



Postmark Atlanta
Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club



Affiliate club #0357-031583

July 2023 Newsletter

In person meetings changing to Sunday afternoon at 3:00 at our new location: 1068 North Highland Avenue NE at The Church of Our Saviour. 1st Floor Meeting Room. Corner of North Highland and Los Angeles. Fire Station across Highland Ave.

There is parking on the street as well as a pay parking lot. The church is a few blocks north of Manuel's through the Virginia-Highlands area. Best entrance is on Los Angeles. The MARTA Bus 816 comes up North Highland and passes the church.

The ZOOM meeting will still be 4th Monday. We will continue this as a "virtual" Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club meeting hosted by member Lloyd Nutter. Lloyd sends out a Zoom invitation a couple days before the meeting. If you do not get an invitation for the meetings, please contact Lloyd to make sure he adds you to his list. Emailing him: trains56@charter.net. Also, if you need to test how Zoom works, Lloyd will be glad to give you a test.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 1 Stamp Trading at home of Don Laberteaux, 5008 Brandlwood Ct., Lilburn, GA from 9 – 11 a.m. Coffee, talking and stamps. Call Don at 770-381-7114 for details.

Sunday July 2 Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club meeting and Auction at 3:00 PM at 1068 North Highland Avenue NE at The Church of Our Saviour. 1st Floor Meeting Room. Corner of North Highland and Los Angeles. The door to our meeting room is on Los Angeles side.

July 24 Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club ZOOM meeting. Plan on a member Show & Tell. Bring an item from your collection to share.

July 29-30 CHARPEX 2023, sponsored by Charlotte Philatelic Society. Worrell Bldg., Central Piedmont Community College, 1228 Elizabeth Ave. Charlotte, NC

www.charlottestampclub.org/home/charpex

August 10 – 13 GREAT AMERICAN STAMP SHOW, Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio www.stamps.org/GASS Pre-register online for this national show which includes American Topical Association, American First Day Cover Society and American Philatelic Society

August 19-20 Columbia Summer 2023 Stamp and Postcard Show, Spring Valley High School, 120 Sparkleberry Ln. Columbia, SC

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USPS New Rates

The USPS applied for new rates to take affect July 9 but as of June 14 they are still showing as proposed, not approved. First class 1 ounce goes from 63 Cents to 66 Cents. Other rates show on the DRAFT notice at <https://pe.usps.com/resources/PriceChange/July%202023%20Price%20Change%2020230609%20-%20Notice123%20-%20PDF.pdf>

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Our president, Scott Holmberg has contacted the Atlanta Postcard Collector’s Club and we hope to share presentations on items of interest to both clubs in the future. They do not meet over the summer so look for more details in the fall.

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PONY EXPRESS ENVELOPE IN HARMER AUCTION

Charlie Epting from H R Harmer sent the following email June 12 – a fascinating look into what can catch the media’s eye.

Vermont station WCAX story on Pony Express:

<https://www.wcax.com/2023/06/09/rare-pony-express-envelope-that-was-bound-vt-gallops-toward-auction-block/>

(NOTE: I had trouble with the video but you can skip the freeze spot and get the rest of the story. LeA) Last week I visited the studio of WCAX-3 in Burlington, Vermont. Our next sale will include the only surviving Pony Express cover to Vermont, and they were interested in bringing the story to their community. [The resulting coverage aired Friday evening](#), and I was thoroughly impressed by their treatment of the subject. The station even sent a film crew to the grave of the recipient, which I thought was a wonderful touch.

Fast forward to Saturday morning, and I received a call from a CNN reporter who picked up the story and was writing an article about our sale. A few hours later the homepage of [CNN’s website](#) is prominently displaying the Pony Express cover. [A tweet](#) from CNN garnered over

200,000 views, while a [Facebook post](#) collected more than a hundred comments. People I hadn't heard from in years were reaching out to tell me they saw the story.

The first thing that I will say is that we never know what stories will resonate with the media. While the Pony Express to Vermont was a perfect fit for the Burlington community, I never expected the story to go national. There are at least several equally-deserving covers in next week's sale.

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Stamp Chats from American Philatelic Society

APS is restarting its StampChat events. The archived events are available on the link below. There are 5 pages and the topics range from Tibet to Bolivia to How to illustrate a stamp to philatelic journalism. Maybe you are interested in Persia forgeries? Or how to use stamps in education? Check out the many videos.

<https://stamps.org/news/sc/stampchats/p/1>

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ANNOUNCING that the **2023 ATA virtual** one-page exhibition is now **OPEN** for viewing online:

The **ATA** is now hosting the **2023** online version of “**My One-Page Exhibit!**”, and all the details can be found at the link below:

<https://www.ataexhibits.com/2023-exhibit-list/>

Entries were received from around the world, including from India, Italy and Peru. Both Colin Clark and Steve Swain have exhibits:

Colin Clark has one (1) exhibit entry entitled **Value for Money**.

Steve Swain has three (3) exhibit entries entitled:

- (a) **Wallpaper Envelopes – Necessity and Invention**
- (b) **Thrilling Adventures in Stamps Comics – The Golden Age of Stamp Collecting and Comic Books**, and
- (c) **Encased Postage Stamps – The “New Metallic Currency”**.

NOTE: This is **not** a judged exhibition, or one where viewers can vote on a most favorite. It's simply an opportunity to get some philatelic gems and research out into the public view.

ENJOY!!!

American Topical Association free album pages

If you are a topical collector – or even if you just need the format for blank album pages – ATA has many printable pages available on their website:

<https://americantopical.org/Album-Pages>

Pages are in both PDF and Microsoft© Word format.

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THE ATLANTA STAMP COLLECTORS CLUB LIBRARY

The library catalog for the club is finally posted on the website. If you find a book you want to check out notify club secretary LeA Coe at leacoe3002@gmail.com and it will be available at the next in person club meeting. Books may be checked out by any club member and there is no due date.

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All prior newsletters of the club are available on our club web-site. <http://www.sefsc.org/atlanta-stamp-collectors-club.html> Check out the additional content – prior presentations and news.

If you are interested in writing for our newsletter or presenting to our club at one of our monthly meetings, please contact me at the email below or Scott Holmberg at sdholmberg1@gmail.com with your ideas.

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