Works Children's Museum in Huntsville, Alabama).

Usually pads or decks of stamps hold 100 panes. In this case, only 50 panes were present (1,000 stamps), perhaps since they're not expecting individual post offices to sell that many of these stamps.

Ok, so how does this stamp relate to me? Well, I have been to Alabama 4 times between 1995 to 2005 as part of business trips to one particular client in Birmingham.

Most of my business trips are usually like this: Airport, Car Rental Counter, Client, Hotel, repeat... In other words, I usually don't get a chance to do much personally on those kind of trips. Once in a great while, the gods of philatelic scheduling are on my side, and I get to attend a local stamp club meeting, but that wasn't the case here. In December 1995, I did however get to visit the [Sloss Furnaces Historic Landmark](#) in Birmingham; this operated as a pig-iron blast furnace company from 1882 to 1971 and became one of the first industrial sites in the U.S. to be preserved and restored for public use.



Back in the mid-1990's, I only had a 35mm camera, so I had to dig out the original negatives and scan them in order to get the photo above. During the same trip, I also visited the Birmingham Museum of Art, so I must have had some spare time after visiting my client and before flying back to Dallas. Also as part of the same trip, I also went to visit a customer in Anniston, AL, and I vaguely visiting a museum there (Berman Museum) based on some of the photos that I scanned.



eBay Economics

By Peter Elias

To the right is a screen shot from eBay. The lot offers a complete set of last year's "Sparkling Holidays" Santa stamps, including the 4 stamps from the booklet, the 1-stamp souvenir sheet and the SSK (self-service kiosk) stamp, all for just \$4.75 with free shipping.



At the time of issue, all of the stamps had a face value of 50¢ (now 55¢), so the face value was \$3.00 (now \$3.30 since the forever rates went up on January 27th).

Coca-Cola Set - Sparkling Santa...
Buy it now: \$4.75
Free shipping

The seller is asking approximately 50% over face value, but how does that really pan out for the seller?

Cost of stamps	\$3.00
eBay selling fee (10%)	\$0.30
PayPal receiving fee (2.9% + 30¢)	\$0.44
Shipping (1st class mail)	\$0.55
	=====
TOTAL Cost	\$4.29
Total "Profit"	\$0.46 (\$4.75 - \$4.29)

The above assumes the standard eBay & PayPal fees (such as what I am charged). Adding the cost of an envelope (5¢) and extra postage fee if using a stiffener (15¢ for non-machinable rate)) would reduce the "profit" to 26¢. Seems like a lot of effort just to earn either 46¢ or 26¢ !

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

Wanted to Trade

I have general (unsorted) worldwide & used USA stamps (mostly beginning collector material) available to trade for your items such as worldwide revenue stamps & Framas. Contact Peter Elias at peter@pcelias.com 9/16

Wanted

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

For Sale

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

MOVED, BUT SALE CONTINUES! Special discounts to MCSC members for Swiss, Austria, Liechtenstein issues, @ 1/3 and LESS of catalog values. Also will accept US postage (any values) @ 50% of catalog. All orders postpaid! I also accept PayPal if you wish! John Barrett, Ph.D. Contact info: jstrubelboy@aol.com 12/14

Canadian Collection housed in Scott Specialty Single Country Album. Starts with Scott#18 through 1970. Mostly mint, some used. 2013 Scott catalog value is \$4,100, asking \$945 OBO. Will accept US postage at face value as part payment. Contact Dave Linn, (903) 785-7864 or dklgonefishing@yahoo.com 1/19

Meeting Minutes for Granbury February 26, 2019

By William Atkinson

The Granbury Branch of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club assembled at 7 PM in the Bentwater Activities Center, 1800 W. Emerald Bend Ct.

Host David Stockbridge directed the 11 members to a table filled with donated philatelic publications and supplies, free for the taking.

In a **SHOW & TELL** portion of the meeting:

- Gene Atkinson asked help identifying an Asian item.
- Gary McNamee discussed his one-page contribution to the November EXPO.
- Jim Case circulated an article from North Texas Catholic magazine on Ray Cartier.
- Denny Ludlow showed a 2004 souvenir card for Roy Acuff.
- Cyndi Spurlock passed around some of her collection of petroleum-related postal cards.
- Stanley Christmas had a 1942 cover from the battleship USS Texas and some Swedish pairs on cover.

For **ANNOUNCEMENTS**:

- Dave Stockbridge and Alliene Franklin led a discussion of the club theme for its 2019 EXPO frame, asked that corrections and changes to the membership handbook be sent to Skip Ely as soon as possible, and reported on actions and decisions from recent Metroplex meetings. They frequently travel to the Arlington meeting and invite others from Granbury to accompany them.

After a **BREAK**, for cookies, grapes and cheese, the PROGRAM consisted of each member elaborating on a favorite or most recent collecting interest:

- Gene Atkinson showed a complete collection of Allenstein stamps, easy to do since there are only twenty-eight varieties.
- Bob Coleman explained his interest in ship covers and war ration stamps.
- Gary McNamee showed part of his New Zealand collection and explained how he produced his own album pages.
- Jim Case said he started slowly on sports topicals but has now accumulated twenty albums showcasing some ninety sports worldwide.
- Denny Ludlow talked about Antarctic exploration covers.
- Cyndi Spurlock showed how all aspects of petroleum production can be illustrated by stamps and covers.
- Alliene Franklin began with a topical collection of horses and has expanded to other subjects.
- David Stockbridge moved from United States issues to "dead" countries associated with the Russian Revolution and 20th century Germany. He has items from nearly one hundred stamp-issuing entities.

In **CLOSING**, Stockbridge announced that Skip Ely would bring the March program. Rick Howell, Denny Ludlow and Gary McNamee won the drawings for door prizes.



MEET & EAT for April & May 2019

by Judy & Stanley Christmas

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

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

ARLINGTON

Apr. 3 Angelo’s Pizza & Pasta, 2590 W. Pioneer, Pantego

May 1 Campo Verde, 2918 W Pioneer Pkwy,
Dalworthington Gardens

EULESS

Apr. 17 Cheddars, 1937 Airport Fwy, Bedford

May 15 Jayson’s Deli, 2200 Airport Fwy, Bedford

GRANBURY

Apr. 23 Acton Best Burger Barn, 5675 N Gate Rd

May 28 Palio’s Pizza Café, 3710 E. Hwy 377

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

Don't Forget:
‘Little Mo’ Stamp Issue Ceremony
on Apr. 23, 11 AM at SMU (Dallas)
Arlington Auction - May 1

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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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

Online Postage Meter Catalogs

If you collect USA or Worldwide postage meters, the following site has them both (link stretches onto 2 lines):

- https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/International_Postage_Meter_Stamp_Catalog
- https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/United_States_Postage_Meter_Stamp_Catalog

There are hundreds of pages with illustrations and info on relative rarity and/or valuations.