**December meeting:**

 We have always chosen not to hold our regular Wednesday meeting in December. Instead we have our annual Christmas Party. This year’s party was held at Longhorn Steak House on Hwy. 78. We had a way above average turnout and I thought overall everything went well. The food was good as was the conversations. My only complaint was we were seated at small tables instead of one large table.

**Saturday January meeting:** I was not available to attend the Saturday meeting this month but after talking with Din he indicated it was an active group of 6 or 7 members in attendance. I am sure he had a few good sales. He always has excellent material for us all took look through.

**Southeast Federation Stamp Show**

The Big stamp show will be upon us before we know it. It starts Friday the 31st of this month and ends Sunday February the 2nd. There will be a full compliment of dealers and exhibitors in attendance. As usual there will also be a youth table, FDC tables, and Stamps in the Attic set up in front of the entrance.

 As usual they will need many volunteers to help with the admission table and the ladies running the youth table could also use a few helpers. There should be a signup sheet going around at our meeting.

 There is also a Hospitality Room set up for club members, dealers, and exhibit judges. There is always snacks, beverages, and maybe a sandwich or two available for those who want to attend. It is a great way to meet many of the dealers on a more personal level. Please do not over indulge in the food and drink offerings.

 I hope you have saved your money so we as a club can support the dealers that attend this show. As you know the internet is taking a huge chunk out of the stamp show business.

**FaceBook vs Ebay, Hipstamp and the others:**

 Speaking of the internet, how many of you buy stamps from the internet? It is a great place to buy at good prices if you do not require touching everything you buy. Just remember any time you purchase a high dollar stamp regardless of internet or a reputable dealer it should come with a certificate that guarantees it is as claimed.

 I have taken a liking to Facebook because it gives both the buyer and the seller and easy avenue for communications. I have made a few friends just from buying and selling on Facebook.

 Not only is communication improved but in most cases so is the price. If for no other reason, Facebook does not charge any fees for selling. The only fees are PayPal fees.

 Speaking of PayPal, if you plan to buy or sell on the internet at all, I highly recommend PayPal. It is a great way to protect both the buyer and the seller from any disagreements that might arise. It also prevents folks from stealing cash out of the mail.

 I recently added a nice set of Zeppelins from FB at a cost I would never be able to match at a show.

Since the Big show is on the first Saturday of February, we will not have a Saturday meeting in February.

**The Button Gwinnett Stamp Club meets at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Mountain Park United Methodist Church located at 1405 Rockbridge Rd, Stone Mountain, GA 30087**

**Our Saturday meeting is held the first Saturday of each month at:** Address is 5008 Brandlwood Court, Lilburn, Georgia 30047. Phone number is (770) 381-7114.

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of all nations into greater understandings of their world

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 Francis Cardinal Spellman, 1972

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