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Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club

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JULY 2026 Newsletter

Our in person meeting location is Intown Community Church at 2059 LaVista Road NE, Atlanta, GA. Our meeting is on main level room 204 – 206, a large room with tables and chairs. Meetings are on the Second Sunday from 3:00 to 5:00.

The ZOOM meeting is on the 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: Stamps1840.2000@gmail.com. Also, if you need to test how Zoom works, Lloyd will be glad to give you a test.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4 GA from 9 – 11 a.m. Stamp Trading at home of Don Laberteaux, 5008 Brandlwood Ct., Lilburn, Coffee, talking and stamps. Call Don at 770-381-7114 for details.

July 9 Fayette Stamp Club in person meeting on second Thursday. at 7:00pm in the Woodgate clubhouse at 124 Woodgate Circle in Fayetteville, Georgia 30214.

July 12 Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club in person meeting 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Meeting at Intown Community Church, 2059 LaVista Road NE, Atlanta, GA. Room 204-206. Auction and Show and Tell. There will be a presentation by Fred Lindquist on the First American Picture Postcards from the Columbian World's Fair in 193 in Chicago.

July 18 Georgia Postcard Club meeting 11 am – 2 pm. First Baptist Church of Decatur, 308 Clairemont Rd. downtown Decatur. To enter come to the rear of the activities building where there is a door with an awning. Once there, you will see a sign giving you the cell phone to call for a club member to let you in.

July 21 Cobb County Stamp Club meeting. 2100 Roswell Rd., Suite 2216, 2nd floor (The Bridge Club) 1:30 pm. Program "Signers of the Declaration of Independence: A Georgia Postal History" by Steve Swain

July 25-26 CHARPEX 2026 Charlotte Philatelic Society. Worrell Building, Central Piedmont Community College, 1228 Elizabeth Ave. Charlotte NC
https://www.charlottrstampclub.org/home/charpex

July 27 Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club ZOOM meeting starting at 7:00 pm. Program will be presented by David Crone speaking on US Counterfeit stamps. Mr. Crone maintains comparison lists for genuine and counterfeit US stamps.

August 9 Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club in person meeting 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Meeting at Intown Community Church, 2059 LaVista Road NE, Atlanta, GA. Room 204-206. Auction and Show and Tell.

August 21-22 Georgia Stamp, Postcard and Ephemera Show, Mimms Museum of Technology and Art, 5000 Commerce Pkwy, Roswell, GA 30076,, 10 am – 5 pm Friday, 10 am - 4 pm Saturday

August 24 Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club ZOOM meeting starting at 7:00 pm. Program by Terry Morris on Railroad Perfins

August 28-30 NAPEX National Philatelic Exhibitions of Washington DC. McLean Hilton at Tyson's Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Dr. McLean, VA This is a WSP show. http://www.napex.org

September 25-26 Columbia 2026 Summer Stamp & Postcard Show. Tri-City Leisure Center, 485 Brooks Avenue, West Columbia, 29169. Hours 11 am – 5 pm Friday and 10 am - 4 pm Saturday.

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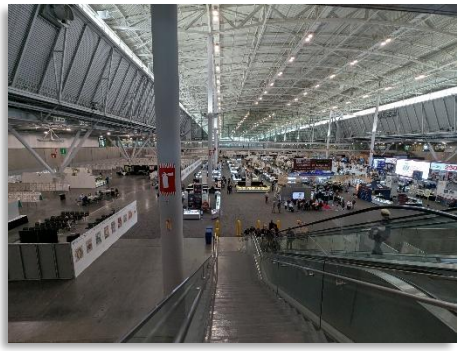
A Personal Reflection and a Look Ahead

As I begin my term as president, I want to share a moment from the Boston 2026 World Stamp Show that stayed with me. Amid the bustle of exhibits, first-day ceremonies, and the endless rows of dealers, I watched a young collector, maybe twelve years old, look over a frame of early U.S. postal history with absolute fascination. His father stood beside him, answering questions, pointing out details, and smiling at the excitement only a new collector could bring.

"Where's the Penny Black?" he asked. His dad didn't know.

I was standing in front of it. I just pointed to the block of four. The young man was beside himself. That reminded me why our hobby endures. Philately is a bridge between generations, between countries, between stories. And it's a bridge worth strengthening.

Boston 2026 was a celebration of that spirit. Thousands of collectors from around the globe came to the show, filling the building with nonstop energy. The USPS unveiled new issues, including the *Treasures of the Revolutionary Era* booklet and the *American Bison* Forever stamp. Nearly 4,000 competitive frames showcased the depth and creativity of our hobby. And everywhere you turned, people were sharing knowledge, discoveries, and laughter. From the top of the escalator, I couldn't see the end.



That sense of connection is exactly what I hope to nurture in our club.

As your new president, I have two goals that I believe will keep our club vibrant and meaningful:

First, as Fred Lindquest discussed a few weeks ago, I want to focus on welcoming younger collectors, not just as guests, but as future stewards of the hobby we enjoy. Through outreach, mentoring, or even promoting curiosity and research, we can help philately inspire coming generations.

Second, I want to strengthen our friendships and camaraderie that make The Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club more than a meeting and auction, it's a community. Many of us came for the stamps, but we stay for the people. Let's continue to support one another, share our knowledge generously, and enjoy the fellowship that makes collecting so rewarding.

I'm grateful for the trust you've placed in me, and I'm excited about what we'll build together. Here's to years of learning, connection, and the fun of discovery, one stamp at a time.

Warm regards, Mel

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SISTER STAMP CLUB EVENTS

Our sister club West Toronto Stamp Club of Ontario, Canada, has two monthly online events – a Learning Workshop and a Discussion Group. They cover various topics. If you are interested in receiving their newsletter or online invitations, please contact Garfield Portch at Garfield.portch@gmail.com.

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LEARNING ABOUT STAMPS ONLINE (LASO)

Monthly online meetings on various topics

If you are not a member, you can join (for free) at this link: https://learningaboutstamps.org/join/. You will then get email with a link to register for the ZOOM monthly meetings.

Also check out their links to other resources of help to stamp collectors.

https://learningaboutstamps.org/resources/

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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.

To access the Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club's website page:

1. Enter sefsc.org in your browser.
2. From the main top-of-page menu, hover over Stamp Clubs.
3. Hover over Georgia.
4. Click Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club.

Meeting information and monthly newsletters are available on our site.

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THE ATLANTA STAMP COLLECTORS CLUB LIBRARY

The library catalog for the club is posted on the club 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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If you are interested in presenting at our ZOOM meetings, please contact Mel Coe at mcoe@bellsouth.net to schedule a date.

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