



Postmark Atlanta
Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club



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March 2019 Newsletter

Thanks to Mike Simic for a fascinating **Introduction to Yugoslavia**. It was a great history lesson with many beautiful stamps. He has promised to give follow up presentations to continue the journey of this country that has been torn by war for many centuries.

2019 membership renewal form is enclosed. Membership renewal is important. Filling in your collecting interest gives us a chance to update the list we will distribute to all members in March.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2 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.

March 2 – 3 KNOXPEX 2019. Holiday Inn Knoxville West 9134 Executive Park Dr. Knoxville, TN Hrs Sat 10am-5pm Sun 10am-3pm Knoxville Philatelic Society
www.knoxstamps.com

March 5 Regular Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club meeting and auction. Meeting at Atlanta Library branch at 980 Ponce de Leon. This is the corner of Ponce de Leon and Frederica and there is a Marta bus stop at that corner. Meeting starts at 7:00.

March 8 – 9 NAPLEX'19 FSDA, Naples Conference Center, 1455 Pine Ridge Rd. Naples, FL contact brucebeardsley@yahoo.com

March 9-10 Nashville Stamp and Postcard Show 2019. Nashville Philatelic Society, Gallatin Civic Center, 210 Albert Gallatin Ave. Gallatin, TN www.nashvillephilatelic.org

March 10 Citrus Stamp Show, FSDA, VFW Post #4252, 3190 N Carl G Rose Hwy (Hwy 200) Hernando, FL h.rogg@verizon.net

- March 15-16 GULFPEX 2019. Gulf Coast Stamp Club. St. Martin Community Center, 15004 LeMoyne Blvd. Biloxie, MS . www.Gulfcoaststampclub.org
- March 19 Regular Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club meeting and program. Jonathan Goldstein will present on The U.S. National Postal Museum – and Other Postal Museums.
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- April 16 Regular Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club meeting and program.
- May 4 GwinnPex Spring 2019. Mountain Park UMC Fellowship Hall, Stone Mountain.
- May 7 JOINT ATLANTA CLUB MEETING.
- July 26 – 28 AMERICOVER 2019. Renaissance Saint Louis Airport Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis. If you had fun at the show in Atlanta last summer you should plan to go to St. Louis.

Discontinued Stamp Collecting Website? Wayback Machine to the Rescue **by Steve Swain**

Have you ever attempted to access a stamp collecting website recommend in a philatelic publication and after entering the website's URL (it's Internet address) on your computer you were presented with a message that the site had been discontinued? This is exactly what recently happened to a reader of *First Days*, the journal of the American First Day Cover society. After reading my *In-Sites* column showcasing a site called Stamp Paradise, the reader sent an email to the publication's editor complaining that the website could not be accessed, that it had been discontinued. Of course, the editor contacted me and I confirmed that the site had indeed been accessible when I wrote the column but, for whatever reason, the site had disappeared.

Stamp Paradise is gone forever? Collectors will never again be able to use Stamp Paradise for the many stamp collecting benefits, information and offers it provided? That is somewhat of a teaser question. Once a website has been discontinued, that site cannot be accessed anymore using the site's original. However, websites are not magical. Fundamentally, the pages on websites are no more than just simple files on a computer located somewhere in the world. The reason you can access the pages from your home or office is that the aforementioned computer is connected to the same network of devices to which you are connected, i.e., the Internet.

Then how are the pages of a discontinued site accessed? Those pages had to have been archived while the discontinued site was still operational and those pages then made available on the site of

the archiving operation. This is exactly the purpose and functionality of Internet Archive's Wayback Machine, [HTTPS://ARCHIVE.ORG/WEB](https://archive.org/web).

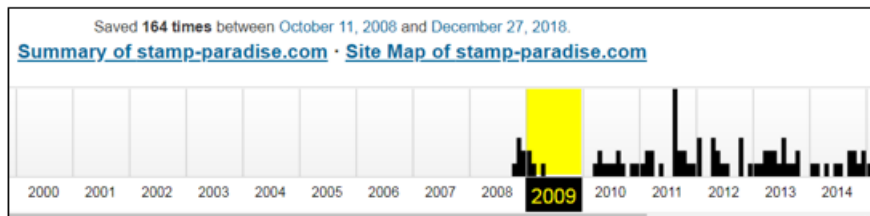
Internet Archive founders Brewster Kahle and Bruce Gilliat launched the Wayback Machine in 2001 to address the problem of website content vanishing whenever it gets changed or shut down. The service enables users to see archived versions of web pages across time, which the archive calls a "three dimensional index". The Internet Archive, a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity, provides free access to researchers, historians, scholars, and the general public. As stated on their site, Kahle's and Gilliat's rather lofty mission is to provide Universal Access to All Knowledge.

Of course, Wayback Machine cannot provide access to any and all pages of discontinued websites. But the Internet Archive has been archiving the web for nearly twenty years and has preserved over 510 billion time-stamped web objects (of which 345 billion are web pages) including images, videos, style sheets, and scripts. Impressive indeed.

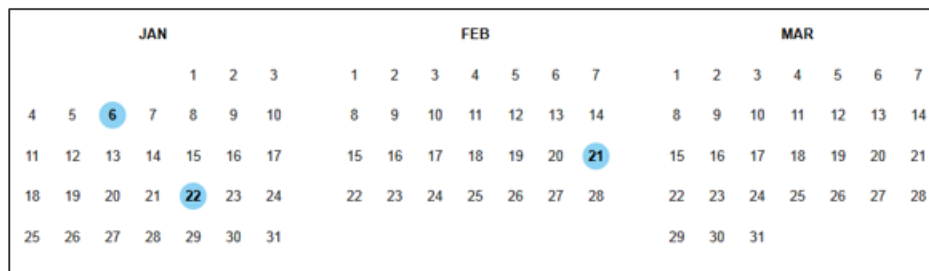
Here's how Wayback Machine works using the Stamp Paradise site as my example. After opening the Wayback Machine website, enter the URL of the discontinued website (<http://stamp-paradise.com>) into the search bar. Click Browse History.



You will then be presented with a yearly timeline from which you click a year, e.g., 2009.



A calendar is then presented from which you select a day for a specific month (e.g., January 22) and the web pages open for the discontinued site.





As impressive and extensive as Wayback Machine is, if pages for a discontinued philatelic site are not available using Wayback Machine, try some of the alternative service sites such as archive.today or domaintools.com. Happy hunting for discontinued philatelic web sites!

The GWINNPEX Show

The Gwinnett show will again have tables at \$25 for collectors who want to try their hand at being a dealer. Contact Allen Johnson at ajrj1957@yahoo.com or 770-0359-7533 if you are interested. The set up is 8 am to 9 am and show from 9:00 am til 5:00 pm on Saturday May 4.

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Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club Membership

Our meetings are held at the Atlanta Library at 980 Ponce de Leon at 7:00 on the first and third Tuesday of every month. Membership includes our monthly newsletter with upcoming stamp collecting events in the area. The First Tuesday meeting includes a stamp auction. The Third Tuesday meeting will have a featured speaker or presentation on a stamp collecting related topic.

Annual Dues of \$12.00 entitles you to our monthly newsletter and participation in all club events. You can pay your \$12 dues to our Treasurer, Barbara Asher at the next meeting or mail to her at: Barbara Asher, 1633 Adelia Pl, Atlanta, GA 30329.

Name: _____

Mailing Address for Newsletter:

Email: _____ Phone _____

Are you a member of American Philatelic Society? _____

Are you a member of American Topical Association? _____

Stamp Collecting Interest _____

We want to have a list of members with their interests so that those who bring material to the auction know what other members are interested in.

If you would like the newsletter in email form rather than snail mail, let me know. The newsletter is usually a PDF file and easily emailed.

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Don't forget that postage rates went up in January. If you are not using Forever Stamps (and how many of us are using up old stamps as we go through our collections) the 1 oz letter rate is now 55 cents and the additional ounce is .15. International letters and postcards rates remained the same.

Our Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs includes our club's page. The main site is www.sefsc.org. Our club's page is at www.sefsc.org/atlanta-stamp-collectors-club.html. But be sure to check out all the other information on the site. New clubs were added to the Federation at the January meeting. Check out where meetings are so you can visit as you travel.

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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